A SPECIAL INVITATION TO EDC-EXCHANGE TOWN HALL MEETING

Accelerated Bridge Construction: Is Geosynthetic Reinforced Soil Integrated Bridge System (GRS-IBS) Right For You?

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) is sponsoring a series of web-based Town Hall Meetings for transportation officials and their consultants relating to its initiative called Every Day Counts (see: http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/everydaycounts/). Every Day Counts (EDC) promotes methods intended to shorten project delivery and to accelerate the use of proven technology.

The next Town Hall Meeting in the series will address the Geosynthetic Reinforced Soil Integrated Bridge System (GRS-IBS) and is scheduled for Thursday, February 16, 2012 from 9:00 am – 11:00 am Hawaii Standard Time at the following locations:

**Oahu**
HDOT Aliiaimoku Hale
869 Punchbowl Street, Honolulu

**Maui**
HDOT Maui District Office
650 Palapala Drive, Kahului

**Kauai**
HDOT Kauai District Office
1720 Haleukana Street, Lihue

**Big Island**
HDOT Hawaii District Office
50 Makaala Street, Hilo

Do you need to replace bridges, but don’t have the funds to do it? Are you looking for bridge alternatives that perform well and can save you both time and money? Would you like to utilize your own construction equipment and forces to build simple, strong, and safe bridges? If the answer to any of these questions is “yes,” then the GRS-IBS may be right for you!

The majority of the bridges in the country are the small, single-span bridges that are commonly found on rural and local roads. As the infrastructure ages, weight restrictions or bridge closures are becoming more frequent. With limited resources available, transportation agencies must find innovative, cost-effective solutions to meet these demands. This exchange session provides attendees with background information on the GRS-IBS. To date, the GRS-IBS has been predominately constructed on the local road system with local forces supplying the labor. For the counties utilizing this technology, the result is a lower cost bridge alternative, with savings up to 60%, that can be constructed in as little as 2 weeks. The session will highlight these examples that demonstrate the successful use of the GRS-IBS.

To register for the Town Hall discussion in your area via a live webinar, please contact Juli Kobayashi at juli@hawaii.edu (phone: 808.956.9006) by February 10, 2012.