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To: Brian Choy, Director  
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From: William W. Paty, Chairperson  
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Subject: NEGATIVE DECLARATION - ALA WAI BOAT HARBOR  
ELECTRICAL AND TELEPHONE SYSTEMS UPGRADE, OAHU  
JOB H. C. 2296

OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL  
QUALITY CONTROL

In accordance with Act 241, SLH 1992, we have completed the formal environmental assessment (EA) 30-day review period for the subject project. Since we did not receive any comments from the public and based on our experiences from past jobs, we have determined that the action will not have a significant impact. Therefore, we are submitting it as Negative Declaration.

Enclosed are the original and four copies of the Negative Declaration and a completed OEQC Form for publication in the OEQC Bulletin.

Please note that this project was initiated by the Department of Transportation, Harbors Division and is presently under the jurisdiction of the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation due to the transfer of the boating program to this department on July 1, 1992. However, DOT Harbors Division is continuing to design the project and, consequently, is shown as the applicant.

Should you have any question on the action, please contact Carter Luke of the DOT Harbors Division at 587-1956.

Encs. Negative Declaration  
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NEGATIVE DECLARATION  
FOR  
ALA WAI BOAT HARBOR ELECTRICAL AND  
TELEPHONE SYSTEMS UPGRADE, OAHU  
JOB H. C. 2296

A. APPLICANT

Department of Transportation, Harbors Division

B. APPROVING AGENCY

Department of Land and Natural Resources, Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation.

C. AGENCIES CONSULTED

No agencies were consulted in the preparation of this Negative Declaration. Assessment of the proposed project is based on past experience and has confirmed that this project will not have any adverse impacts on the environment.

D. GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF THE ACTION'S CHARACTERISTICS

1. Technical

The proposed scope of work for this project includes upgrading the existing 20 amp circuit breakers for each boat slip at Moles "A" and "B" to 30 amp breakers, the installation/upgrade of the telephone infrastructure at Moles "A" and "B" and Floating Docks "B", "C", and "D", and a new cable television system at the Ala Wai Boat Harbor. The upgrade of existing and new utility systems will be routed in new underground conduits and consist of electrical/telephone/television pedestals. Construction is estimated to begin in August 1993 and be completed in February 1994.

2. Economic

The proposed project will complete the ongoing utility upgrade at the Ala Wai Boat Harbor. The additional power capacity and telephone system will allow "live-aboard" residents to operate tools for boat maintenance, household appliances, provide general lighting, and provide a means of communication. The proposed cable television infrastructure will provide residents with cable television capabilities. The additional cost associated with the cable television system will be paid for by Oceanic Cablevision. The estimated cost for construction excluding television is \$770,000.

3. Environmental

Noise and dust within the harbor area will increase during construction of the proposed upgrades. These impacts are expected to be temporary and are not expected to lower the quality of the environment in the area.

E. SUMMARY DESCRIPTION OF THE AFFECTED ENVIRONMENT

1. Location

The project site is located on the south side of the island of Oahu at the Ala Wai Boat Harbor. The parcel is under the jurisdiction of the State of Hawaii, Department of Land and Natural Resources.

2. Project Area Description

The project area is located within Ala Wai Boat Harbor, Oahu. Adjacent property includes the Hawaii Prince Hotel, Ilikai Hotel, and the Tahitian Lanai Restaurant.

3. Land Use Designation of Proposed Site

The State of Hawaii, Land Use Commission designates the project site as Urban.

4. Site Description

The Ala Wai Boat Harbor is the major recreational boat harbor for Oahu and the State of Hawaii with over seven hundred (700) berths. Within the harbor are two major private yacht clubs (Waikiki Yacht Club & Hawaii Yacht Club), a marine supply store, a marine railway that can haul up to 45-foot boats and complete engine and hull repair facilities.

5. Infrastructure

a. Access:

The project site is directly accessible from Hobron Lane and Holomoana road through Ala Moana.

b. Utilities:

There is existing water, sewer, telephone and electric service into the Ala Wai Boat Harbor. Cable television service is non-existent.

F. DISCUSSION OF THE ASSESSMENT PROCESS

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;
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 beneficial uses of the environment;
5. Conflict with the State's long-term environmental policies, goals, or guidelines;
6. Permanently degrade the environmental quality; and,
7. Alter the existing character of the land or its use.

Rather, the implementation of this project will have a beneficial effect on the general public and its environment.

G. IMPACTS AND ALTERNATIVE CONSIDERED

The proposed project will not cause any significant adverse effects on the environment. The primary negative effects include short-term noise and dust at the harbor.

The alternative considered for this project is:

No Action. No action will result in electrical and telephone utilities that are inadequate to support increased needs within the Ala Wai Boat Harbor area, and create a condition of unequal service to residents within the Ala Wai Boat Harbor.

H. MITIGATION MEASURES

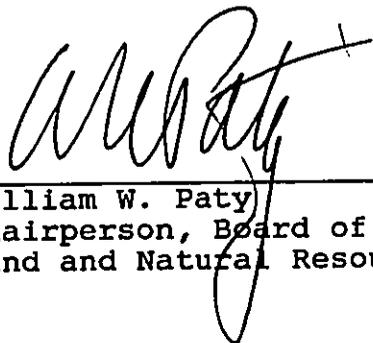
Provisions will be made in the project specifications to control and minimize the temporary adverse effects of the construction. Close coordination with Hawaiian Electric, Hawaiian Telephone, and Oceanic Cablevision will also insure that the adverse effects of construction will be minimized.

I. DETERMINATION

Since no major or significant adverse impacts are anticipated, costly detailed studies were considered inappropriate. Consequently, a determination has been made that an Environmental Impact Statement is not required. This project has been submitted as an environmental assessment and has not received any comments or questions during the required 30 day comment period, therefore, a negative declaration is being filed.

J. REASONS

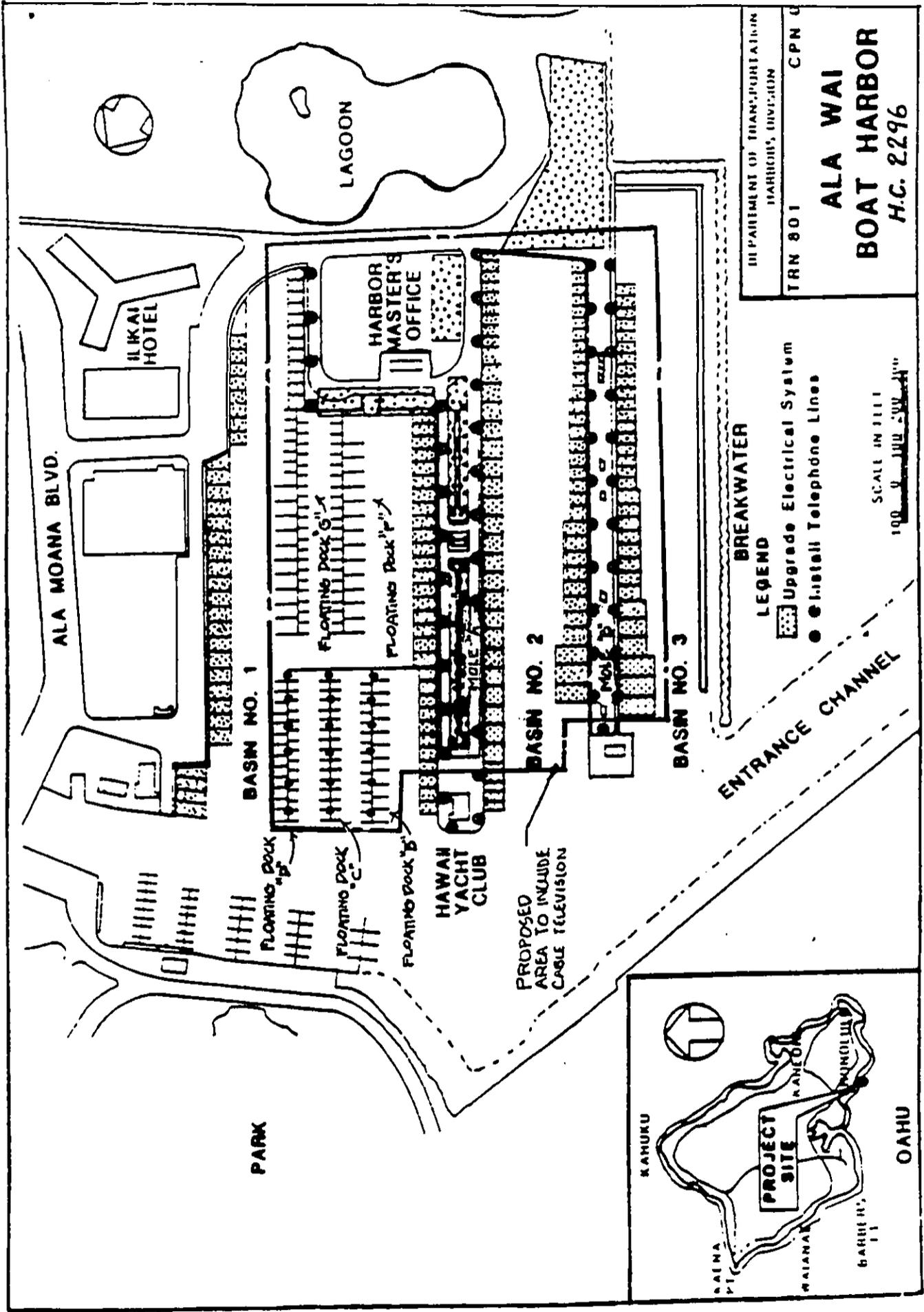
The reasons supporting the "no EIS" determination are outlined in sections F and G of this Negative Declaration. Any adverse environmental impact resulting from this project has been determined temporary and insignificant. Past experience has shown that this type of construction within an established boating facility has an insignificant effect on the environment, both short and long term.



William W. Paty  
Chairperson, Board of  
Land and Natural Resources

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BOAT HARBOR  
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