HAʻIKŪ STAIRS DRAFT EIS

JULY 2019

Board of Water Supply
EIS SCHEDULE

March 2019
- **DEIS Review**
  - DPP & BWS Review
  - HRS 6-E letter of concurrence received from SHPD

June 2019
- **Publish DEIS**
  - June 23, 2019
  - NB Presentations (July)
  - 45-day comment period ends Aug 7

July 2019
- **Prepare FEIS**
  - Manage DEIS public comments
  - Targeted outreach

Dec. 2019
- **Publish FEIS**
  - Target Dec. 2019 (estimated)
  - 60-day legal challenge period
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- Flora/Fauna (Hui Kū Maoli Ola)
- Archaeology (Keala Pono)
- Cultural (Keala Pono)
- Historic Architecture (Chapman)
- Noise (Y. Ebisu)
- Economic (Plasch Econ Pacific)
- Structural (Nakoa)
BWS OBJECTIVE TO ELIMINATE LIABILITY

It is not in BWS’ core mission to manage a recreational facility, yet they carry liability for Ha‘ikū Stairs.

BWS can eliminate its organization’s liability for Ha‘ikū Stairs by:

1) Completely removing Ha‘ikū Stairs
2) Conveying the property and Ha‘ikū Stairs structure to another public agency or private interest
PROPOSED ACTION IS REMOVE HAʻIKŪ STAIRS

- The EIS Chapter 3, Project Description describes removal of Haʻikū Stairs.
- Extraction of all modules (front and back stairs). Platforms and structures to remain in place.
- EIS Chapter 4, Environmental Impacts evaluates the action of removal.

ALTERNATIVE OPTION TO KEEP STAIRS

- EIS provides equal consideration of an Alternative that retains the stairs.
- The Conveyance Alternative is thoroughly described and evaluated in EIS Chapter 6, Alternatives.
EIS ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

No-Action
- BWS maintains ownership.
- No additional repairs, condition would degrade.
- Ongoing liability exposure. Costs detract from BWS core mission.

Partial Removal
- Remove approx. 1,000 feet of stairs up to first landing platform.
- Cost-effective solution to reduce liability to BWS from Haʻikū.
- Ongoing liability - Hikers could still trespass in from Moanalua Valley.

Conveyance
- Convey Haʻikū Stairs and underlying land to public/private entity.
- Requires legal access route and managed access plan.
- Allows BWS to divest liability and focus on their core mission.
ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED BUT DISMISSED

**Third Party Operator**
- BWS would own Haʻikū Stairs and underlying parcel.
- A qualified third-party entity would operate and manage the stairs.

**Subdivision**
- BWS would subdivide the stairs corridor from larger TMK and transfer to a qualified public entity, or sell to a private buyer.
- A qualified third-party entity would operate and manage Haʻikū Stairs.

**DISMISSED**
- BWS would own land, have ongoing liability, and divert resources from core mission.

**DISMISSED**
- Added cost & delay. Whole parcel transfer more efficient. No BWS plans for rest of land.
HRS 6-E

Significant Historic Property

Effect with Mitigation

Preservation or Removal/Documentation
Projected impacts to City and State over a 21-year Analysis Period

NO-ACTION
• No construction costs
• Security costs continue

PROPOSED ACTION
• Cost of full stair removal

PARTIAL REMOVAL
• Cost of partial stair removal

CONVEYANCE
• Expenditure by agency is $800,000 to improve access route. Cost to be reimbursed by operator.
• Operator pays for stair restoration.
• Hiking operation revenues offset City costs.
• Tax revenues to State.

No-Action
• BWS cost $4 million

Proposed Action
• BWS cost $942,000

Partial Removal
• BWS cost $190,000

Conveyance
• Income $1.2 million
CONVEYANCE ALTERNATIVE:
POTENTIAL ACCESS ROUTES

HA‘IKŪ STAIRS PARCEL IS LAND LOCKED
CONVEYANCE ALTERNATIVE: POTENTIAL ACCESS ROUTES

- Moanalua Valley
- Loli'i Street
- WCC

Proximity to Residences
Landowner Input
Public Facilities
Safety Concerns

Traffic and Parking

- Ha'ikū Road
- Kūneki Street
- Poʻokela Street
CONVEYANCE ALTERNATIVE: CANDIDATE POTENTIAL ACCESS ROUTES

1) HAʻIKU ROAD
2) KŪNEKI STREET
3) POʻOKELA STREET
ACCESS
ROUTE
RANKING

RANKING CRITERIA

- Landowner discussions
- Impacts to community
  - Traffic and parking
  - Proximity to residences
- Availability of public facilities
- Safe, feasible path to stairs
HIGHEST RANKED ACCESS ROUTE: POʻOKELA STREET
After publication of the EISPN, the project team met with over 30 agencies, elected officials, and community groups.

Kāneʻohe Neighborhood Board
Landowners (DOT, DHHL, DLNR)
State and City Agencies (DPR, DES, Corporation Counsel, OCCL)
Community Groups
Elected officials (Mayor, CM Anderson, Council Chair, State Senators, State House Reps)

Follow up with community groups, agencies, elected officials, and stakeholders are planned after publication of the FEIS.
EIS Accepting Authority, Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP)

Recommendations to BWS Board (Early 2020)
COMMENT PERIOD
June 23, 2019 - August 7, 2019

SUBMIT A COMMENT
https://hbws.me/haiku
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THANK YOU

Board of Water Supply
PREFERRED POTENTIAL ACCESS ROUTE (PO‘OKELA STREET)
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ANCHOR CHURCH DRIVEWAY - LOOKING UPHILL
CONCEPT NOT TO SCALE
PREFERRED POTENTIAL ACCESS ROUTE (PO‘OKELA STREET)
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