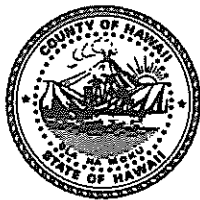


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Kazu Hayashida, Director
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Dear Mr. Hayashida:

Special Management Area Use Permit Application (SMA 96-3)
Applicant: State of Hawaii, Department of Transportation, Harbors Division
Request: Construction of Hilo Harbor Access Road and Related Improvements
Tax Map Key: 2-1-9:7

The Planning Commission at its duly held public hearing on April 11, 1996, voted to approve the above-referenced application. Special Management Area Use (SMA) Permit No. 362 is hereby issued for the construction of Hilo Harbor access road and related improvements. The project site is located within and on the makai side of Kalaniana'ole Avenue, approximately 1,000 feet east of the intersection of Kalaniana'ole Avenue, Kuhio Street (existing Harbor access road) and Silva Street at Waiakea, South Hilo, Hawaii.

Approval of this request is based on the following:

The purpose of Chapter 205-A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, and Rule 9, Special Management Area Rules and Regulations of the County of Hawaii, is to preserve, protect, and, where possible, to restore the natural resources of the coastal zone areas. Therefore, special controls on development within an area along the shoreline are necessary to avoid permanent loss of valuable resources and the foreclosure of management options, and to insure that adequate public access is provided to public-owned or used beaches, recreation areas, and natural reserves by dedication or other means.

The proposed project will not have any significant adverse environmental or ecological effect. The project site is situated in an area planned for industrial uses and harbor related activities serving the eastern half of the Island of Hawaii. Hilo Harbor was established as the primary commercial port for the island in the early 1900's. The proposed project is to allow the construction of a second harbor access road and related improvements to improve efficiency of harbor deliver and pickup and separate the passenger ship traffic from the bulk cargo traffic. The subject property is part of a designated harbor facility and is surrounded by other industrial uses including a gas company office/baseyard and sugar and fertilizer warehouse facilities. No known threatened or endangered species of flora or fauna

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or their special habitats are within the project area. There will be an increase in noise levels, dust and exhaust fumes during construction activities. However, these are temporary, short-term impacts generated during the construction phase and can be mitigated by existing construction regulations. Therefore, impacts to the physical environment within the immediate area which may be generated by the proposed project will be minimal.

The proposed project is consistent with the objectives, policies and guidelines of the Special Management Area. These were established to provide guidance for the preservation, protection and development of coastal resources of the State and County. They identify several areas of management concerns including historic, recreational, scenic resources, coastal ecosystems, economic use and coastal hazards. The surrounding area includes existing extensive industrial uses. No known presence of any significant historic or archaeological feature is situated on the project area. The closest portion of the project area is located approximately 250 feet from the shoreline at Radio Bay. As such, the project would not interfere with any recreational resources, with the natural shoreline processes nor impact viewplanes to the coastal area.

The economic use of the harbor area will be enhanced by the proposed project as the proposed second access road is intended to serve the expanded container yard and delivery and pickups of containers, bulk cement and other bulk items at the Hilo Harbor facility. At the same time, the proposed access road is to reduce the present problem of mixing passenger ship traffic with bulk cargo traffic. Further, the proposed project will have a positive impact on the local and state economy by improving the efficiency of harbor delivery and pickups as well as providing access for future development within Hilo Harbor.

Runoff or discharge generated by the proposed project will be handled by on-site drainage improvements meeting with the approval of the Department of Public Works. Potential adverse impacts to coastal waters from soil erosion and runoff during construction can be adequately mitigated through compliance with existing construction regulations. The location of the project area from coastal areas coupled with the provision of on-site drainage improvements and compliance with existing governmental regulations to control runoff, drainage and erosion would mitigate any adverse impact to the area's environment or the ecology of the area's coastal waters. The proposed project is limited to the construction of a second access road and a small portion of the project area is situated within a tsunami inundation area. However, the potential coastal hazards caused by a tsunami are unavoidable for coastal dependent uses such as harbors.

The proposed project within the Special Management Area is consistent with the General Plan and Zoning Code. The proposed construction of a second harbor access road is consistent with the existing industrial land use designations as well as the long-range planning for the subject area. The approval of the request would conform to the General Plan's Land Use Pattern Allocation Guide (LUPAG) Map which designates the area for Industrial uses. The proposed project would complement the following goals and policies of the Transportation Element of the General Plan:

- * Provide transportation terminals and related facilities for the safe, efficient and comfortable movement of people and goods.

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- * The State Department of Transportation should continue to implement its framework of transportation terminals and related facilities which will promote and influence desired land use.
- * The County shall encourage maximum use of the island's airport and harbor facilities.

Approval of this request will be consistent with the general purpose of the General Plan and the Zoning Code as well as the State Department of Transportation's "2010 Master Plan for Hilo Harbor."

Based on the above, the proposed project will not have any substantial adverse impacts to the subject or surrounding area and, therefore, will not be contrary to the purpose and intent of Chapter 205-A, HRS, relating to Coastal Zone Management, Rule 9 of the Planning Commission relating to the Special Management Area, and the General Plan and Zoning Code of the County of Hawaii.

Approval of this request is subject to the following conditions:

1. The applicant, successors or assigns shall be responsible for complying with all of the stated conditions of approval.
2. The applicant, its successors or assigns shall indemnify and hold the County of Hawaii harmless from and against any loss, liability, claim or demand for the property damage, personal injury or death arising out of any act or omission of the applicant, its successors or assigns, officers, employees, contractors and agents under this permit or relating to or connected with the granting of the permit.
3. Construction of the access road and related improvements shall be completed within five (5) years from the effective date of this permit.
4. The intersection and other roadway improvements within Kalaniana'ole Avenue shall meet with the approval of the State Department of Transportation, Highways Division.
5. All grading shall meet with the approval of the Department of Public Works.
6. An initial extension of time for the performance of conditions within the permit may be granted by the Planning Director upon the following circumstances:
 - A. The non-performance is the result of conditions that could not have been foreseen or are beyond the control of the applicant, successors or assigns, and that are not the result of their fault or negligence.
 - B. Granting of the time extension would not be contrary to the General Plan or Zoning Code.

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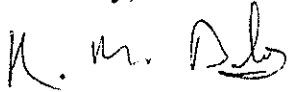
- C. Granting of the time extension would not be contrary to the original reasons for granting of the permit.
- D. The time extension granted shall be for a period not to exceed the period originally granted for performance (i.e., a condition to be performed within one year may be extended for up to one additional year).

Further, should any of the conditions not be met or substantially complied with in a timely fashion, the Director shall initiate procedures to revoke the permit.

This approval does not, however, sanction the specific plans submitted with the application as they may be subject to change given specific code and regulatory requirements of the affected agencies.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Alice Kawaha or Susan Gagorik of the Planning Department at 961-8288.

Sincerely,



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Planning Commission

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Office of State Planning, CZM Program (w/Background)
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