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Public Notice of USACE Feasibility Study

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Public Notice Date: **12 December 2022**
Expiration Date: **11 January 2023**
Project Name: **Honolulu Harbor
Modification Feasibility
Study**

Interested parties are hereby notified that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps, USACE) and the State of Hawaii Department of Transportation (HDOT) are in the early stages of the Honolulu Harbor Modification Feasibility Study pursuant to Section 216 of the Flood Control Act of 1970 (Public Law 91-611). The study began with the signing of the Feasibility Cost Share Agreement on 23 September 2022 by both parties. The purpose of the study is to investigate the feasibility of modifications to the harbor, including but not limited to deepening and/or widening the harbor basins and channels to improve navigational efficiencies in the harbor. As part of the feasibility study, USACE is preparing an integrated feasibility report and appropriate documentation to comply with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 (42 U.S.C. § 4321) and other applicable environmental laws and regulations.

With this notice, the Corps seeks to notify the public of the availability of project information and opportunity to provide scoping comments as the Corps develops the scope and schedule for environmental analysis and compliance for the harbor modification study. The study will conclude with a recommended plan for implementation considering economic feasibility, engineering constructability, and environmental acceptability. This initial scoping solicitation for comments is being conducted as a matter of due diligence and to inform the preparation of a draft NEPA document associated with the feasibility study. Concurrent to involving the public, the Corps will pursue interagency coordination on the proposed action.

ACTION AGENCY: Civil and Public Works Branch, Honolulu District, USACE

LOCATION: Honolulu Harbor, Honolulu, Island of Oahu, Hawaii (21.308261°N, 157.871559°W).

DESCRIPTION OF THE EXISTING FEDERAL PROJECT: Honolulu Harbor is located on the southwestern coast of the island of Oahu. The harbor consists of Fort Armstrong

Entrance Channel (4,000 feet long, 500 feet wide, and 45 feet deep); a Main Basin (3,300 feet long, 1,520 feet wide, and 40 feet deep); Kapalama Basin (3,400 feet long, 1,000 feet wide, and 40 feet deep); Kapalama Channel (400 feet wide and 40 feet deep); and a secondary channel, the Kalihi Channel, which is 10,300 feet in length, 400 feet in width, and maintained at a depth of 23 feet.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSED ACTION: The feasibility study will evaluate the advisability of modifications to the Honolulu Harbor to accommodate the current and future vessel fleet including measures to improve vessel loading, movement and access in the harbor including, but not limited to, channel and basin widening and deepening and a second harbor entrance. The study area is attached to this Public Notice.

ALTERNATIVES: Plan formulation of alternatives began in September 2022; an array of alternatives is under development to meet the intent of the description above. As part of the scoping process, if you have recommendations for the team to consider as part of the planning process, please provide an alternative as a scoping comment.

AUTHORITY(S): The Federal project was authorized by the River and Harbor Acts of 3 March 1905, 8 August 1917, 3 July 1930 and 3 September 1954. The Non-Federal Sponsor is the HDOT, Harbors Division.

COMMENT AND REVIEW PERIOD: The Corps is soliciting initial comments from the general public, Federal, State and local agencies and officials, and other interested parties to assist the Corps in the early identification of concerns, potential impacts, relevant effects of past actions and possible alternative actions. Only those comments received during the designated comment and review period will be considered by the Corps in preparation of the draft integrated feasibility report and NEPA document. All comments received will become a part of the administrative record.

Written comment on this public notice must be submitted via conventional mail or electronic mail (e-mail).

Comments sent by conventional mail should include your name, return mailing address, phone number, and reference to "Honolulu Harbor Modification Feasibility Study Scoping" and be sent to:

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Honolulu District
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Comments sent by e-mail may be sent to: HonoluluHarborMod@usace.army.mil.

To be accepted, all comments, whether transmitted by conventional mail or e-mail, must be received by our office within **30 days** of the date of this notice. If you would like to be added to our e-mail distribution list, please provide your e-mail address and interest.

PUBLIC INFORMATION EVENT: A public meeting is not scheduled at this time. Future virtual and in-person Public Information Events will be incorporated into the study schedule. Advanced notification will be made by Public Notice.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Current study information is available to the public online at the Honolulu Harbor Modification Feasibility Study Website at <https://www.poh.usace.army.mil/Missions/Civil-Works/Civil-Works-Projects/Honolulu-Harbor-Modification/>

This public notice is issued by the Chief, Civil and Public Works Branch, Honolulu District, USACE.

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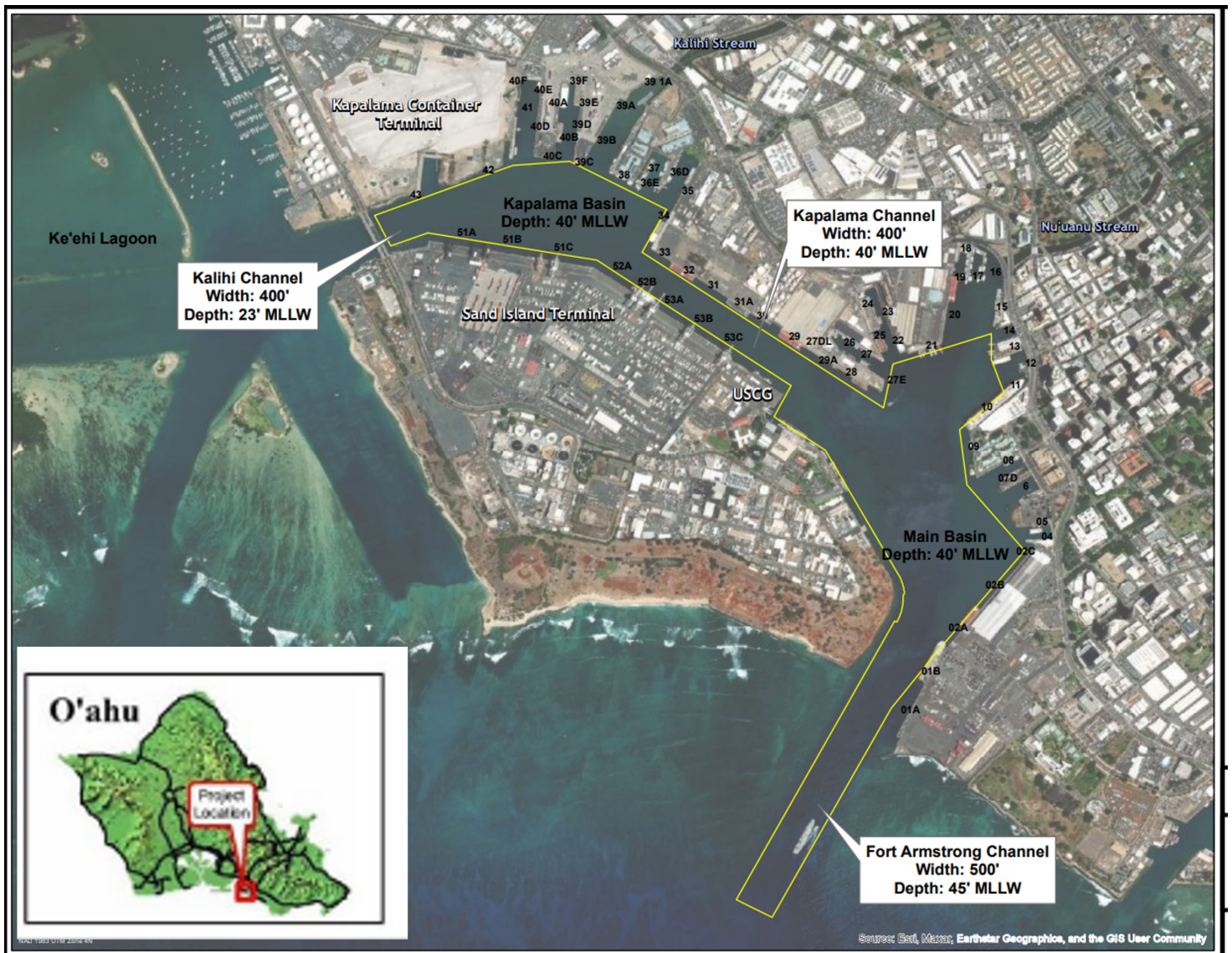


Figure 1: Honolulu Deep Draft Harbor Feasibility Study Review Area

Source: <https://poh.usace.army.mil/Portals/10/docs/maps/M-HIOa-19810930NH0-Hono.pdf>

The Honolulu Harbor federal general navigation features (Kalihi Channel, Kapalama Basin, Kapalama Channel, Main Basin and Fort Armstrong Channel) are identified by white text box and constitute the project area. The study review area encompasses the project area and surrounding areas that may be directly or indirectly impacted by the harbor modification.