February 13, 1993

Mr. Bruce Anderson, Acting Director
Office of Environmental Quality Control
220 South King Street, 4th Floor
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

SUBJECT: FRONT STREET DRAINAGE
JOB NO. 90-111

Dear Mr. Anderson:

In accordance with Chapter 343-4(c) of the Hawaii Revised Statutes, we are notifying you that an Environmental Impact Statement will not be required for the subject project. We are attaching the Negative Declaration and the Environmental Assessment for the proposed project.

Please call Stanley Kunitake at the Engineering Division of our Public Works Department at 243-7745 if you need more information or if you have any questions regarding this project.

Very truly yours,

LINDA CROCKETT LINGLE
Mayor, County of Maui

RMN/SK:cah(ED91-88)
Attachments:
Negative Declaration
Environmental Assessment

xc: Department of Public Works

3/6/91 = 9:20 a.m. Mr. Kunitake
TMK: 4-5-13
NEGATIVE DECLARATION

FRONT STREET DRAINAGE, JOB NO. 90-111

1. Proposing Agency

County of Maui
Department of Public Works
Engineering Division
200 South High Street
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793
Telephone: 243-7745

2. Accepting Authority

Linda Crockett Lingle, Mayor
County of Maui
Telephone: 243-7855

3. Project Description

This Capital Improvement Program project proposes to install a 18-inch culvert along and across Front Street in the vicinity of the Charthouse Restaurant in Lahaina. This improvement will allow water ponded on Front Street to drain into the ocean.

4. Environmental Impact Factors

An Environmental Assessment was prepared to assess the significance of the proposed project. A copy of the Environment Assessment is attached.

5. Conclusion

The proposed project is not considered to be detrimental to the surrounding environment. Because the impacts caused by the project within the immediate area are deemed minor and short-termed and because the negative effects are tolerable and can be mitigated, a negative declaration is being filed.
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT
FOR
FRONT STREET DRAIN
VICINITY OF THE CHARHOUSE

This is a drainage project which extends for 361' on Front Street in the vicinity of the Charthouse in Lahaina. The estimated cost of this project is $65,000.

1. ENVIRONMENTAL CHARACTERISTICS

This project is located near the shores and foothills of the West Maui Mountains in the town of Lahaina. To the north is the Kaanapali Development and to the south lies the residential area of Lahaina Town. To the east is the Charthouse Restaurant and to the west is the Pacific Ocean.

The terrain around the project site is very flat. The soil of this area is classed by the soil conservation service as EWA (EaA) and more commonly called silty clay loam.

Because of the extensive business and residential land use, the project area is not a natural wildlife habitat. The wildlife in the area consists of mice, rats, and common birds such as sparrows, mynahs, and doves. No endangered species of flora or fauna are affected by this project.

There are no known natural landmarks within the project site.

2. ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS

The proposed project will not have an adverse impact on land values surrounding the project site. In fact, because of improved drainage and traffic safety, the land values will probably increase.

3. SOCIAL CHARACTERISTICS

No changes in population are anticipated due to the proposed project. There may be some new generated traffic because of the road improvement, though it would be negligible compared to the existing volume of traffic. No homes or existing structures need be relocated due to the proposed action. Utility services will not be disrupted at any time.
4. PROBABLE IMPACTS

a. Affected Environment

Water and noise pollution will probably occur during the construction phase, however, these effects will be of short duration and temporary in nature. Strict adherence to Federal, State, and County rules and regulations will greatly minimize the impact on these environmental features.

b. Physical impacts

There will be minimal impact to the site's topography by the proposed action. Only small amounts of grading will be done to install the drain pipes.

C. Economic Impacts

There is no additional land, other than the present road right-of-way, that is required for this project. There will be no disruption to business activities, recreational activities, and existing land use except for minimal traffic disruption to the Charthouse Restaurant.

D. Social Impacts

The proposed action will have minor social impact on the Charthouse Restaurant and surrounding residential lots. There will be minor traffic inconveniences during the construction phase, but nothing that is considered a major impact. These inconveniences are temporary in nature.

5. ALTERNATIVES

Alternatives to the proposed project is as follows:

1. Do Nothing

The do nothing alternate is not acceptable as more vehicles utilize this street and the problem of ponding water in the street will not be solved.