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ANTICIPATED EIS'S (Proposed actions for which EIS Preparation Notices
have been received)

Kuhio Ave. Widening (DPW, City/County); Waimanalo Village (HHA);
Kalaniana'ole Hwy. Transportation Corridor (DOT); Zone Change, Halawa
(Queen's Medical Center, et.al.).

REVISED ACTION For Which EIS NO LONGER REQUIRED

Zoning Variance, Waikiki (SPL International Hawaii, Ltd.)
(EIS Prep. Notice reported in "EQC Bulletins" I-3 & 4.) Applicants have revised
plans in such a manner that the variance request is no longer subject to Chapter
343, HRS. Therefore, an EIS will not be required.

REQUESTS FOR EQC FILE MATERIAL

In the interest of saving paper and streamlining operations,
the order blank for EIS's and Negative Declarations has been eliminated
from the Bulletin. Henceforth, requests for material may be placed by
telephone or letter. If the latter, we ask that the name and telephone
number of a contact person. be included.

Because of an increasing demand for material, we find it necessary
to assess charges where appropriate. The following schedule of charges
has been established:

1. Public officials and agencies shall be provided copies of file
material upon request at no charge (the rationale being that any
charge assessed in these instances will constitute no more than
the transfer of public funds from one agency to another).
2. Members of the general public shall be provided copies of file
material upon request as follows:
 - a. at no charge if extra copies are available and no reproduction
is required, or
 - b. at the charge of 10¢/page where reproduction is required,
except when:
 1. the material requested is a Negative Declaration or some

... only at this office or

2. The material prepared for a copy of Chapter 343, 1983 ... of the Commission or in ... of the ... of the ... of a ...
 3. ... through the U.S. Postal System will be sent by ... where ... savings accrue, by 4th class ... for mailings to public officials and agencies will ... by the Commission. ... to the ... will be ...
 - a. ... exceeds \$1.00, in which case the recipient will be ... the entire charge; or
 - b. ... requested consists of an SIS that is no longer ... processing.
 4. Charges assessed by the Commission shall be remitted by check or money order and not by cash. Checks shall be made out to the ... Quality Commission, State of Hawaii.
 5. Checks will be cashed only immediately to reduce processing costs. Generally, the cancelled check will serve as the record of payment, although the payee will be given a receipt immediately upon deposit.
- ... or questions ... will gladly be received at the ... Office.

1986 HAWAIIAN LAWS HAWAII

Act 166, otherwise known as the "Sunshine Bill," was approved by the ... on July 2. The purpose of the ... is to provide for public scrutiny and participation in certain governmental procedures by requiring government agencies to conduct meetings in the open.

One of the more significant aspects of the Act is the requirement that agencies give advance notice to the public of any regular, special, or scheduled meeting. Such notice shall:

- include the date, time, and place of the meeting;
- include an agenda; once filed, items may not be added to the agenda unless the board approves such a change at the meeting by at least a 2/3 recorded vote of all members to which the board is entitled;
- be filed with the Office of the Lt. Governor and at the office of the agency at least 72 hours before the meeting;
- be mailed to all persons requesting advance notification of meetings.

Persons requesting advance notification of meetings of the ... shall write the Commission office. We shall also receive and forward requests for advance notification of meetings of the ...

- Environmental Council (Established by Chapter 341, HRS. Consists of appointed volunteers from the community and serves as liaison between the Director of the Office of Environmental Quality Control and the general public. Makes recommendations concerning ecology and environmental quality to the Director and monitors the progress of State, County, and Federal agencies in achieving the State's environmental goals and policies.)
- Kaneohe Bay Task Force (Charged with advising the Governor on existing, potential, and optimum uses of Kaneohe Bay.)
- Pearl Harbor Task Force (Charged with creating, in and around Pearl Harbor, an environment that provides the greatest benefit to all the people.)
- Solid Waste Energy & Resources Task Force (Established by House Concurrent Resolution 49 of the past legislative session. Charged with recommending to the next session an organizational structure to effect resource recovery from solid wastes in the State.)

MEETINGS OF THE EQC

The Commission has determined that regularly scheduled meetings shall be held on the first Monday of every month, beginning at 4:00 p.m. Should this Monday fall on a holiday, the meeting shall be held at the same time the following day. Meetings may also be held during intervening days, of course, as Commission business demands.

Following this schedule, the next EQC meeting has been set for Tuesday, September 2, as September 1 is a holiday. (HAPPY LABOR DAY TO ALL!)

DLU PETITION FOR DECLARATORY RULING

As reported in the previous issue of the EQC Bulletin, the Commission received on July 30 a petition for a declaratory ruling on EIS Regulations 1:20 & 1:22 from the Dept. of Land Utilization, City & County of Honolulu. Specifically, DLU asked if the delineation of a lot line of a proposed subdivision constitutes an "action" under Chapter 343, HRS if the lot line extends through the shoreline area.

Subsequently, DLU was advised by the City/County Corporation Counsel that the EIS statute does not apply in the subject case. Consequently, by letter dated August 12, DLU withdrew its petition for a declaratory ruling on the matter.

COMMUNITY PLANNING PETITION FOR DECLARATORY RULING

Fast on the heels of the DLU withdrawal, the Commission received on August 13 a petition for declaratory ruling from Community Planning, Inc. - agent for Queen's Medical Center, Hawaiian Electric Company, & Bishop Estate in a proposed action involving a zone change from R-6 Residential to I-1 Light Industrial for 35 acres of land in Halawa. The City & County Dept. of Land Utilization earlier determined that an EIS is necessary for this action and required that the EIS include a discussion of an interior roadway system that is proposed within the project site (see EIS PREPARATION NOTICES, APPLICANT ACTIONS, Queen's Medical Center, et al in EQC Bulletin I-3). In its petition, Community Planning requests an "issuance by the Commission for a declaratory ruling on the need for an EIS" on the roadway.

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Environmental Impact Statement listed under the following action: the following public information... of the environmental quality Commission; DEIR... and... Statewide... and the Kaimuki, Kaneohe, Pearl City, and... Statewide... available at State Branch Libraries that are in proximity to the site of a proposed action (indicated with problem description).

Due to limited request, Negative Declarations are available only at the Commission's office.

DETERMINATIONS

I. EIS PREPARATION NOTICES, AGENCY ACTION

proposed action--proposing agency

1. Honolulu Rapid Transit System-- Dept. of Transportation Services, City & County

Proposed \$811 million project--to be implemented in 3 phases starting beyond the year 1994--consists of a 2.3-mile fixed guideway rapid transit system extending by subway, a grade, and an aerial configuration from Waikiki to Honolulu. The guideway system will be complemented by an extensive network of local, shuttle, and express buses operating over 1,200 route miles. The guideway system will feature 33 (40) 72-passenger /2-passenger capacity and trackage up to 10 miles. Stations will be located at major activity centers throughout the City and Hawaii Kai. (Note: This Preparation Notice is not an Environmental Impact Analysis. The EIA will be submitted to the Dept. of Transportation, which will, on the basis of this document and other information, determine the need for an EIS and prepare the necessary document.)

deadline for response to be completed by: Sept. 82

contact: Harlan Klindauer, DTS, Mass Transit Division, Honolulu Municipal Building, 650 S. King Street, Third Floor, Honolulu, 96813, phone 523-4150.

2. Second Entrance Road to Mahiina-- Dept. of Transportation

A new entrance road and bridge-crossing over Kaukomaui Stream are proposed to provide additional access to Mahiina Town. Alternative corridors under consideration are: (1) a 1.5 mile southeast corridor with 300-ft. bridge extending from the intersection of the road from Mahiina to the vicinity of Mahiina Road (a) 9. This corridor crosses the 600-ft. bridge over the Stream and Mahiina Stream. (2) a 1.5 mile southeast corridor from Mahiina to the vicinity of Mahiina Road (a) 9. This corridor crosses the 600-ft. bridge over the Stream and Mahiina Stream.

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contact: Kenneth Au., DOT, Highways Division, Planning Branch, 600 Kapiolani Blvd., #301, Honolulu, 96813, phone 548-3830.

3. Kailua High School, 2nd Entrance--
Dept. of Accounting and General Services

Proposed project involves construction of a roadway extension of Akiolala St. (in Enchanted Lake Subdivision) to the east end of Kailua High School to serve school traffic only, including buses; will be closed during off-school hours. Extension will intersect State-owned, urban zoned land assigned to the Dept. of Social Services & Housing and conservation zoned land owned by Lone Star Hawaii, Inc.

contact: Rodney Chang, DAGS, P.O. Box 119, Honolulu, 96810, phone 548-4361.

Sept. 22

II. EIS PREPARATION NOTICES, APPLICANT ACTIONS

proposed action--applicant/approving agency project description

deadline for requests to be consulted party

1. Planned Development--Housing, Kahaluu--
Ahuimanu Investment Co. & Valley
of the Temples Corp./Dept. of
Land Utilization

Previously reported in EQC Bulletin I-4

Sept. 8

contact: EDM, Inc., Suite 200, 828 Fort St., Honolulu, 96813, phone 523-1647.

2. Tourist Recreational & Food Service
Facility at Iao Valley, Wailuku, Maui--
Nordic Maui, Inc./Dept. of Land &
Natural Resources

Previously reported in EQC Bulletin I-4

Sept. 8

contact: Nordic Maui, Inc., P.O. Box 1055, Wailuku, Maui, 96793, phone 244-4025.

III. NEGATIVE DECLARATIONS, AGENCY ACTIONS

proposed action--proposing agency

Project description

1. Artificial Reefs in Hawaii--
Dept. of Land & Nat. Resources

DLNR proposes to submit an application to the Corps of Engineers for renewal of a Dept. of the Army permit for periodic addition of suitable material (including car bodies and damaged concrete pipes) to the artificial reefs at Maunaloa Bay, Waianae, and Kualoa off Oahu and at Keavakapu off Maui. These artificial reefs are maintained to furnish shelter for fish in these otherwise barren areas, thereby providing for increased fish population.

7. Kaunana Village, Hilo, Hawaii---
Hawaii Housing Authority

Proposed project consists of 8 single-family detached dwellings at TRK: 2-5-27:1, located 4-5 miles southwest of Hilo.

8. Waialae Uka Park Improvements---
Planning Dept., County of Hawaii

Additional improvements to the park are proposed, including a 2nd ballfield, 2 tennis courts, a 1-story multi-purpose community center, a 24-stall parking lot, and a hotel facility for participants in activities sponsored by the Hawaii County Department of Parks and Recreation.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENTS

Environmental Impact Statements, AGENCY ACTIONS

EIS's (Filed in accordance with new EIS Regulations)
title---proposing agency *project description* *deadline for comments*

1. Construction of a Baseyard Complex, Kahului, Maui---
Dept. of Land & Nat. Resources

Previously reported in EQC Bulletin I-4.
 (Also available at the Kahului & Lahaina Branch Libraries.)

Sept. 4

2. Honokohau Harbor---
Dept. of Transportation

Proposed \$12 million project will add 45 acres of incrementally developed water and land area to the existing harbor, which presently consists of 20 acres and accommodates 50 boats, to meet projected boating needs of the North and South Kona areas to the year 2010. Key features of the improved harbor will include: 450 boat slips; ramps for 350 launchings/day; boat repair facilities; fueling dock; fish weighing station and tournament area; administration office and meeting rooms; car and trailer parking; restrooms; and space allowances for commercial facilities and boating clubs. The harbor is adjacent to a National Historic Landmark of some 1000 acres but will not encroach on any archaeological site of significant value. (Also available at the Hilo and Kailua-Kona Branch Libraries.)

Sept. 19

Draft EIS's (Filed in accordance with NEPA requirements only or by agreement with the EQC)
title---proposing agency *project description* *deadline for comments*

1. Improvements to Ala Moana Park Drainage Canal, Honolulu, Hawaii---
U.S. Army Engineer

Previously reported in EQC Bulletin I-4
 (Also available at the McCully-Moiliili & Waikiki-Kapahulu Libraries.)

August 28

2. Kaunani Belt Road, FAP Route 56, Hawaii---
Hawaii, State of Hawaii

Previously reported in EQC Bulletin I-4.

Sept. 4

U.S. & State Dept. of Transportation

FINAL EIS'S (Filed in compliance with NEPA requirements only or to complete processing of statements filed prior effective date of EIS Regulations.)

Final EIS's preparing agency Project description

1. Rubalon Watershed U.S. Dept. of Agriculture Previously reported in RGC Bulletin 1-1

Continuation from page 1 of RGC Bulletin 1-1

The Commission has reviewed the EIS for the proposed action and has determined that the action is in compliance with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969. The Commission's EIS Regulations are given in RGC Bulletin 1-1. The Commission's EIS Regulations are given in RGC Bulletin 1-1. The Commission's EIS Regulations are given in RGC Bulletin 1-1.

EIS REG PROCEDURES

In order that differing requirements under the Commission's EIS Regulations and the Federal Highway Administration's EIS Regulations may not be confused, Dept. of Transportation EIS's for actions affected by both National Environmental Protection Act and Dept. of DOT will be processed as follows:

- 1. For all cases the action, EIS, and the Commission's EIS Regulations and the Federal Highway Administration's EIS Regulations will be processed as follows:
 - a. The Commission's EIS Regulations will apply to the EIS.
 - b. The Federal Highway Administration's EIS Regulations will apply to the EIS.
 - c. The Commission's EIS Regulations will apply to the EIS.
 - d. The Federal Highway Administration's EIS Regulations will apply to the EIS.
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 - d. The Federal Highway Administration's EIS Regulations will apply to the EIS.
- 3. For all cases the action, EIS, and the Commission's EIS Regulations and the Federal Highway Administration's EIS Regulations will be processed as follows:
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 - b. The Federal Highway Administration's EIS Regulations will apply to the EIS.
 - c. The Commission's EIS Regulations will apply to the EIS.
 - d. The Federal Highway Administration's EIS Regulations will apply to the EIS.

In other DOT-related matters, the Commission has determined that three FHWA/DOT EIS's that have not been processed under the Commission's EIS Regulations will be processed as follows: Chapter 333 document-- for which they were completed although not filed prior to the effective date of the EIS Regulations. Three other EIS's for which they were completed although not filed prior to the effective date of the EIS Regulations. Three other EIS's for which they were completed although not filed prior to the effective date of the EIS Regulations.