

## HART BOARD MEMBER'S TRAVEL REPORT

TRIP TO WASHINGTON, D.C. – SEPTEMBER 17-21, 2012

On behalf of the HART Board of Directors, I accompanied Mayor Peter Carlisle, Council Chair Ernie Martin, and HART CEO Dan Grabauskas, to Washington, D.C. to meet in person with Peter Rogoff, the Administrator of the Federal Transit Administration, FTA Headquarters staff, members of the Hawaii delegation, and leadership from key Congressional committees before which our Full Funding Grant Agreement ("FFGA") will come. One of the purposes of this trip was to brief the FTA and members of Congress regarding the status of our Full Funding Grant Application and of our project, including the erection of 16+ columns, the temporary cessation of ground-altering construction activities pending reconsideration of the recent Supreme Court opinion and further lower court rulings, and the potential impacts of delay to the schedule and cost contingencies. The other main purpose was to convey on behalf of the City Administration, the City Council, and HART and its Board of Directors our ongoing commitment to this rail project and to open lines of communication with all of our partners, federal, State and local.

Following meetings with the Mayor, Council Chair, our CEO, and Mr. Denis Dwyer (subconsultant to Infraconsult), on September 18, we attended a meeting with FTA Deputy Administrator Therese McMillan and members of FTA Headquarters staff. On September 19, we were also able to meet with FTA Administrator Peter Rogoff. Over the course of the meetings, we discussed the project specifically, including the construction activities, the status of the archaeological inventory survey work, the Board's activities, the status of the FFGA, as well as the budget discussions going on in Congress more generally. The Mayor and Council Chair emphasized the stalwart support of the City Administration and the strong majority support of the City Council for advancing this project. As the Board was briefed two weeks ago, Mr. Grabauskas updated the FTA regarding the potential scheduling and cost impacts of the delay, assuring them that our cost contingencies are still not in need of adjustment and that our 2019 opening date still holds. Because of the excellent work of our CEO and HART staff, our federal partner is being kept well-apprised. The FTA personnel made it clear that it was not awaiting any additional technical data from HART, and that the agency would continue to perform its analyses prior to moving the application forward to the Office of Management and Budget. At the end of both meetings, as well as throughout the meetings, Administrator Rogoff and his staff emphasized ongoing support for moving the project forward to execution of the Full Funding Grant Agreement by year-end.

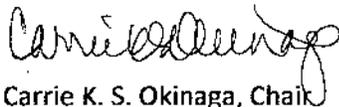
In addition to these meetings with the FTA, we met with the following Congressional officials and/or their staff; again, the purpose of these meetings was to update them regarding the status of our FFGA application pending with the FTA, and regarding the status of the project more generally. We also

offered to answer any questions they may have going forward. All of the officials were well-acquainted with the project, and the Members of Congress indicated their support.

- Senator Daniel K. Inouye and staff, including Alex Keenan, Staff Director for the Senate Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies
- Rep. John Duncan, Chairman, House Highways and Transit Subcommittee
- Rep. Peter DeFazio (and staff), Ranking Member, House Highways and Transit Subcommittee
- Rep. John Mica (and staff), Chairman, House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee
- Staff of Rep. Nick Rahall, Ranking Member, House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee
- Rep. Colleen Hanabusa (and staff)
- Staff of Senator Tim Johnson, Chairman, Senate Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
- Staff of Senator Daniel K. Akaka

The Board will be briefed about the trip through this report, and by Mr. Grabauskas at the September 27, 2012 Board meeting.

Respectfully submitted,



Carrie K. S. Okinaga, Chair