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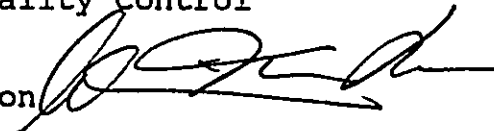
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To: Brian Choy, Director
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Subject: NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR DEMOLISH AND RECONSTRUCT
COMFORT STATION/OFFICE BUILDING AT KAILUA-KONA PIER
HAWAII - JOB H. C. 5256

In accordance with Act 241, SLH 1992, we have completed the formal draft environmental assessment 30-day review period for the subject project. We have not received any comments during the review period, therefore, we are filing a Negative Declaration.

Enclosed are four copies of the Negative Declaration and an OEQC Bulletin Publication Form.

Should you have any question, please contact Marshall Ando at 587-1959.

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1993-02-08-HI-FAA-Kailua-Kona Pier Demolish &
Reconstruction Comfort Station/Office Bldg

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NEGATIVE DECLARATION
FOR
DEMOLISH AND RECONSTRUCT COMFORT STATION/OFFICE BUILDING
AT KAILUA-KONA PIER, HAWAII
JOB H. C. 5256

JANUARY 25, 1993

A. PROPOSING AGENCY

Department of Transportation, Harbors Division

B. AGENCY ACCEPTING AUTHORITY

Department of Transportation, Harbors Division

C. AGENCIES CONSULTED

Agencies that are being consulted with and/or will be consulted with include:

State of Hawaii-

Department of Transportation
Department of Land and Natural Resources
Department of Health
Department of Public Safety

County of Hawaii-

Planning Department
Department of Public Works
Department of Parks and Recreation
Department of Water Supply

Others-

King Kamehameha Hotel
Honokohau Small Boat Advisory Committee

D. PROJECT CHARACTERISTICS

1. General

The State of Hawaii Department of Transportation, Harbors Division is proposing to demolish and reconstruct the existing comfort station/office building at the Kailua-Kona Pier. The structure will include a comfort station and separate office spaces for boating activities, commercial activities, and the visitors information program. The proposed site is at the north end of the Kailua-Kona pier at the location of the existing comfort station/office building.

2. Technical

This project proposes to demolish the existing office building/comfort station which includes transite siding, and to replace it with a new one-story concrete masonry unit office building/comfort station. The new structure will be larger than the existing structure by approximately 235 square feet. Currently, a temporary visitor information booth is located in the parking area, adjacent to the existing comfort station/office building. This project also proposes to relocate the existing outdoor shower and provide it with a sewer connection to the public sewer system.

3. Social and Economic

This project will provide improved services and facilities for the users of Kailua-Kona pier. A larger comfort station, separate commercial and recreational services, and a permanent visitor information booth will be provided, and will be handicap accessible. Currently, services for commercial and recreational boaters are provided from offices elsewhere on the island.

The Department of Public Safety currently occupies the existing office at Kailua-Kona pier. Although the Public Safety's office and personnel will be permanently displaced, accommodations are being made for permanent relocation to the Honokohau Boat Harbor, which is the primary boat harbor within the Kona district.

The estimated cost of construction for this project is \$300,000.

4. Environmental

The construction of the comfort station/office building will cause an increase in noise and dust at the pier, however, they are expected to be temporary and lasting only for the duration of construction. These increases are not expected to permanently lower the quality of air and water in the area.

The proposed project will also involve removal and disposal of transite material. This work will be done in strict accordance with the Environmental Protection Agency's and Commerce and Consumer Affairs' rules and regulations to ensure proper handling and disposal of the material for the safety of the public while work is progressing.

The proposed project will not alter conditions which may result in the increased possibility of damage from flooding, storm waves, subsidence, or erosion. No change in ocean salinity, currents or tidal action is expected to occur as a result of this project. This project proposes to decrease the amount of surface runoff and erosion into the ocean from the outdoor shower by providing a drain connection to the County's sewer system.

E. SUMMARY OF THE AFFECTED ENVIRONMENT

The proposed project is located at the Kailua-Kona pier on the island of Hawaii. There are no known endangered fauna, critical habitats, historical/archaeological or cultural sites at the location of the proposed structure.

A portion of the existing rock wall, and water line and meter on the north side of the existing structure is located on the adjacent King Kamehameha Hotel parcel currently owned by HTH Corporation. Work on the waterline and rock wall will be required for this project and a right of entry from HTH Corporation must be obtained. The waterline and appurtenant items will be relocated to State property, but corrective measures for the location of the wall is not included in this project.

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

F. SUMMARY OF MAJOR IMPACTS

This project will not cause any significant adverse effects on the environment.

1. Short-term

During construction the following minor impacts are anticipated:

- a. Depletion of labor and material resources for construction.
- b. Some temporary noise and dust in the immediate area of construction.
- c. Minimal and temporary interruption of daily operations at the pier.

2. Long-term

Significant long-term impacts to the noise, traffic, archaeology, flora, fauna, and visual aesthetics are

not expected, however, one trailer parking stall will be lost and replaced with a passenger vehicle stall.

However, long-term positive impacts are expected to the quality of the air and water with the removal of the transite material, and the sewer connection for the outdoor shower. Long-term positive impacts are also anticipated for the community by providing the public services needed at the pier.

G. Alternatives Considered

The "no-action" alternative was considered but deemed unacceptable. No action will result in the continued existence of transite material potentially creating hazardous and detrimental conditions in the vicinity. No action will also result in the continuance of runoff from the outdoor shower into the ocean, and minimal public service for recreational and commercial boating activities.

H. Proposed Mitigation Measures

Provisions will be made in the project specifications to control and minimize the temporary adverse effects of the construction. Abatement of the transite will be in strict accordance with applicable laws of the Clean Air Act.

I. Anticipated Determination

Since no major impacts are anticipated, costly detailed studies are considered inappropriate. Consequently, an Environmental Impact Statement is not being considered and a Negative Declaration is being submitted.


J. Findings and Reasons Supporting Anticipated Determination

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. Affect any rare, threatened, or endangered plants, animals, or habitats. No endangered species of flora or fauna are known to exist in the project site.
2. 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.
3. Permanently curtail the range of beneficial uses of the environment.

4. Conflict with the State's long-term environmental policies.
5. Permanently degrade the environmental quality, but
6. Will cause permanent displacement of a State office and personnel, however, permanent relocation of the office and personnel is being coordinated and arranged.

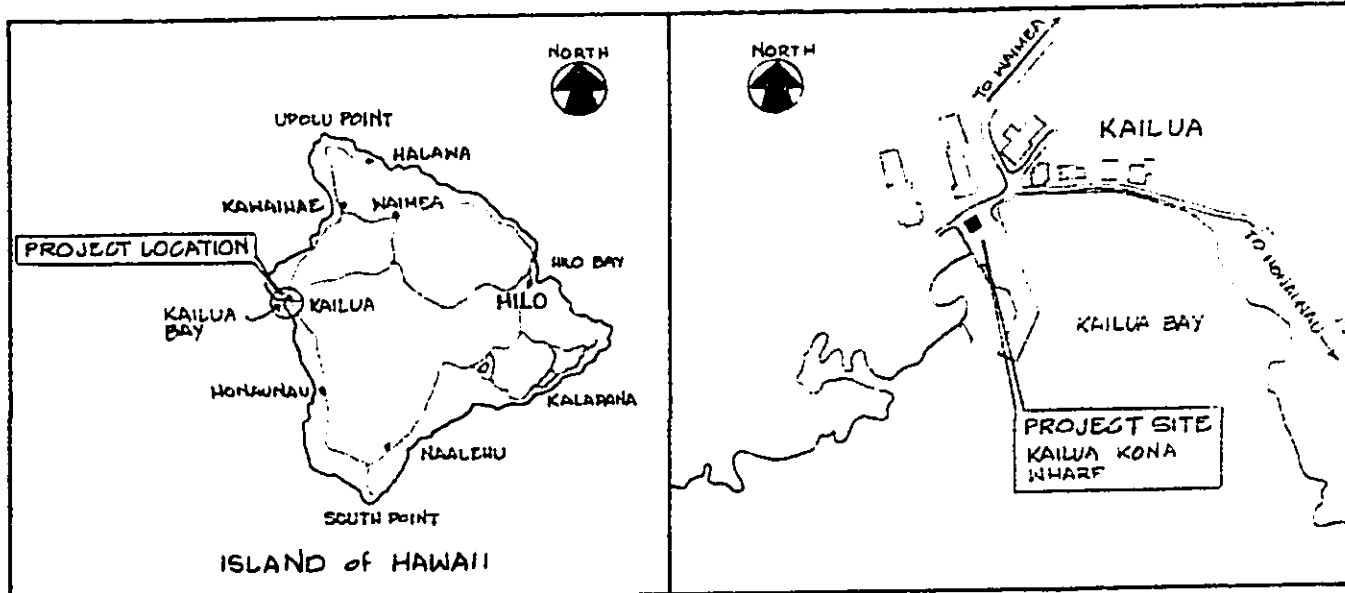
For the reasons above, it is anticipated that the proposed project will not have any significant effect in the context of Chapter 343, Hawaii Revised Statutes and Section 11-200-12 of the State Administrative Rules.



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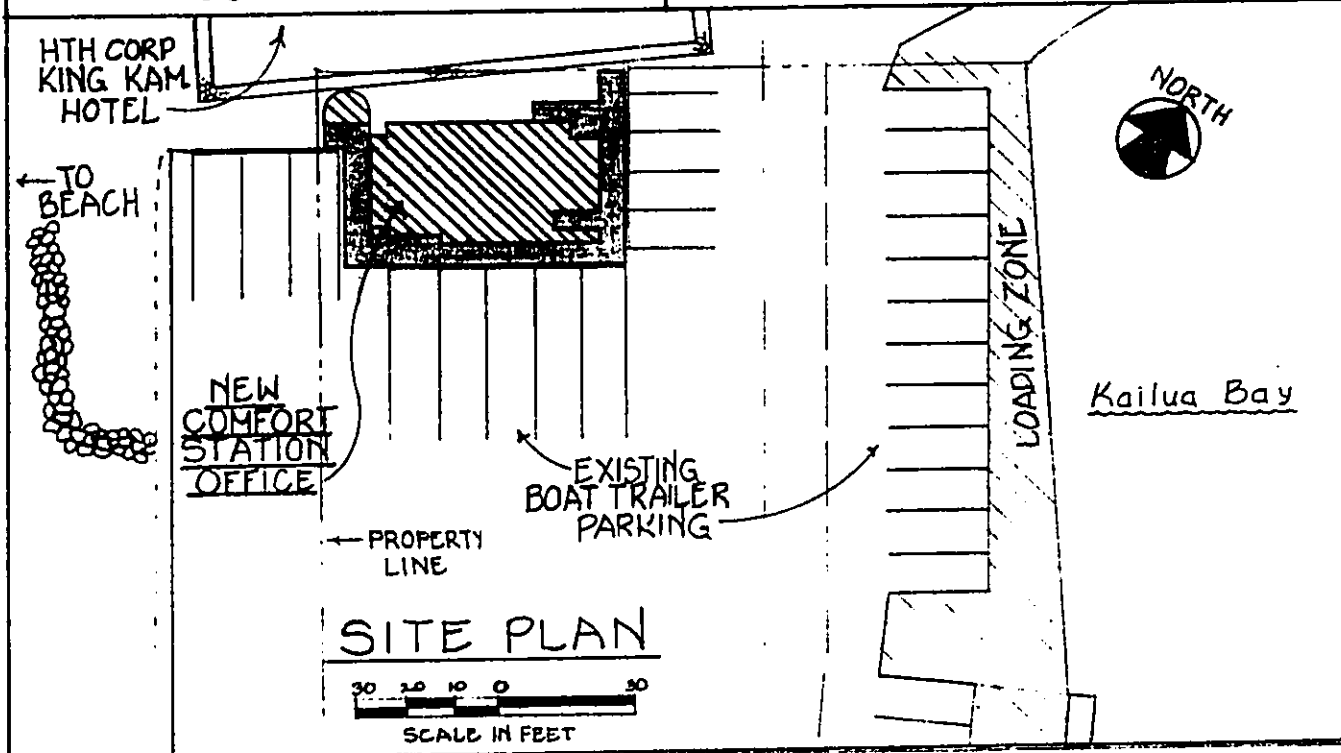
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LOCATION MAP

VICINITY MAP



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