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Dear Mr. Gill:

Subject: Negative Declaration for Waipahu Senior Center

Land Acquisition TMK 9-4-17:01 (Portion)

The Department of Accounting and General Services has reviewed the comments received during the 30-day public comment period which began on December 23, 1994. The agency has determined that this project will not have significant environmental effect and has issued a negative declaration. Please publish this notice in the April 8, 1995 OEQC Bulletin.

Enclosed are a completed OEQC Bulletin Publication Form and four copies of the final EA. If there are any questions, please have your staff call Mr. Ralph Yukumoto of the Planning Branch at 586-0488.

Very truly yours,

GORDON MATSUOKA

State Public Works Engineer

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FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (NEGATIVE DECLARATION) WAIPAHU SENIOR CENTER LAND ACQUISITION March 27, 1995

- A. <u>PROPOSING AGENCY</u>: Department of Accounting and General Services for the Executive Office on Aging.
- B. <u>APPROVING AGENCY</u>: Not applicable.
- C. <u>AGENCY CONSULTED</u>: Executive Office on Aging and Housing Finance and Development Corporation (HFDC).
- D. <u>GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF THE TECHNICAL</u>, <u>SOCIO-ECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL CHARACTERISTICS</u>:
 - 1. Technical: This project is to acquire a 1.502 acre parcel for the Waipahu Senior Center. The proposed site is within a complex that includes a senior citizens housing project, a State office building, and the proposed Waipahu Public Library.

2. Socio-Economic:

- a. The proposed project will not create sufficient work to substantially impact the economy and welfare of the community and State.
- b. The estimated cost of \$750,000 for the project site was originally based on a signed agreement for that amount between the Office of Aging and the HFDC. However, comments received from HFDC indicate that the reallocated costs for the site have increased. Therefore, the estimated cost for this project may be as high as \$998,950.
- c. Since the project will be constructed within a existing State-owned parcel, no land will be removed from the tax base.
- d. The project will provide the Executive Office on Aging with a much-needed facility to implement its program in accordance with their statewide plan for locating senior centers.

3. Environmental:

a. The project will not create any major long-term environmental impacts.

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b. A senior center facility is proposed for construction on the site and during construction, the air quality may be affected by dust and exhaust emissions and it is anticipated there will be a temporary increase in noise levels. However, an environmental assessment will be prepared prior to construction of this facility.

E. SUMMARY DESCRIPTION OF THE AFFECTED ENVIRONMENT, INCLUDING SITE MAPS:

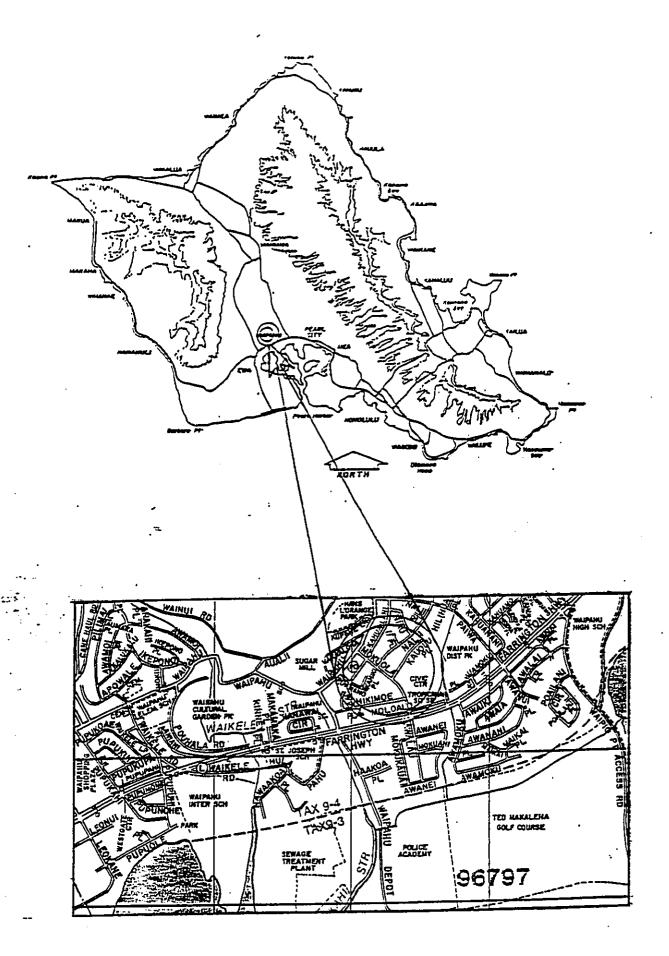
- The site of the proposed project is located as shown in Figures 1 and 2. (TMK 9-4-17:01(Portion)).
- 2. No habitat of endangered species, flora or fauna are known to exist at the site.
- 3. No historical, archaeological or cultural sites are known to exist at the site.
- 4. The site is not in a Special Management Area.

F. <u>IDENTIFICATION AND SUMMARY OF MAJOR IMPACTS AND ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED</u>:

- 1. Major Impacts: The proposed project will not:
 - a. Involve an irrevocable commitment to loss or destruction of any natural or cultural resources.
 - b. Curtail the range of beneficial uses of the environment.
 - c. Conflict with the State's long term environmental policies.
 - d. Substantially affect the economic or social welfare of the community or State.
 - e. Involve substantial secondary impacts, such as population changes or effects on public facilities.
 - f. Involve a substantial degradation of environmental quality.

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- g. Detrimentally affect air or water quality or ambient noise levels.
- h. Be located in any environmentally sensitive area, such as a flood plain, tsunami zone, erosion-prone area, geologically hazardous land, estuary, fresh water, or coastal waters.
- 2. Alternatives to the Proposed Project: The "No action" alternative is not considered to be a viable or desirable alternative.
- G. PROPOSED MITIGATION MEASURES: Short term impacts on air and noise quality during construction will be controlled by application of appropriate pollution and noise control measures.
- H. <u>DETERMINATION</u>: On the basis of the above assessment, it is concluded that the proposed project will not have a significant adverse impact on the environment.



LOCATION MAP

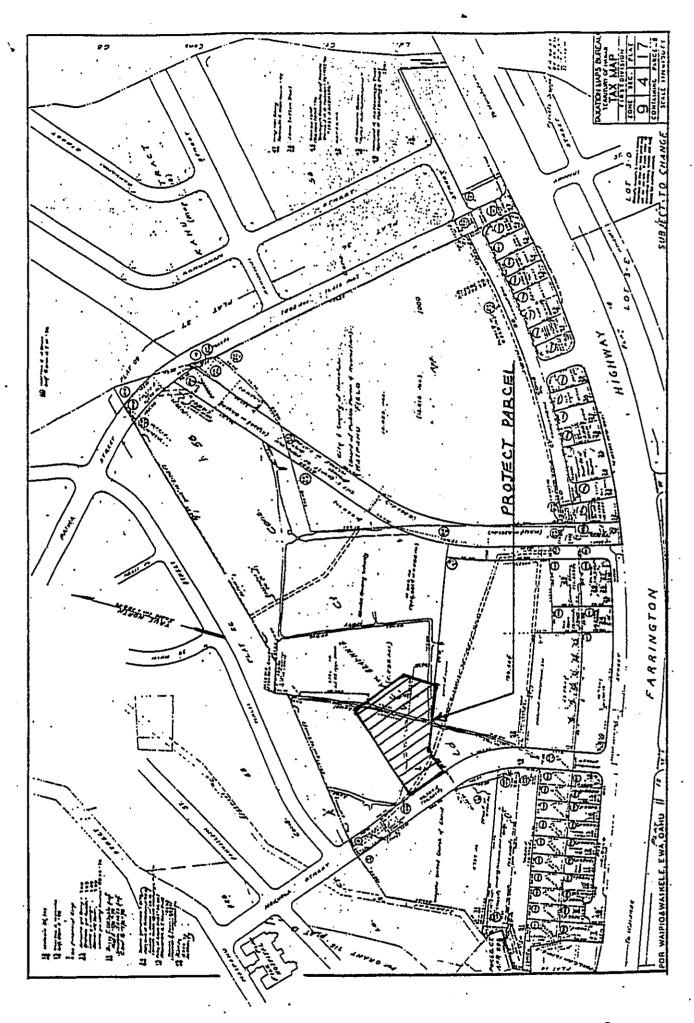


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