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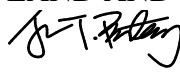
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TO: SUZANNE D. CASE, CHAIRPERSON
DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES

FROM: JADE T. BUTAY 
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SUBJECT: ALA MOANA BOULEVARD ELEVATED PEDESTRIAN WALKWAY
VICINITY OF VICTORIA WARD PARK IN WARD VILLAGE
PROJECT NO. 92A-01-21
AT HONOLULU, ISLAND OF OAHU, HAWAII

Enclosed for your approval is the Land Board submittal for the subject project. Please place the submittal on your next Land Board agenda and inform Mr. Cody-Allen Ching, of our Highways Division, Right-of-Way Branch, Land Acquisition Section at (808) 692-7320 or cody-allen.s.ching@hawaii.gov.

Enclosure



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Ms. Suzanne D. Case, Chairperson
c/o Board of Land and Natural Resources
1151 Punchbowl Street, Room 130
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Case and Board members:

Subject: Request Authorization to Acquire Land for the Department of Transportation, Highways Division, for Highway Purposes, Relating to Ala Moana Boulevard Elevated Pedestrian Walkway Project No. 92A-01-21, at Honolulu, Island of Oahu, Hawaii, Tax Map Key Nos. (1) 2-3-01-127, (1) 2-3-01-128, 129, 130, 131, (1) 2-3-02-59, (1) 2-3-02-106, 107, 108, 109, 110, (1) 2-3-05-01, (1) 2-3-05-04

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APPLICANT:

State of Hawaii, Department of Transportation, Highways Division (DOT).

LEGAL REFERENCE:

Sections 107-10, 171-30, and Chapter 264, Hawaii Revised Statutes, as amended.

LOCATION:

Ala Moana Boulevard Elevated Pedestrian Walkway
Vicinity of Victoria Ward Park in Ward Village
Project No. 92A-01-21

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ZONING:

Tax Map Key No. (1) 2-3-01-127	Commercial
Tax Map Key No. (1) 2-3-01-128, 129, 130, 131	Commercial
Tax Map Key No. (1) 2-3-02-59	Commercial
Tax Map Key No. (1) 2-3-02-106, 107, 108, 109, 110	Commercial
Tax Map Key No. (1) 2-3-05-01	Residential
Tax Map Key No. (1) 2-3-05-04	Commercial

COMPENSATION:

The acquisition of the temporary construction parcels, perpetual easements, and/or fee taking parcels will be gratis and compensation is not required.

CHAPTER 343 – ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT:

- Pre-Assessment Scoping for Chapter 343 Hawaii Revised Statutes Draft Environmental Assessment Letters- sent to State and Non-State Agency 9/11/2020 and 9/14/2020
- Virtual Public Meeting tentatively scheduled for 10/1/2020
- Chapter 195D- Ongoing
- Chapter 6E- Ongoing
- Draft EA OEQC publication- Ongoing estimated completion November 2020
- Final EA OEQC publication- estimated completion January 2021

REMARKS:

The DOT is working with Howard Hughes in building an elevated pedestrian walkway makai side of Victoria Ward Park that connects to the harbor.

As of September 1, 2018, the Department of the Attorney General has mandated the DOT to obtain Board approval for all acquisitions in accordance with Section 171-30, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

DOT is proposing to build an elevated pedestrian and bicycle walkway over Ala Moana Boulevard between Ward Avenue and Kamakee Street. The project envisions a “land bridge” for Ward Village and surrounding community residents to walk or bike across Ala Moana Boulevard, connecting them to oceanfront Ala Moana Beach Park, Kewalo Basin, and Kakaako Waterfront Park. DOT is proposing the project to provide a safe and efficient way for pedestrians to cross over the busy highway and reduce vehicle-pedestrian accidents at the Ward Avenue and Kamakee Street intersections.

Ala Moana Boulevard generally consists of 3 lanes in each direction plus turn lanes with a landscaped median. Mauka of Ala Moana Boulevard, Victoria Ward Limited (VWL) is developing the 60-acre master planned Ward Village, which is expected to create at least 4,500 new residential condominiums. Additionally, the Honolulu Rail Transit's Kakaako Station will be located nearby, where 2,650 pedestrians and cyclists are projected to access the station each day. The proposed elevated walkway would connect pedestrians and cyclists generated by these future developments to Kewalo Basin, Kakaako Waterfront Park, and Ala Moana Beach Park.

The new elevated walkway would be accessible via both stairway and an American with Disabilities Act (ADA) path that connects to the Ala Moana Boulevard sidewalks on either side of the structure. Lighting would be needed for the elevated walkway, ADA paths or sidewalks leading to/from the structure, and under the structure along Ala Moana Boulevard. A central pier to support the walkway structure would be placed in the highway median.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board:

- A. Authorize the acquisition of the subject land under the terms and conditions cited above which are by this reference incorporated herein and further subject to the following:
 1. The standard terms and conditions of the appropriate construction right-of-entry and perpetual grant of easement forms, as may be amended from time to time;
 2. Review and approval by the Department of the Attorney General; and
 3. Such other terms and conditions as may be prescribed by the Chairperson to best serve the interest of the State.
- B. Authorize the acquisition of temporary construction right-of-entry under the terms and conditions cited above which are by this reference incorporated herein and further subject to the following:
 1. The standard terms and conditions of the appropriate construction right-of-entry forms, as may be amended from time to time;
 2. Review and approval by the Department of the Attorney General; and
 3. Such other terms and conditions as may be prescribed by the Chairperson to best serve the interest of the State.

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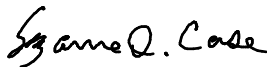
- C. Authorize the acquisition even in the event of a change in the ownership of those parcels described herein and on the enclosed maps labeled collectively as Exhibit A, under the terms and conditions cited above which are by this reference incorporated herein.

Sincerely,



JADE T. BUTAY
Director of Transportation

APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL:



SUZANNE D. CASE, Chairperson

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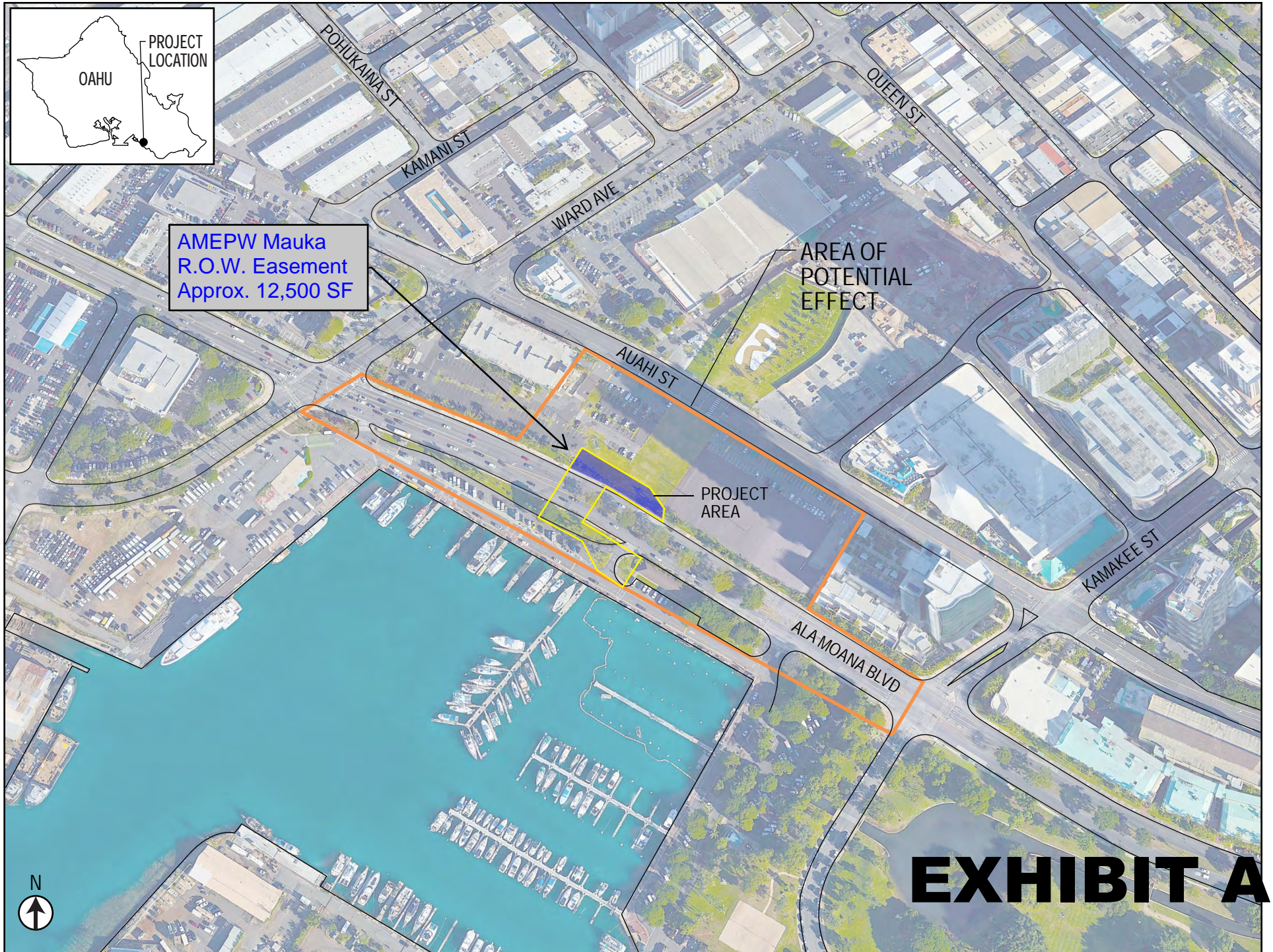


Figure 1
Area of Potential Effect
Ala Moana Elevated Pedestrian Walkway

ALA MOANA BLVD ELEVATED PEDESTRIAN WALKWAY Alignment Study Mar. 5, 2020

