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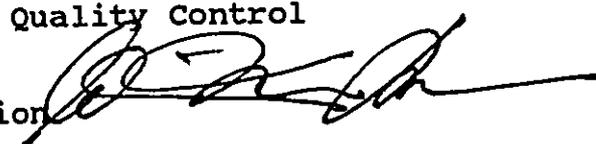
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Subject: NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE FERRY PASSENGER
SHELTER AT KAUNAKAKAI HARBOR, MOLOKAI
Job H. C. 3216

The Department of Transportation has reviewed the environmental assessment for the ferry passenger shelter at Kaunakakai Harbor, and has determined that the project will not have significant impacts on the environment. Based on our determination, we are filing a negative declaration for this project.

Enclosed are four copies of the environmental assessment.

Should you have any question, please contact Marshall Ando at 587-1959.

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NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR
FERRY PASSENGER SHELTER
AT KAUNAKAKAI HARBOR, MOLOKAI
JOB H. C. 3216
FEBRUARY 24, 1992

A. PROPOSING AGENCY

Department of Transportation, Harbors Division

B. AGENCIES CONSULTED

Agencies consulted in the preparation of this Negative Declaration are:

Young Brothers, Ltd.

Maui Princess Management

C. PROJECT CHARACTERISTICS

1. General

The State of Hawaii Department of Transportation is proposing to construct a timber shelter for the passengers of the Molokai to Maui ferry. The proposed site is at the north end of Kaunakakai Harbor near the berthing location of the ferry.

2. Technical

This project proposes to construct a shelter for the passengers of the Maui Princess ferry service. The shelter will provide protection from wind and rain, and serve as a holding terminal for the passengers. Since use of the pier is shared by the ferry and bulk cargo activity, the shelter will also provide safer conditions for the passengers.

3. Economic

Kaunakakai Harbor is the only commercial harbor serving the island of Molokai. Along with bulk shipping activities, Kaunakakai Harbor also serves as the home port for the passenger ferry, Maui Princess.

As an alternate means of interisland transportation, the Maui Princess currently makes two round trips to Maui per day, carrying a mixed group of passengers consisting of daily commuters, visitors, and tourists.

The ferry operation creates employment opportunities on both islands of Molokai and Maui. It also promotes and helps sustain the economic growth of Molokai.

4. Environmental

The construction of the shelter will cause an increase in noise and dust in the Harbor area, however, they are expected to be temporary and lasting only for the duration of construction. These increases are not expected to permanently lower the quality of air and water in the area.

The proposed project will not alter conditions which may result in the increased possibility of damage from flooding, storm waves, subsidence, or erosion. No change in salinity, currents or tidal action is expected to occur as a result of this project.

D. SUMMARY OF THE AFFECTED ENVIRONMENT

The proposed project is located at Kaunakakai Harbor on the island of Molokai. There are no known endangered fauna, critical habitats, historical/archeological or cultural sites at the location of the proposed shelter.

E. SUMMARY OF MAJOR IMPACTS

This project will not cause any significant adverse effects on the environment.

1. Short-term

During construction the following minor impacts are anticipated:

- a. Depletion of labor and material resources for construction.
- b. Some temporary noise and dust in the immediate area of construction.
- c. Minimal and temporary interruption of daily harbor operations.

2. Long-term

Significant long-term impacts to the air and water quality, noise, traffic, archaeology, flora, fauna, and visual aesthetics are not expected.

F. Alternatives Considered

The "no-action" alternative was considered but deemed unacceptable. No action will result in the continuance of

commuters and passengers waiting for the ferry unprotected from the elements and in the dark. Tourists will also continue to wander in and around cargo operation areas and vehicular traffic thoroughfares. No action will also cause increased traffic and temporarily parked cars at the harbor during rainy periods.

G. Proposed Mitigation Measures

Provisions will be made in the project specifications to control and minimize the temporary adverse effects of the construction.

H. Determination

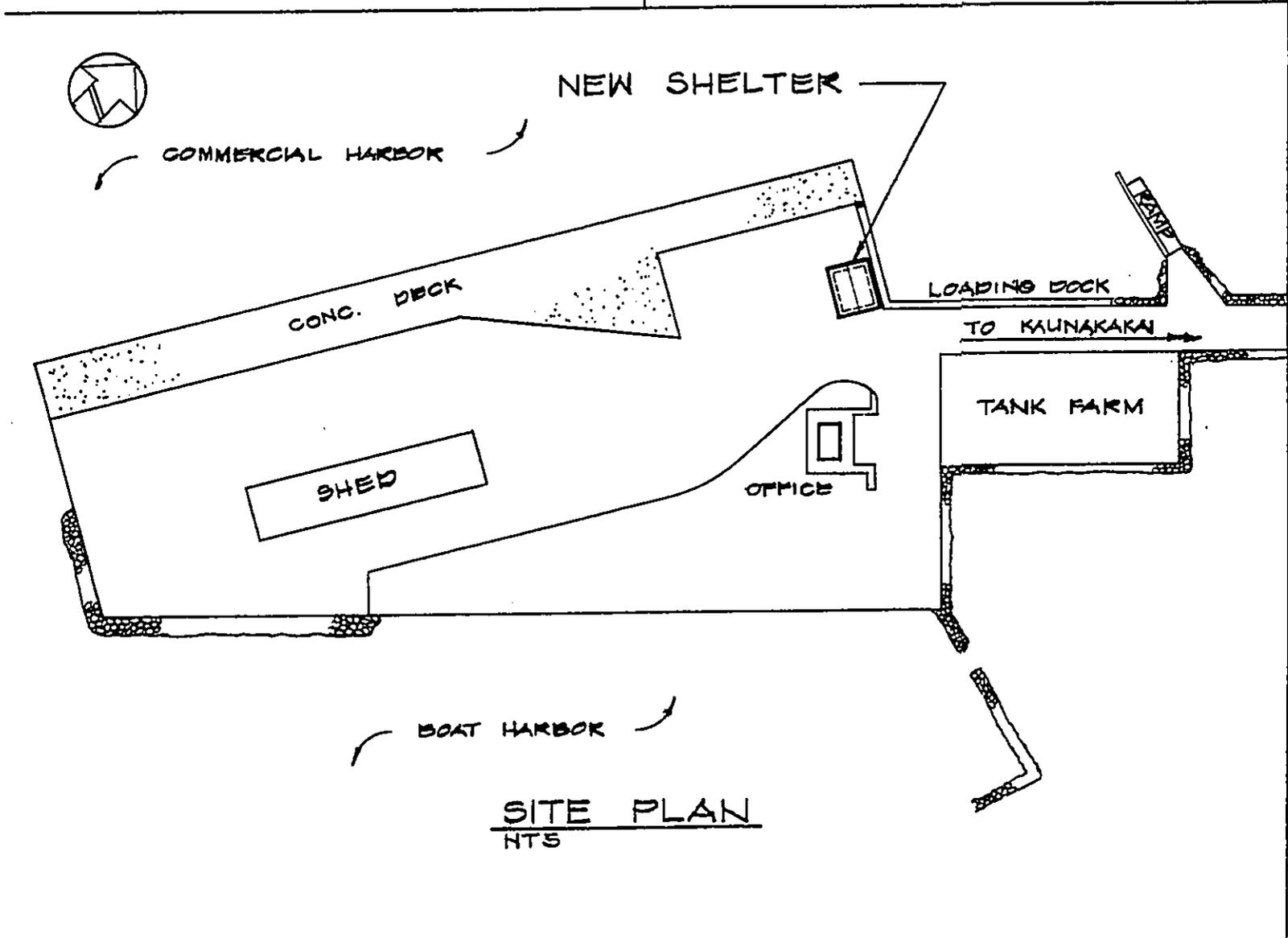
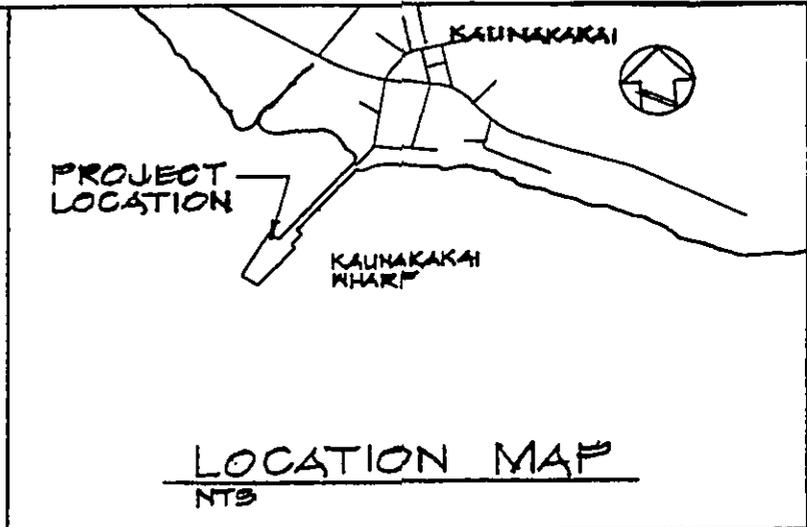
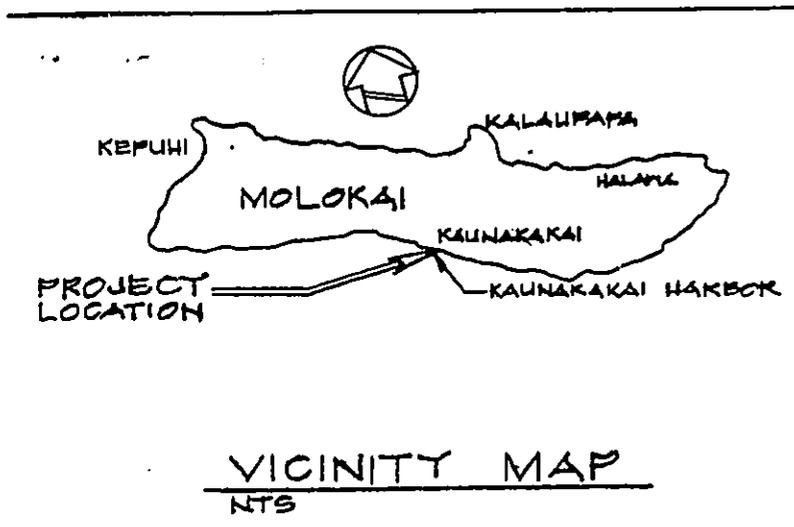
Since no major impacts are anticipated, costly detailed studies were considered inappropriate. Consequently, a determination has been made that an Environmental Impact Statement is not required and a negative declaration is being filed.

I. Findings and Reasons Supporting Determination

Evaluation of the effects of the proposed project on the environment indicate that there will be no significant adverse effects on the environment. The proposed project will not:

1. Cause the permanent displacement of any persons.
2. Affect any rare, threatened, or endangered plants, animals, or habitats. No endangered species of flora or fauna are known to exist in the project site.
3. Involve an irrevocable commitment to loss or destruction of any natural or cultural resources, except for the labor and materials related to the construction of this project.
4. Permanently curtail the range of beneficial uses of the environment.
5. Conflict with the State's long-term environmental policies.
6. Permanently degrade the environmental quality.

For the reasons above, the proposed project will not have any significant effect in the context of chapter 343, Hawaii Revised Statutes and section 11-200-12 of the State Administrative Rules.



PROJECT TITLE: SHED EXTENSION AT KAUNAKAKAI HARBOR, MOLOKAI
 PROJECT NO.: H. C. 3192
 LOCATION: KAUNAKAKAI, MOLOKAI, HAWAII
 AGENCY: DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION