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Subject: NEGATIVE DECLARATION - KAUNAKAKAI HARBOR CAUSEWAY
LIGHTING, KAUNAKAKAI, MOLOKAI - JOB H. C. 3217

We have reviewed the environmental assessment for the Kaunakakai Harbor Causeway Lighting and have determined that the project will not have significant impacts on the environment. Based on our determination, we are filing a negative declaration for this project.

Enclosed are four copies of the environmental assessment.

Should you have any questions on the action, please contact Carter Luke of our Harbors Division at 587-1956.

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NEGATIVE DECLARATION
FOR
KAUNAKAKAI HARBOR CAUSEWAY LIGHTING
JOB H. C. 3217

A. APPLICANT

Harbors Division, Department of Transportation

B. APPROVING AGENCY

Office of Environmental Quality Control

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.

D. GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF THE ACTION'S CHARACTERISTICS

1. Technical

The proposed project will upgrade Kaunakakai Harbor's Causeway by providing roadway lighting along the causeway.

2. Economic

The proposed project will enhance the Kaunakakai Harbor area by providing a safe level of lighting for vehicular traffic and other users of the causeway.

3. Environmental

During construction of the proposed causeway lighting, noise and dust along the causeway will increase. 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 light the causeway and is not expected to cause glare to homes along the shoreline or to drivers along any adjacent roadways.

E. SUMMARY DESCRIPTION OF THE AFFECTED ENVIRONMENT

1. Location

The project site is located on the south side of the island of Molokai at the Kaunakakai Harbor Causeway. The parcel is under the jurisdiction of the State of Hawaii, Department of Transportation.

2. Project Area Description

The project area is located within Kaunakakai, Molokai, and is fed from Kaunakakai Place street. Adjacent property includes the Molokai Ranch subdivision.

3. Land Use Designation of Proposed Site

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

4. Site Description

The Kaunakakai Harbor Causeway is a 2025 (two thousand twenty-five) foot roadway which connects the Kaunakakai commercial harbor and Kaunakakai boat ramp to the shoreline. This project plans to install roadway lighting along the causeway.

5. Infrastructure

a. Access:

The project site is directly accessible from Kaunakakai Place which is directly off of Maunaloa highway.

b. Utilities:

Electric. There is an existing 12 KV overhead electric service drop into the site which is feeding power to the Kaunakakai Harbor area.

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.
8. Violate Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) height restrictions for airports.

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.

Alternatives considered for this project are:

1. No Action. No action will result in an unlit roadway which services harbor users.

H. MITIGATION MEASURES

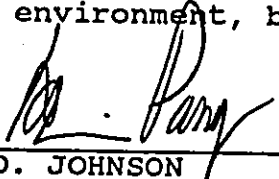
Provisions will be made in the project specifications to control and minimize the temporary adverse effects of the construction.

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 boating facility has an insignificant effect on the environment, both short and long term.



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Director of Transportation

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