April 11, 1994

To: Bruce S. Anderson, Interim Director
   Office of Environmental Quality Control
From: Rex D. Johnson
   Director of Transportation
Subject: NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR TRANSIT SHED AND STORAGE YARD S-3 AT BARBERS POINT HARBOR
   HONOLULU, HAWAII, JOB H. C. 1796 - TMK 9-1-14-24

In accordance with Act 241, SLH 1992, we have completed the formal environmental assessment (EA) 30-day review period for the subject project. No comments were received from the public and we have determined that the project will not have significant impacts on the environment. Based on the foregoing, we are filing a Negative Declaration.

Enclosed are the original and four copies of the Negative Declaration and a completed OEQC form for publication in the OEQC Bulletin.

Should you have any question, please contact Vernon Nakamura of our Design Section at 587-1958.

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NEGATIVE DECLARATION
FOR
TRANSIT SHED AND STORAGE YARD S-3 AT
BARBERS POINT HARBOR, OAHU
JOB H.C. 1796

A. APPLICANT
Harbors Division, Department of Transportation

B. APPROVING AGENCY
Department of Transportation

C. AGENCIES CONSULTED
The Barbers Point Task Force, consumers, freight forwarding companies, trucking firms, warehousing firms, feed importers, and coal importers who utilize the harbor facility were consulted. No other agencies were consulted in the preparation of this Negative Declaration. Past experiences have shown that similar projects within established commercial harbors have not had significant effects upon the environment.

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

1. Office of State Planning - CZM
2. Commission on Persons with Disabilities
3. Department of Health - Water Quality
4. Department of the Army

D. GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF THE ACTION'S CHARACTERISTICS

1. Technical (See attached map)

The proposed project consists of constructing a 120-ft by 300-ft transit shed with comfort facilities and approximately 4.9 acres of paved and lighted storage yard, plus drainage system with outlet into the harbor basin.

There will be no dredging for this project.

2. Economic - Social

Located near the southwest tip of the island of Oahu, Barbers Point Harbor is Port Hawaii’s newest harbor, having been dedicated in 1990.
The Barbers Point Harbor basin covers 92 acres and is 38 feet deep. Available back-up area totals about 33 acres including the barge basin for use as a container handling and storage facility. Other uses are receiving automobiles, general cargo, petroleum products, and bulk shipments such as grain, sand, coal and cement.

A barge berth is positioned just inside the entrance channel. A ship repair facility with an 8,000-ton capacity floating dry dock able to handle vessels up to 78 feet wide and over 500 feet long occupies the south side of the harbor basin.

Barbers Point Harbor has undergone continual upgrading over the years to meet the demanding increases. First among the improvements was the construction of a 1,600-foot dock and 30-acre paved back-up area. A bulk unloader is already operational.

Just south of the harbor, oil companies operate oil refineries and maintain storage tanks. Offshore mooring facilities approximately 1.5 miles off shore are used for the transfer of crude oil and related petroleum products.

3. Environmental

The proposed project will be on the landside of the harbor. It will not endanger any marine or other wildlife in the area.

The proposed project will not significantly change or disrupt the present use of the area.

E. SUMMARY DESCRIPTION OF THE AFFECTED ENVIRONMENT

The project site is located on the landside of Barbers Point Harbor on the Island of Oahu as shown on the attached location map, (see attached drawings). The project site does not contain any historical or archeological sites. No rare or endangered flora or fauna exist within the harbor.

F. DISCUSSION OF THE ASSESSMENT PROCESS

The effect of this project upon the environment has been determined to be insignificant. The construction of the proposed 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 person;
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 this project;

6. Curtail the beneficial uses of the environment;

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

8. Degrade the environmental quality.

For the reasons above, the proposed project will not have any significant effect in the context of Chapter 343, Hawaii Revised Statutes and Section 1 i-200-12 of the State Administration Rules.

G. IMPACTS AND ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

During the construction of the project, there will be a temporary increase in noise, dust and internal combustion engine emissions. However, these impacts will be minimal and intermittent in nature. Emissions from internal combustion engines will be readily dissipated in the open area.

This project is a major step in the overall master development plan for the harbor which will provide efficient storage and movement of goods required by the rapidly growing surrounding community.

The alternative to the proposed project is no action. No action will result in inefficient harbor lacking the proper facilities for sheltering goods and cargo from exposure to the elements.

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 commercial harbor has no significant effect on the environment, both short and long term.

Rex D. Johnson
Director of Transportation

DATE
4/15/94

Attachments
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AT: BARBERS POINT
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STATE: HAWAII
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HARBORS DIV.

DATUM: O.00 MEAN LOWER LOW WATER
NAME OF ADJACENT OWNERS: JAMES CAMPBELL ESTATES

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TYPICAL SECTION

PROPOSED TRANSIT
SHEED (120' X 300')

PROPOSED 4.8 ACRE
PAVED STORAGE YARD

SITE PLAN

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SLOPE VARIES, THE CONTRACTOR SHALL VERIFY EXISTING SLOPE IN THE FIELD.

ELEVATION

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