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August 18, 2016

Honorable Alan M. Arakawa  
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For Transmittal to:

Honorable Stacey Crivello  
Chair, Housing, Human Services, and Transportation Committee  
200 South High Street  
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

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Dear Chair Crivello:

**SUBJECT: MAUI SHORT-RANGE TRANSIT PLAN (HHT-37)**

The Department of Transportation (DOT) forwarded the Committee's questions to SSFM International. Their responses are attached.

Please let me know if you have any questions, or require additional information.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Don Medeiros in black ink.

Don Medeiros  
Director of Transportation

Cc: Mayor Alan M. Arakawa



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Mr. Don Medeiros, Director  
County of Maui  
Department of Transportation  
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SUBJECT: Maui Short-Range Transit Plan  
Maui County Council Committee Item HHT-37

Dear Mr. Medeiros:

This letter provides responses to questions from Council Committee Chair Stacy Crivello's letter dated August 12, 2016.

- 1. The Department and consultant were aware that no action would be taken to implement a County surcharge on the General Excise and Use Tax. However, the Maui Short-Range Transit Plan is based on the implementation of a one-half percent increase to the GET for transportation purposes for Maui County. Please explain why the report was inclusive of the GET.**

**Response:** The Final MRSTP was delivered to the County on April 27, 2016. Act 240 allowed implementation of the GET surcharge if enacted before July 1, 2016. SSFM and Weslin briefed the Council earlier in the year, but were not involved in any County deliberations of the tax.

The Maui Short-Range Transit Plan (MSRTP) is not based on the implementation of a one-half percent increase to the GET for transportation purposes for Maui County. Table ES-1 provides the recommendations for financing the MSRTP. This table does not include a possible GET for transportation purposes for Maui County.

Table ES-2 provides the impacts to the MSRTP Financial Plan if a GET for transportation purposes for Maui County had been adopted prior to July 1, 2016. The section in the MSRTP regarding the GET was offered as an option. This section on pages ES-28 to ES-29 was added to the MSRTP after the Governor had signed Act 240 on July 14, 2015. The consultant team believed it was important to identify this option. The pages are independent from the balance of the MSRTP and can be removed. However, we advise keeping them in the MSRTP since it is possible this option may be made available again based on the needs of other counties.

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**2. Explain how the Department will proceed with the Short-Range Transit Plan recommendations, including the funding sources.**

**Response:** The MSRTP Chapter 6, Action Plan, lists those actions needed in each calendar year to implement the proposals identified. The Action Plan starts with calendar year 2017 to allow mobilization time between the completion of the MSRTP report and when efforts to implement service improvements and capital investments should start. Table ES-1 provides the recommendations for financing the MSRTP based on current sources of funding. The sentence "*The following actions are not predicated upon enactment of the provisions of Act 240*" may be found on page 6-1 of the Action Plan.

**3. On page 28 of the Executive Summary of the report, please explain how the Farebox Recovery Ratio was calculated.**

**Response:** Table ES-1 on page ES-28 has a Farebox Recovery Ratio of 28.8% projected for the year 2017. This was computed by dividing the Fare Revenue & related operating revenue (\$3,094,919) by the total applicable operating expenses which includes Administration & Marketing (\$246,000) plus Operations (\$10,504,426). This same calculation was made for each of the subsequent years. The Farebox Recovery Ratio changes each year based upon variables that are different for each year such as service improvements and fare adjustments.

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the inquiry from Maui County Council.

Sincerely,

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