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

From: Edward Y. Hirata, Director
Department of Transportation

Subject: NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR PAVE PARKING AREA
AT KIHEI BOAT RAMP, MAUI - JOB H. C. 4144

In accordance with Chapter 343-5(c), Hawaii Revised Statutes, we are notifying you that we will not require an Environmental Impact Statement for the subject project. We have enclosed an original plus four copies of the Negative Declaration on the proposal.

Should you have any question, please contact Marshall Ando of our Harbors Division at 548-2505.

Enc: OEQC Form for Publication
Negative Declaration
NEGATIVE DECLARATION
FOR
PAVE PARKING AREA AT KIHEI BOAT RAMP, MAUI
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A. APPLICANT
Harbors Division, Department of Transportation

B. APPROVING AGENCY
Environmental Quality Commission

C. AGENCIES CONSULTED
No agencies were consulted in the preparation of this
Negative Declaration. Assessment of the proposed
project is based on past experience and has confirmed
that this project will not have any adverse impacts on
the environment.

The Department of Transportation is exempt from
obtaining County approvals, therefore, a Special
Management Area (SMA) permit application will not be
filed.

D. GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF THE ACTION’S CHARACTERISTICS

1. Technical
The proposed project will include paving
approximately 4,000 square yards of an existing
graded and gravelled boat trailer parking area,
paving approximately 1,400 square yards of an
existing graded and gravelled passenger vehicle
parking area, and providing landscaping and an
irrigation system.

2. Economic
The proposed project will prevent a continuous
erosion and repair of the existing gravelled
parking areas caused by runoff during the heavy
rains. It will also provide parking uniformity to
efficiently utilize the boat ramp facility.

3. Environmental
Paving of the parking areas will cause an increase
in noise and dust, and cause a slight driving
inconvenience at the boat ramp. These impacts are
expected to be temporary and of short duration,
and are not expected to lower the quality of the environment in the area.

This project will not alter the conditions which may result in the increased possibility of damage from flooding, storm waves, subsidence, or erosion. Change in salinity, currents, or tidal action is not expected to occur.

Completion of this project is expected to decrease the dust and erosion occurring at the site, and decrease siltation at the ramp.

E. SUMMARY DESCRIPTION OF THE AFFECTED ENVIRONMENT

1. Location

The project site is located on the south west side of the island of Maui at the Kihei Boat Ramp. The parcel is under the jurisdiction of the State of Hawaii Department of Transportation.

2. Project Area Description

The project area is located along the shoreline in a parcel adjacent to the Kamaole Beach Park. Other adjacent properties consists of condominiums and apartment complexes.

3. Land Use Designation of Proposed Site

The State of Hawaii, Land Use Commission designates the project site as Urban.

4. Site Description

The project site is located on the landside of the Kihei Boat Ramp. The parking facility consists of two adjacent lots separated by a paved driveway. The parking areas are presently gravelled. The boat trailer parking is approximately 4,000 square yards in size and the passenger vehicle parking is about 1,400 square yards.

5. Infrastructure

a. Access:

The project site is accessible by a paved driveway from Kihei Road.
b. **Utilities:**

The existing utilities include a 2 inch waterline that feeds four pairs of hose bibs, and electrical service to provide lighting for the facility. This project will include work on the waterline for an irrigation system.

F. **DISCUSSION OF THE ASSESSMENT PROCESS**

Evaluation of the effects of the proposed project on the environment indicate that there will be no significant adverse effects on the environment. The proposed project will not:

1. Cause the permanent displacement of any persons;
2. Affect any rare, threatened, or endangered plants, animals, or habitats;
3. 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 this project;
4. Permanently curtail the beneficial uses of the environment;
5. Conflict with the State's long-term environmental policies, goals, or guidelines;
6. Permanently degrade the environmental quality; and,
7. Alter the existing character of the land or its use.

Rather, the implementation of this project will have a beneficial effect on the general public and its environment.

G. **IMPACTS AND ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED**

The proposed project will not cause any significant adverse effects on the environment. The primary negative effects include short-term noise and dust at the facility, and temporary parking relocation.

Alternatives considered for this project are:

1. **No Action.** No action will result in the continuance of dust problems, erosion of the parking areas, and non-uniform parking procedures.
H. **MITIGATION MEASURES**

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

I. **DETERMINATION**

Since no major or significant 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**

The 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 temporary and insignificant. Past experience has shown that this type of construction within an established boat ramp facility has an insignificant effect on the environment, both short and long term.

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**EDWARD Y. HIRAI**

Director of Transportation

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