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Jessica Wooley, Director
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Dear Ms. Wooley:

Subject: County of Kaua'i Transportation Agency Comprehensive Exemption List

The County of Kaua'i Transportation Agency respectfully requests that the "Comprehensive Exemption List for the County of Kaua'i Transportation Agency" dated December 12, 2014 be considered by the Office of Environmental Quality Control (OEQC) and the Environmental Council (EC) for approval.

Your designated point of contact for this document and for any future needs will be Jeremy Lee, our Program Specialist III at jlee@kauai.gov or 808-246-8112.

Thank you for your consideration. Should you have questions or need more information, please contact us.

Sincerely,

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COMPREHENSIVE EXEMPTION LIST FOR THE COUNTY OF KAUA'I
TRANSPORTATION AGENCY
December 12, 2014

According to section 11-200-8, Hawai'i Revised Rules, the Transportation Agency may declare exempt the following types of actions from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment.

The Transportation Agency shall not make exemption declarations when the cumulative impact of planned successive actions in the same place, over time, is significant, or when an action that is normally insignificant in its impact on the environment may be significant, in a particularly sensitive environment. Sensitive areas may include, but are not limited to significant historical, archaeological and cultural sites, flood plains, wetlands, beaches, coastal areas, erosion-prone areas, geologically hazardous land, critical habitats, and estuaries.

EXEMPTION CLASS #1: Operation, repairs, or maintenance of existing structures, facilities, equipment or topographic features involving negligible or no expansion or change of use beyond that previously existing:

1. Maintenance of the following agency maintained lands and facilities;
   a) Administrative, Maintenance, and baseyard facilities
   b) Public transportation bus stops
   c) Park and Ride locations

2. Overhauling, repairing, repainting, cleaning, polishing, greasing, oiling, and servicing of the following agency facilities, structures, and equipment;
   a) Existing buildings, including the administrative building, repair shop and baseyard
   b) Stationary and mobile motorized equipment
   c) Public transportation bus stops, waiting lanes, shelters, benches, and bus-stop related accessories
   d) Existing fences, curbing, walls and gates
   e) Other minor structures not specified above

EXEMPTION CLASS #2: Replacement or reconstruction or existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located generally on the same site and will have substantially the same purpose, capacity, density, height, and dimensions as the structure replaced.

1. Replace or reconstruct public transportation bus stop waiting lanes, shelters, benches, platforms, retaining walls, railings, barriers, and bus-stop related accessories.

2. Replace portions of bus stops for accessibility improvements, including waiting lanes, boarding platforms, walkways, stairways, and ramps.

EXEMPTION CLASS #3: Construction and location of single, new, small facilities or structures and the alteration and modification of the same and installation of new, small, equipment and facilities and the alteration and modification of same, including, but not limited to:

1. Construction of public transportation bus stop waiting lanes, shelters, benches, platforms, retaining walls, railings, barriers, and bus-stop related accessories.

2. Construction of accessibility improvements, including boarding platforms, walkways, stairways, and ramps.

EXEMPTION CLASS #4: Minor alteration in the conditions of land, water, or vegetation:

1. Landscaping alongside public transportation bus stops, park & ride locations, administrative and vehicle maintenance facilities.

EXEMPTION CLASS #5: Basic data collection, research, experimental management, and resource evaluation activities which do not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource:

1. Public transit planning data collection

2. Field surveying

3. Public transit facility design alternative analysis

4. Communication / Media surveys

EXEMPTION CLASS #6: Construction or replacement of minor structures accessory to existing facilities:

1. Construction of public transportation bus stop waiting lanes, shelters, benches, platforms, retaining walls, railings, barriers, and bus-stop related accessories.

2. Construction of accessibility improvements, including boarding platforms, walkways, stairways, and ramps.

EXEMPTION CLASS #7: Interior alterations involving things such as partitions, plumbing, and electrical conveyances:

1. Interior alterations and renovations to administrative and vehicle maintenance facilities.

EXEMPTION CLASS #8: Demolition of structures, except those structures located on any historic site as designated in the national register or Hawai'i register as provided for in the National Historical Preservation Act of 1966, Public Law 89-665, 16 U.S.C. 470, as amended, or Chapter 6E, HRS.

1. Demolition of buildings and structures prior to or concurrent with the construction of a new or replacement building or structure, except those structures located on any historic site

2. Demolition of any related improvement or work that is limited to the Public facility site

3. Demolition of old, dilapidated, unsafe or dangerous buildings or structures required by building, housing or health codes and regulations

4. Demolition of infrastructure systems such as utilities (e.g. water, drainage, wastewater, sewer, power, energy, telephone, data and communication systems)

5. Demolition structure of facilities and appurtenances, including but not limited to:

    a. Steps and Stairways
    b. Handicapped accessibility improvements, including walkways, stairways, ramps, and handrails
    c. Fencing, pavements, curbing, gates, walls, and retaining walls
    d. Bus shelters and all associated amenities
    e. Sign poles and signs

EXEMPTION CLASS #9: Zoning variances except shoreline setback variances.

1. Zoning variances of County properties except shoreline setback variances

EXEMPTION CLASS #10: Continuing administrative activities including, but not limited to, purchase of supplies and personnel-related actions.

1. Purchase of public transit buses and support vehicles.

2. Purchase of equipment necessary for the repair and maintenance of the public transportation fleet, support vehicles and facilities.

3. Right of entry agreements with private landowners.

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Dear Ms. Mahikoa:

SUBJECT: Exemption List

Mahalo for your letter dated December 15, 2014, in response to our letter to you regarding your agency exemption list, and your attached proposed Exemption List, dated December 12, 2014.

The process is not simple or quick, but my job is to help. I requested that the Environmental Council Exemption Committee consider your proposed list at their next meeting, which will likely be on March 19th in Honolulu (conference calls can be arranged for you). At their meeting, the committee will likely do one of three things: (1) do nothing (i.e., postpone), (2) approve your proposal and recommend it be considered by the Environmental Council at its next meeting (likely in April), or (3) suggest revisions and re-submittal.

I you have any questions, please call me at (808) 586-4185.

Aloha,

Jessica E. Wooley, Director
Office of Environmental Quality Control

C: Jeremy Lee, Program Specialist III (sent via email, jlee@kauai.gov)