

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

Pursuant to Title 49, United States Code, § 47106(c)(1)(A), notice is hereby given that the State of Hawaii, Department of Transportation – Airports (HDOT-A), proposes to implement the Airport Modernization Program at Honolulu International Airport (HNL), Honolulu, Oahu, Hawaii. The purpose of the Airport Modernization Program at HNL is to make airfield and terminal improvements that comply with standards included in Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Advisory Circular 150/5300-13, *Airport Design*, as well as certain airport improvements for the flying public. These include terminal configuration improvements to more efficiently process aircraft and passenger loading and unloading, taxiway improvements to improve access for aircraft to and from the terminal complex, new airline cargo and maintenance facilities, and a new consolidated rental car facility.

The proposed improvements involve demolition of certain existing structures and construction of replacement buildings and facilities to improve aircraft operational efficiency while aircraft are on the ground. There are no changes to the runways under this proposed project. The Proposed Action includes construction of a new Diamond Head Commuter Terminal, demolition of the existing Commuter Terminal building, construction of a Mauka Concourse with second level passenger boarding with passenger loading bridges, demolition and reconstruction of Air Cargo/Maintenance Facilities located on the west side of the Passenger Terminal Complex, construction of a new Air Cargo Building north of the existing Aircraft Parking Apron along Taxiway A, construction of a new Aircraft Parking Apron along Taxiway F, covering the Manuwai Canal immediately north and south of Taxiway A, realignment and widening of Taxiways G and L to meet FAA Airport Design Standards for Airplane Design Group V aircraft such as the Airbus A330, and construction of a Consolidated Rental Car Facility immediately north of the passenger terminal building. A Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) of the economic, social, and environmental impacts of the proposed development has been prepared.

The Draft EA evaluates the potential environmental effects of the Proposed Action described above and has been prepared pursuant to the requirements of Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), and Section 509(b)(5) of the *Airport and Airway Improvement Act of 1982*, as amended. The Draft EA has also been prepared pursuant to Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), Chapter 343. The FAA is the lead federal agency to ensure compliance with NEPA for airport development actions. HDOT-A is the lead state agency to ensure compliance with HRS Chapter 343. The EA has also been prepared in accordance with FAA Order 1050.1E, *Environmental Impacts: Policies and Procedures*; and FAA Order 5050.4B, *National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Implementing Instructions for Airport Actions*. Pursuant to the federal Endangered Species Act, Clean Water Act, Clean Air Act, and National Historic Preservation Act, the Draft EA includes an analysis of prudent or feasible alternatives analysis, potential impacts, and mitigation measures, as appropriate.

Beginning on October 23, 2012, the Draft EA will be available for public review at:

<http://oeqc.doh.hawaii.gov/>

or at the following locations during normal business hours:

- Federal Aviation Administration, Western-Pacific Region, Office of the Airports Division, 15000 Aviation Boulevard, Hawthorne, CA 90261
- Federal Aviation Administration, Honolulu Airports District Office, 300 Ala Moana Boulevard, Suite 7-128, Honolulu, Hawaii 96850
- State of Hawaii, Department of Transportation, Airports Division, Honolulu International Airport, 400 Rodgers Boulevard, 7th Floor, Honolulu, Hawaii 96819
- Hawaii State Library, 478 South King Street, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
- Salt Lake/Moanalua Public Library, 3225 Salt Lake Boulevard, Honolulu, Hawaii 96818

Comments must be received by 5:00 p.m. Hawaii Time on Friday, November 30, 2012. Please ensure adequate time for mailing. Comments received on the Draft EA and the responses to those comments will be disclosed in the Final EA.

Written comments on the adequacy of the information disclosed in the Draft EA may be submitted by mail or facsimile to:

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