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SUBJECT: USE OF PRIOR EXEMPTIONS, FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT
IMPACT (FONSI) OR ACCEPTED ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT
STATEMENTS TO SATISFY HAWAII REVISED STATUTES (HRS) § 343
HONOAPIILANI HIGHWAY, REHABILITATION OF HONOLUA BRIDGE
FEDERAL-AID PROJECT NO. BR-030-1(37)
LAHAINA DISTRICT, ISLAND OF MAUI

Pursuant to Hawaii Administrative Rules (HAR) § 11-200.1-11, the Hawaii Department of Transportation, Highways (HDOT) has determined that additional environmental review is not required for the changes for the Rehabilitation of Honolua Bridge.

The Final Environmental Assessment (FEA)/FONSI for the Honolua Bridge project was published in the September 8, 2018 issue of The Environmental Notice. HDOT has since initiated a review of the FEA/FONSI with respect to changes in project's final design.

The changes in the design from what was submitted in the FEA are as follows:

1. HDOT has adjusted the proposed bridge design to include a new concrete bridge deck in lieu of a prefabricated fiber reinforced polymer (FRP) deck.
2. While the bridge's existing cement rubble masonry abutments will be retained, as presented in the FEA/FONSI, new abutments will be constructed behind the existing abutments to provide adequate structural capacity for the concrete deck.

Our analysis has determined the following:

1. The purpose and need of the project stated in the FEA/FONSI will be met with the proposed changes to the project.
2. The alternatives reviewed in the FEA included, “Alternative 2: Rehabilitate the Existing One-Lane Bridge” as the preferred alternative. The proposed action is consistent with this alternative, however, instead of replacing the bridge deck with a prefabricated FRP bridge deck, the bridge deck will be replaced by a new concrete deck.
3. The new concrete deck will be very close in appearance to the existing original bridge deck. Unlike the previously proposed FRP deck, the concrete deck will have a cross section that replicates the appearance existing bridge’s T-beam deck design.
4. The potential direct, indirect, and cumulative effects of the proposed action are similar to those considered in the FEA/FONSI, and are not anticipated to have a significant effect on the environment.

Pursuant to HAR § 11-200.1-11, based on the foregoing analysis, an additional environmental review will not be required at this time for the changes for the Rehabilitation of Honolulu Bridge because:

1. The proposed action is substantially similar to an action that received a FONSI; and
2. The proposed action is anticipated to have direct, indirect, and cumulative effects similar to those analyzed in a prior FEA.
3. The proposed action was analyzed within the range of alternatives.

This memo serves as an exemption notice and a request for publication in the next issue of The Environmental Notice, pursuant to HAR § 11-200.1-4.

Should you have any questions, please contact our project manager, Mr. Andrew Hirano, at (808) 692-7546, from our Design Branch, Technical Design Services Section or by email at andrew.hirano@hawaii.gov.