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DECLARATION OF EXEMPTION

From the preparation of an environmental assessment under the authority of Chapter 343, HRS and Chapter 11-200, HAR

Project Title: PO'IPŪ ROAD MULTIMODAL IMPROVEMENTS

Project Number: FEDERAL-AID NO. STP-0520(004)

Project Description: The proposed project involves design and construction of various improvements on Po'ipū Road, District of Koloa, Island of Kauai, Hawaii. The project area runs within the right-of-way from shoulder to shoulder, extending 100 feet into each intersecting side road, along the entire length of Po'ipū Road from Koloa Road to Ainako Road. Po'ipū Road is a major route along the Holo Holo Koloa Scenic Byway.

The project is not anticipated to have a negative impact on the intrinsic qualities that define the Holo Holo Koloa Scenic Byway. Project objectives work towards implementation of recommendations identified in the Scenic Byway's "Corridor Management Plan" (CMP) dated August 2013, including Appendix E - Safety Analysis. In general, the intent of the Project is to ultimately convert Po'ipū Road into a "Complete Street", with pedestrian, bicycle, additional parking, and transit facilities, as well as medians and roundabouts and other features that provide for improved traffic operations as well as travel speed reduction (traffic calming). The scope of work for the project includes roadway resurfacing and reconstruction, striping for vehicle and bicycle travel lanes, pedestrian sidewalks, crosswalks, parking, revised intersection traffic control including roundabouts, and drainage modifications in spot locations.

The above features are consistent with the Holo Holo Kōloa Scenic Byway CMP. The following items are called for in the CMP as priority safety issues for the Scenic Byway, and are proposed to be included as part of the Po'ipū Road Multimodal Improvements Project:

- Construction of sidewalks in Kōloa Town along Po'ipū Road.
- Construction of Bicycle Lanes on Po'ipū Road.
- Improved transit service along Po'ipū Road.

Exemption Class

Exemption Class #2; Item Numbers 1h, 1i, and 1k

Replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located generally in the same site and will have substantially the same purpose, capacity, density, height, and dimensions as the structure replaced.

- Pavements including, but not limited to roadways, driveways, parking lots, carports, walkways, bikeways, sidewalks, jogging paths, multi-use pathways, and covered walkways



- Traffic Calming Devices, including, but not limited to, new traffic and pedestrian control devices – speed humps, speed bumps, speed tables, traffic signals, directional, informational and regulatory signs, pavement markers, and striping
- Highways for safety purposes by widening less than one lane width, adding shoulder, adding auxiliary lanes for localized purposes (i.e. turning, passing, decelerating lanes, etc.), correcting substandard curves and intersections, and grading cut slopes to a minor extent

Exemption Class #3; Item Numbers 1c, 1d, 1e, 1g, 1h, 1i, and 1p

Construction, alteration, modification, installation, extensions or additions to facilities or structures, including, but not limited to:

- Handicapped accessibility improvements, including walkways, stairways, ramps, and handrails
- Fencing, curbing, gates, walls, and retaining walls
- Landscaping, clearing, grading, and grubbing
- New pavements including, but not limited to roadways, driveways, parking lots, carports, walkways, bikeways, sidewalks, jogging paths, multi-use pathways, and covered walkways
- Traffic and pedestrian safety measures – guardrails, escape ramps, sidewalks, bollards, and vehicle access barriers.
- Storm drain system repair and replacement

I have considered the potential effects of the above listed project as provided by Chapter 343, HRS and Chapter 11-200 HAR. I declare that this project will probably have minimal or no significant effect on the environment and is therefore exempt from the preparation of an environmental assessment.

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Deputy County Engineer

Date

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Project file

Attachment: Appendix E – Safety Analysis, Corridor Management Plan, Holo Holo Koloa Scenic Byway