To: Bruce Anderson, Acting Director  
Office of Environmental Quality Control

From: Edward Y. Hirata  
Director of Transportation

Subject: NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR RESTORATION OF KUHIO BEACH  
HONOLULU, HAWAII - JOB H. C. 2265

In accordance with Chapter 343-4 (c), Hawaii Revised Statutes, we are notifying you that we will not require an Environmental Impact Statement for the subject project. We have attached a Negative Declaration for the proposed work.

Please contact Mr. Emilio Barroga, Jr. of our Design Section at 548-2505 if you have any question on the action.

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**DOCUMENT FOR PUBLICATION IN THE OEQC BULLETIN**

**DATE:** August 23, 1990  
**SUBMITTED BY:** Emilio Barroga, Jr.

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**TITLE OF PROPOSED ACTION OR PROJECT:** RESTORATION OF KUHIO BEACH  
**HONOLULU, HAWAII - JOB H.C. 2265**

**LOCATION:** ISLAND OAHU  
**DISTRICT** WAIKIKI  
**ATTACH PROJECT LOCATION MAP(S)**

**TYPE OF ACTION (CHECK ONE):**  
- APPLICANT ☐  
- AGENCY ☒

**NAME OF PROPOSING APPLICANT OR AGENCY:** DOT Harbors Division  
**NAME OF CONTACT:** Emilio Barroga, Jr.

**ADDRESS:** 75 S. Nimitz Highway  
**CITY:** Honolulu  
**STATE:** Hawaii  
**ZIP CODE:** 96813  
**PHONE:** (808) 548-2505 or (____)______

**NAME OF PREPARE OR CONSULTANT:** same as above  
**NAME OF CONTACT:**

**ADDRESS:**  
**CITY:**

**STATE:** or (____)______  
**ZIP CODE:**

**ACCEPTING AUTHORITY:** Department of Transportation

**ESTIMATED PROJECT COST:**  
- FEDERAL FUNDS $ -  
- STATE FUNDS $ 250,000.00  
- COUNTY FUNDS $ -  
- PRIVATE FUNDS $ -  
- TOTAL $ 250,000.00

**DOCUMENT PREPARATION COST:**  
- NEG DEC/EA $ -  
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- TOTAL $ -

**EA TRIGGER (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY):**  
- USE OF STATE OR COUNTY LANDS OR FUNDS  
- USE OF CONSERVATION DISTRICT LANDS  
- USE OF SHORELINE SETBACK AREA  
- USE OF HISTORIC SITE OR DISTRICT  
- USE OF LANDS IN THE WAIKIKI SPECIAL DISTRICT

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CONSTRUCTION OR MODIFICATION OF HELICOPTER FACILITIES
OTHER

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSED ACTION OR PROJECT WHICH WILL BE
PUBLISHED IN THE OEQC BULLETIN (LIMIT OF 500 WORDS OR LESS):

The proposed project consists of redistributing the existing and additional sand to restore the shoreline and correct an existing hazardous condition within Kuhio Beach.

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TAX MAP KEY(S): 2:6:01

TOTAL ACREAGE: 7.13 acres (approx.)

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RESTORATION OF KUHIO BEACH, HONOLULU, HAWAII
JOB H.C. 2265

A. APPLICANT
   Harbors Division, Department of Transportation

B. APPROVING AGENCY
   Department of Transportation

C. AGENCIES CONSULTED

   Waikiki Improvement Association, beach users, swimmers, tourists and local citizens were consulted. They unanimously supported the proposed project.

   The proposed maintenance project will be coordinated with the following agencies, and permits will be secured if required.

   1. Corps of Engineers - Department of the Army Permit
   2. Department of Health - Water Quality
   3. Office of State Planning - CZM
   4. City & County of Honolulu Department of Parks & Recreation - Parks Use Permit
   5. Department of Land and Natural Resources - Conservation District Use and Right of Entry Permits

D. GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF THE ACTION'S TECHNICAL, ECONOMIC, SOCIAL, AND ENVIRONMENTAL CHARACTERISTICS

   1. Technical (See attached map)

   The proposed project consists of redistributing existing sand and importing additional sand at Kuhio Beach to restore the swimming and beach areas and eliminate deep pockets which are hazardous.

   2. Economic - Social

   Kuhio Beach is one of the eight segments of Waikiki Beach. This segment adjacent to a public park along Kalakaua Avenue extends for about 1,500 from Kuhio Bathhouse. There is a 1,200-foot seawall
along Kalakaua Avenue. A L-shaped groin marks the northwestern end and the Kapahulu storm drain groin marks the southeasterly end of the segment. About 250 feet offshore, a 1,450-foot wall with a crest elevation of -1 foot along the northeasterly portion and +3 feet at southeasterly portion connects the two groins. This offshore structure is often overtopped by waves.

Throughout the year, the number of residents and tourists/visitors using the beach is increased and is especially large during the months between May and August. Majority of the tourists/visitors stay in hotels and apartments in the Waikiki area.

Public facilities include bathhouses at Kuhio Beach and natatorium area with appurtenant facilities. Surfboards and canoes are available on a rental basis. Park areas for picnics and games are available at nearby Kapiolani Park. The city's zoo and outdoor amphitheater are also located in Kapiolani Park.

3. Environmental

The proposed improvements will be done on the existing beach and in the swimming areas within Kuhio Beach. It will not endanger any marine or other wildlife in the area.

The proposed improvements will temporarily disrupt the use of the existing beach but only for a short duration of approximately two months during construction. The proposed maintenance project will not change the present use of the area.

E. SUMMARY DESCRIPTION OF THE AFFECTED ENVIRONMENT

The adverse environmental effects described in Paragraphs G and H are expected to be brief and associated only with the construction of the project. The project area does not contain any historical or archaeological sites. No endangered wildlife lives on the site.

F. DISCUSSION OF THE ASSESSMENT PROCESS

The effect of this project upon the environment has been determined to be insignificant. The construction of the project will not:

1. Generate controversy;
2. Alter the existing topography of the land or character of its use;

3. Cause the displacement of any persons;

4. Affect any rare, threatened, or endangered species of animals, plants, or habitats;

5. Involve an irrevocable commitment to loss or destruction of any natural or cultural resources, except for the labor and materials related to the construction of the improvements;

6. Curtail the beneficial uses of the environment;

7. Conflict with the State's long-term environmental policy goals, or guidelines; and

8. Degrade the environmental quality.

The implementation of this project will be beneficial for all the beach users by having a more safe and enjoyable beach and swimming areas.

G. IMPACTS AND ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

During the construction period, there will be a temporary increase in noise, dust and emissions from internal combustion engines associated with the construction. However, these impacts will be minimal and intermittent in nature. Emissions from internal combustion engines will be readily dispersed in the open area.

The relocation of the existing sand and distribution of imported additional sand will cause discoloration of the water in the swimming areas. However, the increase in turbidity is only of short duration during construction. The water will restore its original turbidity after the proposed maintenance work.

Alternative to the proposed project is to reduce the scope of work. However, all the planned improvements are vital to the restoration of Kuhio Beach.

The alternative of "no project" would continue the inconvenience within the reduced beach areas due to the displaced sand and perpetuate the hazardous conditions within the swimming areas.
H. MITIGATION MEASURES

Provisions will be made in the project specifications to control and minimize the temporary adverse effects of construction.

I. DETERMINATION

Since no major adverse impacts are anticipated, costly detailed studies were considered inappropriate. Consequently, a determination has been made that an environmental impact statement is not required.

J. REASONS

Reasons supporting the "no EIS" determination are outlined in Sections F and G of this Negative Declaration. Any adverse environmental impact resulting from this project has been determined to be insignificant. Past experience has shown that this type of construction within an established harbor has insignificant effect on the environment, both short and long term.

EDWARD Y. HIRATA
Director of Transportation

9/9/80 Date
PURPOSE: RESTORATION OF KUHIO BEACH

DATUM: 0.00' MEAN LOWER LOW WATER

NAMES OF ADJACENT PROPERTY OWNER:
CITY & COUNTY OF HONOLULU &
STATE OF HAWAII

T.M.K. 2:6:01

IN: WAIKIKI

AT: HONOLULU, OAHU
COUNTY OF: HONOLULU
STATE: HAWAII
APPLICATION BY: DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION, HARBORS DIVISION

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