

PLANNING COMMISSION

Planning Department
County of Hawaii
Hilo, Hawaii

Application for)
SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREA)
USE PERMIT)
By)
STATE OF HAWAII) SMA USE PERMIT NO. 76
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION,)
LAND TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES)
DIVISION)
For)
HAWAII BELT ROAD)
GUARDRAIL IMPROVEMENTS)
in)
Kahuku Homesteads to Kulaniki'i,)
North Hilo, Hawaii)
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SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREA USE PERMIT

The County Planning Commission at a duly held public hearing on October 26, 1978, considered the application of the STATE OF HAWAII DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, LAND TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES DIVISION for a Special Management Area Use Permit in accordance with Rule No. 9, Rules and Regulations Relating to Environmental Shoreline Protection, to allow guardrail improvements for portions of the Hawaii Belt Road between Ahole and Waikaumalo Bridges, Kahuku Homesteads to Kulaniki'i, North Hilo, Hawaii, Tax Map Keys 3-2-02 to 04 and 3-4-03.

The Commission has found:

That the approval of this project will not be contrary to Rule No. 9 of the Planning Commission, the Environmental Shoreline Protection Act, or the Hawaii Coastal Zone Management (HCZM) Act as contained in Chapter 205-A, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

The proposed improvements will not have any substantial adverse environmental impact on the surrounding areas or the shoreline. The guard rail improvements will be constructed entirely within the existing Hawaii Belt Road right-of-way. While there may be some adverse effects from noise, dust and other impacts associated with the construction phase of the project, these impacts will be clearly outweighed by the cumulative benefits of the improvement resulting from the improved safety of the highway.

The purpose of this request is to replace the existing guard rails as well as provide new guard rails where needed to protect vehicles from roadside obstacles and drop-offs. The construction of these improvements will provide additional protection for the vehicles travelling along this portion of the Hawaii Belt Road.

This is in concert with the goals and policies of the General Plan Transportation element which calls for the provision of safe and efficient transportation systems and for the continual improvement of the existing thoroughfares and streets.


Therefore, the Commission hereby grants to the petitioner a Special Management Area Use Permit to allow guardrail improvements for portions of the Hawaii Belt Road between Ahohe and Waikaumalo Bridges, Kahuku Homesteads to Kulaniki'i, North Hilo, Hawaii, pursuant to the authority vested in it by Rule No. 9, Rules and Regulations Relating to Environmental Shoreline Protection, subject to the following conditions:

1. That the proposed improvement shall conform to the plans submitted and representations made by the petitioner.
2. That construction of the proposed project shall commence within two (2) years of the effective date of approval of the Special Management Area Use Permit and be completed within two (2) years thereafter.
3. That all other applicable rules, regulations and requirements shall be complied with.

Should any of the foregoing conditions not be met, the Special Management Area Use Permit may be deemed null and void by the Planning Commission.

The effective date of the permit shall be October 26, 1978.

Dated at Hilo, Hawaii, this 9th day of November, 1978.


WILLIAM F. MIELCKE, Chairman
Planning Commission

