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Determination of Acceptability
Second Final Environmental Impact Statement
Honoapi'ilani Highway Improvements, West Maui, Ukumehame to Launiupoko
November 2025

Aloha Director Sniffen:

I hereby accept the Second Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Honoapi'ilani Highway Improvements, West Maui, Ukumehame to Launiupoko, dated November 2025, as satisfactory fulfillment of the requirements of Chapter 343, Hawai'i Revised Statutes, and Section 11-200.1-28, Hawai'i Administrative Rules, which establishes three acceptability criteria for EISs: process, content, and responses to comments.

The economic, social, and environmental impacts that will likely occur, should this project be implemented with appropriate best management practices, are adequately described in the statement. The analysis, together with the comments made by reviewers, provides useful information to policy makers and the public.

Mahalo,


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Action Name

Honoapi'ilani Highway Improvements, West Maui, Ukumehame to Launiupoko

Type of Document/Determination

Final environmental impact statement (FEIS) acceptance or non-acceptance

HRS §343-5(a) Trigger(s)

- (1) Propose the use of state or county lands or the use of state or county funds
- (3) Propose any use within a shoreline area
- (4) Propose any use within any historic site as designated in the National Register or Hawai'i Register

Judicial district

Lahaina, Maui

Tax Map Key(s) (TMK(s))

Portions of TMK Plats (2) 4-7-001, 4-8-001, 002, 003, 004, and Honoapi'ilani Highway Rights-of-Way

Action type

Agency

Other required permits and approvals

National Environmental Policy Act; US Army Corps of Engineers Section 404 Permit; Section 4(f) Evaluation; Endangered Species Act, Section 7 consultation; Department of Transportation Act of 1966, Farmland and Conversion Impact Rating, pursuant to the Farmland Protection Policy Act; MagnusonStevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, Essential Fish Habitat coordination; National Historic Preservation Act, Section 106 consultation; Section 309 of the Clean Air Act coordination; Section 309 of the Clean Air Act; Rivers and Harbors Act Section 10 Impacts to Navigable Waters; Flood Map Change Request (if no-rise condition cannot be achieved); Coastal Zone Management Act Consistency Determination; Clean Water Act, Section 401-Water Quality Certification; Clean Water Act, Section 402-National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit; HRS Chapter 6E-8, State Historic Preservation review; HRS Chapter 195D, Conservation of Aquatic Life, Wildlife, and Land Plants; Stream Channel Alteration Permit; Conservation District Use Permit; Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility; Community Noise Permit/Variance; Special Management Area Permit; Building and Grading Permits; and Maui County Ord. 5421 Compliance.

Proposing/determining agency

State of Hawaii, Department of Transportation

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Action summary

A FEIS was published for this project in The Environmental Notice on September 23, 2025. After the publication of the FEIS, it was determined that edits and further documentation were needed. Therefore a Second FEIS was published in The Environmental Notice on November 8, 2025.

Honoapi'ilani Highway (State Route 30) provides the main access between communities along the west coast of Maui and the rest of the island and is subject to periodic flooding and coastal erosion. The primary purpose of this project is to provide a reliable transportation facility in West Maui by reducing the highway's vulnerability to coastal hazards. Specifically, the project proposes to relocate about 6 miles of the highway away from the coastline from approximately milepost 11, in the vicinity of Pāpalaua Wayside Park to Launiupoko, at milepost 17, the existing southern terminus of Lāhainā Bypass.

Attached documents (signed agency letter & EA/EIS)

- https://planning.hawaii.gov/erp/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/gravity_forms/2-9471f912f9423a4e8d621529fd0028f7/2026/01/2601057_TRN-BED-OPSD-Review-of-EIS-for-Honoapi'ilani-Highway-Letter-Scanned.pdf

ADA Compliance certification (HRS §368-1.5):

The authorized individual listed below certifies that documents submitted are unlocked, searchable, and ADA compliant. Audio files include transcripts, captions, or alternative descriptions.

Action location map

- [HonoapiilaniHwyImpProjArea.zip](#)

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Authorization

- The above named authorized individual hereby certifies that he/she has the authority to make this submission.