

Malama Makaha

March 3, 2016

TO: OahuMPO Policy Board Members

Subject: Comments for Draft Oahu Regional Transportation Plan 2040

Dear Policy Board Members,

I have one high-priority change to draft ORTP 2040 that should receive favorable consideration by your Board:

Project #50 (Makaha area highway safety improvements and Makaha Beach mauka bypass) of ORTP 2035 should be added on the ORTP 2040 Table 3: Project List for “Short-Range Projects”. Project #50 was not carried over from ORTP 2035 to the draft ORTP 2040 – this travesty is unacceptable. Project #50 is a high priority within the leeward community and among Malama Makaha supporters throughout the World.

The importance of Project #50 has been addressed numerous times over the past several years to the US DOT, the FHWA, the Governor, the Mayor, City Council and OahuMPO. Hopefully the dropping of Project #50 was an accidental oversight or a result of the project moving into the design, planning and construction phase – any other reason is simply unacceptable and very likely an Environmental Justice violation of DOT Order 5610.2 and FHWA Order 6640.23.

Please favorably consider and implement this critical change to the ORTP 2040. I am readily available for clarification and historical documentation on this issue.

Mahalo Nui Loa,



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*Makaha Beach
Park Master Plan*

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Dear Mr. Gill:

Subject: Negative Declaration for Makaha Beach Park
Master Plan - Makaha, Oahu, Hawaii
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The City and County of Honolulu, Department of Parks and Recreation, has reviewed the comments received during the 30-day public comment period which began on July 8, 1997. The department has determined that this project will not have significant environmental effect and has issued a negative declaration. Please publish this notice in the September 8, 1997 Environmental Notice. ✓

Enclosed is a completed OEQC Bulletin Publication Form and four copies of the final environmental assessment.

Please have your staff contact Mr. Daniel Takamatsu, Chief of our Facilities Development Division, at 527-6301 if you need further information.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures

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**MAKAHA BEACH PARK
MASTER PLAN
FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT**

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INTRODUCTION

This Final Environmental Assessment documents the anticipated impacts of the proposed master plan at Makaha Beach Park (Figure 1). It is the intent of the City & County of Honolulu Department of Parks and Recreation to propose a master plan for the future development of Makaha Beach Park.

The master plan will provide new comfort stations, parking lots, multi-purpose fields and landscaped picnic areas. The proposed comfort stations are being designed to supplement the existing restroom facility. Additional parking will be provided to alleviate the congestion that occurs during the peak surfing season.

A Draft Detailed Project Report and Environmental Impact Statement was prepared by the US Army Corps of Engineers in November 1985 for the protection of Farrington Highway. The report presented four proposals to preserve the existing shoreline at Makaha Beach Park. The preferred proposal was to realign the existing Farrington Highway towards the mauka side of the proposed project site. This will increase recreational use, expand the beach, provide additional parking, eliminate highway repairs due to the beach erosion and storm waves and insure access in and out of the west end of the island of Oahu.

Based on this recommendation a conceptual study was done with an inland realigned highway to show how it might affect the park (Figure 5). From the conceptual study, the master plan was developed. Should the highway be realigned inland in the future, the current proposed facilities will be minimally be affected. A conceptual highway realignment is indicated on the master plan.

The proposed master plan is not anticipated to generate any significant adverse impacts on the environment. The purpose of this plan is to expand and enhance recreational opportunities at this world renown surfing beach park.