

PLANNING COMMISSION

Planning Department
County of Hawaii
Hilo, Hawaii

Application for)
SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREA)
USE PERMIT)
by)
COUNTY OF HAWAII)
DEPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS) SMA Use Permit No. 20
for)
CERTAIN IMPROVEMENTS)
TO ALI'I DRIVE)
in)
La'aloa-Kahalu'u)
North Kona, Hawaii)
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SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREA USE PERMIT

The County Planning Commission at a duly held public hearing on Monday, November 15, 1976, considered the application of County of Hawaii Department of Public Works for a Special Management Area Use Permit in accordance with Rule No. 9, Rules and Regulations Relating to Environmental Shoreline Protection, to allow certain improvements to be made to Ali'i Drive from Disappearing Sands Beach to Kahalu'u Beach Park, La'aloa-Kahalu'u, North Kona, Hawaii, Tax Map Key 7-7-10 and 7-8-14.

The Commission has found that:

The approval of the proposed project will not be in conflict with the Environmental Shoreline Protection Act (Act 176, SLH 1975) and Rule 9 of the Planning Commission. The proposed improvements are also not expected to have any substantially adverse environmental or ecological effects. The purpose of the proposed project is to improve a one-mile length of the existing roadway by widening and resurfacing it and by providing shoulders. All of the proposed improvements will be confined to the existing 50-foot right-of-way. Within this area, there are no known endangered plant or animal species. In fact, the area has already been disturbed through previous use and development.

Ali'i Drive is the makai connector between Kailua and Keauhou and is very heavily used. The proposed project will complete the planned improvement of Ali'i Drive and will provide an improved and safer access between the two areas. This is in concert with the goals and policies of the General Plan. The General Plan document calls for the provision of safe, efficient transportation systems and the continual improvement of existing thoroughfares and streets.

Approval of the request will also result in the furthering of the public health and safety. The portion of Ali'i Drive which is to be improved is narrow and in poor condition. The proposed improvements are intended to correct that condition and to promote the public safety.

Therefore, the Commission hereby grants to the petitioner a Special Management Area Use Permit to allow the following improvements pursuant to the authority vested in it by Rule No. 9, Rules and Regulations Relating to Environmental Shoreline Protection:

1. Resurfacing and widening of the pavement from its existing width of 16 to 18 feet to a width of 20 feet.
2. Centerline and edge of pavement striping.
3. Six-foot wide gravel shoulders on both sides of the pavement which will be oil stabilized.
4. Construction of retaining walls to retain the slope within the right-of-way where embankments are extended or created and where the widening or excavations may create hazardous slides.
5. Relocation of existing utility poles, mail boxes and water lines where it is necessary.

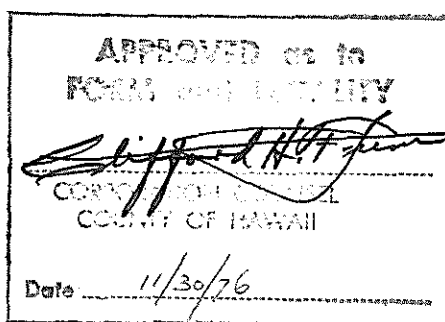
The Permit is granted subject to the following conditions:

1. The proposed improvements shall conform substantially to the plans submitted and the representations made by the petitioner.
2. The construction shall commence within one (1) year from the effective date of the Special Management Area Use Permit and be completed within one (1) year thereafter.
3. The petitioner shall have an archaeological survey conducted prior to commencement of construction and shall provide any necessary mitigating measures for the protection of historical sites which meets the approval of the Planning Director and the State Historic Preservation Officer.
4. The petitioner shall submit a plan for watering down the roadway construction activities to the Department of Health and receive approval of the plan from the Chief Sanitarian, Hilo Office, prior to commencement of construction.
5. All other applicable rules and regulations shall be complied with.

Should any of these conditions not be met, the Special Management Area Use Permit shall be deemed null and void.

The effective date of this permit shall be November 15, 1976.

Dated at Hilo, Hawaii, this 3rd day of December 1976.



Leon K. Sterling, Jr.
Leon K. Sterling, Jr., Chairman