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 Department of Land and Natural Resources  
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 Honolulu, Hawaii

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Request to Close A Portion of Waikiki Beach Fronting the Royal Hawaiian Hotel for the Royal Hawaiian Groin Project; Waikiki, Honolulu, Oahu; TMK (1) 2-6-002: seaward of 005.

BACKGROUND:

The Department is proposing to repair or replace the failing Royal Hawaiian Groin (“RHG”) with a new stable engineered structure. The objectives of the proposed project are to maintain the beach so that it can provide its intended recreational and aesthetic benefits, facilitate lateral access along the shoreline, and provide a first line of defense for the backshore area by maintaining a sufficiently wide beach.

The contractor for the RHG project plan to use portions of the State lands as noted in **Exhibit A** for the worksite staging area (hatched area), which will include the stockpiles of stone and sand, as well as a temporary stone accessway (cross-hatched area) during the project. The above-mentioned area is a portion of Waikiki Beach fronting the Royal Hawaiian Hotel, shown on Exhibit A, with its mauka boundary stop at the seaward face of the walkway fronting the hotel.

To ensure the safety of the general public during the construction period, it is prudent to close the subject area for the duration of the RHG project. Currently, the duration is estimated to be 2 months. Additionally, staff recommend the Chairperson be delegated with the authority to extend the requested closure period for good reason, such as inclement weather conditions.

The contractor will be required to erect and breakdown physical protective barriers, and place signs to notify the public of the closed areas.

CHAPTER 343 - ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT:

The Final Environmental Assessment for the subject project was published in the Office of Environmental Quality Control's The Environmental Notice on May 23, 2016 with a finding of no significant impact (FONSI).

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board

1. Authorize the closure of a portion of Waikiki Beach fronting the Royal Hawaiian Hotel for the Royal Hawaiian Groin Project for a period of two (2) months, under the terms and conditions described above, with the commencement date to be determined by the Chairperson; and
2. Authorize the Chairperson to extend the closure for good reason.

Respectfully Submitted,

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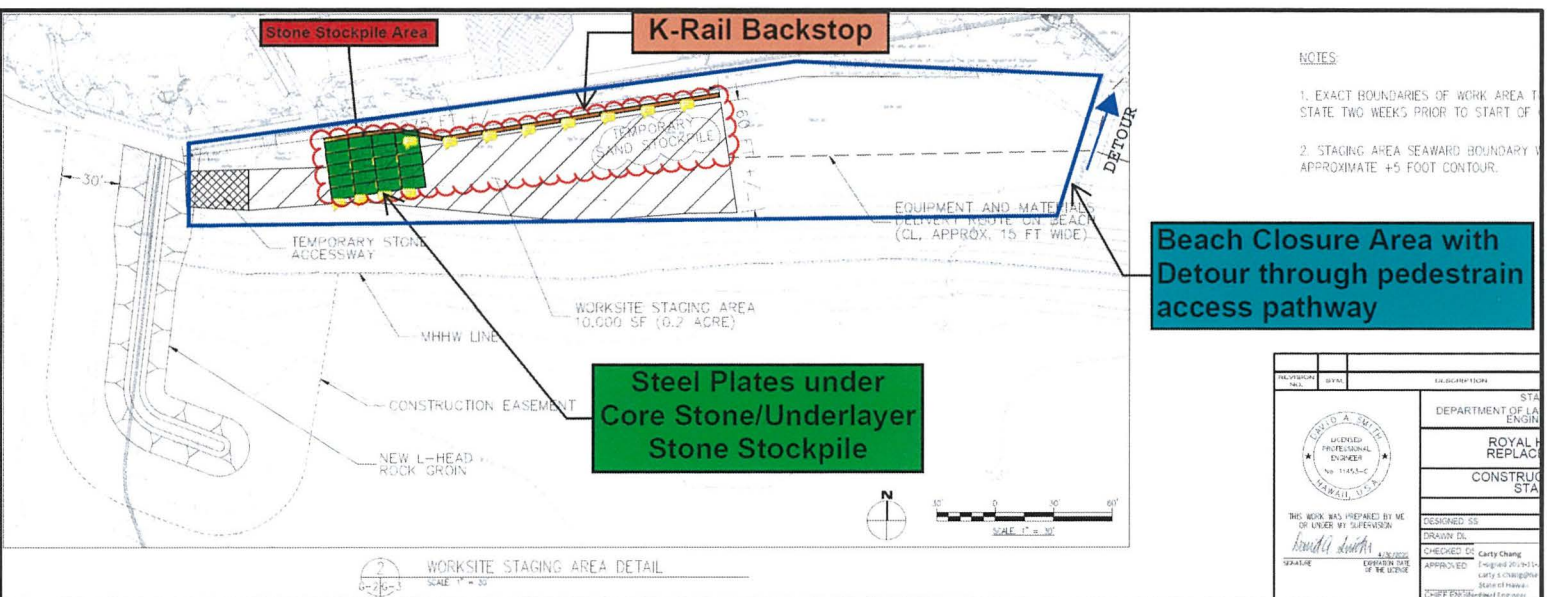
APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL:

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Suzanne D. Case, Chairperson



Portion of Waikiki Beach Fronting the Royal Hawaiian Hotel  
Exhibit A