

**A Petition by
West Waikiki Residents Living
Within the Area Bounded By
Ala Moana Boulevard,
Ala Wai Boulevard
and
Kalakaua Avenue
To Ease
Traffic Congestion and Gridlock on
Ena Road and Hobron Lane**

Presented to:

*Waikiki Neighborhood
Board Number 9*

**By: Hobron/Ena Road Organization for Safety
Lorna Johnston: 949-9902 Bill Cooper: 955-8595**

Survey of Existing High Rise Apartments/Parking Using Ena Road, Hobron Lane and Ala Wai Boulevard

APARTMENT		# of APTS.	PARKING
Canterbury	(Ena Road)	156	286
Chateau Waikiki	(Hobron Lane)	460	570
Discovery Bay	(Hobron Lane)	667	104
Harbor View	(Ala Wai Blvd.)	140	156
The Kalia	(Ena Road)	306	116
Marina Towers	(Ala Wai Blvd.)	109	115
Villa - Eaton Square	(Hobron Lane)	427	400
Trade Winds	(Hobron Lane)	238	120
Wailana	(Ena Road)	180	180
Waipuna	(Ena Road)	407	450
Windsor	(Hobron Lane)	181	216
1717 Ala Wai	(Ala Wai Blvd.)	284	292
TOTALS		3,415	3,005

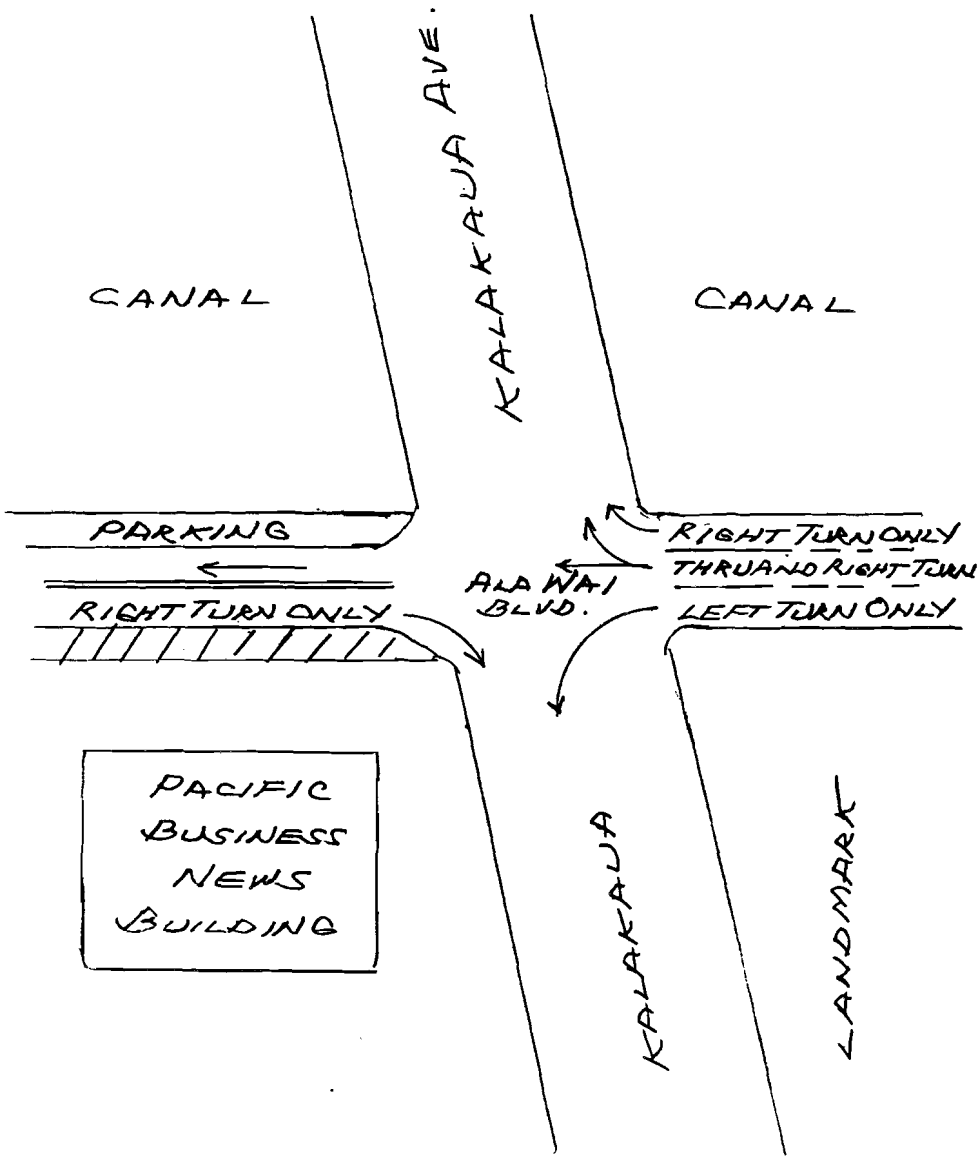
Planned Development

Allure*	(Ena Road)	300	519
Watermark*	(Ala Wai Blvd.)	212	439
Waikiki Palms*	(Kaioo Drive)	116	120+
TOTALS		628	1,078*

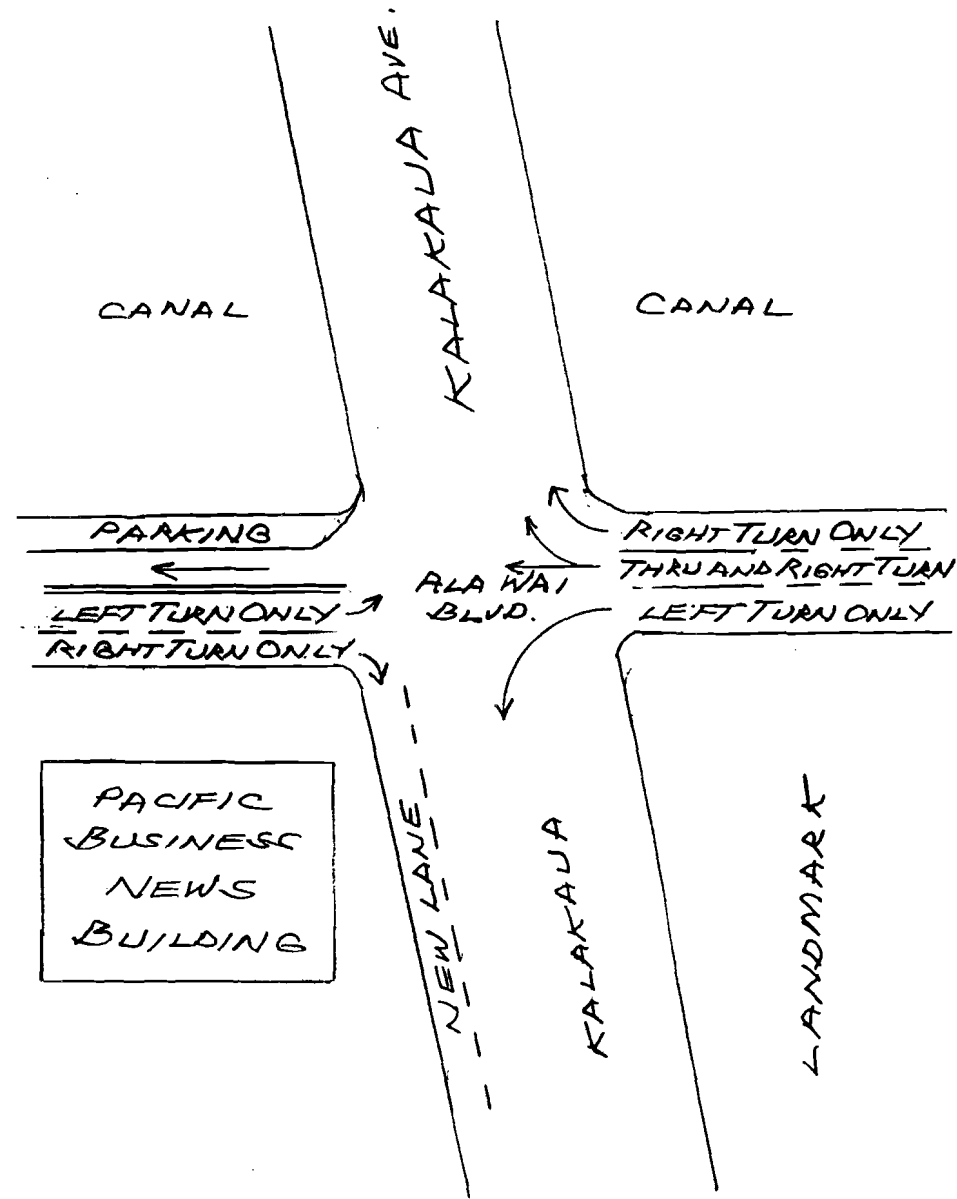
***Planned Development will increase Traffic Potential by 36%**

ITEM #1 - LEFT-TURN LANE & ARROW ADDED ON MAUKA-BOUND ALAWAI AT KALAKAUA

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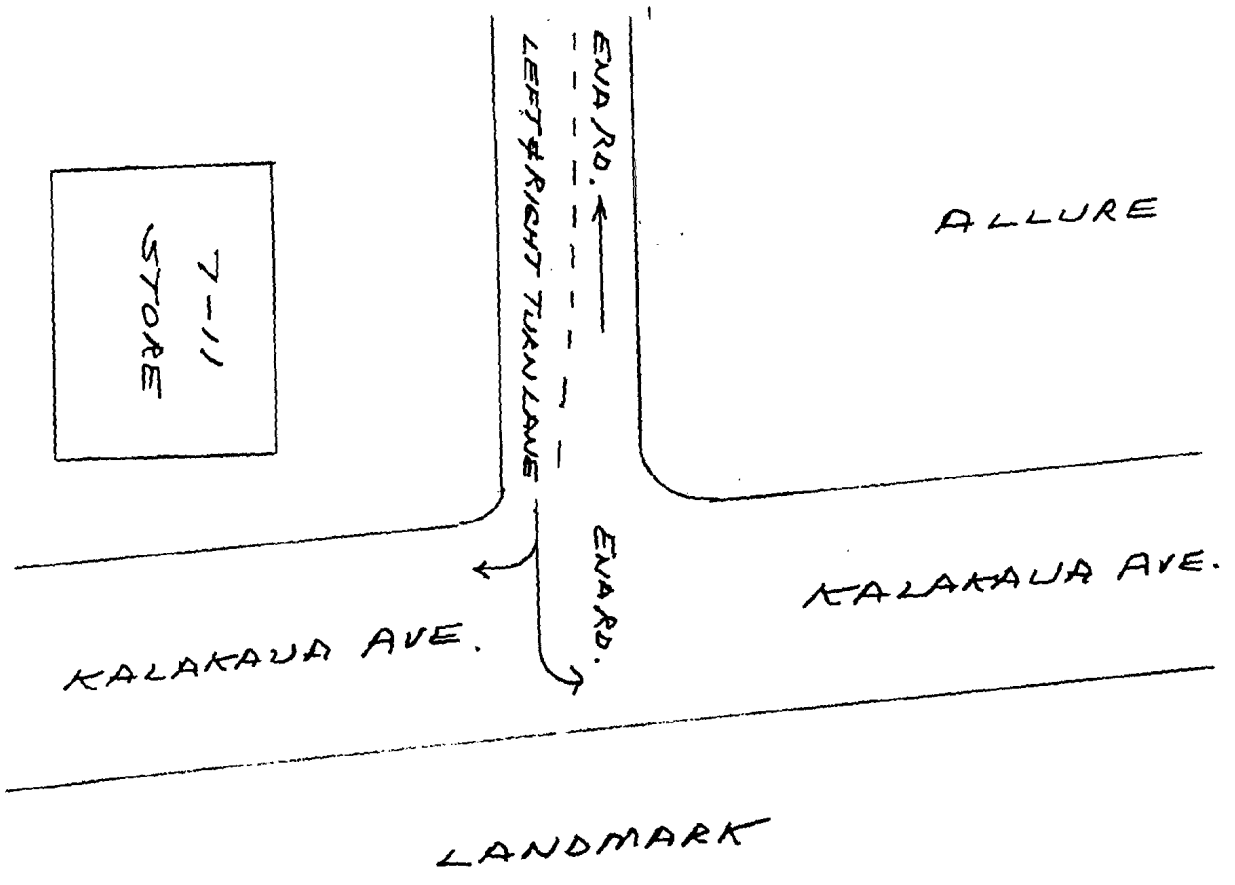


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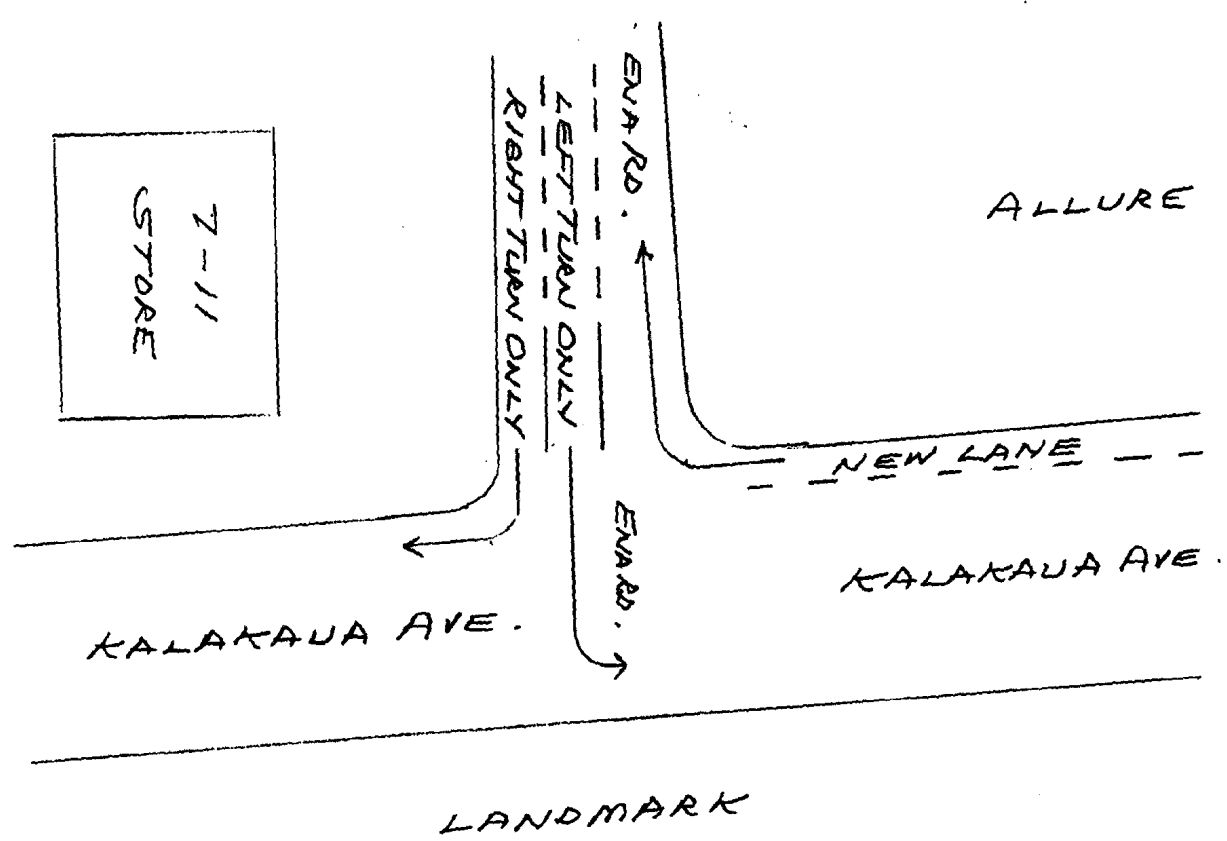


NEW LANE & RIGHT-TURN LANE CREATED ON ENA RD. AT KALAKAUA

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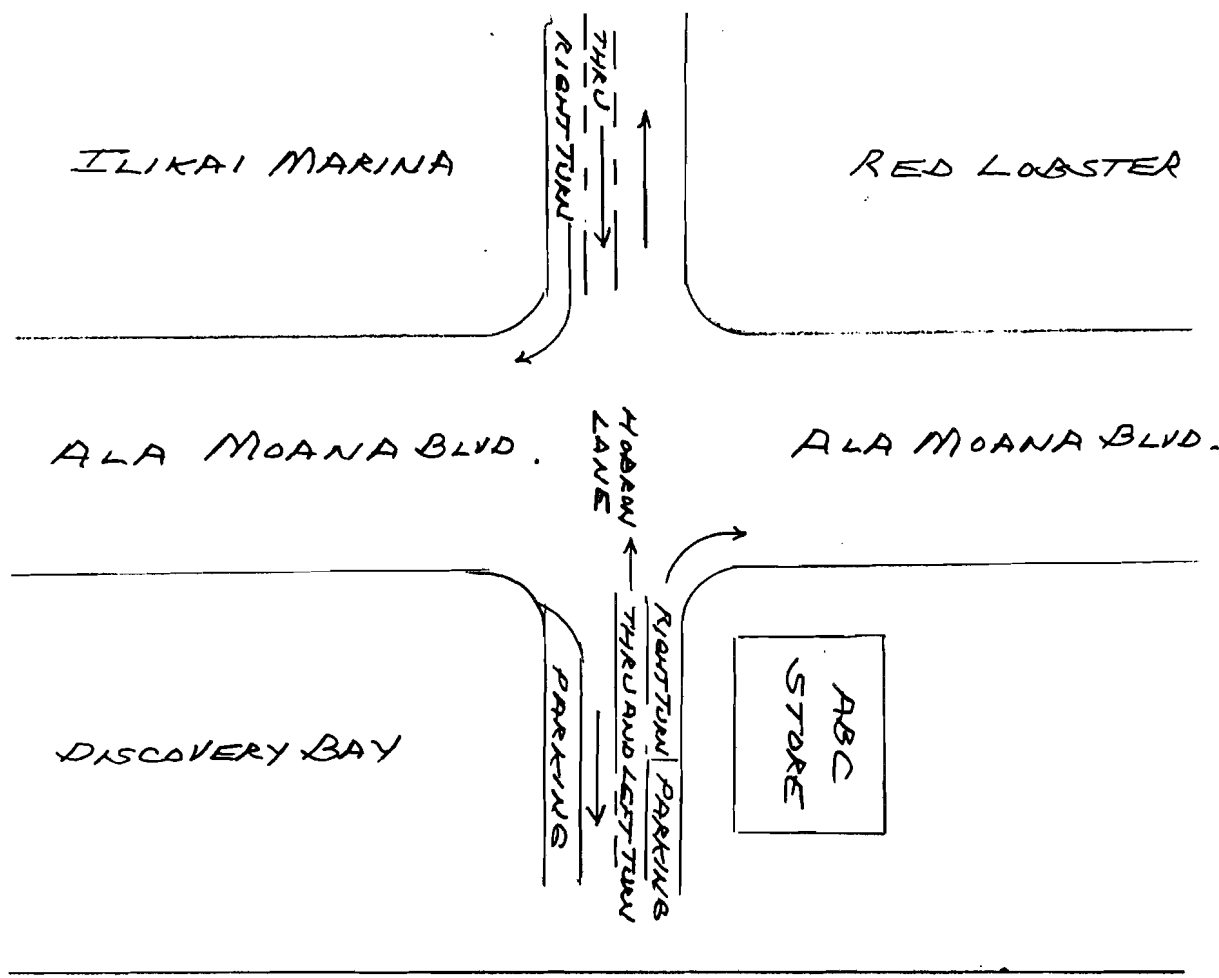


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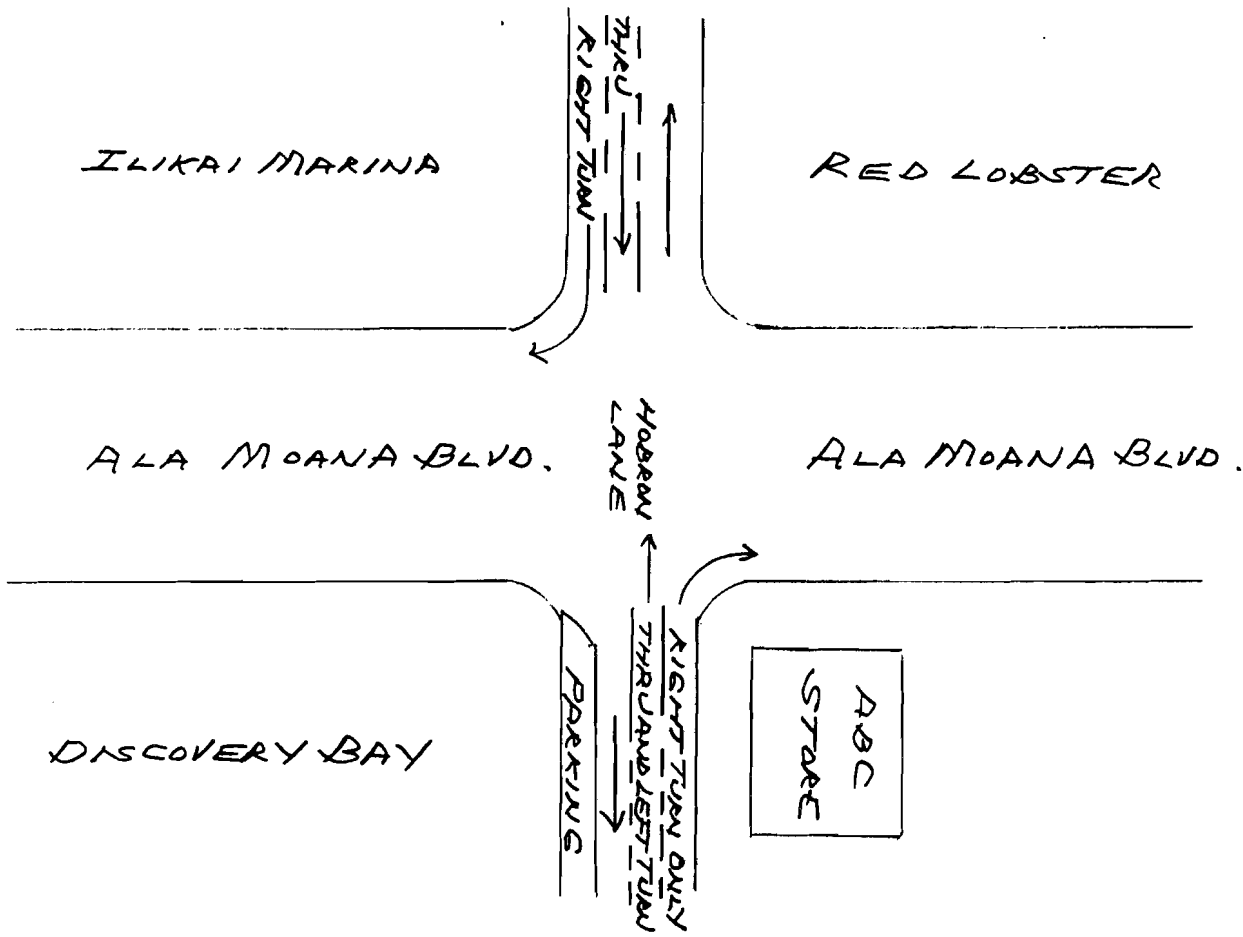


ITEM #3 - LENGTHENED RIGHT-TURN LANE ON MAKAI BOUND HOBRON LANE AT ALA MOANA

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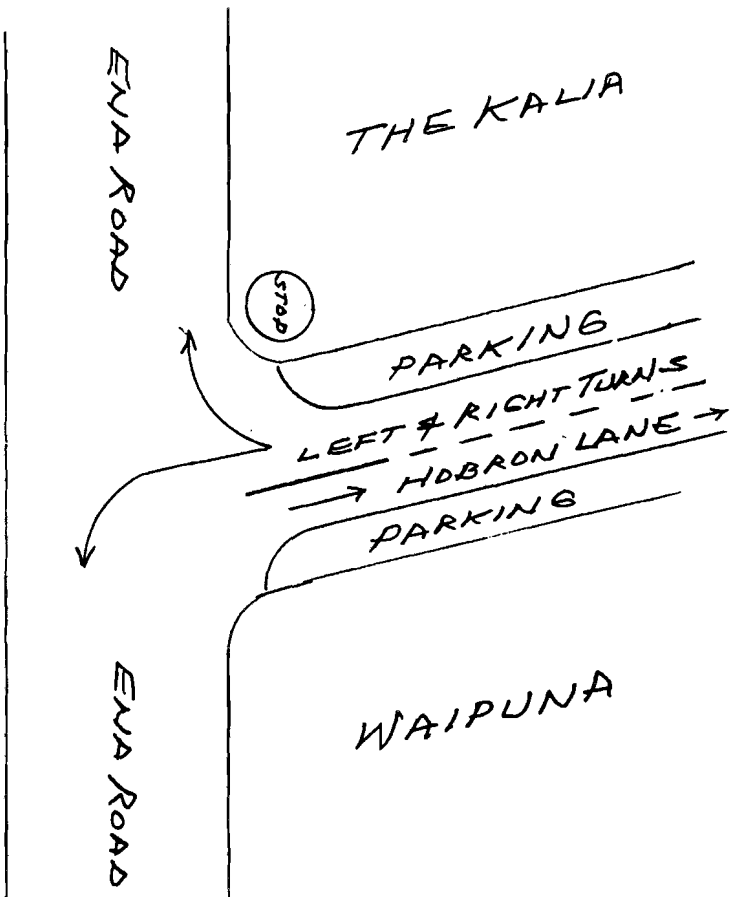


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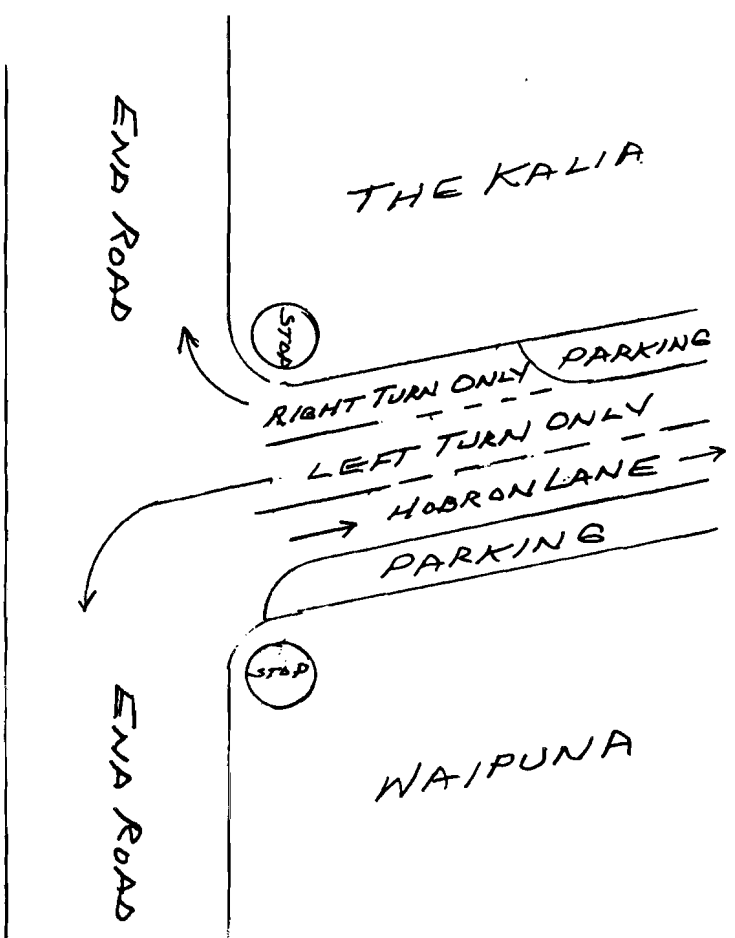
ITEMS: 1. 25' LENGTH END RIGHT-TURN LANE ON HOBSON LANE AND STOP SIGNS ON EVA ROAD

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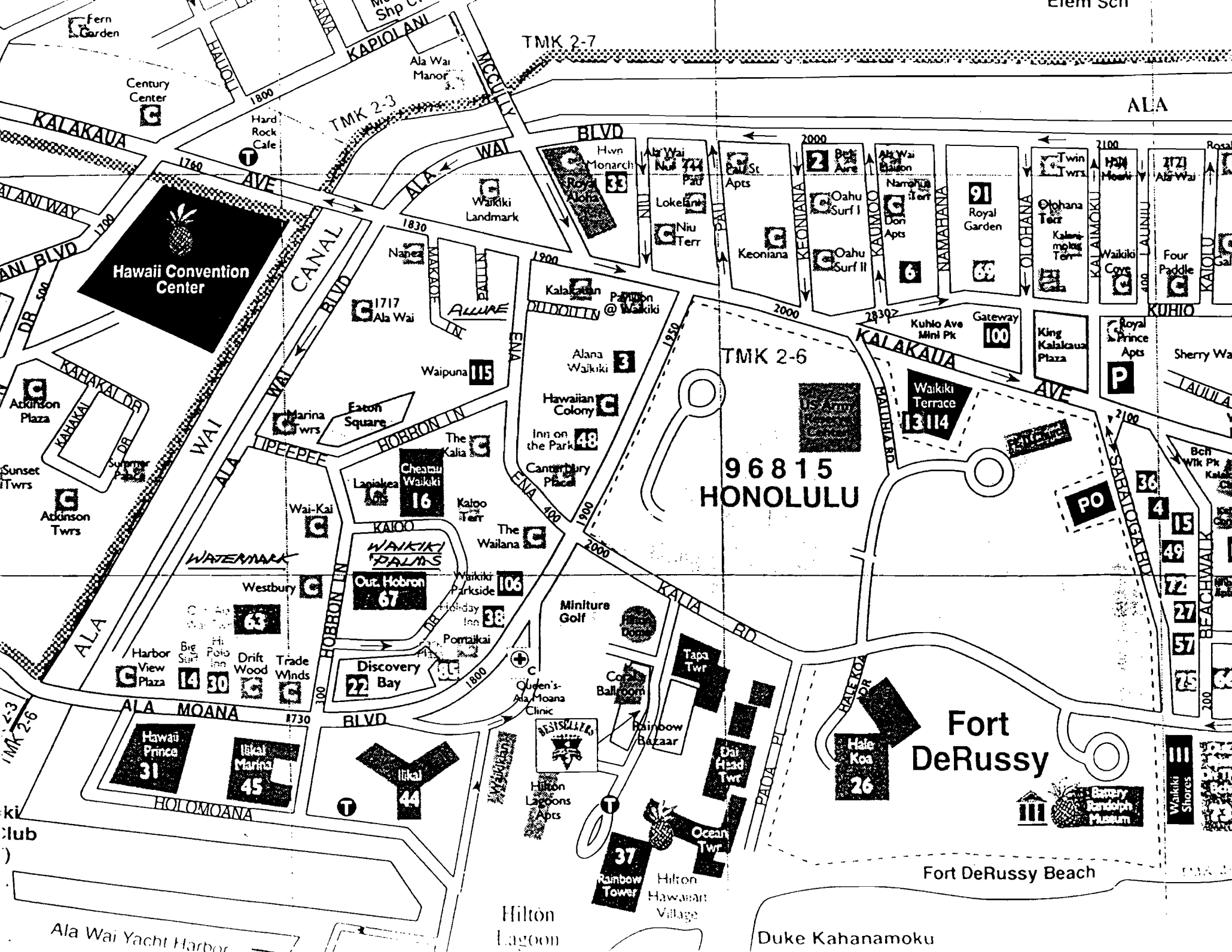


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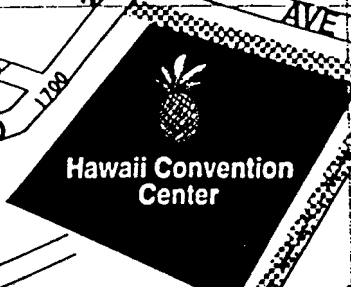
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Hawaii Convention Center

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Fort DeRussy

Fort DeRussy Beach

Duke Kahanamoku

Ala Wai Yacht Harbor

Addison Plaza

Adkinson Twrs

Waikiki Landmark

Ala Wai 1717

Waipuna 115

Alana Waikiki 3

Hawaiian Colony

Inn on the Park 48

Wai-Kai

Cheau Waikiki 16

The Wailana

Out. Hobron 67

Waikiki Parkside

Holiday Inn 38

Minture Golf

Tapa Twr

Rainbow Bazaar

Dai Head Twr

Ocean Twr

Hale Koa 26

Rainbow Tower 37

Hilton Hawaiian Village

Battery Randolph Museum

Waikiki Shores

Hilton Lagoon

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To Whom It May Concern:

Most of the traffic congestion and gridlock that is occurring on Ena Road and Hobron Lane is due to the fact that there currently exists only *one* source of mauka-bound egress from the West Waikiki area, namely the intersection of Ena Road and Kalakaua Avenue. And, what is making this situation especially acute is that there is presently only one lane of traffic on mauka-bound Ena Road, in front of the 7-11 Store, for both left and right turns, onto Kalakaua Avenue, at an intersection that is surrounded by pedestrian crosswalks on Kalakaua Avenue on either side of Ena Road. Currently, when the traffic signal on Ena Road turns green, pedestrians enter the crosswalks on both sides of the intersection, and traffic on Ena Road is unable to turn either direction onto Kalakaua Avenue.

The West Waikiki area, bounded by Ala Moana Boulevard, Ala Wai Boulevard and Kalakaua Avenue, is already one of the most densely-populated residential neighborhoods in our state, and the addition of three new major condominium projects, namely Allure Waikiki, The Watermark and Waikiki Palms, is only going to exacerbate the situation. On the other hand, this development is also providing a golden monetary opportunity to correct some of the existing mitigating circumstances that are contributing to, if not causing, the traffic congestion and gridlock on Ena Road and Hobron Lane. This opportunity should be realized and acted upon by appropriate City transportation officials.

Fifield Companies, developer of the Allure Waikiki Condominiums, will be required to modify the intersection of Kalakaua Avenue and Ena Road as a result of its ten-foot widening of Kalakaua Avenue. This is a golden opportunity to widen Ena Road, as well, to allow for the creation of a separate left-turn and right-turn lane on mauka-bound Ena Road, in front of the 7-11 Store, thus alleviating the existing traffic congestion and gridlock on Ena Road and Hobron Lane. If a minor five-foot turning-radius encroachment problem for over-sized vehicles still exists after widening Ena Road, then either a variance should be allowed or such nonessential traffic should be diverted to either Ala Moana Boulevard to the east or Ala Wai Boulevard to the west. This is an easy solution.

In addition, the left-turn lane and left-turn arrow that once existed should be reinstated on mauka-bound Ala Wai Boulevard at its intersection with Kalakaua Avenue to provide a secondary source of mauka-bound egress out of the West Waikiki area onto mauka-bound Kalakaua Avenue, to ease the traffic congestion and gridlock that currently exists on Ena Road and Hobron Lane. Both Fifield Companies and Intracorp Hawaii, developer of The Watermark, have expressed a desire to see this secondary source of mauka-bound egress be reinstated and a willingness to share in the cost of having it accomplished. Now is the time to take advantage of a golden opportunity to alleviate an acute traffic problem without incurring the cost of doing so. Now is the time to seize the opportunity!

Sincerely,

William H. Cooper

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From: "Michelle S. Matson" <MSMatson@hawaii.rr.com>
To: "William Cooper" <whccpa@hawaii.rr.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 28, 2007 8:40 AM
Subject: West Waikiki Traffic Mitigation Proposals

Aloha Bill,

I haven't heard from all our Board members yet, but a majority of the Board has replied and they unanimously support your traffic mitigation proposals. Therefore, I will be present at the hearing to represent the WRA's support of your requests. Unfortunately, the hearing notice attachment you forwarded has vanished into cyberspace, so I would like to know if you could forward that again. I will also see who of our Board might wish to join me to testify at Friday's hearing.

Sincerely,
 Michelle

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From: "Michelle S. Matson" <MSMatson@hawaii.rr.com>
To: "William H. Cooper" <whccpa@hawaii.rr.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 25, 2007 5:15 PM
Subject: Re: West Waikiki Traffic Petition

Bill,

Ben Ortega presented the Allure project to the WRA after it had been improved with more landscaping and open space at the ground level, which had been in response to Waikiki Neighborhood Board concerns. The WRA did not take a position on the project because of the questions about surrounding traffic impacts and street curb reconfigurations.

I believe your concerns are generally already shared and supported by the WRA. However, we have not received your materials and do not know the details of your concerns or proposals for solutions. Is any of this in electronic form that could be emailed to our board members? If so, we could poll the Board to take a position in support of your recommendations and proposals in time to provide testimony at the March 2 hearing on the Allure project. Otherwise, we could testify about the concerns previously expressed at our WRA meetings. Please let me now what you would like us to do.

Michelle

PS I have found that the only time the city's present departmental mindset will respond to community concerns is when there is significant public pressure. Individual letters to the newspapers help as well, because the city administration shuns bad publicity and has been known at times to jump to remedy such publicized problems in short order (except for our sewers and

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From: "Keith Kurahashi" <kkurahashi@hawaii.rr.com>
To: "William H. Cooper" <whccpa@hawaii.rr.com>
Cc: "Ben Ortega" <bortega@fifieldco.com>
Sent: Monday, February 26, 2007 6:57 PM
Subject: RE: West Waikiki Traffic

Bill:

Thanks, Bill. I also hope that the Allure public hearing will go as smoothly as the Waikiki Palms hearing did.

I believe that Ben Ortega, for the improvements recommended at Hobron Lane and Ena Road, will provide the same accommodation that the Waikiki Palms group was willing to provide at the intersection of Hobron Lane at Ala Moana Boulevard. If the Department of Transportation Services and the Department of Planning and Permitting approve the all-way stop and the elimination of parking to extend the right turn lane on Hobron Lane (east bound) then Ben Ortega and Allure will remove parking stalls and provide the signage and striping necessary to make it work.

Waikiki Palms agreed to the Hobron Lane at Ala Moana Boulevard improvement to extend the right turn lane during peak hours, provided the Department of Transportation Services and the Department of Planning and Permitting approve this change.

Ben has asked his civil engineer to see if the Ena Road at Kalakaua Avenue intersection can be designed to create a right turn and left turn lane for the mauka bound leg on Ena Road at the intersection (based on our 10-foot road widening along Kalakaua Avenue and our increasing the turning radius for the right turn at our property from Kalakaua Avenue onto Ena Road).

I understand that Ben has a meeting with your group at 4:00 pm on Thursday and he has asked that I attend. Mel at the Department of Planning and Permitting will not give a response to your requests in time for the public hearing. Mel will want adequate time to review the requests with the Department of Transportation Services to determine which improvements will work. It will help if developers in the area agree to implement the improvements and if residents in the area are willing to petition their neighbors to reach concurrence on the removal of parking or restricting loading zone hours to extend right turn lanes and if warrants are met to create the all-way stop at Hobron Lane and Ena Road.

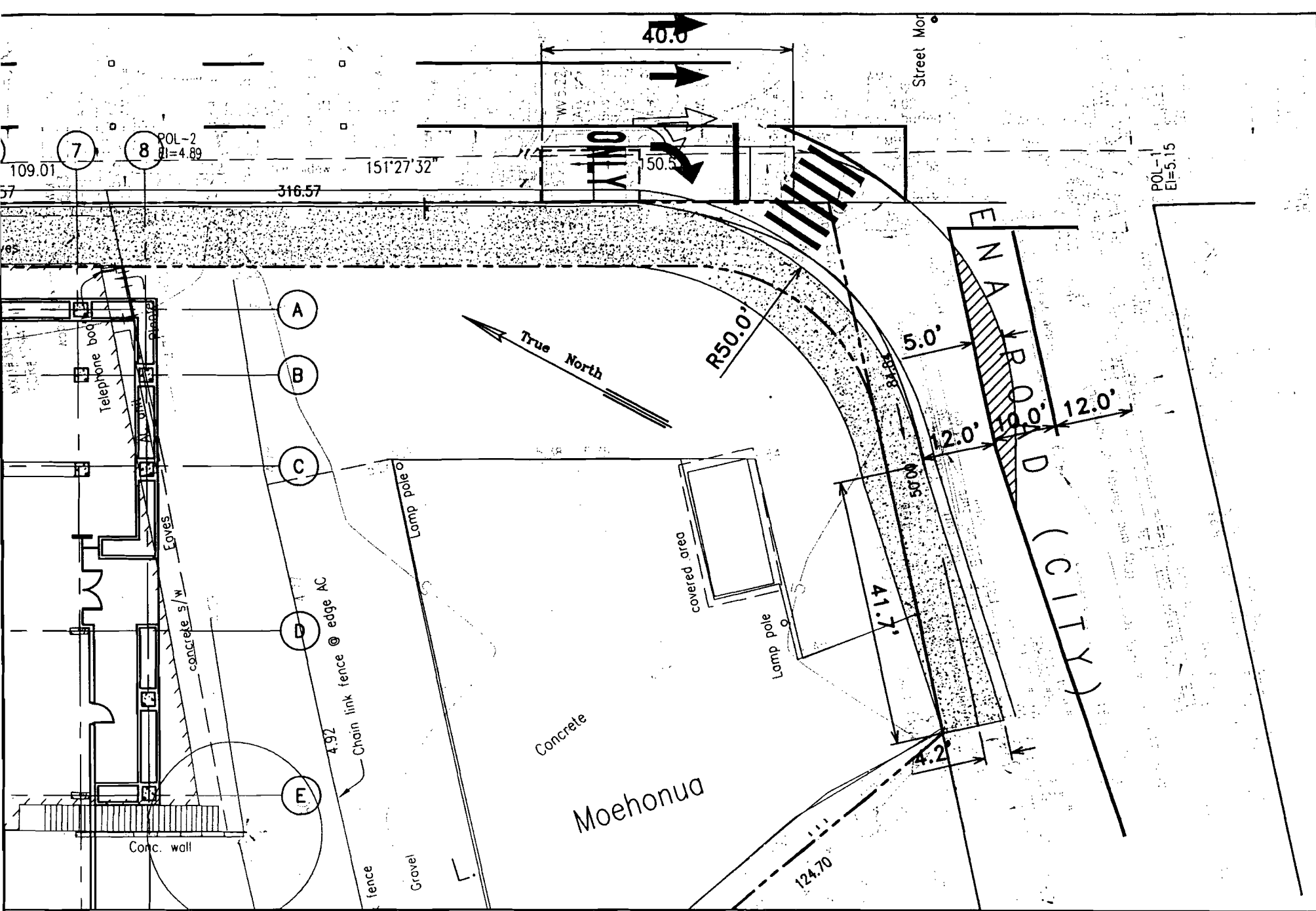
I look forward to meeting with you on Thursday.

Keith

-----Original Message-----

From: William H. Cooper [mailto:whccpa@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Monday, February 26, 2007 5:02 PM
To: kkurahashi@hawaii.rr.com
Subject: West Waikiki Traffic

Keith,



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ALLURE WAIKIKI
WAIVER OF 5.0' TURNING RADII

DESCRIPTION: **12' LANES W/ SIDEWALK CHANGE**

REFERENCE SHEET:
 SCALE: 1" = 20'
 DATE: 2/27/07

HOA JOB NO.: 2072
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February 9, 2007

Mr. Ben Ortega, Vice President
Fifield Companies
2010 Main Street, Suite 610
Irvine, California 92614

Dear Ben:

Thank you for your recent informative presentation of the Allure Waikiki Condominium Project, at The Kalia, and your meeting with Keith Kurahashi, Lorna Johnston, Bow Porter and me, afterward. All of your presenters did a great job of answering our residents' concerns and were well received.

The major concern which remains unresolved is the existing traffic gridlock that occurs on Ena Road and Hobron Lane due to the inadequacy of those existing streets and the absence of escape routes. This problem will have a severe impact on potential buyers of your condominium project who will, no doubt, be using Ena Road and Hobron Lane as a way of avoiding traffic on Kalakaua Avenue.

In our meeting, Lorna and I gave you and Keith a list of traffic-flow proposals which we hope will mitigate the existing problem that we fear will be exacerbated by the addition of your project as well as the Watermark and Waikiki Palms. We hope that you will assist us in resolving this problem by exerting your influence in your dealings with the Honolulu Department of Transportation Planning.

Lorna and I plan to meet with the developers of the Watermark and Waikiki Palms and the Department of Transportation Planning, as possible, to propose our recommendations to them, as well. We are hopeful that a consensus can be reached that not only does a serious traffic problem currently exist but also that the addition of these three major projects could cripple this situation.

Again, thank you for your attention and concern and any productive assistance that you can provide.

Sincerely,

William H. Cooper

cc: Keith H. Kurahashi
Lorna D. Johnston
The Kalia, Inc. Board of Directors

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February 17, 2007

Mr. Chris Deuchar, President
Mr. J. Duff Janus, Project Manager
Mr. Larry J. Hansen
U.S. Pacific Development LLC
1001 Bishop Street, Suite 1280
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Gentlemen:

Thank you for taking the time, this past week, to meet with Lorna Johnston and me, this to discuss traffic problems in the West Waikiki area bounded by Ala Moana Boulevard, Ala Wai Boulevard and Kalakaua Avenue that will have a significant impact on your company's Waikiki Palms Project.

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Lorna and I have met with the developers of the Allure and Watermark and plan to meet with the Department of Transportation Planning, as soon as possible, to propose our recommendation to them, as well. We are hopeful that a consensus can be reached that not only does a serious traffic problem exist but also that the addition of these three major projects could cripple this situation.

Again, thank you for your attention and concern and any productive assistance that you can provide.

Sincerely,

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cc: Lorna D. Johnston

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February 17, 2007

Mr. Nick Buchanan
Intracorp Hawaii
1551 Ala Wai Boulevard
Honolulu, Hawaii 96815

Dear Nick:

Thank you for taking the time, this past week, to meet with Lorna Johnston and me, this to discuss traffic problems in the West Waikiki area bounded by Ala Moana Boulevard, Ala Wai Boulevard and Kalakaua Avenue that will have a significant impact on Intracorp Hawaii's Watermark Project.

The major concern which remains unresolved is the existing traffic gridlock that occurs on Ena Road and Hobron Lane due to the inadequacy of those existing streets and the absence of escape routes. This problem will have a severe impact on potential buyers of your condominium project who will, no doubt, be using Ena Road and Hobron Lane as a way of avoiding traffic on Kalakaua Avenue.

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