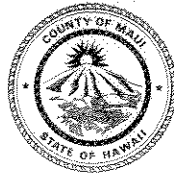


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SUBJECT: Final Environmental Assessment (FEA) for the Proposed
Improvements to Queen Kaahumanu Shopping Center Bus
Transfer Center, Kahului, Maui, Hawaii (TMK (2) 3-7-002:020(por.))

Dear Ms. Kealoha:

The County of Maui, Department of Transportation has reviewed the Final Environmental Assessment (EA) for the subject project, and determined a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI). Please publish notice of the Final EA for this project in the March 23, 2010 OEQC Environmental Notice.

We have enclosed a completed OEQC Publication Form, a hard copy and pdf copy of the Final EA. Please call Erin Mukai of Munekiyo & Hiraga, Inc. at (808) 244-2015, if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Medeiros".

Don Medeiros
Director

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cc: Gina Flammer, Director, Department of Planning
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Final Environmental Assessment

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Project Name: Proposed Improvements to Queen Kaahumanu Shopping Center Bus Transfer Center

Type of Document: Final Environmental Assessment

Legal Authority: Chapter 343, Hawaii Revised Statutes

Agency Determination: Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI)

Applicable Environmental Assessment review “trigger” Use of County funds

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Parcel 20 is owned by QKC Maui Owner, LLC. Parcel 20 is County zoned "M-2, Heavy Industrial", designated "Urban" by the State Land Use Commission, and designated "B, Business/Commercial" and "HI, Heavy Industrial" by the Wailuku-Kahului Community Plan.

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A. PROJECT LOCATION, BACKGROUND, AND LAND OWNERSHIP

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The County of Maui has initiated its Maui County Bus Stop Project, which encompasses the construction of bus stops to service the Maui Bus along the County of Maui roadways throughout the island. Through this project, the County of Maui is seeking to improve the safety, accessibility, comfort and convenience of bus stop locations on Maui. A part of the Maui County Bus Stop Project is the proposed improvements to the existing bus transfer center at the Queen Kaahumanu Shopping Center in Kahului, Maui. See **Figure 1**.

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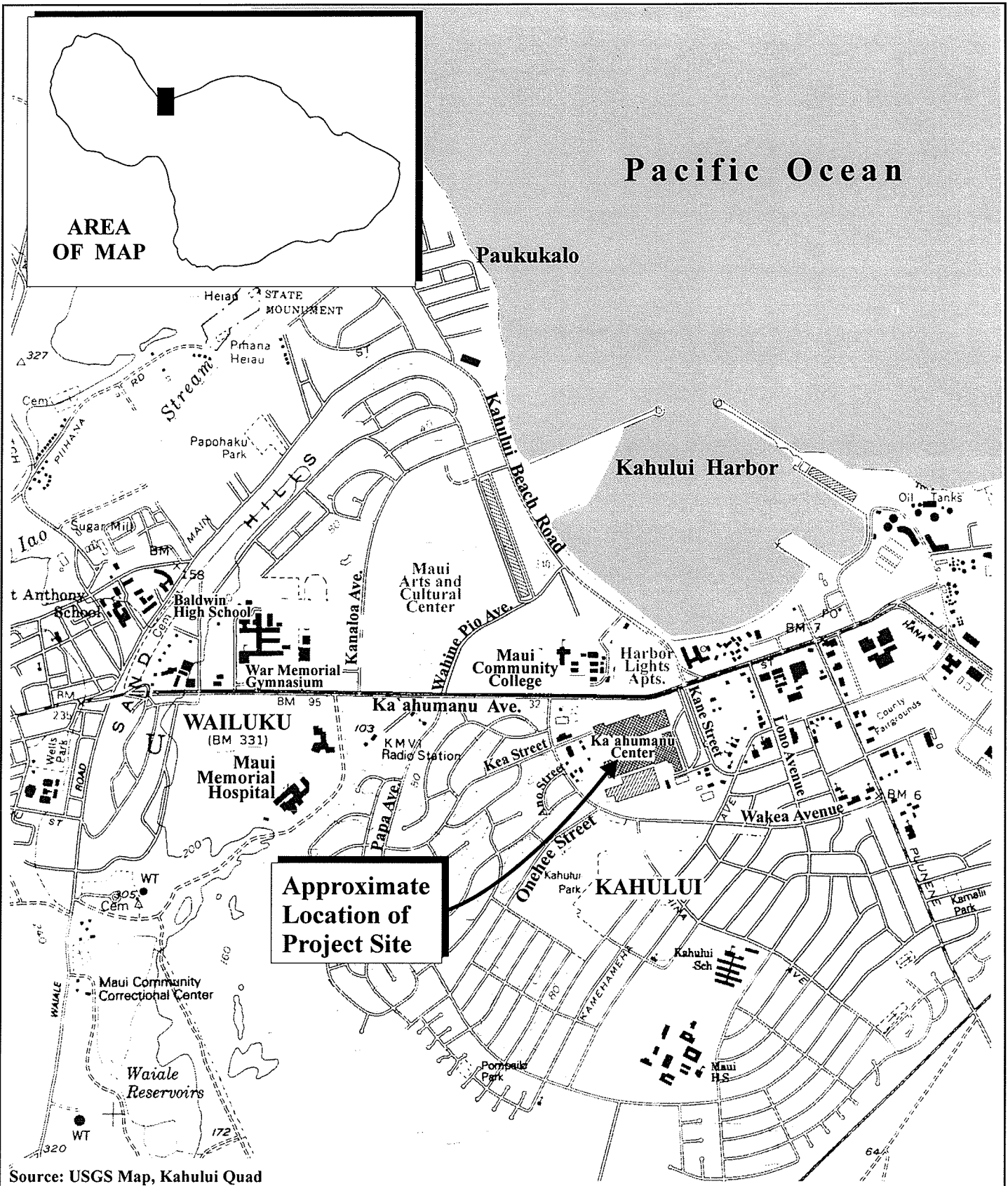
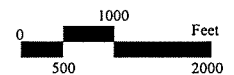


Figure 1 Proposed Improvements to Queen
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 Bus Transfer Center
 Regional Location Map



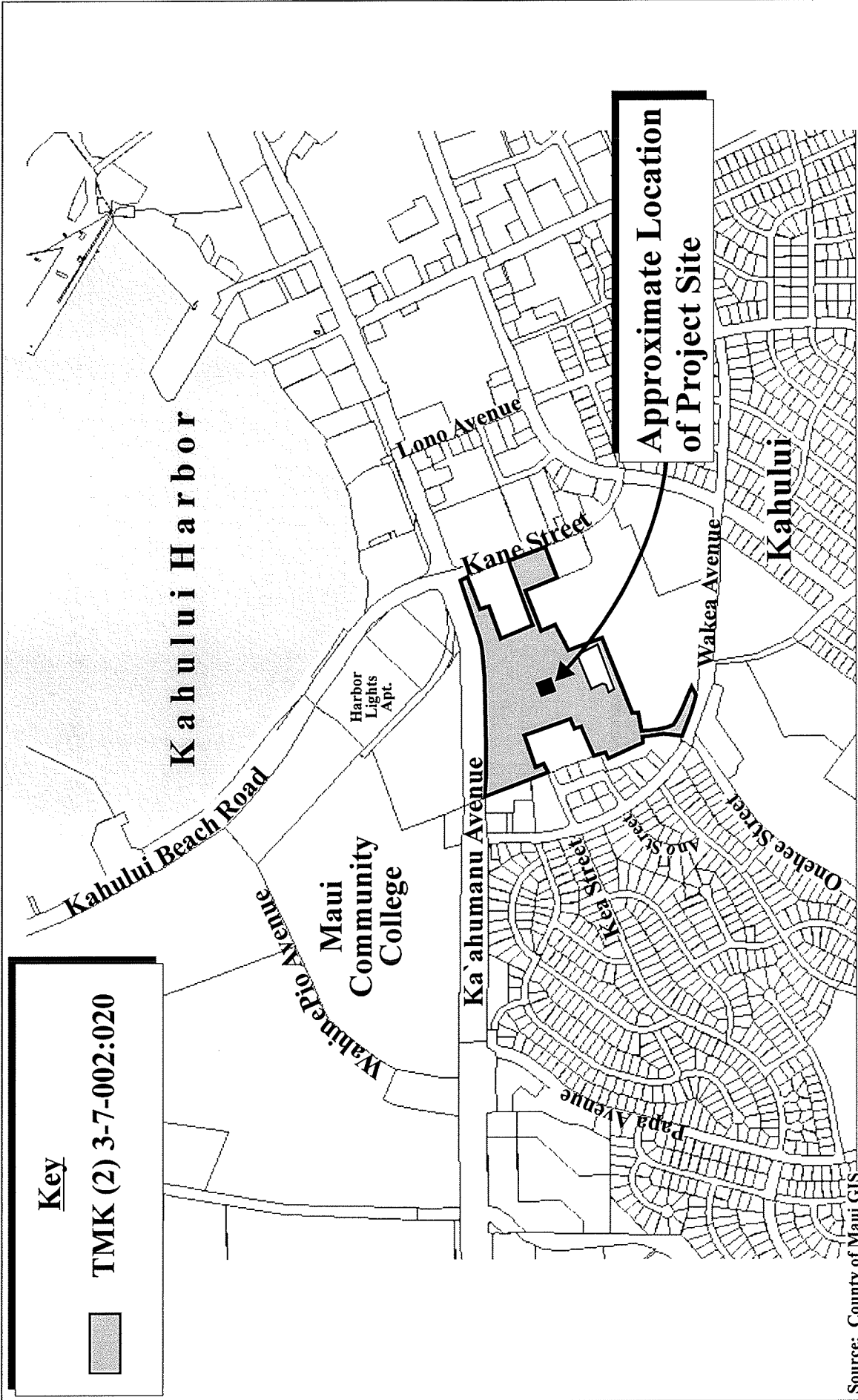


Figure 2 Proposed Improvements to Queen Kaahumanu Shopping Center Bus Transfer Center Project Location Map

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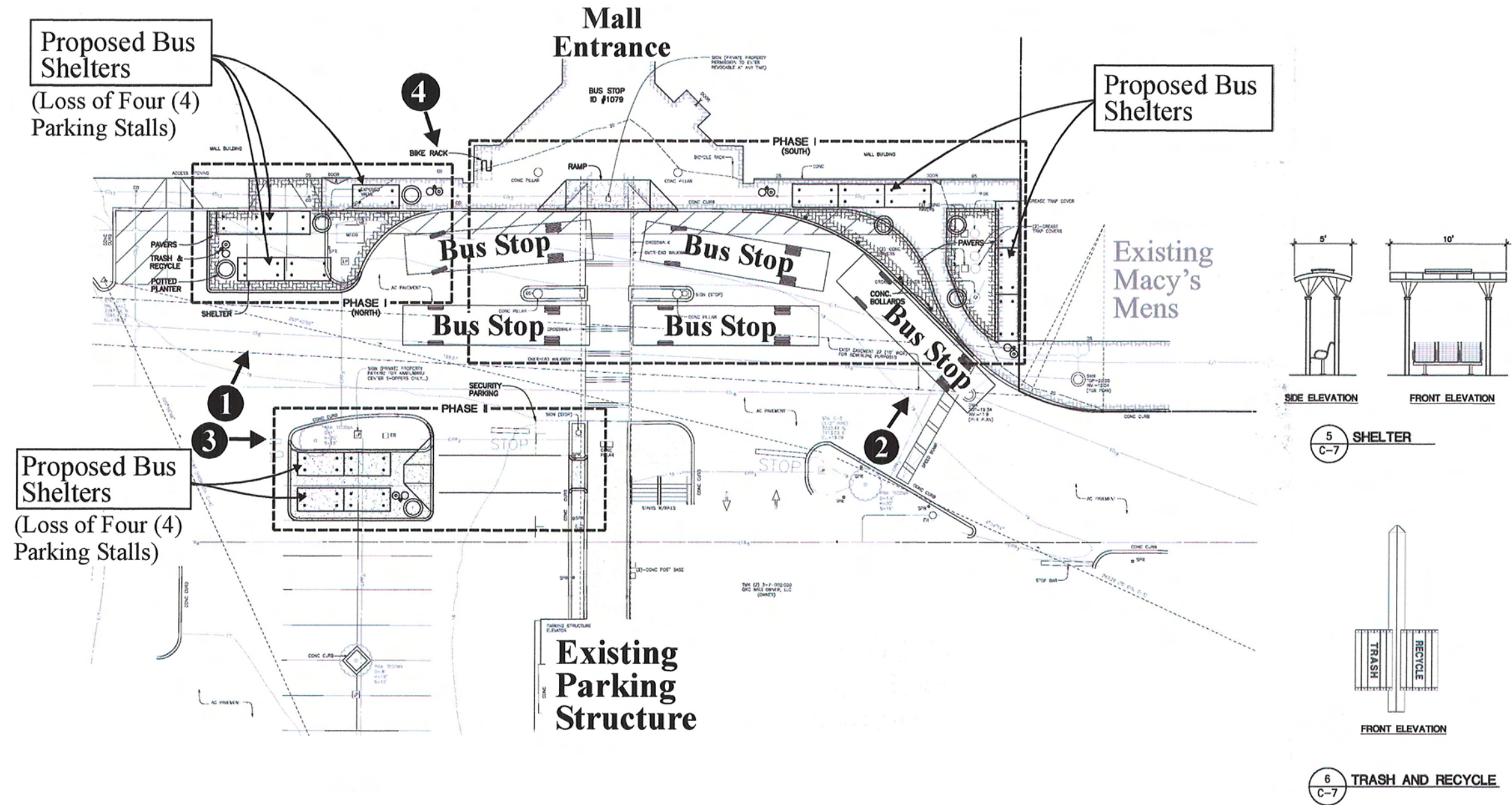
C. REGULATORY CONTEXT

1. Chapter 343, Hawaii Revised Statutes

As previously noted, the proposed project will involve the commitment of County funds which is a trigger to Chapter 343, Hawaii Revised Statutes. As such, an Environmental Assessment (EA) has been prepared pursuant to Chapter 200 of Title 11, Department of Health Administrative Rules, Environmental Impact Statement Rules. Accordingly, this document addresses the project's technical characteristics, environmental impacts and alternatives, and advances findings and conclusions relative to the significance of the proposed action. The County of Maui, DOT will serve as the approving agency for the EA.

2. Special Management Area

The subject property is located within the limits of the County of Maui's Special Management Area (SMA). Accordingly, an application for a SMA Use Permit has



1 PHOTOGRAPH



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Source: Ronald M. Fukumoto Engineering, Inc.

Figure 3

**Proposed Bus Stop at Queen
Ka'ahumanu Center Bus Transfer Center
Site Plan**

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been prepared for review and action by the Maui Planning Commission. The application for a SMA Use Permit was filed with the County of Maui, Department of Planning on October 6, 2009.

D. PROJECT COSTS AND SCHEDULE

The estimated construction cost for the proposed improvements is approximately \$600,000.00. Construction of the proposed improvements will commence upon the receipt of all necessary regulatory permits and approvals and upon project funding.

The proposed improvements will be constructed in one phase and is estimated to take approximately 90 days.

**II. DESCRIPTION OF
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II. DESCRIPTION OF THE EXISTING ENVIRONMENT, POTENTIAL IMPACTS AND MITIGATION MEASURES

A. PHYSICAL SETTING

1. Surrounding Land Uses

a. Existing Conditions

The Queen Kaahumanu Shopping Center is located in Kahului, the island of Maui's center of commerce. Kahului is home to Kahului Harbor, the island's only deep water port, and the Kahului Airport, the second busiest airport in the State. With its proximity to the harbor and airport, the Kahului region has emerged as the focal point for heavy industrial, light industrial and commercial activities and services. These services include warehousing, baseyard operations, automotive sales and maintenance, and retailing for equipment and materials suppliers. The region is considered Central Maui's commercial retailing center with the Queen Kaahumanu Center (the location of the project site), the Maui Mall, and the Kahului Shopping Center, all located within close proximity to one another.

Surrounding this commercial core is an expansive residential area comprised principally of single-family residential units. Residential uses encompass the area extending from the Maui Memorial Medical Center to Puunene Avenue.

The existing project site, located within the Queen Kaahumanu Shopping Center, is currently utilized by the County of Maui Maui Bus operations as the main hub of the county bus system. The bus transfer center is located in a relatively central portion of the shopping center property and covers an area of approximately 8,500 sq. ft.

Access to the shopping center is provided via Kaahumanu Avenue, Wakea Avenue, and Kane Street. However, the Maui Bus accesses the site only from Wakea Avenue (via Kea Street) and the shopping center's driveway across

from Onehee Street.

To the immediate north of the project site is Kaahumanu Avenue. Further north, beyond Kaahumanu Avenue are the Harbor Lights apartments, a multi-family residential development, Maui Community College, and the Kahului Harbor. To the west and south of the project site lies a vast expanse of single-family residences and to the east are other commercial and industrialized areas of Kahului.

b. Potential Impacts and Mitigation Measures

The proposed action involves improvements to the existing bus transfer center located at Queen Kaahumanu Shopping Center. The project site is located within a central portion of the shopping center site and is surrounded by the retail outlets, including Macy's Mens, as well as the existing four (4) story parking structure and paved parking lot. The proposed project will not increase the number of buses that will be able to utilize the transfer center, but will improve the safety and convenience of the transit center. Presently, the DOT does not anticipate a change in the near future to routing and scheduling of buses utilizing the bus transfer center at the Queen Kaahumanu Shopping Center. As previously noted, the DOT wishes to secure additional routes in the future as passenger ridership is anticipated to increase. This, however, is largely governed by financing and is not likely to occur in the near to mid-term time horizon. Given the availability of parking, suitable access to the site and the compatibility with shopping center operations, adverse impacts to surrounding land uses are not anticipated as a result of project implementation.

2. Climate

a. Existing Conditions

Like most areas of Hawaii, Maui's climate is relatively uniform year-round. Characteristic of Hawaii's climate, the project site experiences mild and uniform temperatures year round, moderate humidity and a relatively consistent northeasterly tradewind. Variation in climate on the island is largely left to local terrain.

Average temperatures at the project site (based on temperatures recorded at Kahului Airport) range from lows in the 60's to highs in the 80's. August is historically the warmest month, while January and February are the coolest. Rainfall at the project site averages approximately 20 inches per year. Winds in the Kahului region are predominantly out of the north and northeast (Maui County Databook 2007).

b. Potential Impacts and Mitigation Measures

The proposed project is not anticipated to adversely affect climatic conditions in the area.

3. Topography and Soil Characteristics

a. Existing Conditions

The Queen Kaahumanu Shopping Center is located on Maui's flat central isthmus ranging in elevations from 8 feet to 50 feet above mean sea level (AMSL). As the project site is a developed property, elevations are relatively uniform. There are no significant topographical constraints within the project site.

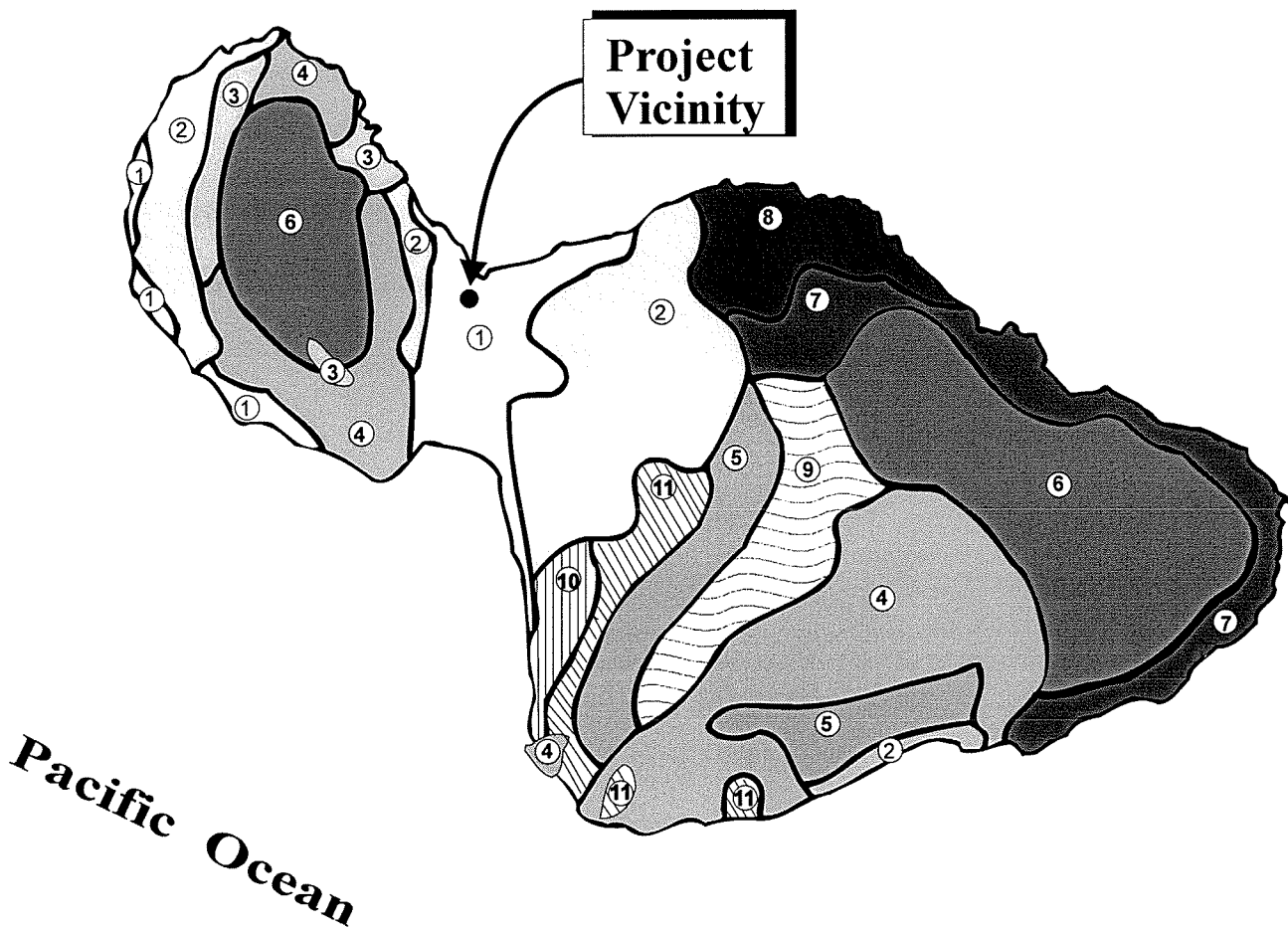
Underlying the project site and surrounding lands are soils belonging to the Pulehu-Ewa-Jaucas association. See **Figure 4**. This soil association is characteristically deep and well-drained, as well as located on alluvial fans and in basins. The soil type specific to the project site is of the Puuone Series, Puuone Sand classification (PZUE). See **Figure 5**. PZUE soils predominate in the Kahului region and are typified by a sandy surface layer underlain by cemented sand.

b. Potential Impacts and Mitigation Measures

The proposed improvements will not result in significant ground altering activities or major changes to existing topographical conditions. Grading activities associated with the improvements will be completed in accordance with Chapter 20.08, Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control of the Maui County Code and, as applicable, the permit requirements of the State of Hawaii, Department of Health and the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES). Adverse impacts to topography and soil

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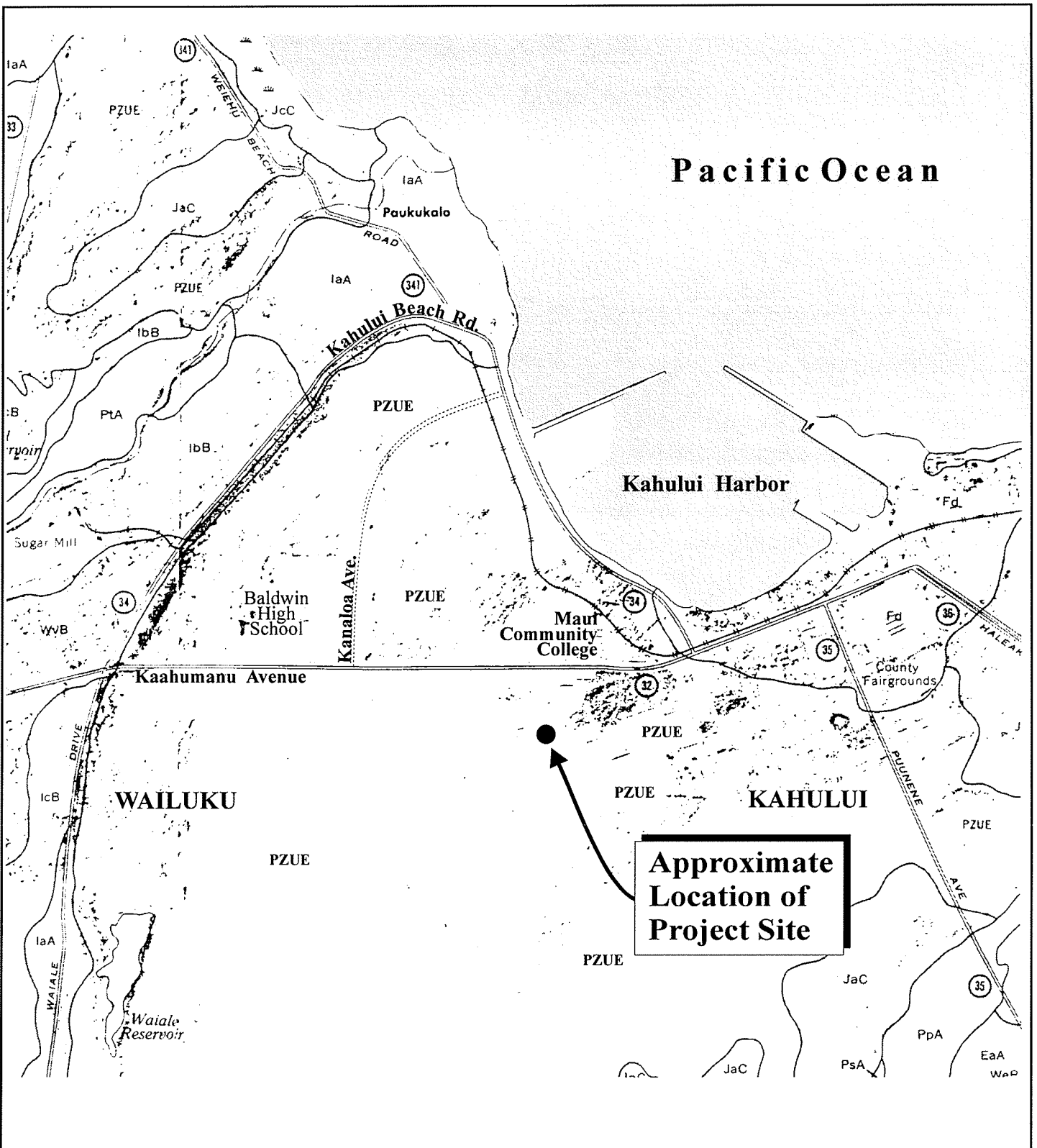


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Figure 4 Proposed Improvements to Queen Kaahumanu Shopping Center
 Bus Transfer Center
 Soil Association Map

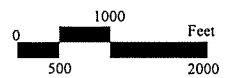
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Figure 5 Proposed Improvements to Queen Kaahumanu Shopping Center
 Bus Transfer Center
 Soils Classifications Map



conditions in the vicinity of the project site are not anticipated as a result of project implementation. The project site has previously been extensively altered for the development of the shopping center.

4. Flood and Tsunami Hazard

a. Existing Conditions

According to the Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) for the region issued by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the project site is located within Zone “X”. Zone “X” are areas determined to be outside of 0.2 percent annual chance flood plain. See **Figure 6**.

The project site is located within the tsunami evacuation zone. The tsunami evacuation area boundaries are based on 100 years of historical tsunami data. The boundaries often extended inland to the nearest identifiable location, such as a road. In this case, the tsunami evacuation zone is defined by S. Wakea Avenue.

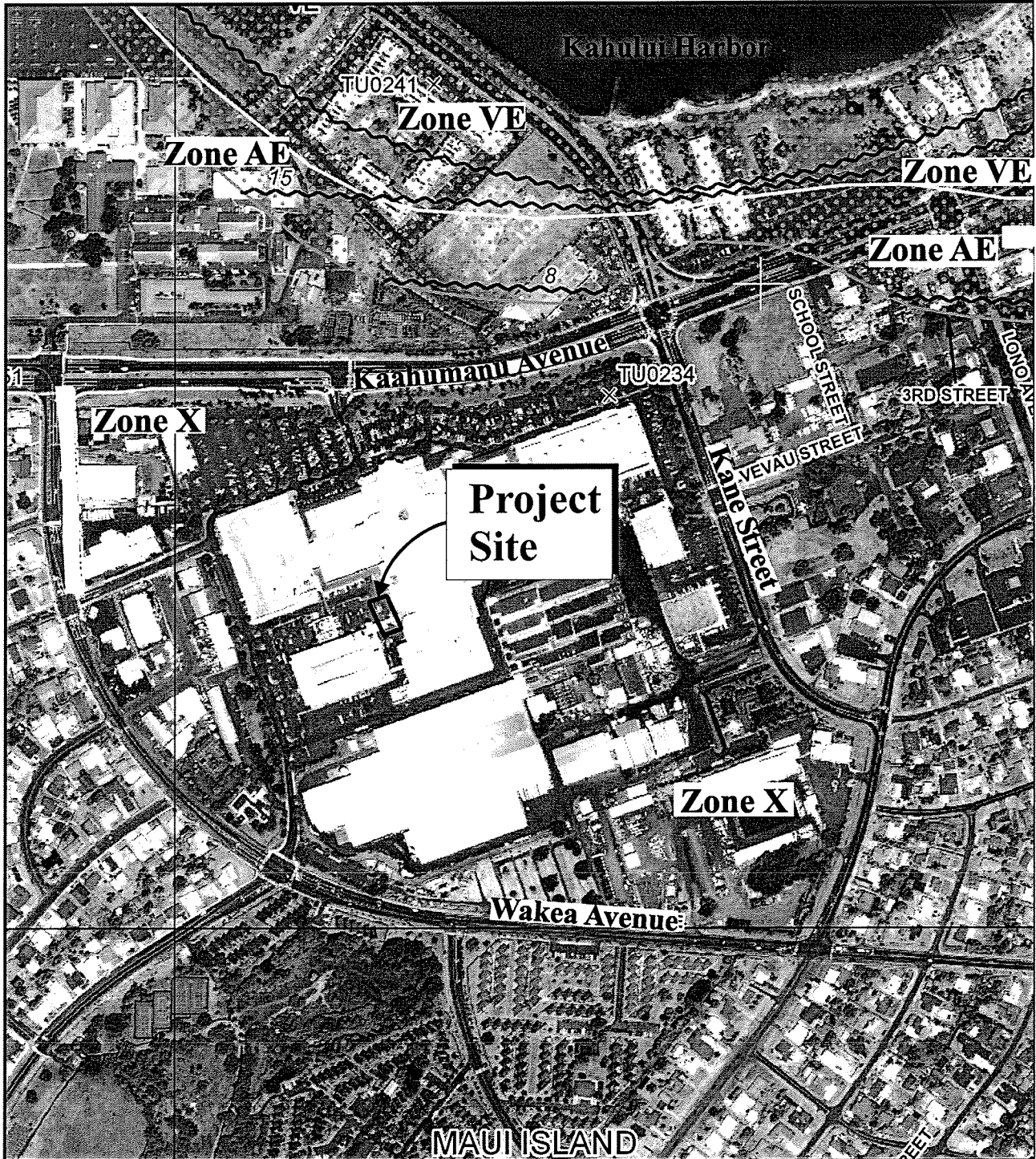
b. Potential Impacts and Mitigation Measures

The subject property is located within flood zone Zone “X”, areas determined to be outside the 0.2 percent annual chance flood plain. There are no habitable structures proposed as part of the project scope. Additionally, there are no development restrictions for Zone “X”. The proposed project will not alter flood hazard conditions at or around the subject parcel.

5. Flora, Fauna and Avifauna

a. Existing Conditions

Surrounding the project site is the urbanized center of Kahului. Areas that surround the project site are characteristic of the urban nature of Kahului. The shopping center grounds are landscaped with palm trees and other shade trees, ground cover, and other introduced species of vegetation. There is currently no vegetation on the developed portion of the project site. There are no known rare, endangered or threatened species of flora within the project site.



Source: Federal Emergency Management Agency
 Firm Map Number 1500030392E

Figure 6

Proposed Improvements to Queen
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 Flood Insurance Rate Map



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Fauna and avifauna within the project site are also characteristic of urban areas. Fauna typically found in the vicinity include mongoose, rats, dogs and cats. Avifauna typically include mynas, several types of doves, and house sparrows. There are no rare, endangered, or threatened species of fauna or avifauna found at the project site.

b. Potential Impacts and Mitigation Measures

There are no known significant habitats or rare, endangered or threatened species of flora, fauna, and avifauna located within the project site. There are no streams or wetlands located within the project site. The proposed action is, therefore, not anticipated to have an adverse impact upon environmental features.

6. Archaeological Resources

a. Existing Conditions

The project area has been extensively altered in the past for the construction of the existing Queen Kaahumanu Shopping Center.

An archaeological field inspection of the project site was conducted by Xamanek Researches, LLC on March 30, 2009 and April 7, 2009. The report documenting the inspection was completed on April 10, 2009. See **Appendix "A"**. The report notes that the bus stop located at the Queen Kaahumanu Shopping Center lies in a paved parking lot that is covered in concrete and asphalt. The report also notes that the area was previously disturbed by the construction of the shopping center.

b. Potential Impacts and Mitigation Measures

The project site for the proposed project involves lands which have been extensively modified.

However, given that the existing bus transfer center is located in an area that contains sand dune deposits and, therefore, an area that is potentially culturally sensitive, precautionary archaeological monitoring has been recommended for improvements for the project that involve subsurface

excavation activities. The archaeological field inspection report concludes that archaeological monitoring is the most appropriate mitigation for the project. A monitoring plan has been developed for the proposed project and approved by the State Historic Preservation Division. See **Appendix “B”** and **Appendix “B-1”**.

Archaeological monitoring will be carried-out during construction of the proposed bus transfer center improvements. Should human osteological material or other cultural remains be uncovered during construction activities, applicable procedures to ensure compliance with Chapter 6E, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), will be followed.

7. **Cultural Impact Assessment**

a. **Cultural Assessment**

To assess cultural impacts associated with the proposed project, interviews were conducted with two (2) Maui residents: Sam Kobayashi and Leslie Kuloloio. Summaries of the interviews are presented below:

Interview with Sam Kobayashi

The interview with Sam Kobayashi took place on July 17, 2009 at his home in Hale Mahaolu Akahi in Kahului, Hawaii, just across the street from the Queen Kaahumanu Shopping Center.

Sam Kobayashi sits at his white kitchen table, telling of his stories growing up on Maui. Although this is the first time we have met, Sam has welcomed me in his home as though we have been friends for years. Looking at Mr. Kobayashi, one can tell he has a unique tallness about him: there is something about his posture that conveys this. I am not surprised to learn, when I ask, that he once stood at 6 ‘ 1”.

Sam was born on August 1, 1926 in Honokahua, Lahaina to Kisaku Kobayashi and Ishi Yoneyama. His father, Kisaku, came to Maui as a young man and his mother, Ishi came to the island as a picture bride to his father. A photo of his parents, their marriage certificate, and

their family crests sit on the top shelf in his living room. Other family photos decorate the remaining shelves and walls in his living room. Of these are several photos of Sam's only grandchild: his granddaughter who lives on Oahu.

As the oldest son, Sam began working right after graduating from high school. Sam graduated early at sixteen – he, in part, attributes his early graduation to his love for reading and to the principal of the school who decided that Sam would skip a grade. Sam Kobayashi first began his career in the pineapple industry when he started working for Baldwin Packers as a laborer in the pineapple fields. Looking at him today, his smooth skin (and black hair) tells a different story – it's hard to believe Mr. Kobayashi is 83 years old. Sam remembers that the hardest job was planting. He called it “piece work” – where you were paid by the number of pieces you planted. After time, Sam began working his way up in the company: first as a boom operator on a pineapple picking machine and ultimately becoming the Warehouse Department Head where many operational problems and business deals were discussed over “three martini lunches”. His time working for Baldwin Packers was interrupted by his time spent on Oahu when he attended and graduated from the Hawaii School of Accounting and his service in the Korean War.

When Baldwin Packers' cannery in Lahaina closed in 1962, Mr. Kobayashi was offered a job as the Label Line Supervisor at the Maui Pineapple Cannery in Kahului. There, Sam supervised the division which packaged the labeling on the pineapple cans. When Baldwin Packers closed, all employee positions were evaluated and any possibility of relocating those employees to the cannery in Kahului was explored. Sam explains the circumstances that arose as “bumping”. He explains that while not every job could be saved – someone who was working in the cannery for Baldwin Packers may have been able to get a job in the cannery in Kahului by “bumping” another person's position. Mr. Kobayashi humbly goes on to explain that although he was the Warehouse Department Head in Lahaina, the Warehouse Department Head at the cannery in Kahului was a “really smart guy” – someone Mr. Kobayashi couldn't “bump” at the time he

transferred. However, Sam was eventually promoted to the position of Warehouse Department Head where he remained until he retired on January 1, 1989. He was with Maui Pineapple Company and Baldwin Packers for 46 years.

Mr. Kobayashi described the once undeveloped site of the now existing Queen Kaahumanu Shopping Center as “kiawe trees and sand dunes.” Unlike now, Sam explains, “people then didn’t worry about bones in the sand.” Mr. Kobayashi said that he cannot remember the presence of bones in the area, but not to say there were none. Sam explains that nowadays the treatment of bones is very different compared to just a few decades ago.

When asked if he knew of any cultural practices that have occurred or are presently occurring at the site, he said he personally knows of none.

Mr. Kobayashi suggested that “like anything new,” the proposed project should be “designed with a Hawaiian style.” He adds, the design elements of the proposed bus shelters should reflect a Hawaiiana theme. Mr. Kobayashi tells me he often rides the Maui Bus, as there are two (2) bus stops in the area of Hale Mahaolu. He explains that because there is not much to do at home, he enjoys taking the bus every other day or so. He adds that a lot of people ride the bus and that the bus is equipped for passengers with scooters, bicycles, and wheelchairs. Mr. Kobayashi tells me the project would make the bus transfer center at Queen Kaahumanu Shopping Center a more comfortable place for passengers.

Interview with Leslie Kuloloio

Mr. Leslie Kuloloio believes in protecting our cultural resources and managing those resources wisely: “If we don’t take care, slowly our cultures will sweep away into the cracks – making it hard to reach.” Mr. Kuloloio is grateful for all the cultural values which have blended together and that have taught him what it is to be from Maui. The interview with Leslie Kuloloio took place in the office of Munekiyo

& Hiraga, Inc. on August 10, 2009.

Mr. Kuloloio was born in Paia, on the island of Maui, to a traditional sugar and pineapple plantation family. “Uncle Les”, as he is commonly referred to, was brought up in the 1940s, educated at Holy Rosary and later St. Anthony School. He recalls that the 40’s and 50’s were the most important part of Hawaii’s history, as he witnessed Hawaii grow and change with the passing of World War II and the establishment of Hawaii as the fiftieth state.

Mr. Kuloloio explained the importance of transportation in its broadest sense, explaining that it has changed since the ancient trails of old Hawaii where the *alanui* or roadways and traditional King’s Trails connected all parts of Maui. Mr. Kuloloio believes in continuing to give care to our future generations by addressing their transportation needs while keeping their safety in mind. He hopes his testimony and contribution, no matter how small, or how large, will make the youngest child and the oldest elder or *kupuna* comfortable going to and from their places of need. His *mana`o*, he explained, is to support the best there is for the people of Maui.

As Mr. Kuloloio began to delve into his memories of childhood, he remembered catching the old plantation trailer-bus with his mom in 1946 to pick up butter at the old Kahului intersection of Puunene Avenue and Kaahumanu Avenue. The plantation trailer-bus, Mr. Kuloloio explained, was a mode of transport during the plantation era. It took plantation workers who lived in Paia to Kahului and back for various needs. During this time the railroad tracks were heavily occupied, Mr. Kuloloio elaborated, transporting sugar and produce to and from several towns on the island. Also, there were the Ohua transport buses which were introduced during this same period. The buses offered another means of transportation to Maui’s plantation residents. Mr. Kuloloio described that transportation routes have changed since the time of old Hawaii as well as since the time of the plantations. He mused that these transportation routes will continue to change, as it is part of the process of growth on the island.

In the mid 1950's "Dream City" in Kahului became available to the plantation community. For the most part, Mr. Kuloloio explained, it was the first opportunity for land acquisition for plantation workers in an area that was not centered around agricultural activities. He went on to elaborate that it was the first time there was a mass exodus of the plantation workers living in plantation camps to another area which could be privately owned.

Mr. Kuloloio went on to offer, "I am grateful and charged with the *kuleana* of working with the findings of unrecorded historical data of *na iwi o kupuna* beneath the central sand dunes and shifting sands of Maui. The Kahului site is an already recorded part of Maui's history made available to creative research and summary. A continuous ethical and cultural partnership with our different citizens and elders will be a contributing benefit to the knowledge for changes such as the new proposed bus stop at Queen Kaahumanu Shopping Center." Mr. Kuloloio added that the information he was sharing during the interview is open to other interpretations of history. He acknowledged that what he was sharing was his own personal opinions and beliefs, and noted the many historical records on file with the State Historic Preservation Division. He added that he is, but one of many cultural informants on Maui. When speaking of his research working with ancient Hawaiian burials, his understanding and knowledge of pre-contact and post-contact eras of Hawaii, as well as the availability of archival documents to the public, Mr. Kuloloio said, "I am sure that Maui's history will continue to flourish and empower old and new beginnings."

In closing, Mr. Kuloloio offered the following "The proposed improvements to Queen Kaahumanu Shopping Center's bus stop will also be part of my heart's desire and hope to service Maui's residents, visitors, families of the world and especially our community of those less fortunate and disabled."

b. Potential Impacts and Mitigation Measures

The interviews with Sam Kobayashi and Leslie Kuloloio did not reveal any current cultural activities, including gathering, access, or other customary

activities occurring on the subject property. As previously noted, the project site has been developed as the Queen Kaahumanu Shopping Center since 1973. All proposed improvements to the existing bus transfer center will occur within a portion of the property that has been previously disturbed and is presently developed and operating as a transfer center for the Maui Bus.

Further, the results of the archaeological field inspection for the project site confirmed that the area has been previously disturbed for construction of the existing shopping center. The proposed project is not anticipated to adversely impact cultural practices, beliefs and features.

Notwithstanding, should there be unanticipated finds of archaeological significance, including human burials, appropriate protocols will be implemented in accordance with procedures established by the State Historic Preservation Division and the Maui/Lanai Islands Burial Council.

8. Air Quality

a. Existing Conditions

Air quality in the Wailuku-Kahului region is considered good as emissions from point sources (e.g., Maui Electric Company's power plant and Hawaiian Commercial and Sugar Company's sugar mill) and non-point sources (e.g., automobile emissions) are not significant to generate problematic concentrations of pollutants. The relatively high quality of air can also be attributed to the region's constant exposure to winds which quickly disperse concentrations of emissions. This rapid dispersion is evident during burning of sugar cane in fields located to the southeast of the Kahului residential core.

b. Potential Impacts and Mitigation Measures

Air quality impacts attributed to the proposed project will include dust generated by short-term, construction-related activities. Site work such as grading, for example, will generate airborne particulates. Dust control measures, such as regular watering and sprinkling will be implemented as needed to minimize the potential for wind-blown emissions.

9. **Noise**

a. **Existing Conditions**

Traffic noise, as well as noise generated from shopping center operations, are the predominant sources of background noise in the vicinity of the proposed project. To the north, the Kahului Harbor activity, as well as aircraft landing at Kahului Airport may also add to the background noise levels in the surrounding region.

b. **Potential Impacts and Mitigation Measures**

As with air quality, ambient noise conditions in the short term will be impacted by construction activities. Construction equipment, such as front end loaders and materials-carrying trucks and trailers, would be the dominant source of noise during the site construction period. To aid in the mitigation of construction noise impacts upon surrounding uses, construction activities will be conducted during daylight hours only.

After construction, noise levels associated with the bus stop services will be limited to the regular hours of operation and for short intervals as patrons embark on and disembark from the bus. The bus stop services will not conflict with the shopping center operations, but instead will compliment one another as bus patrons are anticipated to also be customers of the shopping center. As such, it is anticipated that the proposed project will not generate adverse noise conditions on a long-term basis.

10. **Visual Resources**

a. **Existing Conditions**

Scenic resources to the west of the Queen Kaahumanu Shopping Center include the Iao Valley and the West Maui Mountains and to the east is Haleakala. To the north lies the Kahului Harbor and the Pacific Ocean. The existing transfer center, however, is located within a relatively central portion of the shopping center property and is surrounded by a four (4) story parking structure, parking lot, and the center's retail outlets.

b. Potential Impacts and Mitigation Measures

The proposed project is located within a relatively central portion of the shopping center's property limits and will not encroach into view corridors toward the shoreline.

The proposed project involves the installation of fifteen (15) new bus shelters with seating and lighting, trash and recycle bins, bike racks, curbs, sidewalks, asphalt work, concrete bollards, re-striping/markings, landscaping (potted plants), and the provision of a larger ramp to accommodate bus patrons. The tallest proposed structure, the proposed bus shelters, will be approximately nine (9) feet in height. Further, the project site is surrounded by existing shopping center structures, including the four (4) story parking structure, paved parking lot and various retail outlets. The project site does not lie on the outskirts of the property. As such, adverse impacts to visual resources in the area are not anticipated.

11. Use of Chemical Fertilizers

a. Existing Conditions

The proposed project area is currently utilized as a bus transfer center by the County of Maui and is located within a developed and paved portion of the existing Queen Kaahumanu Shopping Center. Chemicals and fertilizers are not used in the maintenance of the project site, as the site is paved and not landscaped.

b. Potential Impacts and Mitigation Measures

Landscaping for the proposed improvements to the bus transfer center will be limited to potted plants. Use of fertilizers and herbicides are not anticipated to be used for plant maintenance purposes at the site. As such, no adverse effects to surface, underground, and marine resources are anticipated with implementation of the proposed project.

B. SOCIO-ECONOMIC ENVIRONMENT

1. Population

a. Existing Conditions

The population of the County of Maui has exhibited relatively strong growth over the past decade. The 2000 population was 128,241, a 27.7 percent increase over the 1990 population of 100,374 (U.S. Census, 2000). The 2007 population was estimated at 141,902. The resident population for the year 2010 is projected to be 151,300 and 162,600 in 2015 (Maui County Data Book 2008).

The 1990 population of the Wailuku-Kahului region was 32,816, while in the year 2000 the population increased to 41,503 (County of Maui, 2006). By the year 2010, population of the region is projected to increase to 51,312 and 55,957 by 2015 (County of Maui, 2006).

b. Potential Impacts and Mitigation Measures

The bus transfer center is an existing operation at the Queen Kaahumanu Shopping Center in central Kahului. As previously noted, the DOT does not presently anticipate any changes to routing and scheduling of buses utilizing the bus transfer center in the near future. The proposed project is not considered to be a significant population generator and is not anticipated to have an adverse impact on population parameters.

2. Economy

a. Existing Conditions

The Kahului region is the island's center of commerce. Combined with the neighboring town of Wailuku, the region's economic character encompasses a broad range of commercial, service, and governmental activities. In addition, the region is surrounded by significant acreage in sugar cane cultivation. The vast expanse of agricultural land, managed by Hawaiian Commercial & Sugar (HC&S) is considered a key component of the local economy.

b. Potential Impacts and Mitigation Measures

On a short-term basis, the proposed action is anticipated to have a positive effect during the construction phase of development as expenditures for construction and related support services are made.

From a long-term perspective, the proposed project will improve an existing public transportation facility. Upon project completion, it is anticipated that the proposed improvements will have a positive effect upon the transfer center by improving accessibility, convenience, and safety of the site. This is anticipated to have a beneficial impact on bus ridership and, therefore, on the patronage of the shopping center. This type of commercial activity will provide benefits to both the County of Maui and the vendors within Queen Kaahumanu Shopping Center.

C. PUBLIC SERVICES

1. Recreational Facilities

a. Existing Conditions

The Wailuku-Kahului region encompasses a full range of recreational opportunities, including shoreline and boating activities at the Kahului Harbor and adjoining beach parks, and individual and organized athletic activities offered at numerous County parks and the War Memorial Complex. The Queen Kaahumanu Shopping Center is in close proximity to the Keopuolani Park, the Kahului Community Center, the Maui Arts and Cultural Center, the County's Kanaha Beach Park and Iao Valley State Park.

b. Potential Impacts and Mitigation Measures

The bus transfer center located at Queen Kaahumanu Shopping Center is an existing use on the property. The proposed project is not anticipated to adversely impact the existing level of recreational facilities available to Maui County residents. In fact, the proposed project may provide positive impacts, as public transportation will be improved and may provide improved public mobility to various recreational facilities in the area.

2. Police and Fire Protection

a. Existing Conditions

Police protection for the Wailuku-Kahului region is provided by the County Police Department headquartered on Mahalani Street, located less than a mile from the project site. The region is served by the Department's Central Maui patrol. In addition, privately funded shopping center security is provided at the site.

Fire prevention, suppression, and protection services for the Wailuku-Kahului region is provided by the County Department of Fire and Public Safety's Wailuku Station, located in Wailuku Town, less than 2 miles from the site. In addition, portions of the shopping center are within the 2.0 mile service radius of the Kahului Station located on Dairy Road.

b. Potential Impacts and Mitigation Measures

Police and fire protection services are not expected to be adversely impacted by the proposed project as the bus transfer center is an existing operation at the Queen Kaahumanu Shopping Center. The project will not extend existing service area limits for emergency services.

3. Solid Waste

a. Existing Conditions

Single-family residential solid waste collection service is provided by the County of Maui on a weekly basis. Residential solid waste collected by County crews are disposed at the County's Central Maui Landfill, located 4.0 miles southeast of the Kahului Airport. In addition to County-collected refuse, the Central Maui Landfill accepts commercial waste from private collection companies. Refuse collection for the shopping center is provided by a private collection company.

b. Potential Impacts and Mitigation Measures

As applicable, a solid waste management plan will be developed in coordination with the Solid Waste Division of the County Department of

Environmental Management for the disposal of construction waste material generated by the project. Construction specifications will direct the contractor to dispose of solid wastes generated during construction in accordance with County and State solid waste management requirements.

As part of the project scope, improvements to the existing bus transfer center includes the provision of trash and recycle bins. Once the project is completed, solid waste will be handled by a private refuse collection company. The solid waste generated by the bus transfer center is not anticipated to significantly impact the solid waste capacity of the County's Central Maui Landfill.

4. Health Care

a. Existing Conditions

Maui Memorial Medical Center, the only major medical facility on the island, services the Wailuku-Kahului region. Acute, general and emergency care services are provided by the approximately 201-bed facility. In addition, numerous privately operated medical/dental clinics and offices are located in the area to serve the region's residents.

b. Potential Impacts and Mitigation Measures

The proposed project is not anticipated to increase the service demands placed upon emergency health care services.

5. Schools

a. Existing Conditions

The Wailuku-Kahului region is served by the State Department of Education's public school system as well as several privately operated schools accommodating elementary, intermediate and high school students. Department of Education facilities in the Kahului area include Pomaikai, Lihikai and Kahului Schools (Grades K-5), Maui Waena Intermediate School (Grades 6-8), and Maui High School (Grades 9-12). Existing facilities in the Wailuku area include Wailuku Elementary School (Grades K-5), Iao Intermediate School (Grades 6-8), and Baldwin High School (Grades 9-12).

b. Potential Impacts and Mitigation Measures

The proposed project is not considered a population generator. As such, it is not anticipated to adversely affect enrollments or locations of educational facilities.

D. INFRASTRUCTURE

1. Roadways

a. Existing Conditions

The Wailuku-Kahului region is served by a roadway network which includes arterial, collector and local roads. Existing roadways in the vicinity of the project site include Kaahumanu Avenue, the principal linkage between Wailuku and Kahului, Kahului Beach Road, Wakea Avenue, Kane Street, Kea Street, and Onehee Street. Access to the shopping center is located off of Kaahumanu Avenue, Kane Street, and Wakea Avenue.

b. Potential Impacts and Mitigation Measures

Although access to the shopping center is located off of Kaahumanu Avenue, Kane Street and Wakea Avenue, the Maui Bus will only utilize the access points off of Wakea Avenue. The Maui Bus will continue to access the site via Kea Street and the Queen Kaahumanu Shopping Center's driveway off of Wakea Avenue. The bus transfer center at the Queen Kaahumanu Shopping Center is an existing operation and use of the property. The proposed improvements will not increase the number of buses that can stop at the center at one time. The current configuration of the transfer center accommodates a total of five (5) buses to stop at the site. Following project completion, the number of buses that can be accommodated at the site will not change. Presently, the DOT does not anticipate any changes in the near future to routing and scheduling at the bus transfer center following project completion. However, in the long term the DOT wishes to secure additional routes as passenger ridership is anticipated to increase. This is largely governed by funding, however, and is not anticipated to occur in the near to mid-term time horizon. As the proposed improvements will not increase the number of buses stopping at the site at a single time and will not affect routing or scheduling, the proposed project is not anticipated to present any

significant adverse impacts on surrounding roadways.

With the build out of the proposed project, a total of eight (8) parking stalls will be removed at the Queen Kaahumanu Shopping Center to accommodate the proposed improvements to the existing bus transfer center. Currently, the Queen Kaahumanu Shopping Center provides a total of 2,858 stalls throughout various locations including its two (2) parking structures on the property. As a separate matter, the Queen Kaahumanu Shopping Center will coordinate with the Department of Planning, Zoning Administration and Enforcement Division to address parking requirements for the shopping center.

2. Wastewater

a. Existing Conditions

Domestic wastewater generated in the Wailuku-Kahului region is conveyed to the County's Wailuku-Kahului Wastewater Reclamation Facility located one-half mile south of Kahului Harbor. The design capacity of the facility is 7.9 million gallons per day (MGD). The facility serves the Kahului, Wailuku, Paia, Kuau and Spreckelsville areas. Cumulative allocated wastewater flows from the Kahului facility are approximately 6.6 MGD.

b. Potential Impacts and Mitigation Measures

Wastewater service has not been and will not be provided at the existing bus transfer center. The proposed project is not anticipated to impact existing wastewater services on the island.

3. Water

a. Existing Conditions

Domestic water for the Wailuku-Kahului region is provided by the Department of Water Supply's Central Maui System. The Central Maui System water sources are located on the windward slope of the West Maui Mountains. The major source of water for this system is the Iao Aquifer. Approximately 75 percent of the water to supply the Central Maui System is withdrawn from the Iao Aquifer which is located in the vicinity of the Iao

Stream and Waiehu Stream. The remaining 25 percent is withdrawn from Waihee Aquifer to the northwest. The sustainable yield of the Iao Aquifer is 20 million gallons per day (MGD).

b. Potential Impacts and Mitigation Measures

Water service has not been and will not be provided at the bus transfer center. The proposed project is not anticipated to adversely impact existing water systems in the Central Maui region.

4. Drainage

a. Existing Conditions

The project site is developed as the existing bus transfer center at the Queen Kaahumanu Shopping Center. A Utility and Drainage Assessment letter was prepared for the proposed project by Ronald M. Fukumoto Engineering, Inc. See **Appendix “C”**. According to the Utility and Drainage Assessment letter, the project site currently drains to a grated drain inlet in the parking lot. This grated drain inlet is located approximately 150 feet to the west of the project site.

b. Potential Impacts and Mitigation Measures

Drainage improvements are not proposed as part of the project. As noted in the Utility and Drainage Assessment letter, the proposed improvements to the existing bus transfer center will not increase storm water runoff because the site is already developed with paved surfaces.

5. Electrical and Telephone Services

a. Existing Conditions

Electrical service to the shopping center is provided by Maui Electric Company, Ltd. Telephone service is provided by Hawaiian Telcom.

b. Potential Impacts and Mitigation Measures

As part of the proposed project, lighting will be provided for the bus shelters as well as a surveillance system for safety purposes. Solar powered lighting

is also proposed and will be installed at appropriate locations. An extension of telephone lines to the site is presently not anticipated. The proposed project is not anticipated to significantly impact existing utility facilities and services.

E. CUMULATIVE AND SECONDARY IMPACTS

Cumulative impacts are defined as the impact on the environment which results from the incremental impact of an action when added to other past, present, and reasonably foreseeable future actions, regardless of what agency or person undertakes such other actions.

The proposed project is not part of a larger action, nor would it occur within the context of such actions. As such, there are no cumulative impacts associated with the proposed bus transfer center project.

Similar to cumulative impacts, secondary impacts are those which have the potential to occur later in time, but are still reasonably foreseeable. They can be viewed as actions of others that are taken because of the presence of the project.

Aside from the direct development impacts discussed in the previous sections of this chapter, significant secondary impacts are not anticipated as the proposed project will improve an existing bus transfer center. Notwithstanding, the proposed improvements will provide an improved venue for increasing bus ridership and attendant opportunities which will further improve bus scheduling and routing. This, however, is largely governed by funding and is not anticipated to occur in the near to mid-term time horizon. Secondary impacts associated with long-term increases in bus ridership is expected to have a positive effect on the County as public transit improves.

III. RELATIONSHIP TO GOVERNMENTAL PLANS, POLICIES AND CONTROLS

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A. STATE LAND USE DISTRICTS

Chapter 205, Hawaii Revised Statutes, relating to the Land Use Commission, establishes the four (4) major land use districts in which all lands in the State are placed. These districts are designated "Urban", "Rural", "Agricultural", and "Conservation". The subject property is located within the "Urban" district. See **Figure 7**. The proposed and continued use of the property to operate the existing bus transfer center at the Queen Kaahumanu Shopping Center is consistent with "Urban" district provisions.

B. MAUI COUNTY GENERAL PLAN

The Maui County General Plan (1990 Update) sets forth broad objectives and policies to help guide long-range development of the County. As stated in the Maui County Charter:

The general plan shall indicate desired population and physical development patterns for each island and region within the county; shall address the unique problems and needs of each island and region; shall explain opportunities and the social, economic, and environmental consequences related to potential developments; and shall set forth the desired sequence, patterns and characteristics of future developments. The general plan shall identify objectives to be achieved, and priorities, policies, and implementing actions to be pursued with respect to population density; land use maps, land use regulations, transportation systems, public and community facility locations, water and sewage systems, visitor destinations, urban design, and other matters related to development.

The proposed improvements to the existing bus transfer center are in keeping with the following objectives and policies of the Maui County General Plan:

Objective: To support an advanced and environmentally sensitive transportation system which will enable people and goods to move safely, efficiently and economically.

To develop a Maui County transportation system linked to land use

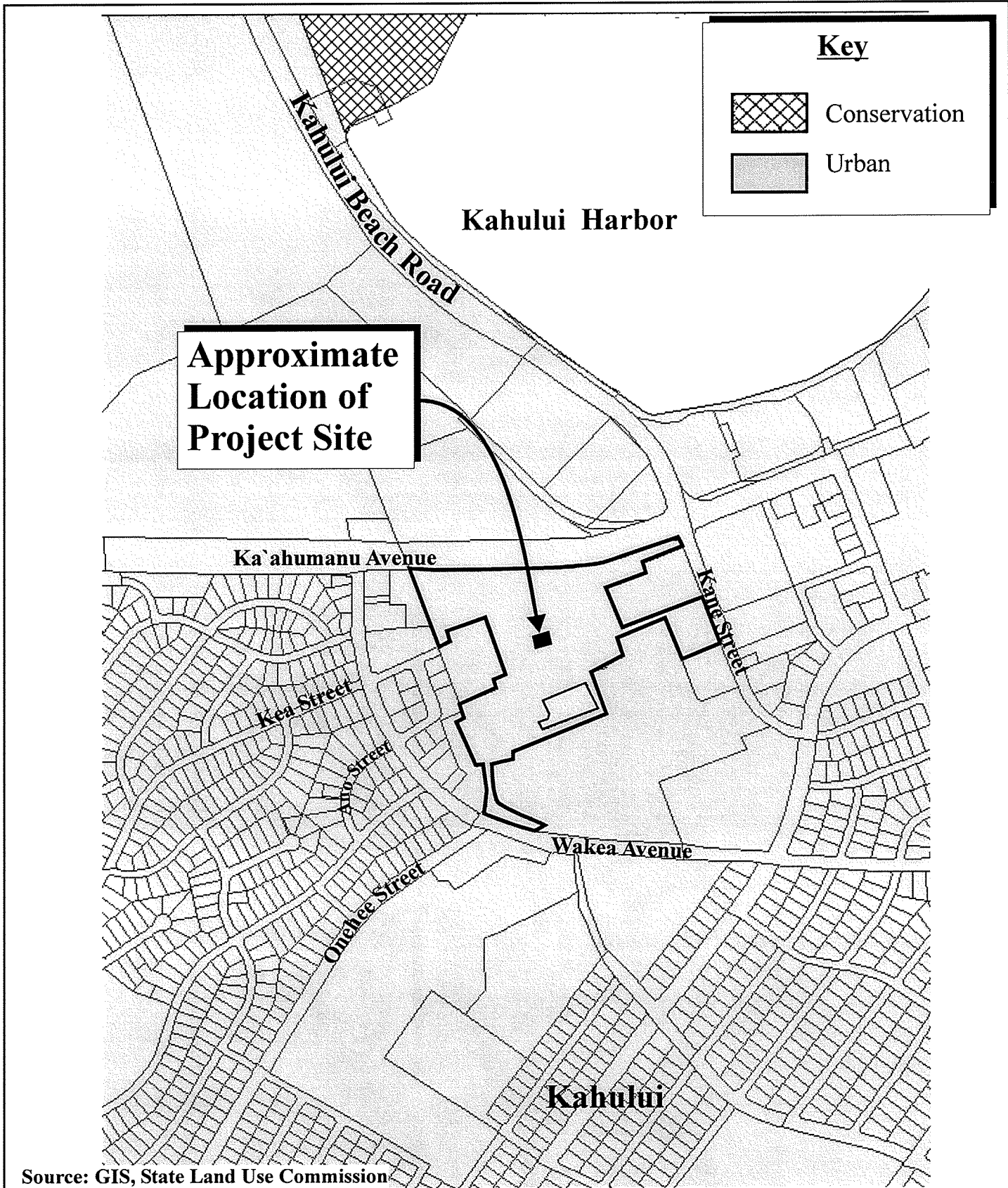


Figure 7

Proposed Improvements to Queen
Kaahumanu Shopping Center
Bus Transfer Center
State Land Use District Designations

NOT TO SCALE



planning that is less dependent on the automobile as its primary mode of moving people.

C. WAILUKU-KAHULUI COMMUNITY PLAN

The subject parcel is located in the Wailuku-Kahului Community Plan region which is one (1) of nine (9) Community Plan regions established in the County of Maui. Planning for each region is guided by the respective Community Plans, which are designed to implement the Maui County General Plan. Each Community Plan contains recommendations and standards which guide the sequencing, patterns and characteristics of future development in the region.

The Wailuku-Kahului Community Plan was adopted by the County of Maui through Ordinance No. 3061 which took effect on May 30, 2002.

Land use guidelines are set forth by the Wailuku-Kahului Community Plan Land Use Map. See **Figure 8**. The subject property is designated "B, Business/Commercial" and "H-1, Heavy Industrial" by the Community Plan.

The proposed project is consistent with the following goal, objectives and policies of the Wailuku-Kahului Community Plan:

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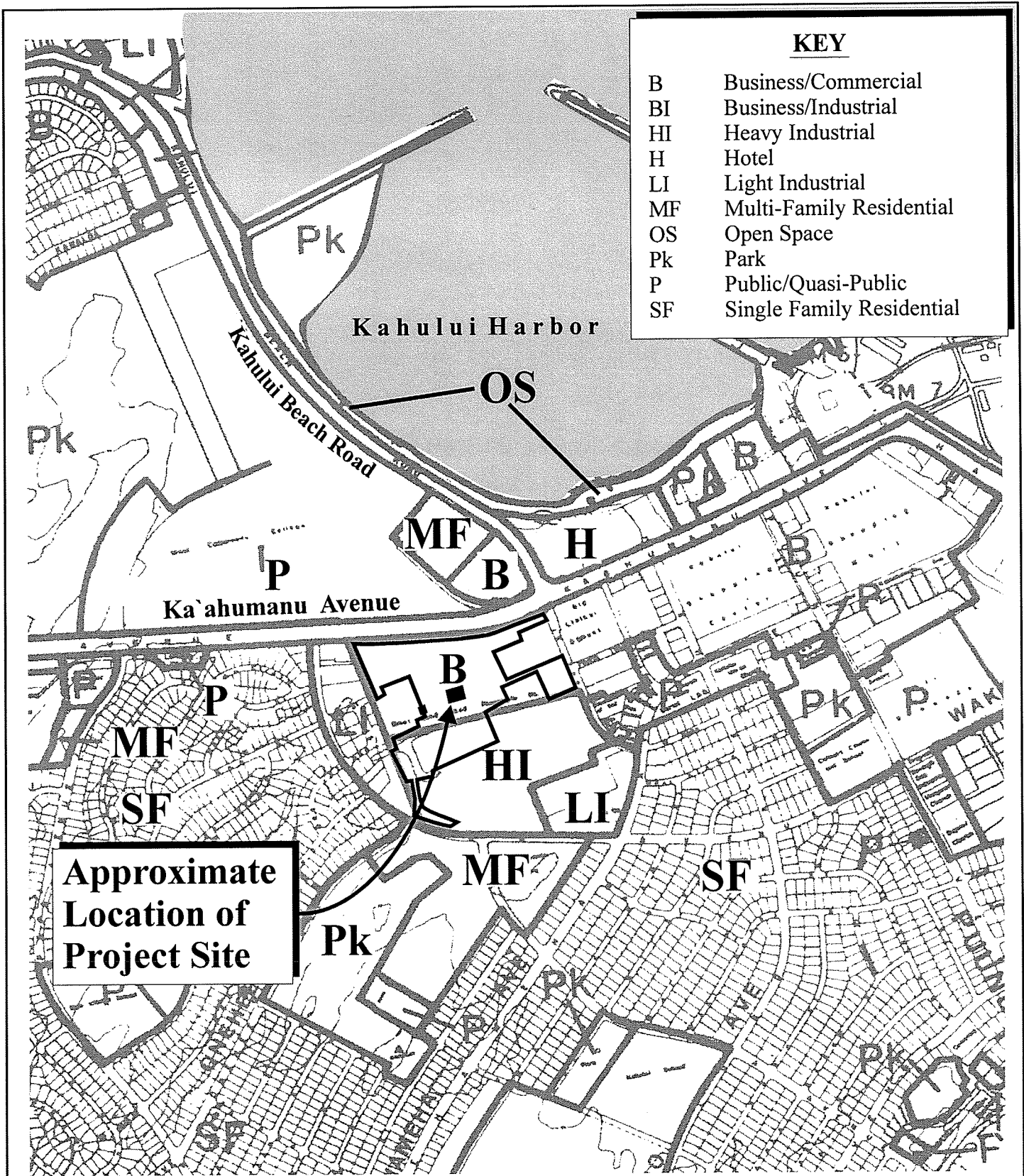
Objective and Policy:

Support public and private partnerships to fund the planning and construction of infrastructure.

TRANSPORTATION

Objective and Policy

Support private efforts to expand public transit service, with an emphasis on service to the Kahului Airport and Wailuku Civic Center. Future growth in population will warrant an expanded public transportation system.



Source: Wailuku-Kahului Community Plan Map

Figure 8 Proposed Improvements to Queen Kaahumanu Shopping Center Bus Transfer Center NOT TO SCALE
 Wailuku-Kahului Community Plan
 Land Use Designations



URBAN DESIGN

Objective and Policy for the Wailuku-Kahului Region in General

Maintain a design quality for commercial and public projects and large-scale master planned developments

Establish, expand and maintain parks, public facilities, and public shoreline areas.

D. ZONING

The subject property is zoned "M-2, Heavy Industrial" by Maui County zoning. The bus transfer center is an existing accessory use to the Queen Kaahumanu Shopping Center. The transfer center operates as the hub for the County of Maui, Maui Bus program and is a public use. The continued use of the property as the transfer center is consistent with uses permitted within the "M-2, Heavy Industrial" as the project is a public use that supports the DOT's Maui Bus operations.

E. SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREA OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES

The proposed project site is located within the County of Maui's Special Management Area (SMA). Pursuant to Chapter 205A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, and the Rules and Regulations of the Planning Commission of the County of Maui, projects located within the SMA are evaluated with respect to SMA objectives, policies and guidelines. This section addresses the project's relationship to applicable coastal zone management considerations, as set forth in Chapter 205A, HRS, and the Rules and Regulations of the Planning Commission.

1. Recreational Resources

Objective: Provide coastal recreational opportunities accessible to the public.

Policies:

- (A) Improve coordination and funding of coastal recreational planning and management; and
- (B) Provide adequate, accessible, and diverse recreational opportunities in the coastal zone management area by:

- (i) Protecting coastal resources uniquely suited for recreational activities that cannot be provided in other areas;
- (ii) Requiring replacement of coastal resources having significant recreational value including, but not limited to, surfing sites, fishponds, and sand beaches, when such resources will be unavoidably damaged by development; or requiring reasonable monetary compensation to the state for recreation when replacement is not feasible or desirable;
- (iii) Providing and managing adequate public access, consistent with conservation of natural resources, to and along shorelines with recreational value;
- (iv) Providing an adequate supply of shoreline parks and other recreational facilities suitable for public recreation;
- (v) Ensuring public recreational uses of county, state, and federally owned or controlled shoreline lands and waters having recreational value consistent with public safety standards and conservation of natural resources;
- (vi) Adopting water quality standards and regulating point and non-point sources of pollution to protect, and where feasible, restore the recreational value of coastal waters;
- (vii) Developing new shoreline recreational opportunities, where appropriate, such as artificial lagoons, artificial beaches, and artificial reefs for surfing and fishing; and
- (viii) Encouraging reasonable dedication of shoreline areas with recreational value for public use as part of discretionary approvals or permits by the land use commission, board of land and natural resources, and county authorities; and crediting such dedication against the requirements of Section 46-6, HRS.

Response: As the project site is not located along the shoreline, the proposed project will not affect coastal zone recreational opportunities. Accessibility to shoreline areas will not be adversely impacted by the proposed action. As previously noted, the proposed project would improve public transportation and will provide improved public mobility to various recreational facilities in the area.

2. Historic Resources

Objective: Protect, preserve and, where desirable, restore those natural and manmade historic and prehistoric resources in the coastal zone management area that are significant in Hawaiian and American history and culture.

Policies:

- (A) Identify and analyze significant archeological resources;
- (B) Maximize information retention through preservation of remains and artifacts or salvage operations; and
- (C) Support state goals for protection, restoration, interpretation, and display of historic resources.

Response: The site for the proposed improvements to the existing Queen Kaahumanu Shopping Center transfer center has been extensively altered through previous construction activities. An archaeological field inspection was completed for the proposed project. Refer to **Appendix “A”**. The proposed project is not anticipated to adversely affect significant historic or archaeological resources. Archaeological monitoring will be carried out during ground altering activities to ensure cultural and historic resources are not adversely impacted by the proposed project. Refer to **Appendix “B”**.

3. Scenic and Open Space Resources

Objective: Protect, preserve and, where desirable, restore or improve the quality of coastal scenic and open space resources.

Policies:

- (A) Identify valued scenic resources in the coastal zone management area;
- (B) Ensure that new developments are compatible with their visual environment by designing and locating such developments to minimize the alteration of natural landforms and existing public views to and along the shoreline;
- (C) Preserve, maintain, and, where desirable, improve and restore shoreline open space and scenic resources; and
- (D) Encourage those developments that are not coastal dependent to locate in

inland areas.

Response: The project site is located within the Queen Kaahumanu Shopping Center and is an existing use. The site is surrounded by the shopping center's facilities, including its four (4) story parking structure, paved parking lot, and retail outlets. The proposed project will not adversely impact scenic or open space resources. The proposed project will not involve significant alteration to the existing topographic character of the site and will not affect public views along the shoreline.

4. **Coastal Ecosystem**

Objective: Protect valuable coastal ecosystems, including reefs, from disruption and minimize adverse impacts on all coastal ecosystems.

Policies:

- (A) Improve the technical basis for natural resource management;
- (B) Preserve valuable coastal ecosystems, including reefs, of significant biological or economic importance;
- (C) Minimize disruption or degradation of coastal water ecosystems by effective regulation of stream diversions, channelization, and similar land and water uses, recognizing competing water needs; and
- (D) Promote water quantity and quality planning and management practices which reflect the tolerance of fresh water and marine ecosystems and prohibit land and water uses which violate state water quality standards.

Response: Best Management Practices (BMPs) will be implemented during the construction of the project to minimize the potential for disruption of coastal water ecosystems. The project site is located approximately 1/3 of a mile from the shoreline. Completion of the proposed project will not significantly disrupt or impact coastal ecosystems.

5. **Economic Use**

Objective: Provide public or private facilities and improvements important to the State's economy in suitable locations.

Policies:

- (A) Concentrate coastal dependent development in appropriate areas;
- (B) Ensure that coastal dependent development such as harbors and ports, and coastal related development such as visitor facilities and energy generating facilities, are located, designed, and constructed to minimize adverse social, visual, and environmental impacts in the coastal zone management area; and
- (C) Direct the location and expansion of coastal dependent developments to areas presently designated and used for such developments and permit reasonable long-term growth at such areas, and permit coastal dependent development outside of presently designated areas when:
 - (i) Use of presently designated locations is not feasible;
 - (ii) Adverse environmental effects are minimized; and
 - (iii) The development is important to the State's economy.

Response: The proposed action is designed to provide improved facilities for the existing bus transfer center located at Queen Kaahumanu Shopping Center. It is anticipated that the proposed project will provide a positive impact on the shopping center by improving the safety, accessibility, and convenience for Maui Bus patrons. The proposed project is not anticipated to generate any adverse economic impacts.

6. Coastal Hazards

Objective: Reduce hazard to life and property from tsunami, storm waves, stream flooding, erosion, subsidence and pollution.

Policies:

- (A) Develop and communicate adequate information about storm wave, tsunami, flood, erosion, subsidence, and point and nonpoint source pollution hazards;
- (B) Control development in areas subject to storm wave, tsunami, flood, erosion, hurricane, wind, subsidence, and point and nonpoint pollution hazards;
- (C) Ensure that developments comply with requirements of the Federal Flood Insurance Program;

- (D) Prevent coastal flooding from inland projects; and
- (E) Develop a coastal point and nonpoint source pollution control program.

Response: According to the Flood Insurance Rate Map for the area, the project site is located within “Zone X”, areas determined to be outside of the 0.2 percent annual chance flood plain. The proposed improvements are not anticipated to increase the region’s susceptibility to coastal hazards. Appropriate drainage measures will be implemented to ensure that downstream and adjacent properties will not be adversely impacted by the proposed action.

7. **Managing Development**

Objective: Improve the development review process, communication, and public participation in the management of coastal resources and hazards.

Policies:

- (A) Use, implement, and enforce existing law effectively to the maximum extent possible in managing present and future coastal zone development;
- (B) Facilitate timely processing of applications for development permits and resolve overlapping of conflicting permit requirements; and
- (C) Communicate the potential short and long-term impacts of proposed significant coastal developments early in their life cycle and in terms understandable to the public to facilitate public participation in the planning and review process.

Response: In compliance with the requirements of Chapter 343, HRS, this Environmental Assessment (EA) has been prepared to facilitate public understanding and involvement with the proposed project. Compliance with applicable regulatory requirements, including the SMA permit process, advances the objective and policies for Managing Development.

Applicable State and County requirements will be followed in the design and construction of the proposed project.

8. **Public Participation**

Objective: Stimulate public awareness, education, and participation in coastal

management.

Policies:

- (A) Maintain a public advisory body to identify coastal management problems and to provide policy advice and assistance to the coastal zone management program;
- (B) Disseminate information on coastal management issues by means of educational materials, published reports, staff contact, and public workshops for persons and organizations concerned with coastal issues, developments, and government activities; and
- (C) Organize workshops, policy dialogues, and site-specific mediations to respond to coastal issues and conflicts.

Response: As previously noted, public awareness of the project is being promoted through the EA and SMA permit processes. The proposed project is not contrary to the objectives of public awareness, education and participation.

9. Beach Protection

Objective: Protect beaches for public use and recreation.

Policies:

- (A) Locate new structures inland from the shoreline setback to conserve open space and to minimize loss of improvements due to erosion;
- (B) Prohibit construction of private erosion-protection structures seaward of the shoreline, except when they result in improved aesthetic and engineering solutions to erosion at the sites and do not interfere with existing recreational and waterline activities; and
- (C) Minimize the construction of public erosion-protection structures seaward of the shoreline.

Response: During earthwork activities associated with the proposed improvements, appropriate Best Management Practices (BMPs) will be utilized to ensure that the downstream coastal environment is not adversely impacted. Beach access will not be impacted by the proposed action.

10. Marine Resources

Objective: Implement the State's ocean resources management plan.

Policies:

- (A) Exercise an overall conservation ethic, and practice stewardship in the protection, use, and development of marine and coastal resources;
- (B) Assure that the use and development of marine and coastal resources are ecologically and environmentally sound and economically beneficial;
- (C) Coordinate the management of marine and coastal resources and activities management to improve effectiveness and efficiency;
- (D) Assert and articulate the interests of the State as a partner with federal agencies in the sound management of ocean resources within the United States exclusive economic zone;
- (E) Promote research, study, and understanding of ocean processes, marine life, and other ocean resources in order to acquire and inventory information necessary to understand how ocean development activities relate to and impact upon ocean and coastal resources; and
- (F) Encourage research and development of new, innovative technologies for exploring, using, or protecting marine and coastal resources.

Response: The proposed project is not anticipated to have adverse effects upon marine and coastal resources in the vicinity. The project site is located approximately 1/3 of a mile from the shoreline.

In addition to the foregoing objectives and policies, SMA permit review criteria pursuant to Act 224 (2005) provides that:

No special management area use permit or special management area minor permit shall be granted for structures that allow artificial light from floodlights, uplights, or spotlights used for decorative or aesthetic purposes when the light:

- (1) Directly illuminates the shoreline and ocean waters; or
- (2) Is directed to travel across property boundaries toward the shoreline and ocean waters.

Response: Lighting design for the proposed project will specify the shielding of all lights and directional down lighting. These design considerations will seek to mitigate light pollution and prevent lighting from traveling across property boundaries. It is also noted that the last pick-up time for the Maui Bus at the Queen Kaahumanu Shopping Center is 10:00 p.m. Lighting for the proposed bus transfer center will be turned off following the departure of the last pick-up.

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The proposed improvements at the project site will result in construction-related impacts as described in Chapter II, Description of the Existing Conditions, Potential Impacts and Mitigation Measures.

Potential effects include noise generated impacts occurring from site preparation and construction activities. In addition, there may be temporary air quality impacts associated with dust generated from construction activities, and exhaust emissions discharged by construction equipment.

However, these impacts are anticipated to be temporary and will be mitigated through the use of appropriate BMPs.

The proposed project is not anticipated to create significant long-term adverse environmental effects.

**V. ALTERNATIVES TO
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A. NO ACTION ALTERNATIVE

The “no action” or “no build” alternative calls for retaining the project site in its current condition. The project site is a portion of the Queen Kaahumanu Shopping Center which has been developed as the existing bus transfer center for the Maui Bus. The bus transfer center is currently in need of upgrades as the only existing improvements at the site are benches and a lamp. The “no action” alternative would involve a continuation of the transfer center in its current condition. In addition, this alternative is not considered a viable scenario in the context of the need for a safe, convenient, and accessible bus transfer center for Maui County residents and patrons of the Maui Bus, especially when viewed in the context of the increased levels of ridership that have been experienced over the last few years.

B. DEFERRED ACTION ALTERNATIVE

A “deferred action” alternative would have similar consequences as the “no action” alternative in that the proposed project would be delayed and would not be immediately realized. This alternative would not respond to the present need for upgrades at the existing, heavily utilized bus transfer center at the Queen Kaahumanu Shopping Center.

C. PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE

The proposed project was deemed most appropriate and beneficial for the Maui Bus operations and the community at large. The proposed improvements would offer a safer, a more convenient, and accessible bus stop for bus patrons traveling to and from the existing bus transfer center at the Queen Kaahumanu Shopping Center. Presently, the existing transfer center lacks proper facilities including adequate ramps, seating, and shelters resulting in pedestrian congestion and inconvenience. The proposed project has been designed to respond to these issues and will result in an enhanced quality of service for patrons of the County’s Maui Bus system.

D. ALTERNATIVE DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS

During the conceptual planning phase of the proposed project, other scenarios including change of location and design modifications were investigated for the proposed project. These scenarios included the relocation of the bus transfer center to another location within Central Maui. However, given that the bus transfer center is an existing facility in the Queen Kaahumanu Shopping Center, relocation to a different site would incur additional costs and time for project implementation. Other design options, while maintaining the location of the bus transfer center within the shopping center, were also considered for the project. However, the close proximity of the existing four-story parking structure and retail outlets of shopping center presented design constraints on the project. The proposed design is considered to be the most appropriate alternative given the existing configuration of the shopping center and its associated circulation/access system.

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The proposed action is anticipated to result in the irreversible and irretrievable commitment of certain natural and fiscal resources, including fuel, labor, funding and land resources. Impacts relating to the use of these resources are not considered significant when weighed against the expected positive socio-economic and community benefits to be derived from the project.

VII. SIGNIFICANCE CRITERIA ASSESSMENT

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The proposed project involves the improvements to the existing bus transfer center located within the Queen Kaahumanu Shopping Center property in Kahului, Maui. Since County funds are being utilized for implementation of the project, an EA has been prepared pursuant to Chapter 343, HRS, and Chapter 200 of Title 11, Administrative Rules of the State Department of Health, Environmental Impact Statement Rules. A County SMA Use Permit is also being requested from the Maui Planning Commission.

The “Significance Criteria”, Section 12 of the Administrative Rules, Title 11, Chapter 200, Environmental Impact Statement Rules, were reviewed and analyzed to determine whether the proposed project will have significant impacts on the environment. The following analysis is provided:

1. **Involves an irrevocable commitment to loss or destruction of any natural or cultural resource.**

The site is presently developed as the County of Maui bus transfer center for Maui Bus operations, and is a part of the Queen Kaahumanu Shopping Center property. No wetlands exist within or in the immediate vicinity of the project site. There are no known rare, endangered or threatened species of flora, fauna, or avifauna within the site.

The site affected by the proposed project has already been disturbed by previous construction activities and historical uses. However, should cultural remains be uncovered during construction activities, applicable procedures to ensure compliance with Chapter 6E, HRS, will be followed.

There is no loss or destruction of significant natural or cultural resources associated with the proposed action.

2. **Curtails the range of beneficial uses of the environment.**

The project site is located in the Queen Kaahumanu Shopping Center and is an existing bus transfer center. In a larger context, the area is part of a developed and

urbanized area of Kahului. The project is not anticipated to impact beneficial uses of the environment.

3. **Conflicts with the state's long-term environmental policies or goals and guidelines as expressed in Chapter 344, HRS, and any revisions thereof and amendments thereto, court decisions, or executive orders.**

The State's Environmental Policy and Guidelines are set forth in Chapter 344, HRS, and were reviewed in connection with the proposed action. The proposed action is not contrary to the policies and guidelines set forth in Chapter 344, HRS.

4. **Substantially affects the economic welfare, social welfare, and cultural practices of the community or State.**

The project would directly benefit the local economy during the construction phase. In the long term, the project provides opportunity to continue the Maui Bus Service, operating in an improved venue. The Maui community would directly benefit from the proposed project, as the Maui Bus operations are a public service.

5. **Substantially affects public health.**

No adverse impacts to the public's health and welfare are anticipated as a result of the proposed action.

6. **Involves substantial secondary impacts, such as population changes or effects on public facilities.**

The proposed project is not anticipated to result in secondary impacts, such as population changes or increased demands on regional public facilities. The proposed improvements are designed for an existing public facility which currently serves the community. The proposed project would have a positive effect upon the public transit system and would provide a safer, more convenient and comfortable transfer center for the public.

7. **Involves a substantial degradation of environmental quality.**

During construction of the proposed improvements, appropriate BMPs will be utilized to ensure that potential adverse environmental effects are mitigated. No substantial degradation of the environment is anticipated as a result of project implementation.

8. **Is individually limited but cumulatively has considerable effect upon the environment or involves a commitment for larger actions.**

The proposed project does not represent a commitment to larger actions. The proposed project is not anticipated to create or contribute to any significant long-term environmental effects.

9. **Substantially affects a rare, threatened, or endangered species, or its habitat.**

There are no known or identified habitats of rare, threatened, or endangered species of flora, fauna or avifauna in the vicinity of the project site. The proposed action would occur within an existing developed property located in the urban core of Kahului. Given the scale and location of the proposed improvements, no habitats or natural environments are anticipated to be adversely affected by the proposed project.

10. **Detrimentially affects air or water quality or ambient noise levels.**

Construction activities will result in short-term air quality and noise impacts. Dust control measures, such as regular watering and sprinkling, and erection of dust screens will be implemented, as required, to minimize wind blown emissions resulting from the project implementation. Noise impacts will occur primarily from the use of construction equipment. Appropriate BMPs will be implemented during grading and construction operations to ensure that adverse environmental impacts on air quality and ambient noise levels are mitigated.

In the long term, the project is not anticipated to have a significant impact on air quality or noise parameters as the bus transfer center is an existing use on the property.

11. **Affects or is likely to suffer damage by being located in an environmentally sensitive area such as a flood plain, tsunami zone, beach, erosion-prone area, geologically hazardous land, estuary, fresh water, or coastal waters.**

By implementing BMPs during construction, the proposed project is not anticipated to impact resources along the coastline which are approximately 1/3 of a mile from the project site. The subject property is located in "Zone X," areas determined to be outside the 0.2 percent annual chance flood plain. There are no wetlands, geologically hazardous lands, estuaries, or fresh waters within or adjacent to the property. The project site is located within a tsunami evacuation area.

12. Substantially affects scenic vistas and viewplanes identified in county or state plans or studies.

The project will not adversely affect scenic vistas or viewplanes. The proposed improvements involve upgrading an existing bus transfer center within Queen Kaahumanu Shopping Center. The proposed action will not involve the alteration of any major buildings or parking structures at the property.

13. Requires substantial energy consumption.

The proposed project will result in the short-term commitment of fuel for equipment vehicles and machinery during grading activities. However, the short-term energy demand is not considered substantive or excessive within the context of the region's overall energy consumption. In the long term, the project is not anticipated to create significant demands for energy consumption.

Based on the foregoing findings, the proposed action has resulted in a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) determination.

VIII. LIST OF PERMITS AND APPROVALS

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The following permits and approvals will be required prior to the implementation of the proposed project.

County of Maui

1. County Special Management Area (SMA) Use Permit
2. Grading Permit, as applicable
3. Building Permits

State of Hawaii

1. Disabilities and Communication Access Board Review

**IX. AGENCIES
CONSULTED DURING
THE PREPARATION OF
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ENVIRONMENTAL
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RECEIVED AND
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IX. AGENCIES CONSULTED DURING THE PREPARATION OF THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT; LETTERS RECEIVED AND RESPONSES TO SUBSTANTIVE COMMENTS

The following agencies were consulted during the preparation of the Draft Environmental Assessment. Agency comments received during the early consultation phase, as well as responses to substantive comments, are included in this section. In addition, comments received after the early consultation comment period deadline and letters responding to substantive comments are contained in this section as well.

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May 15, 2009

Mr. Erin Mukai
Munekiyo & Hiraga, Inc.
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Wailuku, HI 96793

Subject: Early Consultation for Proposed Improvements to the Queen Kaahumanu
Shopping Center Transfer Center; TMK: 3-7-002: 020

Dear Mr. Mukai:

We have no comments at this time.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ranae Ganske-Cerizo".

Ranae Ganske-Cerizo
District Conservationist

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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
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REPLY TO
 ATTENTION OF:

June 2, 2009

Regulatory Branch

File Number POH-2009-00186

Mr. Michael T. Munekiyo, A.I.C.P.
 Project Manager
 Munekiyo & Hiraga, Inc.
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Dear Mr. Munekiyo:

This responds to your request for written comments for the preparation of a draft Environmental Assessment (dEA) which will address activities and impacts of the proposed Bus Transfer Center Improvements project located within the Queen Kaahumanu Shopping Center, Kahului, Maui Island (TMK (2) 3-7-002: por. 20).

The dEA should indicate whether waters of the United States, as represented by perennial or intermittent streams, and wetlands are in, or adjacent to, or absent from, the proposed project area. The dEA should state in appropriate sections that there is, or no potential for waters of the U.S. to be impacted by construction of project structures and associated ground disturbing activities within the proposed improvement area. Upon our receipt of the dEA, it will be determined whether waters of the U.S. will be affected and whether a Department of Army (DA) permit for Section 404 activities of the Clean Water Act may, or may not be, required for the proposed Bus Transfer Center Improvements project.

Thank you for your consideration of potential impacts to the aquatic environment of the Kahului watershed. Please contact Mr. Farley Watanabe of my staff at 438-7701, or facsimile 438-4060, if you have any questions or need additional information. Please refer to File Number POH-2009-186 in any future correspondence with us.

Sincerely,

George P. Young, P.E.
 Chief, Regulatory Branch



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SUBJECT: Proposed Improvements to the Queen Ka'ahumanu Shopping Center Bus Transfer Center, Kahului, Maui (TMK (2) 3-7-002:020(por.))

Dear Mr. Young:

Thank you for your letter dated June 2, 2009, responding to our request for early consultation on the subject project. On behalf of the applicant, the County of Maui, Department of Transportation, we would like to offer the following information in response to your comments:

Response to Comment Regarding Waters of the United States

The Draft Environmental Assessment will address whether or not there are any streams and/or wetlands in the vicinity of the proposed project.

Again, thank you for your comments concerning the subject project. A copy of the Special Management Area Use Permit Application and the Draft Environmental Assessment will be sent your office for review and comment.

Very truly yours,

Erin Mukai, Planner

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cc: Don Medeiros, Department of Transportation
Mike Silva, Ronald M. Fukumoto Engineering, Inc.

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Dear Ms. Mukai:

Subject: Early Consultation for Proposed Improvements to the
Queen Kaahumanu Shopping Center Transfer Center
Kahului, Maui
TMK: (2) 3-7-002:020

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the Early Consultation for Proposed Improvements to the Queen Ka'ahumanu Shopping Center Transfer Center. The project does not impact any of the Department of Accounting and General Services' projects or existing facilities, and we have no comments to offer at this time.

If you have any question, please call me at 586-0400 or have your staff call Mr. Clarence Kubo of the Public Works Division at 586-0488.

Sincerely,


RUSS K. SAITO
State Comptroller



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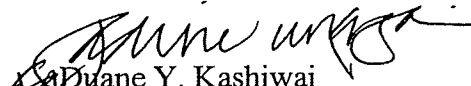
Dear Ms. Mukai:

Subject: Early Consultation on Improvements to the
Queen Kaahumanu Shopping Center Transfer Center
Kahului, Maui TMK: 3-7-002: 20

The Department of Education has no comment or concern with plans to improve the transfer center at the Queen Kaahumanu Shopping Center.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. If you have any questions, please call Heidi Meeker of the Facilities Development Branch at (808) 377-8301.

Sincerely yours,


Duane Y. Kashiwai
Public Works Administrator

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c: Bruce Anderson, CAS, Baldwin/Kekaulike/Maui Complex Areas

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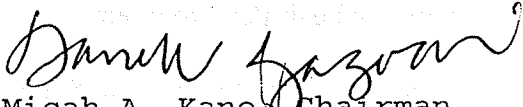
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Dear Mr. Mukai:

Subject: Early Consultation for Proposed Improvements to
the Queen Kaahumanu Shopping Center Transfer
Center, Kahului, Maui (TMK (2) 3-7-002:020

Thank you for the opportunity to review the subject proposal. The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands has no comment to offer at this time. If you have any questions, please contact our Planning Office at (808) 620-9480.

Aloha and mahalo,


Micah A. Kane, Chairman
Hawaiian Homes Commission

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In reply, please refer to:
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May 19, 2009

Ms. Erin Mukai
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Dear Ms. Mukai:

**Subject: Early Consultation Request - Draft Environmental Assessment (DEA)
Proposed Improvements to
Queen Kaahumanu Shopping Center Bus Transfer Center
TMK: (2) 3-07-002:020
Kahului, Island of Maui, Hawaii**

The Department of Health, Clean Water Branch (CWB), has reviewed your letter dated May 11, 2009, regarding the subject project and offers these comments. Please note that our review is based solely on the information provided in your letter for the subject project and its compliance with Hawaii Administrative Rules (HAR), Chapters 11-54 and 11-55. You may be responsible for fulfilling additional requirements related to our program. We recommend that you also read our standard comments on our website at <http://www.hawaii.gov/health/environmental/env-planning/landuse/CWB-standardcomment.pdf>.

1. Any project and its potential impacts to State waters must meet the following criteria:
 - a. Antidegradation policy (HAR, Section 11-54-1.1), which requires that the existing uses and the level of water quality necessary to protect the existing uses of the receiving State water be maintained and protected.
 - b. Designated uses (HAR, Section 11-54-3), as determined by the classification of the receiving State waters.
 - c. Water quality criteria (HAR, Sections 11-54-4 through 11-54-8).

Ms. Erin Mukai
May 19, 2009
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2. You are required to obtain a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit for discharges of wastewater, including storm water runoff, into State surface waters (HAR, Chapter 11-55). For the following type of discharge into Class A or Class 2 State waters, you may apply for NPDES general permit coverage by submitting a Notice of Intent (NOI) form:

Storm water associated with construction activities, including clearing, grading, and excavation, that result in the disturbance of equal to or greater than one (1) acre of total land area. The total land area includes a contiguous area where multiple separate and distinct construction activities may be taking place at different times on different schedules under a larger common plan of development or sale. An NPDES permit is required before the start of the construction activities.

For this type of discharge you must submit the NOI at least 30 calendar days before the start of construction activities. The NOI forms may be picked up at our office or downloaded from our website at

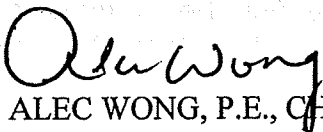
<http://www.hawaii.gov/health/environmental/water/cleanwater/forms/genl-index.html>.

3. You must also submit a copy of the NOI or NPDES permit application to the State Department of Land and Natural Resources, State Historic Preservation Division (SHPD), or demonstrate to the satisfaction of the CWB that SHPD has or is in the process of evaluating your project. Please submit a copy of your request for review by SHPD or SHPD's determination letter for the project along with your NOI or NPDES permit application, as applicable.
4. Please note that all discharges related to the project construction or operation activities, whether or not NPDES permit coverage is required, must comply with the State's Water Quality Standards. Noncompliance with water quality requirements contained in HAR, Chapter 11-54, and/or permitting requirements, specified in HAR, Chapter 11-55, may be subject to penalties of \$25,000 per day per violation.

If you have any questions, please visit our website at

<http://www.hawaii.gov/health/environmental/water/cleanwater/index.html>, or contact the Engineering Section, CWB, at (808) 586-4309.

Sincerely,



ALEC WONG, P.E., CHIEF
Clean Water Branch

MT:np

October 1, 2009

Alec Wong, Chief
State of Hawai'i
Department of Health
Clean Water Branch
P.O. Box 3378
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96801-3378

SUBJECT: Proposed Improvements to the Queen Ka'ahumanu Shopping
Center Bus Transfer Center, Kahului, Maui (TMK (2) 3-7-002:020
(por.))

Dear Mr. Wong:

Thank you for your letter dated May 19, 2009, responding to our request for early consultation on the subject project. On behalf of the applicant, the County of Maui, Department of Transportation, we would like to offer the following information in response to your comments:

Response to Comment No. 1

Your comments concerning Hawaii Administrative Rules (HAR), Chapter 11-54 are acknowledged. The proposed project will comply with the applicable State Water Quality Standards as specified in HAR, Chapter 11-54. Your comments have been forwarded to the project engineer for appropriate action.

Response to Comment No. 2

We note the requirements of Chapter 11-55, Hawaii Administrative Rules (HAR). We would also like to note that only minor grading is proposed for the project. The proposed grading will not alter general drainage patterns with respect to abutting properties. The proposed grading is required to install raised concrete slabs for the waiting areas associated with the bus stop.

According to the project's civil engineer, because the area to be disturbed is under one (1) acre, the project is exempt from applying for a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit.

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Alec Wong, Chief
October 1, 2009
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Response to Comment No. 3

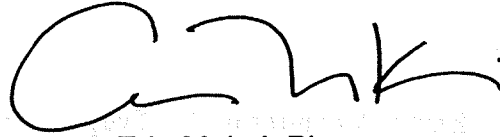
Your comment concerning the submittal of the NOI or NPDES permit application to the State Department of Land and Natural Resources, State Historic Preservation Division (SHPD) is noted. As applicable, the project engineer will coordinate with SHPD.

Response to Comment No. 4

The proposed project will comply with the applicable State Water Quality Standards as specified in HAR, Chapter 11-54, as well as Chapter 11-55.

Again, thank you for your comments concerning the subject project.

Very truly yours,



Erin Mukai, Planner

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cc: Don Medeiros, Department of Transportation
Mike Silva, Ronald M. Fukumoto Engineering, Inc.

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CHIYOME L. FUKINO, M. D.
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LORRIN W. PANG, M. D., M. P. H.
DISTRICT HEALTH OFFICER

STATE OF HAWAII
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May 15, 2009

Ms. Erin Mukai
Planner
Munekiyo & Hiraga, Inc.
305 High Street, Suite 104
Wailuku, Hawai'i 96793

Dear Ms. Mukai:

**Subject: Early Consultation for Proposed Improvements to the Queen
Kaahumanu Shopping Center Transfer Center, Kahului, Maui
TMK: (2) 3-7-002: 020**

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to review and comment on this project. The following comments are offered:

The noise created during the construction phase of the project may exceed the maximum allowable levels as set forth in Hawaii Administrative Rules, Chapter 11-46 "Community Noise Control". A noise permit may be required and should be obtained before the commencement of this project.

It is strongly recommended that the Standard Comments found at the Department's website: <http://hawaii.gov/health/environmental/env-planning/landuse/landuse.html> be reviewed, and any comments specifically applicable to this project should be adhered to.

Should you have any questions, please call me at 808 984-8230 or e-mail me at patricia.kitkowski@doh.hawaii.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Patti Kitkowski".

Patti Kitkowski
Acting District Environmental Health Program Chief



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October 1, 2009

Patti Kitkowski
State of Hawai'i
Department of Health
Maui District Office
54 South High Street
Wailuku, Hawai'i 96793

**SUBJECT: Proposed Improvements to the Queen Ka'ahumanu Shopping Center
Bus Transfer Center, Kahului, Maui (TMK (2) 3-7-002:020(por.))**

Dear Ms. Kitkowski:

Thank you for your letter dated May 15, 2009, responding to our request for early consultation on the subject project. On behalf of the applicant, the County of Maui, Department of Transportation, we would like to offer the following information in response to your comments.

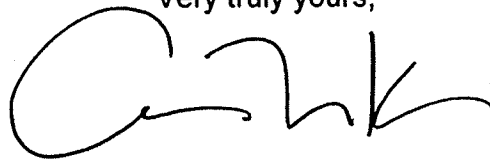
Response to Comments Regarding Community Noise Control

Your comments concerning Hawaii Administrative Rules (HAR), Chapters 11-46, "Community Noise Control", are acknowledged. The proposed project will meet the applicable criteria relating to the HAR. Your comments regarding the possible need for a noise permit, as applicable, are noted and have been forwarded to the project engineer for consideration.

Patti Kitkowski
October 1, 2009
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Again, thank you for your comments concerning the subject project.

Very truly yours,



Erin Mukai, Planner

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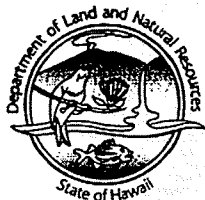
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STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES
LAND DIVISION

POST OFFICE BOX 621
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May 13, 2009

Munekiyo & Hiraga, Inc.
305 High Street Suite 104
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Attention: Mr. Erin Mukai

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Subject: Early Consultation for Proposed Improvements to the Queen Kaahumanu Shopping Center Transfer Center

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on the subject matter. The Department of Land and Natural Resources' (DLNR) has no other comments to offer on the subject matter. Should you have any questions, please feel free to call our office at 587-0433. Thank you.

Sincerely,

for Morris M. Atta
Administrator

LINDA LINGLE
GOVERNOR OF HAWAII



STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES

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May 26, 2009

Ms. Erin Mukai, Planner
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Wailuku, Hawai'i 96793

LOG NO: 2009.2006
DOC NO: 0905PC42
Archaeology

**SUBJECT: Chapter 6E-8 Historic Preservation Review --
Early Consultation for Draft EA regarding Proposed Improvements to the Queen
Ka'ahumanu Shopping Center Transfer Center [Project No. Q-TR-09-01]
Wailuku Ahupua'a, Wailuku District, Island of Maui
TMK: (2) 3-7-002:020 por.**

Thank you for the opportunity to review the aforementioned correspondence, which we received on May 12 of 2009.

Based on the submitted document, the project involves improvements to an existing County of Maui bus transfer center located at the privately owned Queen Ka'ahumanu Shopping Center in Kahului. Proposed improvements include the installation of 15 new bus shelters with seating and lighting, trash and recycle bins, bike racks, curbs, sidewalks, asphalt work, concrete bollards, re-striping/markings, landscaping and signage.

A field inspection of the areas to be affected by the proposed work was conducted in March of 2009 by Xamanek Researches, LLC (Madeus and Fredericksen). However, given the location of the proposed work in an area known to contain sand, along the coastline and/or in the vicinity of previously identified culturally and/or historically significant sites such as clustered and isolated human burials, a program of precautionary archaeology monitoring has been recommended for the area of potential effect (APE) within the subject parcel. It is understood that the APE has already been impacted by the construction of the shopping center and associated infrastructure, which is located on the site of the former Maui Land & Pineapple Kahului Cannery that is believed to fall within the bounds of the Kahului Historic District (SIHP #50-50-04-1607).

Therefore, because we believe archaeological sites may be present in subsurface deposits exposed during the proposed work, upon review of any permit application forwarded to us by the County of Maui, we will likely recommend the following:

A qualified archaeological monitor shall be present during all ground altering disturbance within the subject parcels for the proposed project in order to document any historic properties which may be encountered and to provide mitigation measures as necessary.

As per Hawai'i Administrative Rules (HAR) §13-279, this means that prior to the commencement of ground altering disturbance associated with the proposed project, an appropriately prepared *monitoring plan* must be submitted to this office for review and acceptance. The plan must contain the following provisions:

- 1) Specify the kinds of historically or culturally significant sites or remains of sites anticipated and where in the construction area they are likely to be found;
- 2) Specify how such sites or remains of sites will be documented;
- 3) Specify how such sites or remains of sites will be treated;
- 4) Specify that the archaeologist (s) conducting the monitoring has (have) the authority to halt construction in the immediate area of the find in order to carry out the plan;
- 5) Specify that coordination between the archaeologist and construction crew has been scheduled so that all involved parties are aware of the plan and what it means;
- 6) Specify what laboratory work will be performed on any cultural sites or remains of sites that might be found in the project area;
- 7) Specify details concerning the archiving of any collections that are made;
- 8) Specify a schedule of report preparation and that the report will be submitted within the required 180 days after completion of the proposed undertaking.

A list of those meeting the requirements to perform such work can be obtained on the SHPD's website at <http://hawaii.gov/dlnr/hpd/pdfs/2008-Permittee.pdf> or by contacting our main office at (808) 692-8015.

Please keep in mind that the SHPD Architecture Branch may have additional comments regarding the impact of the proposed project to the former pineapple cannery, which may be addressed separately.

If you have any questions or comments regarding this letter, please contact Patty Conte (Patty.J.Conte@hawaii.gov).

Aloha,



Nancy McMahon, Deputy SHPO/State Archaeologist
State Historic Preservation Division

c: Susan Tasaki, SHPD Architecture Branch: Susan.Y.Tasaki@hawaii.gov
Jeff Hunt, Director, Dept. of Planning, 250 S. High Street, Wailuku, Hawai'i 96793
Maui CRC, Dept. of Planning, 250 S. High Street, Wailuku, Hawai'i 96793



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October 1, 2009

Nancy McMahon
State of Hawai'i
Department of Land and Natural Resources
State Historic Preservation Division
601 Kamokila Boulevard, Room 555
Kapolei, Hawai'i 96707

**SUBJECT: Proposed Improvements to the Queen Ka'ahumanu Shopping
Center Bus Transfer Center, Kahului, Maui (TMK (2) 3-7-002:020
(por.))**

Dear Ms. McMahon:

Thank you for your letter dated May 26, 2009, responding to our request for early consultation on the subject project. On behalf of the applicant, the County of Maui, Department of Transportation, we would like to offer the following information in response to your comments:

Response to Comment Regarding Archaeological Monitoring

We note your comment that a program of precautionary archaeological monitoring is recommended for the proposed project. As you may know, a draft archaeological monitoring plan has been prepared for the proposed project by Xamanek Researches, LLC and approved by your office in a letter dated August 24, 2009. The scope of the monitoring plan includes having an archaeological monitor present during all subsurface earthmoving activities. Further, a draft monitoring report, as well as a final monitoring report will be prepared for the project and submitted to your office.

Nancy McMahon
October 1, 2009
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Again, thank you for your comments concerning the subject project. A copy of the Special Management Area Use Permit Application and the Draft Environmental Assessment will be sent your office for review and comment.

Very truly yours,



Erin Mukai, Planner

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cc: Don Medeiros, Department of Transportation
Mike Silva, Ronald M. Fukumoto Engineering, Inc.
Erik Fredericksen, Xamanek Researches, LLC

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May 27, 2009

Ms. Erin Mukai
Planner
Munekiyo & Hiraga, Inc.
305 High Street, Suite 104
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Dear Ms. Mukai:

Subject: Queen Kaahumanu Shopping Center Transfer Station Proposed Improvements -
Early Consultation

Thank you for providing the subject project for the State Department of Transportation's (DOT) review and comments.

DOT understands that the subject project will improve the existing transfer station by installing fifteen (15) new bus shelters and associated improvements. The buses will use driveways from County highways for access to the Queen Kaahumanu Shopping Center bus transfer station.

DOT does not anticipate any significant, adverse impacts to the State Highway, Kaahumanu Avenue.

If there are any other questions, please contact Mr. David Shimokawa of the DOT Statewide Transportation Planning Office at (808) 587-2356.

Very truly yours,

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BRENNON T. MORIOKA, PH.D., P.E.
Director of Transportation



MICHAEL T. MUNEKIYO
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October 1, 2009

Brennon Morioka, PH.D., P.E.
State of Hawai'i
Department of Transportation
869 Punchbowl Street
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813-5097

SUBJECT: Proposed Improvements to the Queen Ka'ahumanu Shopping
Center Bus Transfer Center, Kahului, Maui (TMK (2) 3-7-002:020
(por.))

Dear Mr. Morioka:

Thank you for your letter dated May 27, 2009, responding to our request for early consultation on the subject project. On behalf of the applicant, the County of Maui, Department of Transportation, we would like to offer the following information in response to your comments:

Response to Comment Regarding Impacts to State Highways

We note your comment that your department does not anticipate any significant, adverse impacts to Ka'ahumanu Avenue, a State of Hawaii roadway facility.

Again, thank you for your comments concerning the subject project. A copy of the Special Management Area Use Permit Application and the Draft Environmental Assessment will be sent your office for review and comment.

Very truly yours,

Erin Mukai, Planner

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cc: Don Medeiros, Department of Transportation
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June 18, 2009

Erin Mukai, Planner
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Wailuku, Hawai'i 96793

Subject: Early Consultation for Proposed Improvements to the Queen Ka'ahumanu Shopping Center Transfer Center, Kahului, Maui (TMK: (2) 3-7-002:020)

Dear Ms. Mukai:

Thank you for your pre-consultation letter dated May 11, 2009. The Office of Environmental Quality Control does not have particular concerns regarding the project at this time.

However, we wish to remind you of the submittal deadlines, and the submittal requirements as described on our website: <http://hawaii.gov/health/environmental/oeqc/index.html/>.

Should you have further questions, please call our office at 586-4185.

Sincerely,

KATHERINE PUANA KEALOHA
Director

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FAX (808) 594-1865



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June 19, 2009

Erin Mukai
Planner
Munekiyo & Hiraga, Inc.
305 High Street, Suite 104
Wailuku, HI 96793

RE: Request for early consultation on proposed improvements to the Queen Ka'ahumanu Shopping Center Transfer Center, Kahului, Maui; TMK: (2) 3-7-002: 020.

Aloha e Erin Mukai,

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) is in receipt of the above-mentioned request for comment, dated May 11, 2009. According to the document, the County of Maui, through its Bus Stop Project, is proposing improvements to the existing bus transfer center at Queen Ka'ahumanu Shopping Center in Kahului. OHA has reviewed the proposed project and has no comments at this time.

Thank you, however, for the opportunity to comment. We look forward to the opportunity to review and comment upon the forthcoming Draft Environmental Assessment. If you have further questions, please contact Heidi Guth by phone at (808) 594-1962 or e-mail her at heidig@oha.org.

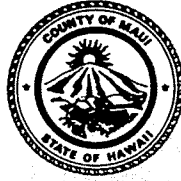
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Clyde W. Nāmu'o
Administrator

C: OHA Maui Community Resources Coordinator

CHARMAINE TAVARES
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FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU

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June 26, 2009

Erin Mukai, Planner
Munekiyo & Hiraga, Inc.
305 High Street, Suite 104
Wailuku, HI 96793

Subject: Early Consultation for Proposed Improvements to the Queen Kaahumanu Shopping Center Transfer Center, Kahului, HI; TMK: (2) 3-7-002:020

Dear Ms. Mukai,

The Department of Fire and Public Safety has reviewed the information provided for the proposed improvements to the Queen Kaahumanu Shopping Center Transfer Center in Kahului, Maui. We appreciate the opportunity to review the project at this stage and feel the improvements will provide a safer environment for bus patrons. We have no other comments at this time. A detailed review of the project will be conducted by our office during the building permit process.

Please feel free to contact Captain Val Martin of our Fire Prevention Bureau at 244-9161 if you have any questions or concerns regarding this subject.

Sincerely,

Valerie Brandon
Firefighter I
Fire Prevention Bureau

For: Valeriano F. Martin
Captain
Fire Prevention Bureau



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October 1, 2009

Valeriano Martin, Captain
Department of Fire and Public Safety
County of Maui
780 Alua Street
Wailuku, Hawai'i 96793

SUBJECT: Proposed Improvements to the Queen Ka'ahumanu Shopping
Center Bus Transfer Center, Kahului, Maui (TMK (2) 3-7-002:020
(por.))

Dear Captain Martin:

Thank you for your letter dated June 26, 2009, responding to our request for early consultation on the subject project. On behalf of the applicant, the County of Maui, Department of Transportation, we note that the project's design team will undertake the required coordination with the Department of Fire and Public Safety to address applicable building permit requirements.

Again, thank you for your comments concerning the subject project. A copy of the Special Management Area Use Permit Application and the Draft Environmental Assessment will be sent your office for review and comment.

Very truly yours,

Erin Mukai, Planner

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cc: Don Medeiros, Department of Transportation
Mike Silva, Ronald M. Fukumoto Engineering, Inc.

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DEPARTMENT OF
HOUSING AND HUMAN CONCERNS
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May 18, 2009

Ms. Erin Mukai
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Dear Ms. Mukai:

SUBJECT: Early Consultation for Proposed Improvements to the Queen Kaahumanu Shopping Center Transfer Center, Kahului, Maui (TMK (2) 3-7-002:020)

The Department has reviewed the Early Consultation Request for the above subject project. Based on our review, we have determined that the subject project is not subject to Chapter 2.96, Maui County Code. At the present time, the department has no additional comments to offer.

Please call Mr. Wayne Oshiro of our Housing Division at 270-7355 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

LORI TSUHAKO, LSW, ACSW
Director of Housing and Human Concerns

xc: Housing Division



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October 1, 2009

Lori Tsuhako, Director
Department of Housing and Human Concerns
County of Maui
2200 Main Street, Suite 546
Wailuku, Hawai'i 96793

SUBJECT: Proposed Improvements to the Queen Ka'ahumanu Shopping Center Bus Transfer Center, Kahului, Maui (TMK (2) 3-7-002:020(por.))

Dear Ms. Tsuhako:

Thank you for your letter dated May 18, 2009, responding to our request for early consultation on the subject project. On behalf of the applicant, the County of Maui, Department of Transportation, we acknowledge your confirmation that the subject project is not subject to Chapter 2.96, Maui County Code.

Again, thank you for your comments concerning the subject project. A copy of the Special Management Area Use Permit Application and the Draft Environmental Assessment will be sent your office for review and comment.

Very truly yours,

Erin Mukai, Planner

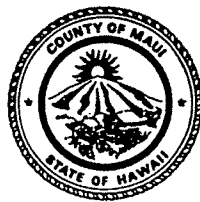
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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS & RECREATION

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May 14, 2009

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305 High Street, Suite 104
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

SUBJECT: Early Consultation for Proposed Improvements to the Queen Kaahumanu Shopping Center Transfer Center, Kahului, Maui (TMK: 3-7-002:020)

Dear Ms. Mukai:

We have reviewed the proposed project and have no comments or objections to submit at this time.

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on this matter. Please feel free to contact me or Mr. Patrick Matsui, Chief of Parks Planning and Development at 270-7387 should you have any other questions.

Sincerely,

TAMARA HORCAJO
Director of Parks & Recreation

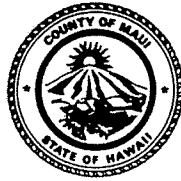
c: Patrick T. Matsui, Chief of Parks Planning and Development

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CHARMAINE TAVARES
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JUN 24 2009

COUNTY OF MAUI
DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING

June 23, 2009

Ms. Erin Mukai
Munekiyo & Hiraga, Inc.
305 High Street, Suite 104
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Dear Ms. Mukai:

SUBJECT: EARLY-CONSULTATION COMMENTS REGARDING THE PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS TO THE QUEEN KAAHUMANU SHOPPING CENTER TRANSFER STATION, LOCATED AT KAHULUI, MAUI, HAWAII, TMK: (2) 3-7-002:020 (EAC 2009/0023)

The Department of Planning (Department) reviewed your letter dated May 11, 2009, requesting pre-consultation comments in preparation of the Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for the subject project. Thank you for the opportunity to respond to your proposed project at this early date.

The Department understands that the proposed project is to complete improvements to the existing bus transfer station at the Queen Kaahumanu Shopping Center, Kahului, Maui. A site map and proposed regional bus stop summary pages were included with this initial request.

The Department has the following comments regarding the development of the EA at this time:

1. The project must comply with Chapter 343, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), and is subject to an EA. The County of Maui must determine who will be the Accepting Authority for the EA;
2. The proposed project is expected to impact traffic and parking in the vicinity. Provide a comprehensive traffic impact analysis including cumulative impacts to the area, which include traffic impacts created by other known, permitted, proposed, significant developments impacting the traffic in the area;
3. Ensure that the project will meet County of Maui parking code requirements;
4. Provide the public the opportunity to understand and comment on the project. Document all public meetings and community meetings, and document answers to all significant inquiries about the project;
5. As part of the project, consider providing adequate signage to direct patrons to the Bus Transfer Station;

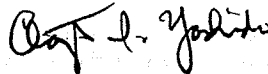
6. As part of the project, consider developing a bus patron pick up and drop off area for incoming cars that will create easy-in and easy-out pick up, or create an alternate patron pick up area;

In addition, the project is located in the Special Management Area (SMA) and is subject to a SMA Assessment:

7. Upon submission of the required SMA Use Permit Application, the Department will confirm that the property is located in the State Land Use "Urban" District, Wailuku-Kahului Community Plan "Heavy Industrial" designation, and is zoned "M-2 Heavy Industrial". Document that the proposed project meets the intent of the Wailuku-Kahului Community Plan;
8. Several of the bus stops, if located in the Shoreline Setback Area of Kihei and Lahaina or other shoreline locations, will require a Shoreline Setback Approval Application for the Director to determine if the bus stops are considered "minor structures" under the *Shoreline Rules for the Maui Planning Commission*, Section 12-203-4, Definitions; and
9. Once the SMA Use Permit is submitted for review by the Applicant to the Department, and the Application is deemed complete, the Department will transmit the Application to Local, State, and Federal agencies for further comment and review. The Applicant is required to address all agency comments and concerns.

If you require further clarification, please contact Staff Planner James Buika via email at james.buika@mauicounty.gov or by phone at 270-6271.

Sincerely,



CLAYTON I. YOSHIDA, AICP
Planning Program Administrator

for JEFFREY S. HUNT, AICP
Planning Director

xc: Aaron H. Shinmoto, PE, Planning Program Administrator (2)
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James A. Buika, Staff Planner
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October 1, 2009

Jeffrey S. Hunt, Director
Attn: James Buika, Staff Planner
Department of Planning
County of Maui
250 South High Street
Wailuku, Hawai'i 96793

SUBJECT: Proposed Improvements to the Queen Ka'ahumanu Shopping Center Bus Transfer Center, Kahului, Maui (TMK (2) 3-7-002:020 (por.))

Dear Mr. Hunt:

Thank you for your letter dated June 23, 2009, responding to our request for early consultation on the subject project. On behalf of the applicant, the County of Maui, Department of Transportation (DOT), we would like to offer the following information in response to your comments:

Response to Comment No. 1

The proposed project will comply with Chapter 343, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS). A Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) is being prepared for the proposed project. We also note that the DOT has determined that it will serve as the Approving Agency for the EA.

Response to Comment No. 2

The bus transfer center at the Queen Ka'ahumanu Shopping Center is an existing operation and use of the property. The proposed improvements will not increase the total number of buses that can stop at the center at one time. The current configuration of the transfer center accommodates a total of five (5) buses. Following project completion, the transfer center will continue to accommodate five (5) buses. Further, the DOT does not anticipate a change in the near future to scheduling and routing that would in turn affect the number of buses the transfer center would process in a single day. However, in the long term, the DOT wishes to secure additional routes as passenger ridership is anticipated to increase. This, however, is largely determined by funding and is not anticipated to occur in the near to mid-term time horizon.

Because the Maui Bus operations are an existing use at the site, and because the proposed improvements will not increase the number of buses the transfer center can process the proposed project is not anticipated to have any significant adverse impacts on surrounding traffic conditions.

Response to Comment No. 3

As a separate matter, the owners of the Queen Ka`ahumanu Shopping Center and its representatives will coordinate with the Zoning Administration and Enforcement Division to ensure that parking requirements pursuant to Maui County Code are met for the shopping center facility.

Response to Comment No. 4

We note your comments regarding public understanding of and comment on the proposed project. Public awareness of the project is being promoted through the EA and SMA permit processes.

Response to Comment No. 5

We acknowledge your comment regarding the consideration of signage to direct patrons to the bus transfer center. At this time, the DOT does not envision utilizing signage at the bus transfer center identifying specific stops for various routes. The route is presently posted on the front of the bus so that patrons may identify their desired route. The possibility of providing signage within the shopping center will be discussed with the owners of Queen Ka`ahumanu Shopping Center and DOT.

Response to Comment No. 6

Presently, a bus patron pick-up and drop-off area is not proposed as part of the proposed project. However, we note that there is sufficient space with accompanying compatible geometrics for such activities near the Macy's Men retail outlet which is located in close proximity to the existing bus transfer center.

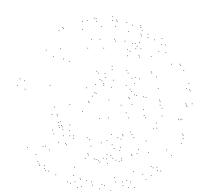
Response to Comment No. 7

We note that a Zoning and Flood Confirmation Form has been submitted to the Department of Planning. The completed form will be included as part of the application submittal. Further, we note your comment that the EA should include documentation that the proposed project meets the intent of the Wailuku-Kahului Community Plan. Such discussion will be included in Chapter 3 of the Draft EA.

Response to Comment No. 8

We note your comments concerning separate projects relating to the County of Maui Maui Bus operations. Separate applications will be filed as appropriate.

Jeffrey S. Hunt, Director
October 1, 2009
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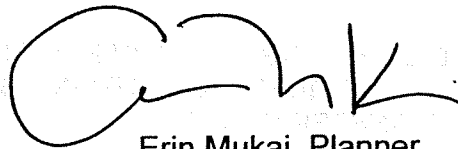


Response to Comment No. 9

The Department of Transportation will be coordinating with the Planning Department to work out a consolidated agency review process in which the Draft EA and SMA application is transmitted to local, State and Federal agencies under a single cover letter. In this regard, we look forward to working with you in coordinating the distribution of the Draft EA and SMA application.

Again, thank you for your comments concerning the subject project. A copy of the Special Management Area Use Permit Application and the Draft Environmental Assessment will be sent your office for review and comment.

Very truly yours,



Erin Mukai, Planner

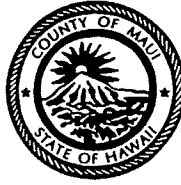
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Mike Silva, Ronald M. Fukumoto Engineering, Inc.

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COUNTY OF MAUI
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

200 SOUTH HIGH STREET, ROOM NO. 434
WAILUKU, MAUI, HAWAII 96793

June 1, 2009

Ms. Erin Mukai, Planner
MUNEKIYO & HIRAGA, INC.
305 High Street, Suite 104
Wailuku, Maui, Hawaii 96793

Dear Ms. Mukai:

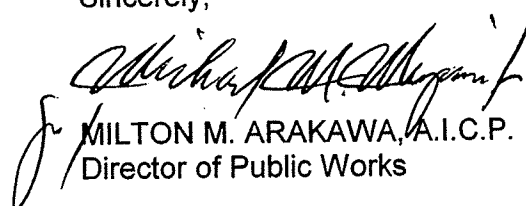
**SUBJECT: EARLY CONSULTATION FOR PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS
TO THE QUEEN KAAHUMANU SHOPPING CENTER
TRANSFER CENTER
TMK: (2) 3-7-002:020**

We have reviewed your early consultation request and offer the following comments:

1. Recommend the use of reinforced concrete (pavement) for the areas identified as "Bus Stop" as the reinforced concrete will better handle the weight and acceleration/deceleration of these heavy buses for a longer term than would asphalt concrete.
2. All proposed structures (Bus Shelters) must be consistent with the minimum type of construction (V-N with 2-hour Areas Separation Walls and Fire Sprinklers) as approved for the Queen Kaahumanu Shopping Center and constructed pursuant to all applicable Building Codes and/or ordinances, as amended.

Please call Michael Miyamoto at 270-7845 if you have any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,


MILTON M. ARAKAWA, A.I.C.P.
Director of Public Works

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xc: Highways Division
Engineering Division

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MARK ALEXANDER ROY

October 1, 2009

Milton M. Arakawa, Director
Department of Public Works
County of Maui
200 South High Street, #434
Wailuku, Hawai'i 96793

SUBJECT: Proposed Improvements to the Queen Ka'ahumanu Shopping Center Transfer Center, Kahului, Maui (TMK (2) 3-7-002:020(por.))

Dear Mr. Arakawa:

Thank you for your letter dated June 1, 2009, responding to our request for early consultation on the subject project. On behalf of the applicant, the County of Maui, Department of Transportation (DOT), we would like to offer the following information in response to your comments:

Response to Comment No. 1

Your recommendation of the use of reinforced concrete has been forwarded to the DOT and the project engineer for consideration.

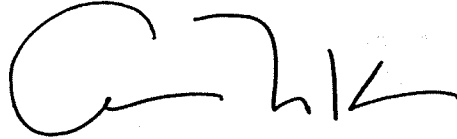
Response to Comment No. 2

All proposed structures will be constructed pursuant to all applicable building codes and ordinances.

Milton Arakawa, Director
October 1, 2009
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Again, thank you for your comments concerning the subject project. A copy of the Special Management Area Use Permit Application and the Draft Environmental Assessment will be sent your office for review and comment.

Very truly yours,



Erin Mukai, Planner

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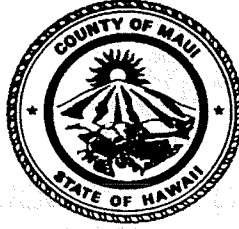
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**COUNTY OF MAUI
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June 2, 2009

Ms. Erin Mukai
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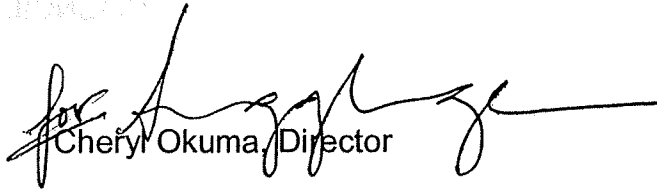
**SUBJECT: QUEEN KAAHUMANU SHOPPING CENTER TRANSFER CENTER
EARLY CONSULTATION
TMK (2) 3-7-002:020, KAHULUI**

We reviewed the subject application and have the following comments:

1. Solid Waste Division comments:
 - a. None.
2. Wastewater Reclamation Division (WWRD) comments:
 - a. None.

If you have any questions regarding this memorandum, please contact Gregg Kresge at 270-8230.

Sincerely,


Cheryl Okuma, Director

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May 27, 2009

Munekiyo and Hiraga, Inc.
Attention: Erin Mukai, Planner
305 High Street, Suite 104
Wailuku, HI 96793

SUBJECT: Early Consultation Request for Proposed Improvements to the Queen Kaahumanu Shopping Center Transfer Center, Kahului, Maui (TMK (2) 3-7-002:020)

Dear Ms. Mukai:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide early review and comments for the Proposed Improvements to the Queen Kaahumanu Shopping Center Transfer Center, Kahului, Maui (TMK (2) 3-7-002:020).

After review of the information presented, I have no comments at this time.

Sincerely,


JOSEPH PONTANILLA,
COUNCIL MEMBER

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Network Engineering and Planning
OSP Engineering - Maui

Hawaiian Telcom

60 South Church St.
Wailuku, HI 96793
Phone 808 242-5102
Fax 808 242-8899

May 13, 2009

Munekiyo & Hiraga, Inc.
305 High St., Suite 104
Wailuku, HI 96793

ATTN: Erin Mukai, Planner

SUBJECT: Proposed Improvements to the Queen Kaahumanu Shopping Center
Transfer Center / Maui County Bus Stop Project
TMK: (2) 3-7-002:020, Kahului

Dear Erin,

Thank you for allowing us to review and comment on the Early Consultation Request for the Proposed Improvements to the Queen Kaahumanu Shopping Center Transfer Center Environmental Assessment (EA). Your plans have been received and put on file.

Hawaiian Telcom, Inc. has no comment, nor do we require any additional information at this time.

We look forward to receiving the Environmental Assessment (EA) Documents. Should you require further assistance, please call Tom Hutchison at 242-5107.

Sincerely,

Stephanie B. Ueha

for: Lynette Yoshida
Network Engineering Senior Manager

LY/TH/sbv

CC: Engineer
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May 13, 2009

Ms. Erin Mukai, Planner
Munekiyo & Hiraga, Inc.
305 South High Street, Suite 104
Wailuku, Maui, Hawaii, 96793

Dear Ms. Mukai,

Subject: Queen Kaahumanu Shopping Center Transfer Center
Early Consultation Request
Kahului, Maui, Hawaii
Tax Map Key: (2) 3-7-002:020

Thank you for allowing us to comment on the Early Consultation for the subject project.

In reviewing our records and the information received, Maui Electric Company has no objection to the subject project at this time.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please call me at 871-2340.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ray Okazaki".

Ray Okazaki
Staff Engineer



Maui Economic Opportunity, Inc.

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June 2, 2009

Munekiyo & Hiraga, Inc.
Attention: Erin Mukai
305 High Street, Suite 104
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

To Whom It May Concern:

RE: Early Consultation for Proposed Improvements to the Queen Kaahumanu Shopping Center Transfer Center at Kahului, Maui, Hawaii (TMK (2) 3-7-002: 020.

On behalf of Maui Economic Opportunity, Inc. ("MEO"), I thank you for the opportunity to provide early consultation comments on the proposed project by the Department of Transportation, County of Maui to upgrade the existing bus transfer center at the Queen Kaahumanu Shopping Center (QKSC").

As a provider of transportation services for the elderly, youth, and persons with special needs, MEO supports initiatives to improve public transit facilities for Maui residents and visitors. The proposed project addresses the growing demand for bus services on Maui and provides safer and more comfortable accommodations for bus passengers.

Currently, MEO Transportation utilizes a loading zone at the QKSC near the Starbucks coffee shop in the vicinity of the main entry along Kaahumanu Avenue. On a daily basis, MEO vans and/or buses make about 8 to 10 stops here, depending on client demand. Because this loading zone is shared with shopping center customers, delivery vehicles, and private tour transportation companies, it can be very congested, when MEO vans/buses arrive. For this reason, optional pick-up/drop-off areas within the QKSC are desirable for MEO.

Would there be an opportunity for MEO to also utilize the proposed upgraded bus transfer center on a limited basis? MEO Transportation is a recipient of County and other public funding, and the option of having two (2) drop-off/pick-up points within the QKSC would benefit our elderly and special needs clients.

In closing, I appreciate the opportunity to provide comments on the proposed project. Should further clarification be needed, please contact Mr. John Min, MEO Projects Manager, at 283-4403.

Sincerely,

Sandy Baz, CEO

Cc: Harry Johnson, MEO Transportation Services Director

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October 1, 2009

Sandy Baz, CEO
Maui Economic Opportunity, Inc.
P.O. Box 2122
Kahului, Hawai'i 96733

SUBJECT: Proposed Improvements to the Queen Ka'ahumanu Shopping Center Bus Transfer Center, Kahului, Maui (TMK (2) 3-7-002:020 (por.))

Dear Mr. Baz:

Thank you for your letter dated June 2, 2009, responding to our request for early consultation on the subject project. On behalf of the applicant, the County of Maui, Department of Transportation, we would like to offer the following information in response to your comments:

Response to Comment Regarding MEO Opportunity to Utilize Bus Transfer Center

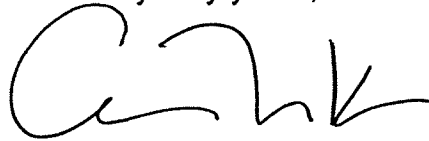
While the Department of Transportation recognizes the valuable services provided by Maui Economic Opportunity, Inc., the Department would also like to note that the operations of the Maui Bus run on a tight time schedule and loads to bus stop availability at the site will alter the schedule of the Maui Bus. The proposed plans to improve the bus transfer center will not alter the number of buses that will be able to stop at the center at one single time.

Notwithstanding, the Department is open to discussing with MEO and the Queen Ka'ahumanu Shopping Center, opportunities which will improve transportation services to all segments of our community.

Sandy Baz, CEO
October 1, 2009
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Again, thank you for your comments concerning the subject project. A copy of the Special Management Area Use Permit Application and the Draft Environmental Assessment will be sent your office for review and comment.

Very truly yours,

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Erin Mukai, Planner

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cc: Mike Silva, Ronald M. Fukumoto Engineering, Inc.
Don Medeiros and Jim Oster, Department of Transportation

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The following agencies were sent a copy of the Draft Environmental Assessment. Letters received during the 30-day public comment period, and responses to substantive comments are included in this section.

1. Ranae Ganske-Cerizo, Soil Conservationist
Natural Resources Conservation Service
U.S. Department of Agriculture
210 Imi Kala Street, Suite 209
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793-2100
2. George Young
Chief, Regulatory Branch
U.S. Department of the Army
U.S. Army Engineer District, Honolulu
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Fort Shafter, Hawaii 96858-5440
3. Patrick Leonard
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300 Ala Moana Blvd., Rm. 3-122, Box 50088
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
4. Russ K. Saito, State Comptroller
Department of Accounting and General Services
1151 Punchbowl Street, #426
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5. Sandra Lee Kunimoto, Chair
Department of Agriculture
1428 South King Street
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6. Theodore E. Liu, Director
State of Hawaii
Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism
P.O. Box 2359
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7. Patricia Hamamoto, Superintendent
State of Hawaii
Department of Education
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8. Micah Kane, Chairman
Department of Hawaiian Home Lands
P. O. Box 1879
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State of Hawaii
Department of Health
919 Ala Moana Blvd., Room 300
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10. Alec Wong, P.E., Acting Chief
Clean Water Branch
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11. Herbert Matsubayashi
District Environmental Health
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12. Laura Thielen, Interim Chairperson
State of Hawaii
Department of Land and Natural Resources
P. O. Box 621
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13. Melanie Chinen, Administrator
State of Hawaii
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State Historic Preservation Division
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14. Barry Fukunaga, Director
State of Hawaii
Department of Transportation
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cc: Fred Cajigal
15. Laurence K. Lau, Interim Director
Office Of Environmental Quality Control
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16. Haunani Apoliona, Board of Trustee Chair
Office of Hawaiian Affairs
711 Kapiolani Boulevard, Suite 500
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17. Mary Lou Kobayashi, Administrator
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18. Charmaine Tavares, Mayor
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19. Deidre Tegarden, Director
County of Maui
Office of Economic Development
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20. Gen Iinuma, Administrator
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21. Carl Kaupololo, Chief
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Department of Fire and Public Safety
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22. Vanessa A. Medeiros, Director
County of Maui
Department of Housing and Human Concerns
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23. Tamara Horcajo, Director
County of Maui
Department of Parks and Recreation
700 Hali`a Nakoa Street, Unit 2
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24. Jeffrey Hunt, Director
County of Maui
Department of Planning
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25. Thomas Phillips, Chief
County of Maui
Police Department
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26. Milton Arakawa, Director
County of Maui
Department of Public Works
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27. Cheryl Okuma, Director
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28. Donald Medeiros, Director
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Department of Transportation
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29. Jeffrey Eng, Director
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Department of Water Supply
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30. Councilmember Joseph Pontanilla
Maui County Council
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31. Councilmember Michael Victorino
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32. **Hawaiian Telcom**
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Wailuku, Hawaii 96793
33. Neal Shinyama, Manager – Engineering
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34. Pamela Tumpap, Executive Director
Maui Chamber of Commerce
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35. Sandy Baz, Executive Director
Maui Economic Opportunity
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Natural Resources Conservation Service
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TO: Jim Oster
County of Maui, Department of Transportation

Gina Flammer
County of Maui, Planning Department

✓ Erin Mukai
Munekiyo & Hiraga, Inc.

FROM: Ranae Ganske-Cerizo 
NRCS District Conservationist

DATE: December 7, 2009

SUBJECT: Proposed Improvements to Queen Kaahumanu Shopping Center Bus Transfer
Center at TMK (2) 3-7-002: 020 (por)

We have no comments at this time.



LINDA LINGLE
GOVERNOR



RUSS K. SAITO
COMPTROLLER

SANDRA L. YAHIRO
DEPUTY COMPTROLLER

STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES

(P)1322.9

P.O. BOX 119, HONOLULU, HAWAII 96810-0119

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Mr. Don Medeiros, Director
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Mr. Jeffrey S. Hunt, Director
County of Maui
Department of Planning
250 South High Street
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Dear Messrs. Medeiros and Hunt:

Subject: Proposed Improvements to
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TMK: (2) 3-7-002:020 (POR)
Kahului, Maui, Hawaii (SM1 2009/0015)

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the Proposed Improvements to Queen Kaahumanu Shopping Center Bus Transfer Center. The project does not impact any of the Department of Accounting and General Services' projects or existing facilities, and we have no comments to offer at this time.

If you have any question, please call me at 586-0400 or have your staff call Mr. Clarence Kubo of the Public Works Division at 586-0488.

Sincerely,

ERNEST Y. W. LAU
Public Works Administrator

CKK/DH:mo

c: Mr. Jim Oster, County of Maui, Department of Transportation
Ms. Gina Flammer, County of Maui, Department of Planning
Ms. Erin Mukai, Munekiyo & Hiraga

February 25, 2010

Ernest Lau
Public Works Administrator
Department of Accounting and General
State of Hawaii
P.O. Box 119
Honolulu, Hawaii 96810

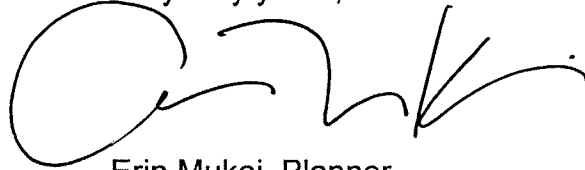
SUBJECT: Proposed Improvements to the Queen Kaahumanu Shopping
Center Bus Transfer Center, Kahului, Maui (TMK (2) 3-7-002:020)

Dear Mr. Lau:

Thank you for your letter dated December 9, 2009, providing comments on the Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) and Special Management Area (SMA) Use Permit Application for the subject project.

Thank you for your determination that the subject project does not impact any of the Department of Accounting and General Services' project or existing facilities.

Very truly yours,



Erin Mukai, Planner

EM:lh

cc: Jim Oster, Department of Transportation
Gina Flammer, County of Maui, Department of Planning
Mike Silva, Ronald M. Fukumoto Engineering, Inc.

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STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
P.O. BOX 2360
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96804

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

December 2, 2009

Mr. Don Medeiros, Director
Department of Transportation
County of Maui
200 South High Street
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793-2155

Dear Mr. Medeiros:

SUBJECT: Proposed Improvements to Queen Kaahumanu Shopping Center Bus Transfer Center at TMK (2)3-7-002:020 (por.), Kahului, Maui, Hawaii (SM1 2009/0015)

The Department of Education (DOE) has reviewed the Draft Environmental Assessment and Special Management Area Use Permit Application for the proposed improvements to the Queen Kaahumanu Shopping Center, Bus Transfer Center. The DOE has no comment.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. If you have any questions, please contact Jeremy Kwock of the Facilities Development Branch at (808) 377-8301.

Very truly yours,

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Patricia Hamamoto
Superintendent

PH:to

- c: Randolph Moore, Assistant Superintendent, OSFSS
Duane Kashiwai, Public Works Administrator, FDB
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Jim Oster, Department of Transportation
Gina Flammer, Department of Planning
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CHIYOME L. FUKINO, M. D.
DIRECTOR OF HEALTH

LORRIN W. PANG, M. D., M. P. H.
DISTRICT HEALTH OFFICER

STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
MAUI DISTRICT HEALTH OFFICE
54 HIGH STREET
WAILUKU, MAUI, HAWAII 96793-2102

December 11, 2009

Mr. Don Medeiros, Director
Department of Transportation
County of Maui
200 South High Street
Wailuku, Hawai'i 96793

Dear Mr. Medeiros:

**Subject: Proposed Improvements to Queen Kaahumanu Shopping Center
Bus Transfer Center, Kahului, Hawai'i 96732
TMK: (2) 3-7-002:020 (POR.)**

We have no other comments to offer than what was previously stated in our letter dated May 15, 2009 (See attached).

Should you have any questions, please call me at 808 984-8230 or e-mail me at patricia.kitkowski@doh.hawaii.gov.

Sincerely,

Patti Kitkowski
Acting District Environmental Health Program Chief

Attachment

- c Jim Oster, Dept. of Transportation
- Gina Flammer, Dept. of Planning
- Erin Mukai, Munekiyo & Hiraga, Inc.

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May 15, 2009

Ms. Erin Mukai
Planner
Munekiyo & Hiraga, Inc.
305 High Street, Suite 104
Wailuku, Hawai'i 96793

Dear Ms. Mukai:

**Subject: Early Consultation for Proposed Improvements to the Queen
Kaahumanu Shopping Center Transfer Center, Kahului, Maui
TMK: (2) 3-7-002: 020**

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to review and comment on this project. The following comments are offered:

The noise created during the construction phase of the project may exceed the maximum allowable levels as set forth in Hawaii Administrative Rules, Chapter 11-46 "Community Noise Control". A noise permit may be required and should be obtained before the commencement of this project.

It is strongly recommended that the Standard Comments found at the Department's website: <http://hawaii.gov/health/environmental/env-planning/landuse/landuse.html> be reviewed, and any comments specifically applicable to this project should be adhered to.

Should you have any questions, please call me at 808 984-8230 or e-mail me at patricia.kitkowski@doh.hawaii.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Patti Kitkowski".

Patti Kitkowski
Acting District Environmental Health Program Chief

February 25, 2010

Patti Kitkowski
Acting District Environmental Health Program Chief
Department of Health
State of Hawaii
54 South High Street
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

SUBJECT: Proposed Improvements to the Queen Kaahumanu Shopping Center Bus Transfer Center, Kahului, Maui (TMK (2) 3-7-002:020)

Dear Ms. Kitkowski:

Thank you for your letter dated December 11, 2009 providing comments on the Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) and Special Management Area (SMA) Use Permit Application for the subject project. On behalf of the applicant, the County of Maui, Department of Transportation, we would like to offer the following information in response to your comments.

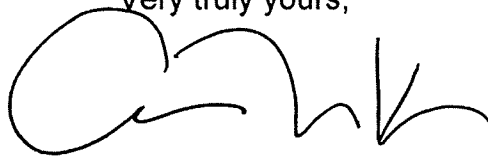
Response to Comments Regarding Community Noise Control

Your comments concerning Hawaii Administrative Rules (HAR), Chapters 11-46, "Community Noise Control," are acknowledged. The proposed project will meet the applicable criteria relating to HAR. Your comments regarding the possibility of a noise permit, as applicable, are noted and have been forwarded to the project engineer for consideration.

Patti Kitkowski
February 25, 2010
Page 2

Again, thank you for your comments concerning the subject project.

Very truly yours,

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Erin Mukai, Planner

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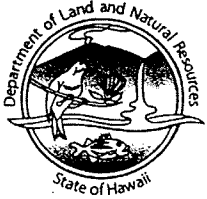
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LAURA H. THIELEN
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STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES
LAND DIVISION

POST OFFICE BOX 621
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96809

December 21, 2009

Department of Transportation
David Trask Building
2145 Kaolu Street Suite 102
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Attention: Mr. Jim Oster


Ladies and Gentlemen:

Subject: Special Management Area Use Permit for Proposed Improvements to
Queen Kaahumanu Shopping Center Bus Transfer Center

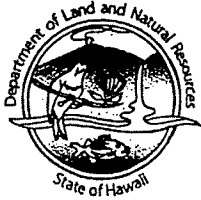
Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on the subject matter. The Department of Land and Natural Resources' (DLNR), Land Division distributed or made available a copy of your report pertaining to the subject matter to DLNR Divisions for their review and comment.

Other than the comments from Division of Aquatic Resources, Engineering Division, the Department of Land and Natural Resources has no other comments to offer on the subject matter. Should you have any questions, please feel free to call our office at 587-0433. Thank you.

Sincerely,


Morris M. Atta
Administrator

cc: Dept of Planning
Munekiyo & Hiraga



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MEMORANDUM

- TO: **DLNR Agencies:**
- Div. of Aquatic Resources
 - Div. of Boating & Ocean Recreation
 - Engineering Division
 - Div. of Forestry & Wildlife
 - Div. of State Parks
 - Commission on Water Resource Management
 - Office of Conservation & Coastal Lands
 - Land Division -
 - Historic Preservation

FROM: *for* Morris M. Atta *Mendone*

SUBJECT: Special Management Area Use Permit for Proposed Improvements to Queen Kaahumanu Shopping Center Bus Transfer Center

LOCATION: Island of Maui

APPLICANT: Munekiyo & Hiraga, Inc. on behalf of County of Maui, Department of Transportation

Transmitted for your review and comment on the above referenced document. We would appreciate your comments on this document. Please submit any comments by December 19, 2009.

If no response is received by this date, we will assume your agency has no comments. If you have any questions about this request, please contact my office at 587-0433. Thank you.

Attachments

- We have no objections.
- We have no comments.
- Comments are attached.

Signed: *[Signature]*
Date: 12/19/09

**DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES
ENGINEERING DIVISION**

LD/MorrisAtta

Ref.:SMAUPQueenKaahumahuShopping Center

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COMMENTS

- () We confirm that the project site, according to the Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM), is located in Flood Zone ____.
- () Please note that the project site, according to the Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM), is located in Flood Zone ____.
- (X) **Please note that the correct Flood Zone Designation for the project site according to the Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) is Zone X. The Flood Insurance Program does not have any regulations for developments within Flood Zone X.**
- () Please note that the project must comply with the rules and regulations of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) presented in Title 44 of the Code of Federal Regulations (44CFR), whenever development within a Special Flood Hazard Area is undertaken. If there are any questions, please contact the State NFIP Coordinator, Ms. Carol Tyau-Beam, of the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Engineering Division at (808) 587-0267.

Please be advised that 44CFR indicates the minimum standards set forth by the NFIP. Your Community's local flood ordinance may prove to be more restrictive and thus take precedence over the minimum NFIP standards. If there are questions regarding the local flood ordinances, please contact the applicable County NFIP Coordinators below:

- () Mr. Robert Sumitomo at (808) 768-8097 or Mr. Mario Siu Li at (808) 768-8098 of the City and County of Honolulu, Department of Planning and Permitting.
- () Mr. Frank DeMarco at (808) 961-8042 of the County of Hawaii, Department of Public Works.
- () Mr. Francis Cerizo at (808) 270-7771 of the County of Maui, Department of Planning.
- () Mr. Mario Antonio at (808) 241-6620 of the County of Kauai, Department of Public Works.

- () The applicant should include project water demands and infrastructure required to meet water demands. Please note that the implementation of any State-sponsored projects requiring water service from the Honolulu Board of Water Supply system must first obtain water allocation credits from the Engineering Division before it can receive a building permit and/or water meter.
- () The applicant should provide the water demands and calculations to the Engineering Division so it can be included in the State Water Projects Plan Update.

- (X) **Additional Comments: Please correct information on page 12, Item 4., Flood and Tsunami Hazard, Sections a and b of the document. The correct Flood Zone Designation according to Panel No. 1500030392E dated September 25, 2009 (copy attached) is Zone X. Also, please change Flood Insurance Map, Figure 6 of the document.**

- () Other: _____

Should you have any questions, please call Ms. Suzie S. Agraan of the Planning Branch at 587-0258.

Signed: _____

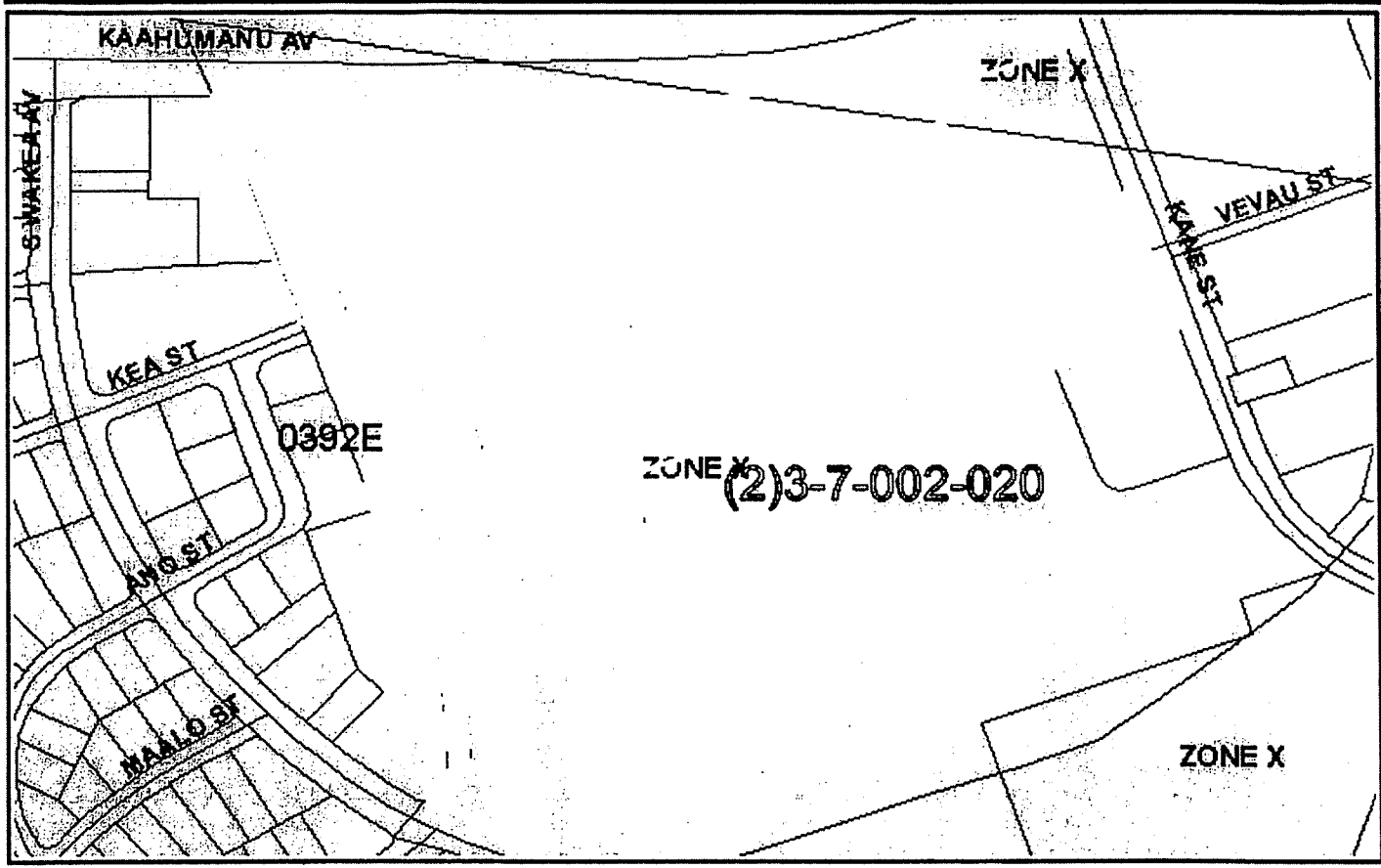
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Date: _____

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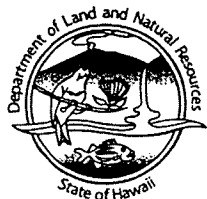


State of Hawaii FLOOD HAZARD ASSESSMENT REPORT



NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM

<p>What flood hazard zones are shown on FEMA's Flood Insurance Rate Map and what do they mean?</p> <p>Zones VE and V1-V30: Areas along coasts subject to inundation by the 1-percent-annual-chance flood event with additional hazards due to storm-induced velocity wave action. Base Flood Elevation (BFEs) derived from detail hydraulic analyses are shown within these zones. Mandatory flood insurance purchase requirements apply.</p> <p>Zone A: Areas subject to inundation by the 1-percent-annual-chance flood event. Because detailed hydraulic analyses have not been performed, no BFEs or flood depths are shown. Mandatory flood insurance purchase requirements apply.</p> <p>Zones AE and A1-A30: Areas subject to inundation by the 1-percent-annual-chance flood event determined by detailed methods. BFEs are shown within these zones. Mandatory flood insurance purchase requirements apply.</p> <p>Zone AH: Areas subject to inundation by the 1-percent-annual-chance shallow flooding (usually areas of ponding) where average depths are between 1 and 3 feet. BFEs derived from detailed hydraulic analyses are shown in this zone. Mandatory flood insurance purchase requirements apply.</p> <p>Zones B, C, and X: Areas identified as areas of moderate or minimal hazard from the principal source of flood in the area. However, buildings in these zones could be flooded by severe, concentrated rainfall coupled with inadequate local drainage systems. Flood insurance is available in participating communities but is not required by regulation in these zones.</p> <p>Zone D: Unstudied areas where flood hazards are undetermined, but flooding is possible. No mandatory flood insurance purchase requirements</p>	<p align="center">PROPERTY INFORMATION</p> <p>COUNTY: MAUI TMK NO: (2)3-7-002-020 SITE ADDRESS: 275 KAAHUMANU AVE FEMA FIRM PANEL(S): 1500030392E PANEL EFFECTIVE DATE(S): SEPTEMBER 25, 2009 FIRM INDEX DATE: SEPTEMBER 25, 2009 LETTER OF MAP CHANGE(S): NONE</p>
	<p>PARCEL DATA FROM: APRIL 2009 IMAGERY DATA FROM: MAY 2005</p>
	<p align="center">IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS</p> <p>County NFIP Coordinator County of Maui Francis Cerizo, CFM (808) 270-7771</p> <p>State NFIP Coordinator Carol Tyau-Beam, P.E., CFM (808) 587-0267</p>
	<p><i>Disclaimer: The Department of Land and Natural Resources assumes no responsibility arising from the use of the information contained in this report. Viewers/Users are responsible for verifying the accuracy of the information and agree to indemnify the Department of Land and Natural Resources from any liability, which may arise from its use.</i></p> <p><i>Preliminary DFIRM Disclaimer: If this map has been identified as "PRELIMINARY", please note that it is being provided for commenting purposes only and is not to be used for official/legal decisions or regulatory compliance.</i></p>



STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES
LAND DIVISION

POST OFFICE BOX 621
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96809

November 23, 2009

MEMORANDUM

TO:

DLNR Agencies:

- Div. of Aquatic Resources,
- Div. of Boating & Ocean Recreation
- Engineering Division
- Div. of Forestry & Wildlife
- Div. of State Parks
- Commission on Water Resource Management
- Office of Conservation & Coastal Lands
- Land Division -
- Historic Preservation



FROM:

for Morris M. Atta *Chaudhry*

SUBJECT:

Special Management Area Use Permit for Proposed Improvements
Kaahumanu Shopping Center Bus Transfer Center

LOCATION: Island of Maui

APPLICANT: Munekiyo & Hiraga, Inc. on behalf of County of Maui, Department of Transportation

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STATE OF HAWAII

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If no response is received by this date, we will assume your agency has no comments. If you have any questions about this request, please contact my office at 587-0433. Thank you.

Attachments

- We have no objections.
- We have no comments.
- Comments are attached.

Signed:

Date:

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MICHAEL T. MUNEKIYO
GWEN OHASHI HIRAGA
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KARLYNN FUKUDA

MARK ALEXANDER ROY

February 25, 2010

Morris Atta, Administrator
Department of Land and Natural Resources
State of Hawaii
P.O. Box 621
Honolulu, Hawaii 96809

SUBJECT: Proposed Improvements to the Queen Kaahumanu Shopping Center Bus Transfer Center, Kahului, Maui (TMK (2) 3-7-002:020)

Dear Mr. Atta:

Thank you for your letter dated December 21, 2009, providing comments on the Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) and Special Management Area (SMA) Use Permit Application for the subject project. On behalf of the applicant, the County of Maui, Department of Transportation (DOT), we would like to offer the following information in response to comments received from your Engineering Division.

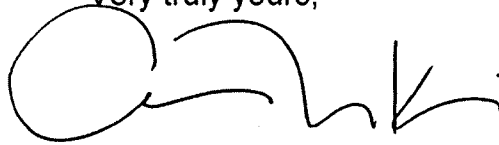
Response to Comment Regarding Flood Zone Designation

We confirm that the flood zone designation for the proposed project is Zone X according to the Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM). We will revise the correlating sections in the Final EA to indicate the proper designation.

Morris Atta, Administrator
February 25, 2010
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Again, thank you for your comments concerning the subject project.

Very truly yours,

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Erin Mukai, Planner

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cc: Jim Oster, Department of Transportation
Mike Silva, Ronald M. Fukumoto Engineering, Inc.
Gina Flammer, County of Maui, Department of Planning

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STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
869 PUNCHBOWL STREET
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813-5097

IN REPLY REFER TO:
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December 18, 2009

Mr. Jim Oster
Department of Transportation
County of Maui
David Trask Building
2145 Kaohu Street, Suite 102
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Ms. Gina Flammer
Department of Planning
County of Maui
250 South High Street
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Dear Mr. Oster and Ms. Flammer:

Subject: Proposed Improvements to Queen Kaahumanu Shopping Center Bus Transfer Center
Draft Environmental Assessment (DEA) and Special Management Area (SMA)
Application

Thank you for providing the subject project for the State Department of Transportation's (DOT) review and comments.

DOT understands that the subject project will improve the existing transfer center by installing fifteen (15) new bus shelters and associated improvements. The buses will use driveways from County highways for access to the Queen Kaahumanu Shopping Center bus transfer center.

DOT does not anticipate any significant, adverse impacts to the State Highway, Kaahumanu Avenue.

If there are any other questions, please contact Mr. David Shimokawa of the DOT Statewide Transportation Planning Office at telephone number (808) 587-2356.

Very truly yours,

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BRENNON T. MORIOKA, Ph.D., P.E.
Director of Transportation

c: Erin Mukai, Munekiyo & Hiraga, Inc.

February 25, 2010

Brennon Morioka, PH.D., P.E.
Department of Transportation
State of Hawaii
869 Punchbowl Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

SUBJECT: Proposed Improvements to the Queen Kaahumanu Shopping Center
Bus Transfer Center, Kahului, Maui (TMK (2) 3-7-002:020)

Dear Mr. Morioka:

Thank you for your letter dated December 18, 2009, providing comments on the Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) and Special Management Area (SMA) Use Permit Application for the subject project. On behalf of the applicant, the County of Maui, Department of Transportation (DOT), we would like to offer the following information in response to your comments.

Response to Comment Regarding Impacts to State Highways

We note your comment that your department does not anticipate any significant, adverse impacts to Kaahumanu Avenue, a State of Hawaii roadway facility.

Again, thank you for your comments concerning the subject project.

Very truly yours,

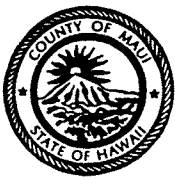


Erin Mukai, Planner

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Gina Flammer, County of Maui, Department of Planning

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DEPARTMENT OF
HOUSING AND HUMAN CONCERNS
COUNTY OF MAUI

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November 24, 2009

Mr. Don Medeiros
County of Maui
Department of Transportation
200 South High Street
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Dear Mr. Medeiros:

**SUBJECT: PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS TO QUEEN KAAHUMANU
SHOPPING CENTER BUS TRANSFER CENTER AT TMK (2) 3-7-
002:020 (POR.), KAHULUI, MAUI, HAWAII (SM1 2009/0015)**

The Department has reviewed the application for a special management area use permit and draft environmental assessment for the above subject project. Based on our review, we have determined that the subject project is not subject to Chapter 2.96, Maui County Code. At the present time, the department has no additional comments to offer.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. Please call Mr. Wayne Oshiro of our Housing Division at 270-7355 if you have any questions.

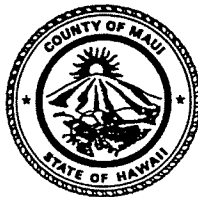
Sincerely,

LORI TSUHAKO, LSW, ACSW
Director of Housing and Human Concerns

cc: Gina Flammer, Department of Planning
Jim Oster, Department of Transportation
✓ Erin Mukai, Munekiyo & Hiraga, Inc.

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CHARMAINE TAVARES
Mayor



TAMARA HORCAJO
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Deputy Director

(808) 270-7230
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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS & RECREATION
700 Hali'a Nako'a Street, Unit 2, Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

December 2, 2009

Mr. Don Medeiros
Department of Transportation
200 South High Street
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

SUBJECT: Proposed Improvements to Queen Kaahumanu Shopping
Center Bus Transfer Center at TMK: 3-7-002:020 (Por.),
Kahului, Maui, Hawaii (SM1 2009/0015)

Dear Mr. Medeiros:

We have reviewed the proposed project improvements to Queen Kaahumanu Shopping Center Bus Transfer Center and have no comments to submit at this time.

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on this matter. Please feel free to contact me or Mr. Patrick Matsui, Chief of Parks Planning and Development at 270-7387 should you have any other questions.

Sincerely,

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TAMARA HORCAJO
Director of Parks & Recreation

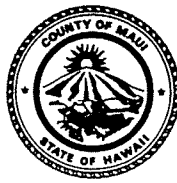
c: Patrick T. Matsui, Chief of Parks Planning and Development
Jim Oster, Department of Transportation
Gina Flammer, Department of Planning
Erin Mukai, Munekiyo & Hiraga

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CHARMAINE TAVARES
Mayor

JEFFREY S. HUNT
Director

KATHLEEN ROSS AOKI
Deputy Director



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COUNTY OF MAUI
DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING

December 17, 2009

Ms. Erin Mukai
Munekiyo & Hiraga, Inc.
305 High Street, Suite 104
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Dear Ms. Mukai:

SUBJECT: COMMENTS REGARDING THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (EA) FOR THE PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS TO THE QUEEN KAAHUMANU SHOPPING CENTER TRANSFER STATION, LOCATED AT KAHULUI, MAUI, HAWAII; TMK: (2) 3-7-002:020 (EAC 2009/0045)

The Department of Planning (Department) reviewed your letter dated November 5, 2009, requesting comments on the Draft EA for the subject project. Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments.

The Department understands that the proposed project is to complete improvements to the existing Bus Transfer Station at the Queen Kaahumanu Shopping Center, Kahului, Maui.

The Department has the following comments at this time:

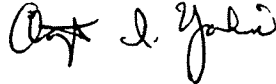
1. As part of the project, consider providing adequate signage to direct patrons to the Bus Transfer Station; and
2. As part of the project, consider developing a bus patron pick up and drop off area for incoming cars that will create easy-in and easy-out pick up, or create an alternate patron pick up area.

In addition, the Department received your Special Management Area (SMA) application for the project on October 6, 2009. As you are aware, the application was transmitted to relevant agencies along with the Draft EA in a coordinated transmittal from the Department and the Department of Transportation (DOT). Comments on the SMA application are currently being collected by the Department. A Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) is required for the application to be processed. Please provide a copy of the Final EA and FONSI letter from the DOT when completed. Once all agency comments have been addressed and the FONSI has been issued, a hearing before the Maui Planning Commission will be scheduled.

Ms. Erin Mukai
Munekiyo & Hiraga, Inc.
December 17, 2009

Thank you for your cooperation. If you need further clarification, please contact Staff Planner Gina Flammer via email at gina.flammer@mauicounty.gov or by phone at 270-5780.

Sincerely,



CLAYTON I. YOSHIDA, AICP
Planning Program Administrator

for JEFFREY S. HUNT, AICP
Planning Director

xc: Gina M. Flammer, Staff Planner
Jim Oster, DOT
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February 25, 2010

Jeffrey S. Hunt, AICP, Director
Department of Planning
County of Maui
250 South High Street
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

SUBJECT: Proposed Improvements to the Queen Kaahumanu Shopping Center Bus Transfer Center, Kahului, Maui (TMK (2) 3-7-002:020)

Dear Mr. Hunt:

Thank you for your letter dated December 17, 2009, providing comments on the Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) and Special Management Area (SMA) Use Permit Application for the subject project. On behalf of the applicant, the County of Maui, Department of Transportation, we would like to offer the following information in response to your comments.

Response to Comment No. 1

The possibility of providing signage within the shopping center will be discussed with the owners of the QKC and DOT.

Response to Comment No. 2

Presently, a bus patron pick-up and drop-off area is not proposed as part of the proposed project. However, we note that there is sufficient space for such activities near the Macy's Men retail outlet which is located in close proximity to the existing bus stops.

Jeffrey S. Hunt, AICP, Director
February 25, 2010
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Again, thank you for your comments concerning the subject project.

Very truly yours,

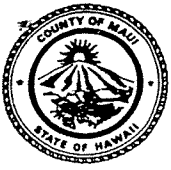
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Erin Mukai, Planner

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cc: Jim Oster, Department of Transportation
Mike Silva, Ronald M. Fukumoto Engineering, Inc.

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POLICE DEPARTMENT
COUNTY OF MAUI

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GARY A. YABUTA
CHIEF OF POLICE

OUR REFERENCE
YOUR REFERENCE

CLAYTON N.Y.W. TOM
DEPUTY CHIEF OF POLICE

November 27, 2009

MEMORANDUM

TO : DON MEDEIROS, DIRECTOR
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

FROM : GARY A. YABUTA, CHIEF OF POLICE

SUBJECT : PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS TO QUEEN KAAHUMANU
SHOPPING CENTER BUS TRANSFER CENTER AT TMK (2) 3-7-
002:020 (POR.), KAHULUI (SM1 2009/0015)

No recommendation or comment to offer.

Refer to enclosed comments and/or recommendations.

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to comment on this project.

Assistant Chief Danny J. Matsuura
For: GARY A. YABUTA
Chief of Police

Enclosure

c: Jim Oster, Dept. of Transportation
Gina Flammer, Maui County Planning Department
✓ Erin Mukai, Munekiyo & Hiraga, Inc.

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TO : GARY YABUTA, CHIEF OF POLICE, COUNTY OF MAUI

VIA : CHANNELS *Concur w/ Sgt. Orikasa's assessment. AC Matsuura*

FROM : STEPHEN ORIKASA, ADMINISTRATIVE SERGEANT, WAILUKU PATROL DIVISION *11/25/09*

SUBJECT : RESPONSE TO A REQUEST FOR COMMENTS REGARDING THE PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS TO QUEEN KAAHUMANU CENTER BUS TRANSFER CENTER

This communication is submitted as a response to a request for comments by County of Maui, Department of Transportation, Director, Don Medeiros and Department of Planning, Director, Jeffrey S. Hunt in regards to the following;

SUBJECT : PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS TO QUEEN KAAHUMANU SHOPPING CENTER BUS TRANSFER CENTER AT TMK (2) 3-7-002:020 (POR.), KAHULUI, MAUIM HAWAII (SM1 2009/0015)

RESPONSE:

In review of the submitted documents, the focus from the police perspective is upon the safety of vehicular and pedestrian movement.

The proposed project is upon private commercial property, which is accessible to the general public. With this in mind, there should be clearly defined and marked pedestrian walkways, bus loading and unloading areas along with appropriate signage and lighting.

During the construction phases, extreme efforts should be made to minimize noise, dust & debris so not to inhibit those whose health and well being may be affected. Adequate traffic control devices and personnel should also be utilized to minimize the impact of heavy equipment and vehicles traveling in and out of the area.

CONCLUSION:

There are no objections to the progression of this project at this time. Although, it is of utmost importance to be cognizant of any health and safety impacts, directly and indirectly, which may arise from this project.

Respectfully submitted for your review and approval.

[Signature]
 Stephen T. Orikasa E#716
 Administrative Sergeant/Wailuku Patrol Division
 11/25/09 @ 0900 Hours

Concur with Sgt. Orikasa - this is on private property so notification efforts are needed mostly for pedestrian safety. Recommend approval.

*Capt. J. Ainsworth 8/10/09
 11/25/09 0900 hrs.*



MICHAEL T. MUNEKIYO
GWEN OHASHI HIRAGA
MITSURU "MICH" HIRANO
KARLYNN FUKUDA

MARK ALEXANDER ROY

February 25, 2010

Gary Yabuta, Chief
Maui Police Department
County of Maui
55 Mahalani Street
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

SUBJECT: Proposed Improvements to the Queen Kaahumanu Shopping Center Bus Transfer Center, Kahului, Maui (TMK (2) 3-7-002:020)

Dear Mr. Yabuta:

Thank you for your letter dated November 27, 2009, providing comments on the Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) and Special Management Area (SMA) Use Permit Application for the subject project. On behalf of the applicant, the County of Maui, Department of Transportation (DOT), we would like to offer the following information in response to your comments.

Response to Comment Regarding Safety of Vehicular and Pedestrian Movement

Pedestrian walkways and bus loading and unloading areas will be marked and lighting will also be provided at the bus transfer center. Signage for the bus transfer station will be worked out with the owners of the shopping center and the DOT.

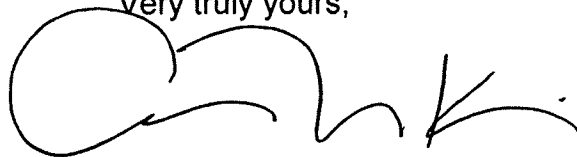
Response to Comment Regarding Construction

Appropriate Best Management Practices (BMPs) will be implemented during construction to ensure that adverse environmental impacts on air quality and ambient noise levels are mitigated. Further, your comments concerning the utilization of traffic control devices and personnel during construction are noted and have been forwarded to the applicant. The applicant also recognizes the importance of such, as the Queen Kaahumanu Shopping Center will be open during construction.

Gary Yabuta, Chief
February 25, 2010
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Again, thank you for your comments concerning the subject project.

Very truly yours,

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Erin Mukai, Planner

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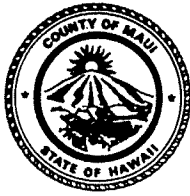
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BRIAN HASHIRO, P.E.
Highways Division

COUNTY OF MAUI
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
DEVELOPMENT SERVICES ADMINISTRATION
250 SOUTH HIGH STREET
WAILUKU, MAUI, HAWAII 96793

November 30, 2009

Mr. Jim Oster
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
2145 Kaohu Street, Suite #102
Wailuku, Maui, Hawaii 96793


**Subject: APPLICATION FOR SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREA USE
PERMIT FOR PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS TO QUEEN
KAAHUMANU SHOPPING CENTER BUS TRANSFER CENTER
TMK (2) 3-7-002:020 (por) SM1 2009/0015**

Dear Mr. Oster:

We reviewed the subject application and have no comments at this time.

Please call Michael Miyamoto at 270-7845 if you have any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,


Milton M. Arakawa, A.I.C.P.
Director of Public Works

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xc: Highways Division
Engineering Division
Planning Department - Gina Flammer
Munekiyō & Hiraga, Inc. - Erin Mukai

CHARMAINE TAVARES
Mayor



JEFFREY K. ENG
Director
ERIC H. YAMASHIGE, P.E., L.S.
Deputy Director

DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY
COUNTY OF MAUI
200 SOUTH HIGH STREET
WAILUKU, MAUI, HAWAII 96793-2155
www.mauewater.org

December 22, 2009

Ms. Erin Mukai
Munekiyo & Hiraga, Inc.
305 High Street, Suite 104
Wailuku HI 96793

Subject:: Improvements to Queen Kaahumanu Shopping Center Bus Transfer Center
Kahului, Maui, Hawaii
I.D.: (SM1 2009/0015)
TMK: (2) 3-7-002:020 (POR.)

Dear Ms. Mukai:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this Special Management Use Permit.

Source Availability and Consumption

The project area is served by the Central Maui System. The main sources of water for this system are the designated Iao aquifer, Waihee aquifer, and the Iao tunnel and Iao-Waikapu Ditch from the designated Na Wai Eha. New source development projects include Maui Lani Wells, Waikapu South well and Waiale Surface Water Treatment Plant. Water service has not and will not be provided at the bus transfer center. If water service were needed for landscaping, etc.; there is currently no additional source available to accommodate new customers according to system standards on the Central Maui System. Average consumption for the 1", 1 1/2", and 4" meters that service the property for 2008 was 332 gpd, 5,059 gpd, and 123,337 gpd, respectively. Should larger meter be needed, the Department may delay issuance of meters until new sources are on line. The Department will not issue temporary construction meters for Central Maui projects. We note that the applicant will review non-potable water options for construction activities.

System Infrastructure

The property is served by a 12-inch near Ka'ahumanu Avenue, a 12-inch waterline along W. Wakea Avenue, and a private fire hydrant at about 170 feet distance. Domestic, irrigation and fire flow calculations will be required in the building permit process.

"By Water All Things Find Life"

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Erin Mukai
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Conservation

To alleviate demand on the Central Maui system, we recommend that the following conservation measures be made a condition for approval of the subject applications:

Use Non-potable Water: Use brackish or reclaimed water for dust control during construction. Brackish well water should be used for irrigation if feasible.

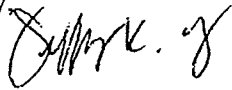
Pollution Prevention

We note that Best Management Practices (BMPs) will be prepared and adhered to during construction in order to protect groundwater resources. To supplement BMPs as required to meet state and county regulations, we recommend that the mitigation measures below be a condition of the subject permits.

1. Prevent cement products, oil, fuel and other toxic substances from falling or leaching into water.
2. Properly and promptly dispose of all loosened and excavated soil and debris material from drainage structure work.
3. Retain ground cover until the last possible date.

Should you have any questions, please contact our Water Resources and Planning Division at 244-8550.

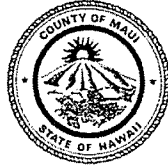
Sincerely,



Jeffrey K. Eng, Director
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c: engineering division

CHARMAINE TAVARES
MAYOR



DON A. MEDEIROS
Director
WAYNE A. BOTEILHO
Deputy Director
Telephone (808) 270-7511
Facsimile (808) 270-7505

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

December 29, 2009

COUNTY OF MAUI
200 South High Street
Wailuku, Hawaii, USA 96793-2155

Mr. Jeffery Eng
Water Resources and Planning Division
200 South High Street
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Dear Mr. Eng,

We would like to respond to the letter sent on December 22, 2009 to Munekiyo & Hiraga, Inc. regarding the "Improvements to Queen Kaahumanu Shopping Center Bus Transfer Center".

Our project will involve no additional water requirements. All mention of landscaping for this project is referencing the mall's existing landscaping. This existing landscaping in the area of construction will be downsized to potted plants using the existing irrigation system, and therefore, there should be a decrease in water consumption.

Since there is no water impact, we feel that there is no need for any domestic, irrigation, and fire flow calculations necessary for the building permit process. All pollution prevention during construction will follow best management practices.

Thank you for your comments to this project.

Please contact me should you have any additional comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Don Medeiros".

Don Medeiros
Director

Network Engineering and Planning
OSP Engineering - Maui

November 30, 2009

Hawaiian Telcom

60 South Church St.
Wailuku, HI 96793
Phone 808 242-5102
Fax 808 242-8899

Munekiyo & Hiraga, Inc.
305 High Street, Suite 104
Wailuku, HI 96793

Attention: Erin Mukai, Planner

Subject: Proposed Improvements to Queen Kaahumanu Shopping Center
Bus Transfer Center at TMK: (2) 3-7-002:020 (Por.)

Dear Erin,

Thank you for allowing us to review and comment on the subject project. Your plans have been received and put on file.

Hawaiian Telcom, Inc. has no comment, nor do we require any additional information at this time.

Should you require further assistance, please call me at 242-5107.

Sincerely,



Tom Hutchison
OSP Engineer

CC: Lynette Yoshida, Network Engineering Senior Manager
BICS File # 0905-042 (3030)



November 30, 2009

Ms. Erin Mukai, Planner
Munekiyo & Hiraga, Inc.
305 South High Street, Suite 104
Wailuku, Maui, Hawaii, 96793

Subject: Special Management Area Use Permit and Draft Environmental Assessment for
the Proposed Improvements to Queen Kaahumanu Shopping Center Bus
Transfer Center
275 West Ka'ahumanu Avenue
Kahului, Maui, Hawaii
Tax Map Key: (2) 3-7-002:020

Dear Ms. Mukai,

Thank you for allowing us to comment on the Special Management Area Use Permit and Draft Environmental Assessment for the subject project.

In reviewing our records and the information received, Maui Electric Company has no additional comments to the subject project at this time.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please call me at 871-2340.

Sincerely,

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Ray Okazaki
Staff Engineer

c: Department of Transportation – Mr. Jim Oster
Department of Planning – Ms. Gina Flammer

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APPENDIX A.

**Archaeological Field
Inspection Prepared by
Xamanek Researches, LLC**

**An Archaeological Field Inspection of the Queen Ka`ahumanu
Center Bus Transfer Station in Kahului,
Island of Maui
(County Project No: Q-TR-09-01)
Wailuku *Ahupua`a*, Wailuku District
(TMK: [2] 3-7-002: 020)**

Prepared for:

**The County of Maui
Department of Transportation**

Prepared by

**Xamanek Researches, LLC
Pukalani, Maui**

**Jonas K. Madeus
Erik Fredericksen**

10 April 2009

Introduction

Mr. Michael Munekiyo of Munekiyo & Hiraga, Inc. contacted Erik Fredericksen of Xamanek Researches LLC about archaeological work that would be needed for scheduled improvements for ten COM Bus Stop locations in the fall of 2008 (County Project NO. Q-TR-09-01). Improvements will include the placement of more substantial bus shelters in some locations, the placement of large signs, lighting and other assorted actions that will involve subsurface disturbance activities. Because of the somewhat unusual nature of the overall project (i.e. covering different portions of the island), Erik Fredericksen contacted Ms. Jenny Pickett, assistant staff archaeologist of the State Historic Preservation Division (SHPD) Maui office. Given that the various bus stops scheduled for improvements were located in different portions of Maui and in likely previously disturbed areas, it was decided that archaeological field inspections were most appropriate to assist in determining what additional mitigation actions, if any, were necessary. The Queen Ka'ahumanu Center stop is a transfer station and it will be the first improvement project. Consequently, it is separately covered in this report.¹

The Queen Ka'ahumanu Center transfer station is located within the shopping center complex in Kahului. (see Figures 1 through 3, Photo # 1 and Table 1). Xamanek Researches, LLC carried out this inspection on 30 March and 7 April 2009. Erik Fredericksen (SHPD Permit # 09-10) was the principle investigator for this project and inspected this bus stop location on 30 March 2009. Jonas Madeus, B.A. documented this bus stop location on 7 April 2009 and carried out a more detailed surface inspection.

Table 1. Tax Map Key of Bus Stop # 1079

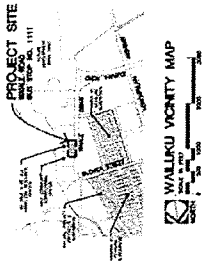
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¹ The nine bus stops are discussed in a separate field inspection report.

MAUI COUNTY BUS STOPS

PROJECT NO. Q-TR-09-01

KIHEI, LAHAINA, MAKAWAO,
KAHALUI, WAILUKU,
MAUI, HAWAII

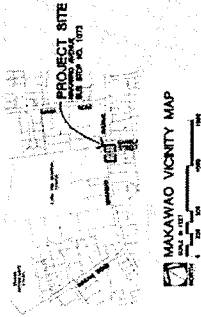


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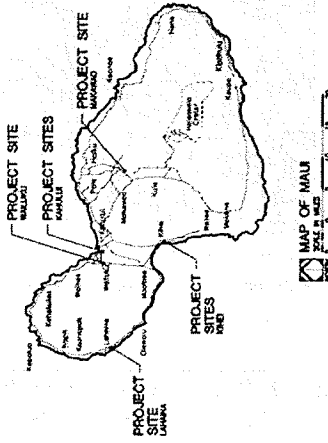
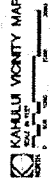
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PREPARED BY:

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RONALD M. FUKUMOTO ENGINEERING, INC.
Civil Engineering & Land Surveying Consultants
1721 Wili Pa Loop, Suite 203 - Wailuku, Hawaii 96793



Bus Stop 1079



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7	7-1	PROJECT SITE MAP
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APPROVALS:

DIRECTOR
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
COUNTY OF MAUI

ENGINEER
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
COUNTY OF MAUI
(APPROVAL GRANTED FOR WORK WITHIN COUNTY RIGHT-OF-WAY)

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Figure 1. General plan view map of the other bus stops and Bus Stop # 1097 on the Island of Maui, adapted from Ronald M. Fukumoto Engineering, Inc.

Queen Ka'ahumanu Center

Bus Stop # 1079 is situated at the Queen Kaahumanu Center near the western entrance of the rear of the mall. This bus stop is located in a portion of TMK: 3-7-02: 20, Queen Ka'ahumanu Center. The present bus stop lies in a paved parking lot that is covered in concrete and asphalt. This area was previously disturbed by the construction of the Queen Ka'ahumanu Center (see Figure 1 through 3, Table 1 and Photo # 1).

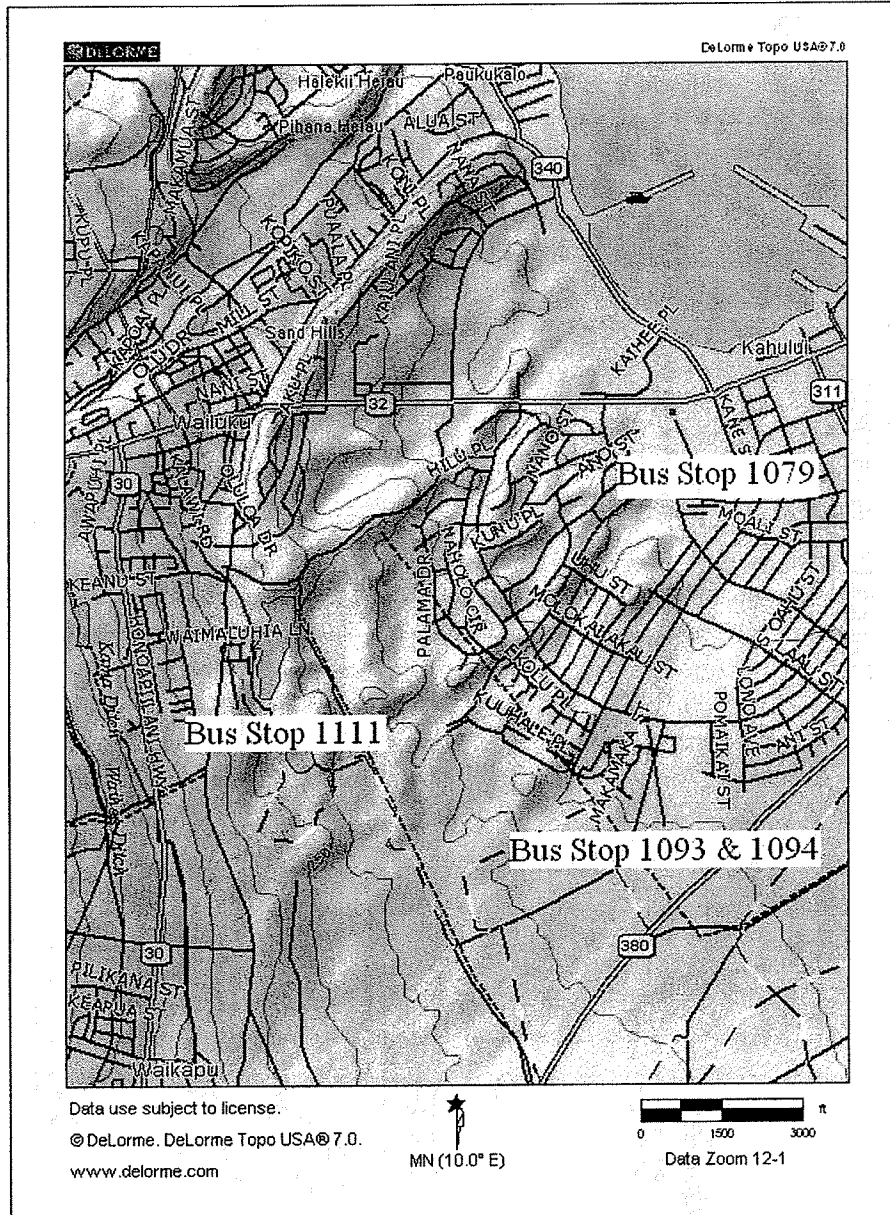


Figure 2. Portion of topographic map of Central Maui showing Bus Stop # 1079 and the other nearby bus stops covered in a separate report.

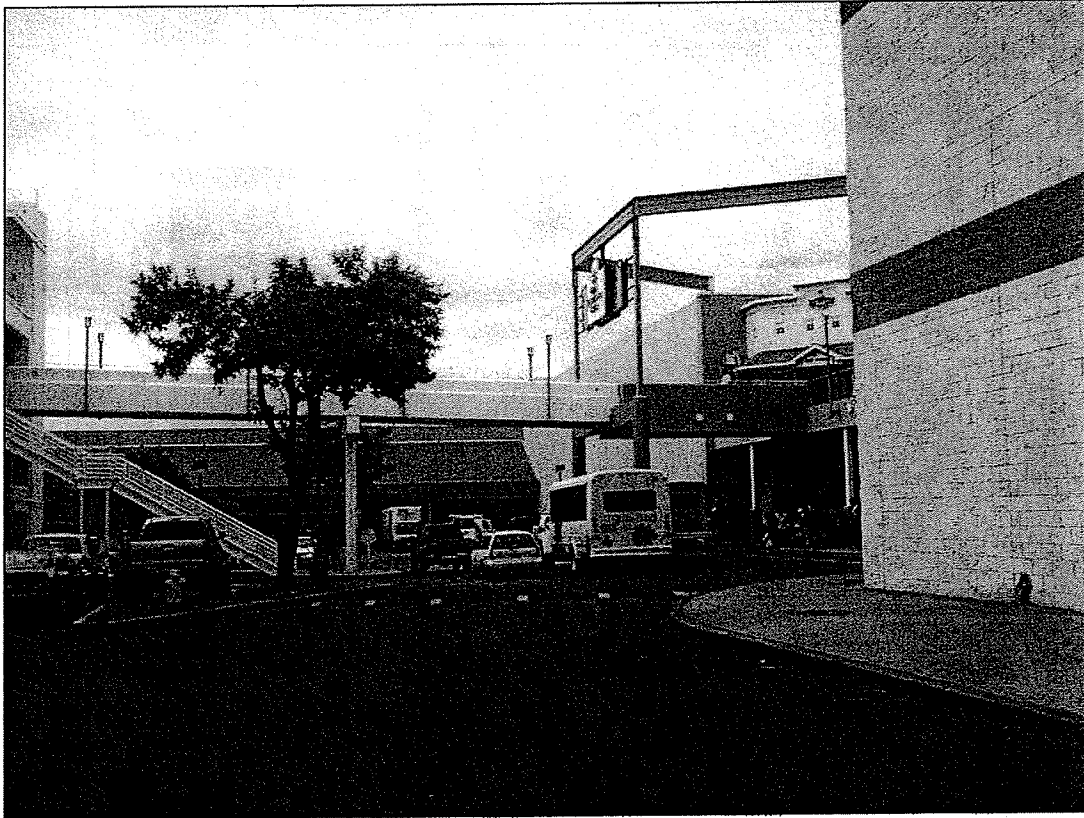


Photo # 1 Overview of the location of Bus Stop # 1079 at the Kaahumanu Mall, view to the east northeast.

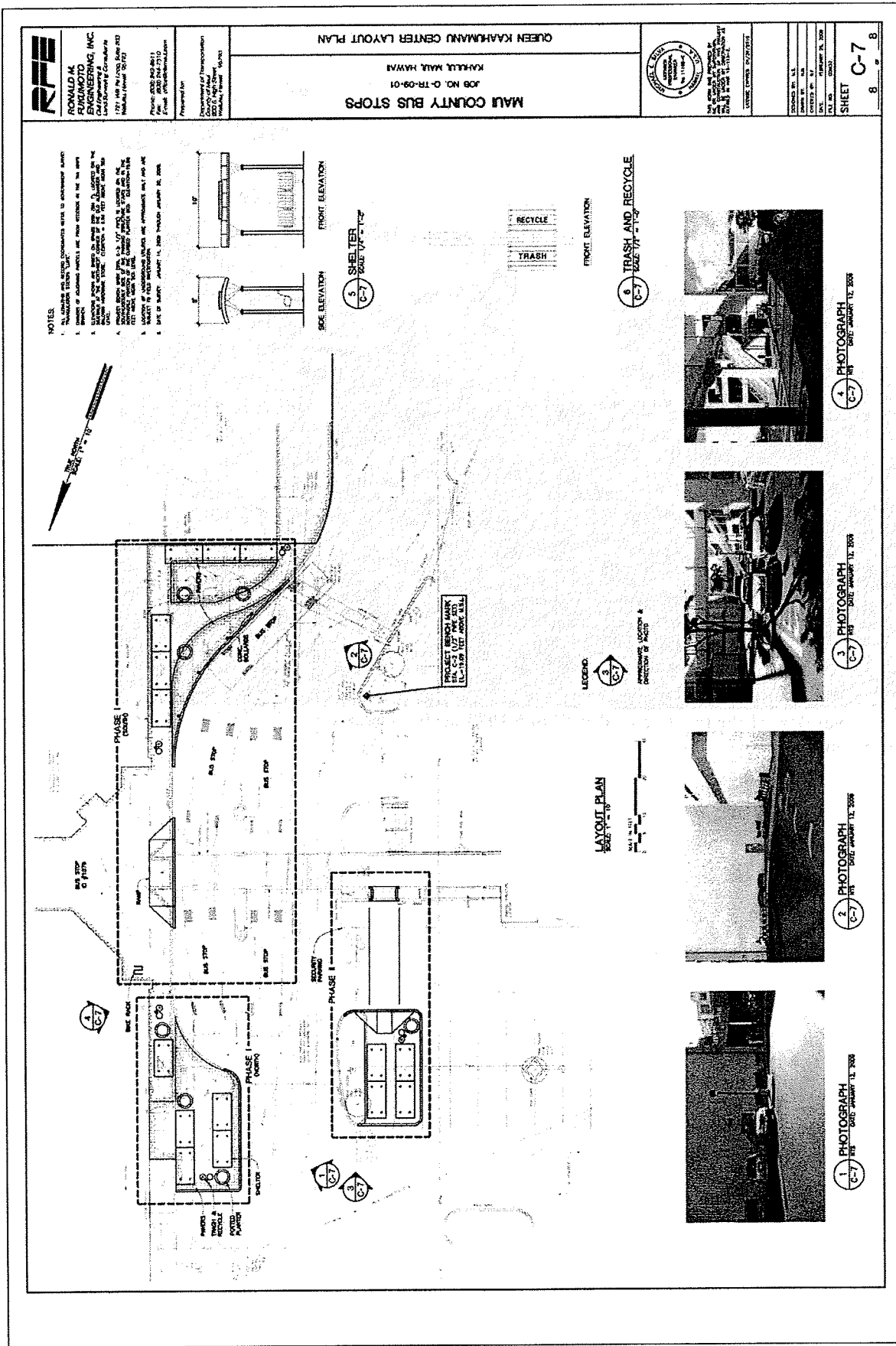


Figure 3. Plan view map with photos showing the location for Bus Stop # 1079, Queen Ka'ahumanu Center, Kahului.

Recommended Archaeological Mitigation Work

Bus Stop # 1079 is situated in an area that is considered to be potentially culturally sensitive. Factors contributing to potential cultural sensitivity include the following: the presence of previously identified sites near a given bus stop; the presence of sand (dune and/or marine) deposits; and the proximity of the shoreline. Bus Stop # 1079 is located in an area that contains sand dune deposits. Clustered and isolated human burials have previously been identified in this portion of the Pu'uone Sand Dune complex. Given the presence of previously identified sites and sand dune deposits in this area, precautionary archaeological monitoring is recommended for improvements for this bus stop that involve subsurface excavation activities.

Summary

Given that all of the inspected area has been previously impacted, archaeological monitoring is the most appropriate mitigation for this bus stop. A monitoring plan will be developed for the Queen Ka'ahumanu Center bus stop. This plan will subsequently be submitted to the SHPD for review and comment.

Please feel free to contact Erik Fredericksen (SHPD Permit # 09-10) at (808) 572-8900 or via e-mail at xamanekresearchesllc@hawaii.rr.com to discuss any aspect of the above field inspection report for the proposed County of Maui Bus Stop improvements project.

APPENDIX B.

**Archaeological Monitoring
Plan Prepared by Xamanek
Researches, LLC**

**An Archaeological Monitoring Plan for the
Queen Ka'ahumanu Center Bus Transfer Station,
Kahului, Island of Maui
(County Project No: Q-TR-09-01)
Wailuku *Ahupua'a*, Wailuku District
(TMK: [2] 3-7-002: Portion of 020)**

Prepared for:

**The County of Maui
Department of Transportation
Wailuku, Maui**

Prepared by

**Xamanek Researches, LLC
Pukalani, Maui**

Erik M. Fredericksen

*13 July 2009 (DRAFT)
24 August 2009 (FINAL)*

INTRODUCTION

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Xamanek Researches, LLC subsequently carried out a field inspection of the proposed Queen Ka`ahumanu Center transfer station project area in late March and early April 2009. The resultant field inspection report recommended that precautionary monitoring take place, given that the project area is located in the Pu`uone sand dune area (Madeus and Fredericksen, 2009a).

The Queen Ka`ahumanu Center stop is a transfer station and it will be the first improvement project. Consequently, it is separately covered in this plan.¹ The following monitoring plan has been prepared at the direction of Ms. Erin Mukai, Planner with Munekiyo & Hiraga, Inc. on behalf of the County of Maui Department of Transportation. This plan includes the steps that will be followed during the monitoring program for this project on portions of (TMK: [2] 3-7-002: Portion of 020) in Kahului, Maui (Figures 1-4).

¹ The nine other bus stop locations were discussed in a separate field inspection report; separate mitigation actions are recommended for the individual bus stop projects in this second report (Madeus and Fredericksen, 2009b).

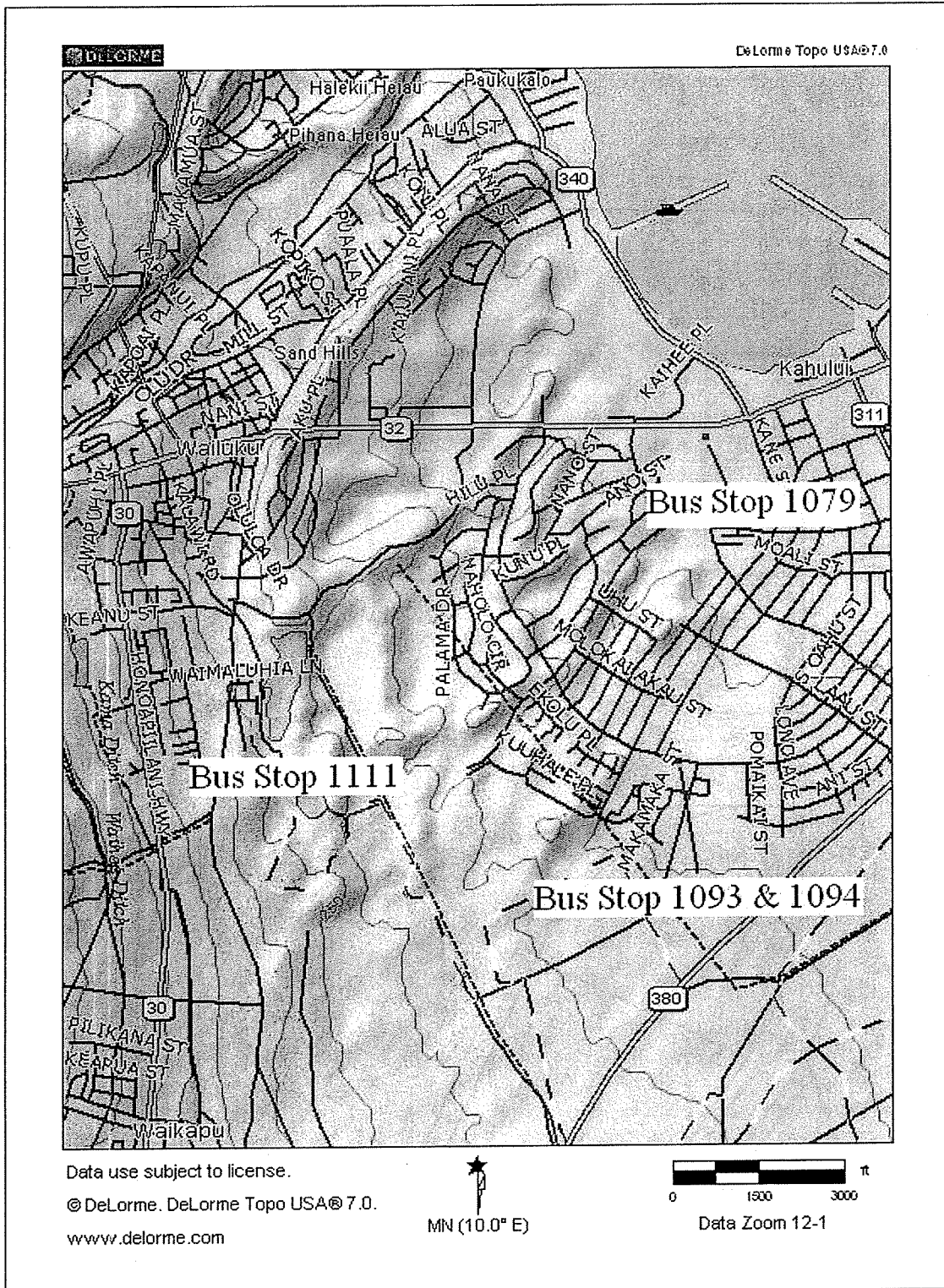


Figure 1 - Portion of topographic map of Central Maui showing Bus Stop # 1079 and the other nearby bus stops covered in a separate report (and future monitoring plans).

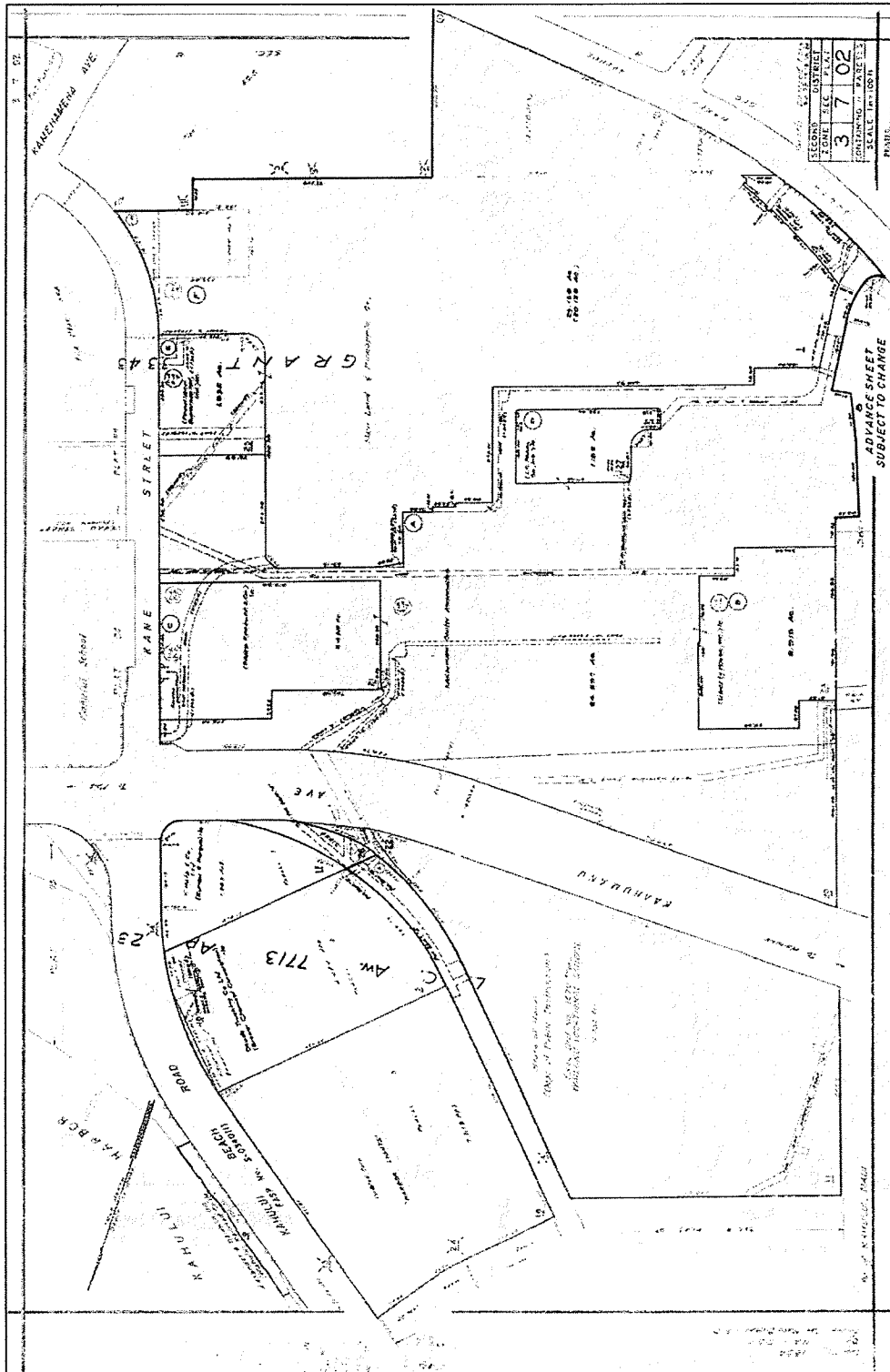


Figure 2: Tax Map Key of the Queen Ka'ahumanu Center, Kahului, Maui.

MAUI COUNTY BUS STOPS

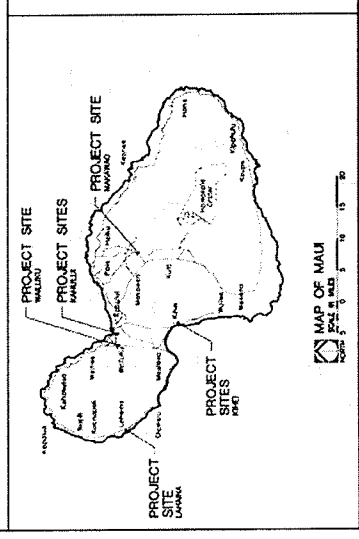
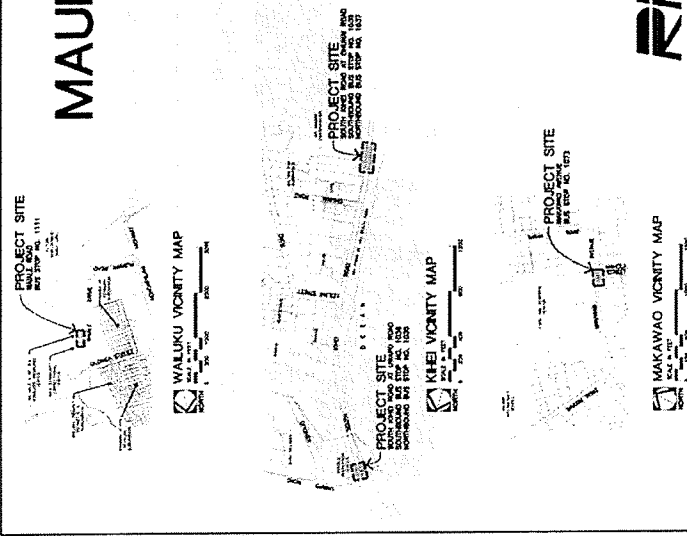
PROJECT NO. Q-TR-09-01

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KAHULUI, WAILUKU,
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Figure 3 - General plan view map of the other bus stops and Bus Stop # 1097 on the Island of Maui, adapted from Ronald M. Fukumoto Engineering, Inc.

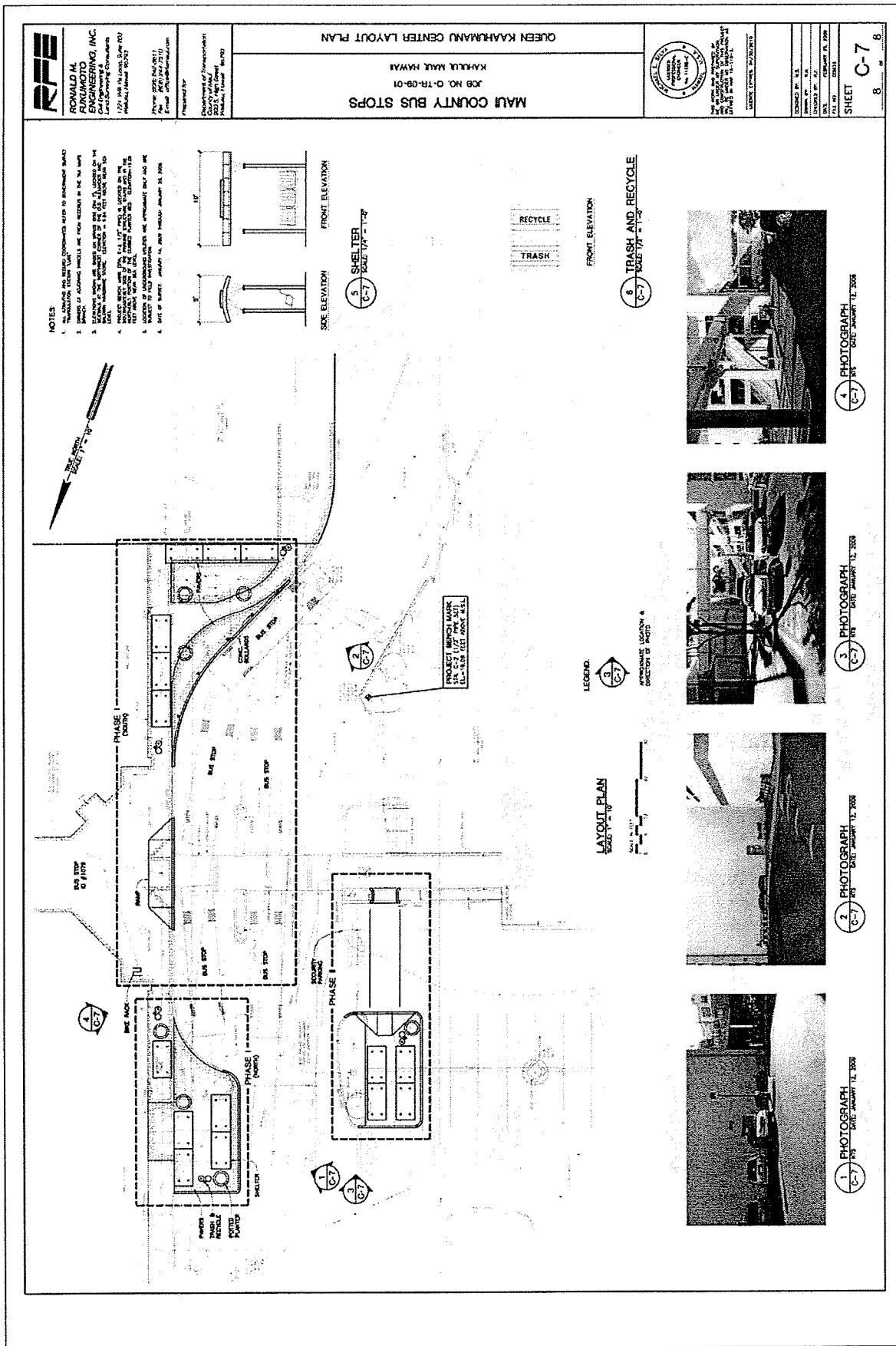


Figure 4 - Plan view map with photos showing the location for Bus Stop # 1079, Queen Ka'ahumanu Center, Kahului.

THE STUDY AREA

The Queen Ka'ahumanu Center Transfer Station improvements project area consists of a c. 0.12 acre portion of the shopping center complex that lies in relatively close proximity to the Kahului coast. This general area contains Jaucus sand and Pu'uone dune deposits. It is estimated that the study area lies 0.5 km to the southwest of the Kahului Harbor shoreline (Figure 1). Given the location of the improvements project, there is a possibility that previously disturbed human remains and/or subsurface cultural materials may be present in portions of the project area.

The project area lies south of Ka'ahumanu Avenue on the southern portion of the shopping center complex in Wailuku *ahupua'a*, Wailuku District, Kahului, Maui. Sand deposits underlie much of the facility and the area in general. While it remains unknown at the writing of this monitoring plan, the possibility exists that significant cultural materials could be present.

ARCHAEOLOGICAL MONITORING PLAN

Scope of monitoring

The scope of this monitoring plan includes having an archaeological monitor present during all subsurface earthmoving activities scheduled for the Queen Ka'ahumanu Center Transfer Station improvements project. Actual on-site time and specific actions to be followed in the event of inadvertent discoveries will be discussed and agreed upon by the general contractor and the archaeological consultant at a preconstruction meeting/phone conference held for this purpose. Additional meetings may be called, if either the monitoring archaeologist or contractor believes that other relevant information should be disseminated. As previously mentioned, this plan covers this current project within the Queen Ka'ahumanu Center complex (TMK: [2] 3-7-002: Portion of 020).

Given the location of the proposed Queen Ka'ahumanu Center bus stop improvements project, there is a possibility that significant material culture remains may be inadvertently disturbed during earthmoving activities in this portion of Kahului, Maui, which lies in close proximity to the Pu'uone dune complex. Possible cultural materials could include subsurface precontact habitation site remnants such as Site 4753 to the ENE near Kahului Harbor, and human burials and/or human skeletal remains such as Site 5496 also ENE near the harbor, and various finds of human remains in the general Maui Lani project area to the WSW (e.g. Sites 2797, 4368, 4419, 4435 and numerous recent finds). Sites 4753 and 5496 were previously located on land c. 0.75 km to the northwest of the project area on the *makai* (north) side of Ka'ahumanu Avenue, while the various finds of human remains - Sites 2797, 4368, 4419, 4435 - were located in the Pu'uone dune area c. 0.4 to 0.5 km to the WSW. The project area lies just to the west of the Kahului Historic District (Site 1607). There are no known old buildings located on the subject parcel at present. While somewhat unlikely, there could be subsurface remnants of post-contact activities within the project area, such as old building foundations, post-contact habitation deposits, etc.

Close cooperation between the monitoring archaeologist and construction personnel is important to a successful monitoring program. The monitoring program will follow the 12 conditions listed below:

- 1) The contractor shall be responsible for ensuring that the archaeological consultant is aware of all pertinent construction schedules and that the monitor is present for all subsurface excavation activities on this coastal parcel.
- 2) Both the archaeological consultant and the contractor are responsible for ensuring that on-site work is halted in an area of significant findings and to protect any such find from any further damage (i.e., construction fencing, protective covering, etc.). The State Historic Preservation Division will recommend appropriate mitigation actions. The SHPD Burial Sites Program, the SHPD Maui office, and the Maui/Lana'i Islands Burial Council (MLIBC) will be consulted in the event that human remains are found. (Change work order)
- 3) In the event of the discovery of human remains, work shall cease in the immediate find area. *In situ* human remains will be left in place and any previously disturbed human remains will only be removed with written consent from SHPD. If at all possible, provisions for secure on-site storage will be made. The monitoring archaeologist will be responsible for notifying the SHPD Maui office and the Historic Preservation Division Burial Sites Program, which, in consultation with the Maui/Lana'i Islands Burial Council, will determine the appropriate mitigation measures. This notification will include accurate information regarding the context and composition of the find. (Change work order)

- 4) The archaeological consultant will work in compliance with Hawai'i Revised Statutes Chapter 6E (procedures Relating to Inadvertent Discoveries).
- 5) The monitoring archaeologist will have the authority to closedown construction activities in areas where potentially significant discoveries have been made until they have been properly evaluated. Normally, construction activities may continue in unaffected portions of the project area. (Change work order)
- 6) Field procedures to be followed for documentation of discovered cultural features or human skeletal remains: a) standard field methods including recordation of profiles showing stratigraphy, cultural layers, etc.; b) mapping and photographing of finds other than human remains; c) and excavation of cultural materials and/or exposed features.
- 7) The SHPD Maui cultural historian shall be notified and in consultation with the MLIBC will determine treatment of identified human remains; the SHPD Maui staff archaeologist will be notified about features such as cultural layers, artifact or midden concentrations, structural remains, etc., considered to be of significance under S13-279-2 (definitions).
- 8) The contractor should take into account the necessity for machine excavation at a speed slow enough to allow for reasonable visual inspection of the work. The monitoring archaeologist must make a "best effort" to search for significant material culture remains (i.e. artifacts, features, midden, skeletal remains, etc.). Machine excavation speed will need to be slowed in an area where significant material culture remains have been identified. (Change work order)
- 9) Significant archaeological discoveries, if they occur, shall be protected and identified by construction "caution" tape, fencing, or other reasonable means, until the SHPD Maui office and the archaeological consultant decide appropriate mitigation actions. All recovered material culture remains—with the possible exception of charcoal samples for radiometric analysis—will remain on Maui. Standard laboratory methods shall be utilized by Xamanek Researches, LLC in the event that cultural materials are recovered during monitoring and/or mitigation work. Cultural materials will be curated by archaeological consultant (change work order)
- 10) One monitor in most instances will carry out the necessary fieldwork. Tasks will include observation of grubbing and earth-moving activities. However, the SHPD and the MLIBC require that one archaeological monitor be assigned to each piece of major earth-moving equipment in sand dune areas or other culturally sensitive locations. (Change work order if more than one piece of machinery is to be utilized)

11) In the event of night work, the general contractor shall supply adequate lighting for the onsite monitor.

12) Chapter 6E-11 (a) specifies the following "It shall be unlawful for any person or corporate, to take, appropriate, excavate, injure, destroy, or alter any historic property or aviation artifact located on the private lands of any owner thereof without the owner's written permission being first obtained. It shall be unlawful for any person, natural or corporate, to take, appropriate, excavate, injure, destroy, or alter any historic property located upon lands owned or controlled by the State or any of its political subdivisions, except as permitted by the department."

Field methods utilized shall include photographic recordation (where appropriate), artifact excavation (recovery and recordation), profile documentation of cultural layers and stratigraphy, excavation and recordation of exposed features, and mapping of all pertinent features on an appropriate site map. A daily log (field notes) of activities and findings will also be kept. Gathered information shall be utilized in the preparation of the monitoring report to be submitted to the SHPD.

In the event human skeletal remains are inadvertently disturbed, the SHPD Maui office, the SHPD Burial Sites Program, and the Maui/Lana'i Islands Burial Council shall be notified, and appropriate mitigation actions determined (photographs of human skeletal remains will not be taken).

A supervisory archaeologist may periodically visit the monitoring site as often as is necessitated by the nature of the construction activities and archaeological findings. If significant discoveries are made, appropriate mitigation measures will be discussed with the SHPD Maui office.

The archaeological consultant shall curate all cultural materials recovered from this monitoring project on Maui, with the exception of human remains. When analysis is completed, recovered material culture remains will be turned over to the appropriate parties. Long-term curation arrangements of significant material culture remains will be approved by the SHPD and the landowner.

A draft monitoring report detailing the results of this monitoring program will be prepared. This draft report shall be submitted to the State Historic Preservation Division within 180 days of the completion of fieldwork, for comment and approval. Any recommended changes and/or corrections will be incorporated in the final monitoring report for this improvements project at TMK: [2] 3-7-002: Portion of 020.

References

Madeus, Jonas and Erik Fredericksen

April 2009a An Archaeological Field Inspection of the Queen Ka'ahumanu Center Bus Transfer Station in Kahului, Island of Maui (County Project No: Q-TR-09-01), Wailuku *Ahupua`a*, Wailuku District (TMK: [2] 3-7-002: Portion of 002). Prepared on behalf of the County of Maui Department of Transportation by Xamanek Researches LLC, Pukalani, Maui.

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April 2009b An Archaeological Field Inspection of Nine County of Maui Bus Stop Locations in Kihei, Lahaina, Makawao, Kahului, and Wailuku, Island of Maui (County Project No: Q-TR-09-01), Various *Ahupua`a*, Various Districts and Tax Map Keys. Prepared on behalf of the County of Maui Department of Transportation by Xamanek Researches LLC, Pukalani, Maui.

APPENDIX B-1.

**Letter Dated August 24,
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TMK: (2) 3-7-002:020 por.

Thank you for the opportunity to review this plan, which our staff received in both hardcopy and PDF format on July 16, 2009 (Fredericksen 2009): *An Archaeological Monitoring Plan for the Queen Kaahumanu Bus Transfer Station...*Xamanek Researches, LLC.

The plan was prepared upon completion of an archaeological field inspection of the approximately 0.12 acre portion of the subject parcel to be affected by the proposed work by Xamanek Researches, LLC (Madeus and Fredericksen) which recommended that given the location of the proposed work in an area known to contain sand, along the coastline and/or in the vicinity of previously identified culturally and/or historically significant sites such as clustered and isolated human burials, a program of precautionary archaeology monitoring should be undertaken. The SHPD concurred with the recommendation upon subsequent review of a request for comment regarding preparation of the Draft Environmental Assessment (SHPD LOG NO: 2009.2006; DOC NO: 0905PC42).

As stated in the monitoring plan, there will be one archaeological monitor on site at all times for each piece of ground disturbing equipment in use. Coordination with the construction crew and all other pertinent parties to explain monitoring procedures and that the monitoring archaeologist has the authority to halt work in the vicinity of a culturally significant find will be undertaken, and should anything of cultural significance be identified, the SHPD will be consulted for mitigation recommendations. The plan further states that in the event human remains are inadvertently exposed, both the SHPD and Maui/Lana'i Islands Burial Council (MLIBC) will be notified and appropriate burial protocol followed. A report detailing the findings of the monitoring will be prepared and submitted to our office for review within 180 days after the completion of the project.

The plan contains the required information as specified in HAR §13-279-4(a) regarding the contents of monitoring plans in general and is acceptable.

If you have any questions or comments regarding this letter, please contact the SHPD's Lead Maui Archaeologist, Ms. Patty Conte (Patty.J.Conte@hawaii.gov).

Aloha,



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APPENDIX C.

Utility and Drainage Assessment

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**UTILITY AND DRAINAGE ASSESSMENT FOR
QUEEN KAAHUMANU CENTER TRANSFER CENTER
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PURPOSE

The purpose of this assessment is to evaluate the effects of the project on existing infrastructure. This assessment will review the impacts on the utility services for the project. This assessment will also review the drainage and grading effects of the proposed project to comply with the requirements for submittal of a preliminary drainage plan for a County of Maui Special Management Area Permit.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The project involves demolition, asphalt pavement patching, and installation of concrete slabs, concrete curbs, shelters, shelter lighting, surveillance system, trash and recycle receptacles, and a bike rack. The project is located within the shopping center site which is already developed. Grading will be done on a limited basis.

UTILITY SERVICES REVIEW

There are no proposed improvements or increased usages for the water or wastewater systems. Power for lighting and surveillance systems will be provided by Maui Electric Company's current service for the existing facilities. Solar powered lighting will be installed at appropriate locations.

DRAINAGE REVIEW

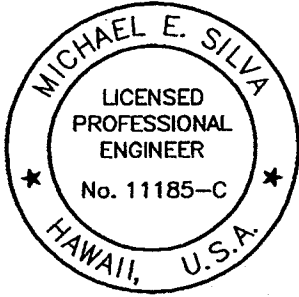
The project area drains to a grated drain inlet in the parking lot, roughly 150 feet to the west. Because the site is already developed, the proposed improvements will not increase storm runoff. There are no proposed improvements to the drainage system, therefore no drainage plan is being provided.

GRADING REVIEW

Only minor grading is proposed which does not alter the general drainage patterns with respect to abutting properties. The proposed grading is required to install raised concrete slabs for the bus stop waiting areas.

CONCLUSION

There will be no adverse effects on the adjacent or downstream properties due to this project.



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