Mr. Gary Gill  
Director  
Office of Environmental Quality Control  
Central Pacific Plaza  
220 South King Street, 4th Floor  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813  

Dear Mr. Gill:

Subject:  Negative Declaration for Manana Elementary School Parking Expansion  
TMK 9-7-68:5

The Department of Accounting and General Services has received and reviewed only one comment letter (see Attachment 1) during the 30-day public comment period which began on May 23, 1995. Therefore, 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 October 8, 1995 OEQC Bulletin.

We have enclosed a completed OEQC Bulletin Publication Form, four copies of the final EA and our response to the only comment letter received (see Attachment 2). If there are any questions, please have your staff call Mr. Gary Chong of the Planning Branch at 586-0487.

Very truly yours,

GORDON MATSUOKA  
State Public Works Engineer

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Attachments
FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT
(NEGATIVE DECLARATION)
MANANA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
PARKING EXPANSION
MAY 8, 1995

A. PROPOSING AGENCY: Department of Accounting and General Services for the Department of Education.

B. APPROVING AGENCY: Not applicable.

C. AGENCY CONSULTED: Department of Education.

D. GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF THE TECHNICAL, SOCIO-ECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL CHARACTERISTICS:

1. Technical: Existing Manana Elementary School parking lot with 24 marked stalls does not meet the needs of the current staff. Parking in an unpaved area creates dust and generates complaints from the community. Building H courtyard accumulates water, sediments and rubbish which causes flooding of not only the courtyard but also the lanais of classrooms. This project will mitigate the dust problem and provide more parking for the staff, visiting parents and community members. This project will also correct the drainage problem of Building H to eliminate health hazard from the rubbish and mud on the lanais of classrooms which can cause accidents.

2. Socio-Economic:

   a. The proposed project will not create new jobs to substantially impact the economy and welfare of the community and State.

   b. The estimated cost of the project is $175,000.

   c. Since the project will be constructed within the existing school campus, no land will be removed from the tax base.

   d. The project will provide the school with a much-needed facility and better environment to implement its educational programs in accordance with the educational specifications.

3. Environmental:

   a. The project will not create any major long-term adverse environmental impacts. On the contrary, this project will provide a better environment for the school.
b. 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.

c. These impacts are expected to be minimal since State and Federal regulations need to be met.

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

1. The site of the proposed project is located on the school campus (TMK 9-7-68:5).

2. No habitat of endangered species, flora or fauna are known to exist at the site. (The sites are located in a developed school campus.)

3. No historical, archaeological or cultural sites are known to exist at the site. (The State Historic Preservation Division will be notified should any significant archaeological sites be discovered during construction.)

4. The site is not in a Special Management Area (as shown in the "flood boundary and floodway map").

5. The location of the school site and the proposed project are as shown in Figures 1 and 2, respectively.

F. IDENTIFICATION AND SUMMARY OF MAJOR IMPACTS AND ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED:

1. Major Impacts: The proposed project will not:

   a. Involve an irrevocable commitment to loss or destruction of any natural or cultural resources. (The project sites are in a developed school campus.)

   b. Curtail the range of beneficial uses of the environment. (The project will increase the beneficial use of the environment by adding facilities for the intended educational use).

   c. Conflict with the State's long term environmental policies. (The project is in line with the
Final Environmental Assessment  
(Negative Declaration)  
Manana Elementary School  
Parking Extension

educational specifications approved by the Board of Education and the Governor to provide adequate and safe educational facilities.)

d. Substantially affect the economic or social welfare of the community or State. (The project will not create jobs nor will it add anything of substance such as housing units to affect the community.)

e. Involve substantial secondary impacts, such as population changes or effects on public facilities. (The project will not create additional housing/residential units to increase population nor will it affect public facilities other than Manana Elementary School.)

f. Involve a substantial degradation of environmental quality. (The project intends to improve the environmental quality.)

g. Detrimentally affect air or water quality or ambient noise levels. (The project will not substantially add to the current detrimental effect of air or water quality or ambient noise level except the new parking area may be used by the community on weekends.)

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: Permanently allowing parking in an unpaved area to create dust and building a new classroom building to prevent flooding are not considered to be a viable or desirable alternative.

G. PROPOSED MITIGATION MEASURES: Short term temporary impacts on air quality such as dust and smell from bituminous paving material and noise quality from trucks, paving and construction machines during construction will be controlled by application of appropriate pollution and noise control measures.
H. **DETERMINATION:** On the basis of the above assessment and on our findings, it is concluded that the proposed project will not have a permanently significant adverse impact on the environment (project is located on a developed school site currently used for educational purposes), social or economic welfare of the community or State (project will not create additional jobs), public facilities (facility may be used by the public after school hours on a case by case basis approved by the Department of Education), and public access or right-of-ways (no change in public access or right-of-way due to construction of this project). During construction, historical and/or archaeological sites discovered will be reported to the Department of Land and Natural Resources, State Historic Preservation Division for guidance. It is also noted that background information from the Geographic Information System database (mainly from the City and County of Honolulu) is not currently available for this submittal but will be incorporated in other submittals to OEOC when the information is readily available to DAGS.
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Department of Accounting and General Services  
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Attention: Mr. Gary Chong

Gentlemen:

Subject:  Manana School Parking Lot Expansion and Building "H"  
Complex Drainage Area Improvements  
1147 Kumano Street, Pearl City  
Waiawa, Ewa, Oahu, Hawaii  
Tax Map Key: 9-7-68:5

The Board of Directors of the Manana Community Association reviewed the May 8, 1995 Draft Environmental Assessment provided by the Office of Environmental Quality Control. At its June 7, 1995 Board meeting, the Directors voted to approve the immediate implementation of the proposed improvements and receipt of the following responses to concerns for disclosure in the Final Environmental Assessment and project Negative Declaration:

1. More detailed description of the improvements to be constructed for the parking lot and building drainage system, to justify the $175,000 estimated cost, including number of proposed stalls and the new area to be paved; and eventual drainage system collection facility for the classroom area improvements.

2. The source of the project funding and proposed implementation date.

Your cooperation and assistance to provide us with requested information as soon as possible will be very much appreciated.

Very truly yours,

Albert K. Fukushima  
President

cc: Gary Gill, OEQC  
C. Koga, Manana Elementary School  
President, Manana Elementary School  
Stanley Shin, DADS-DPW

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SEP 8 1995

Mr. Albert K. Fukushima
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Manana Community Association
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Dear Mr. Fukushima:

Subject: Manana Elementary School
Parking Lot Expansion and Building H
Complex Drainage Area Improvements
DAGS Job No. 12-15-0394

Thank you for your June 21, 1995 letter on the subject project. The following information is provided in response to your comments:

1. Based on the requirements in the "Policies and Standards for School Facilities Design" which was approved by the Board of Education, the required off-street parking for the subject school was computed to be 76 stalls.

2. The new area to be paved is next to the existing parking area fronting the school's administration building.

3. The drainage system collection facility for the classroom area improvements is to be determined during the design phase of the project.

4. The source of the project funding is from the State general obligation bond fund from Act 289, SLH 1993, Item G-91.

5. The proposed implementation date is December 1997.
If you have any questions on this matter, please have your staff contact Mr. Gary Chong of the Planning Branch at 586-0487.

Very truly yours,

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State Public Works Engineer

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cc: OEOC
   Mr. Lester Chuck, DOE Facilities Branch
   Ms. Candace Koga, Manana Elementary School