

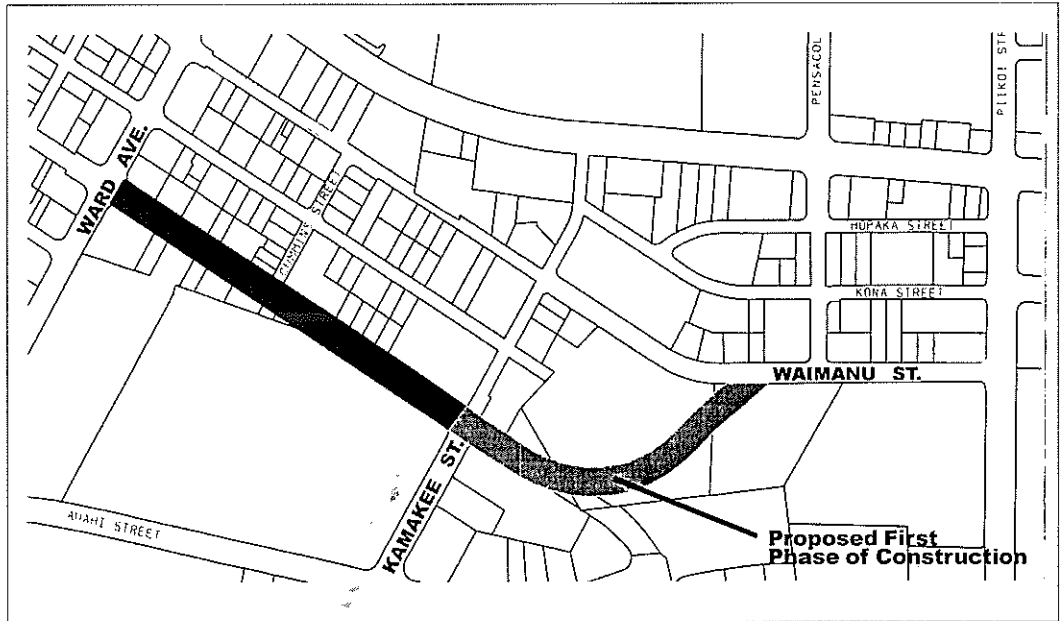
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## 1999 STATE LEGISLATURE APPROPRIATES FUNDS FOR HCDA TO PROCEED WITH PROPOSED QUEEN STREET PROJECT



The 1999 State Legislature has appropriated \$9.6 million to the Hawaii Community Development Authority (HCDA) for infrastructure improvements on a portion of Queen Street, between Ward Avenue and Waimanu Street. The HCDA's long-term plan for Queen Street is to improve the water, sewer, drainage, roadway, and electrical systems in Queen Street between Ward Avenue and Waimanu Street. Initially, the \$9.6 million appropriation, along with \$2 million of HCDA revolving funds, will allow the HCDA to complete the design work for the entire project and to construct the extension of Queen Street from Kamakee Street to Waimanu Street.

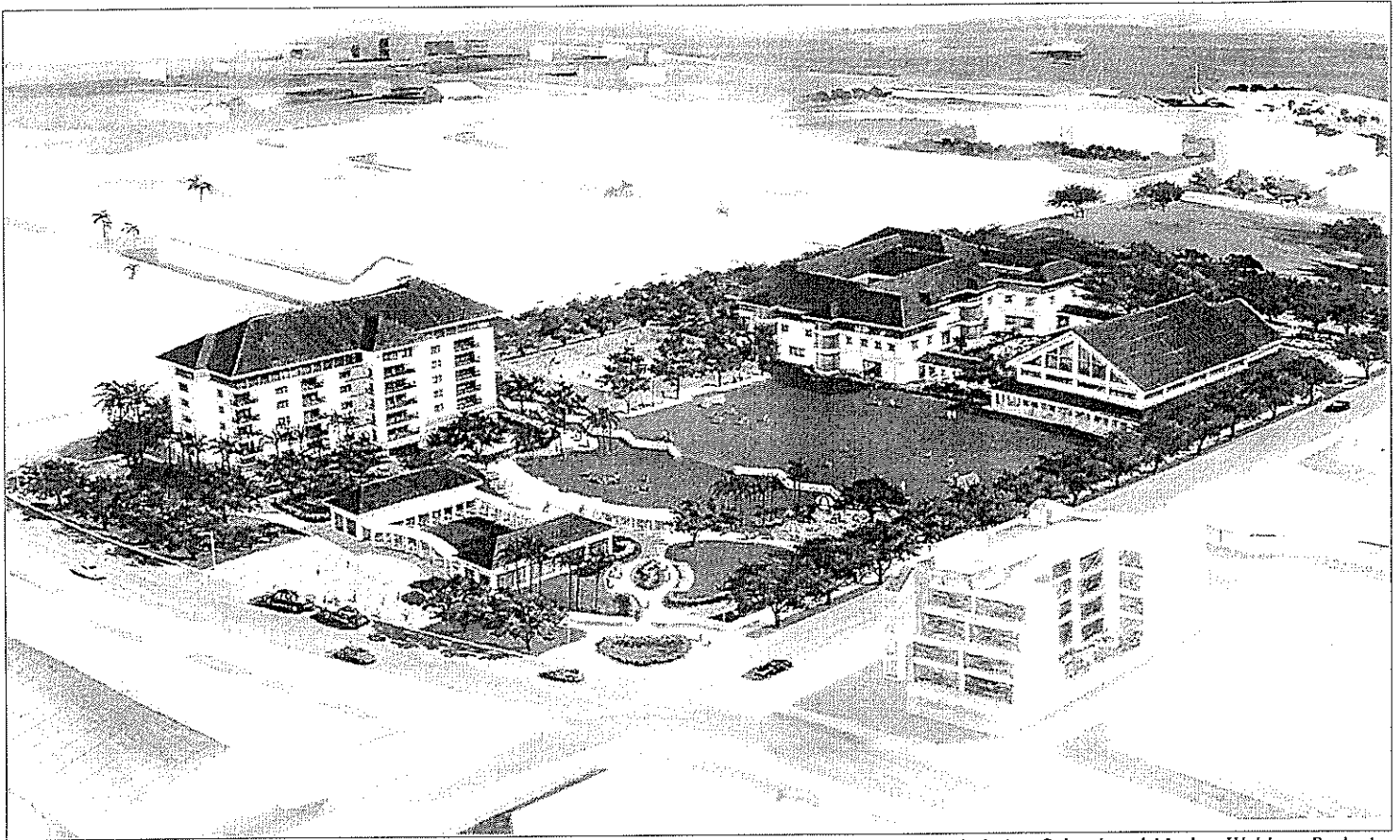
"The new infrastructure will improve services to property owners in the area and provide added capacity for future private development," states HCDA Executive Director Jan Yokota. "Current studies show that traffic along Ala Moana Boulevard will continue to degrade unless alternate routes are developed."

The HCDA has long designated Queen Street as an alternate route to Kapiolani and Ala Moana Boulevards. Currently, sidewalks, curbs and gutters are needed to accommodate both vehicular and pedestrian traffic safely through the District. The proposed roadway improvements will make the area more accessible and safer, and enhance its development potential. Queen Street is an integral part of the newly emerging "Golden Corridor" which could link the hotels and retail district in Waikiki, including the Hawaii Convention Center, with retail, entertainment, cultural, and civic attractions in Kakaako and downtown Honolulu. The overall project would also generate the short-term benefit of creating \$11 million in work directly attributable to the project as well as provide construction jobs and permanent jobs as development in the area progresses. The HCDA is planning to start design work on the Queen Street infrastructure improvements project by the end of 1999.

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*A rendering depicting the latest master plan for the former Pohukaina School and Mother Waldron Park sites.*

## FORMER POHUKAINA SCHOOL SITE MIXED-USE PROJECT COMMUNITY MEETING TO BE HELD ON JUNE 3

The Hawaii Community Development Authority (HCDA) has scheduled a community informational meeting on June 3 to present the proposed revised master plan for development of the former Pohukaina School site and improvements to Mother Waldron Park. The meeting, which will start at 4:00 p.m. in Mother Waldron Park, will also allow the public the opportunity to give their comments and opinions on the new plan.

A charrette planning process was initiated in March 1998 to master plan the 6.8-acre site bounded by Pohukaina, Keawe, Halekauwila and Cooke Streets. The proposed uses for the site include a 550-student Kindergarten through fifth grade multi-track public elementary school, a housing tower with 75 to 100 elderly units, and expanded park and recreation facilities. Charette participants have included representatives from the Department of Education, the City Department of Parks and Recreation, State housing officials, and elderly services groups. Two public meetings

were held in the surrounding neighborhood to advise the community of progress toward development of the master plan and to solicit public input. Presentations were also made to the Ala Moana/Kakaako and Downtown neighborhood boards.

The latest changes proposed to the master plan involve the organization of the major elements and certain design features. The major components of the plan are: the elementary school, housing project, and community room with adjacent space for community police operations. The existing Mother Waldron Park comfort station and wall system would be retained as a historic element of the site, and a portion of Keawe Street (between Halekauwila and Pohukaina Streets) would be closed to provide parking necessary for the elementary school. After considering community reaction and input to the revised plan, the HCDA could complete a final report and schematic drawings for the project by late 1999.

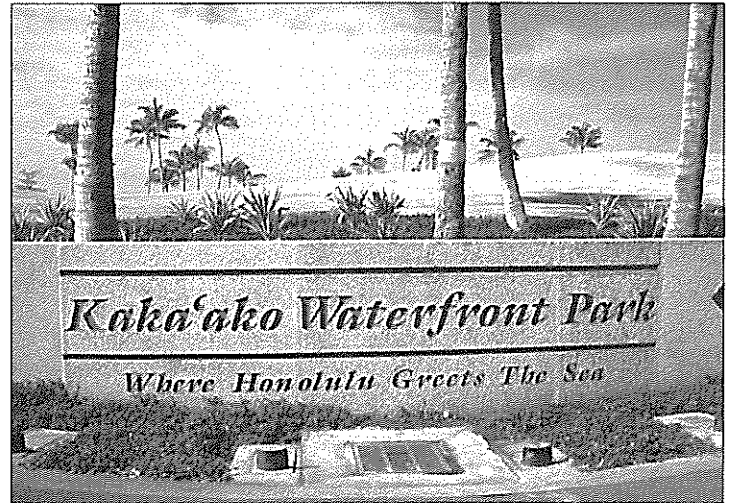
# KEWALO BASIN AND KAKAAKO WATERFRONT PARK REPAIRS PLANNED

The Hawaii Community Development Authority (HCDA) will be undertaking aggressive repair and maintenance measures to ensure the safety and attractiveness of two of Kakaako's popular public facilities—the Kewalo Basin and Kakaako Waterfront Parks. The parks are currently well regarded by the community as safe and attractive environments. "However, vandalism and years of usage have made it imperative that we take proactive measures to prevent further deterioration of the parks," says HCDA Executive Director Jan Yokota.

Kewalo Basin Park, completed in 1990, is a five-acre park located at Kewalo Basin. Additional improvements to the park were constructed in 1995, which included extending the promenade through the Kewalo Basin area. The Kakaako Waterfront Park, completed in 1992, contains over 30 acres of passive recreational space. In 1998, the HCDA completed a 6-acre addition to the park that serves as a scenic gateway from Ala Moana Boulevard.

The HCDA's repair and maintenance program for the Kewalo Basin and Kakaako Waterfront Parks will include:

- reconstruction of pedestrian crossings at Kewalo Basin Park and related improvements;



- replacement of chain link fencing along the drainage canal at the Ewa side of the Kakaako Waterfront Park;
- repair of four damaged stairways at the Kakaako Waterfront Park; and
- a weed control program at the Kakaako Waterfront Park.

The HCDA has received numerous complaints about weeds with "kukus" and thorns at the Kakaako Waterfront Park, Yokota explains. "We have treated a portion of the park but we need to initiate an ongoing eradication and maintenance program to deal with this problem," she adds.

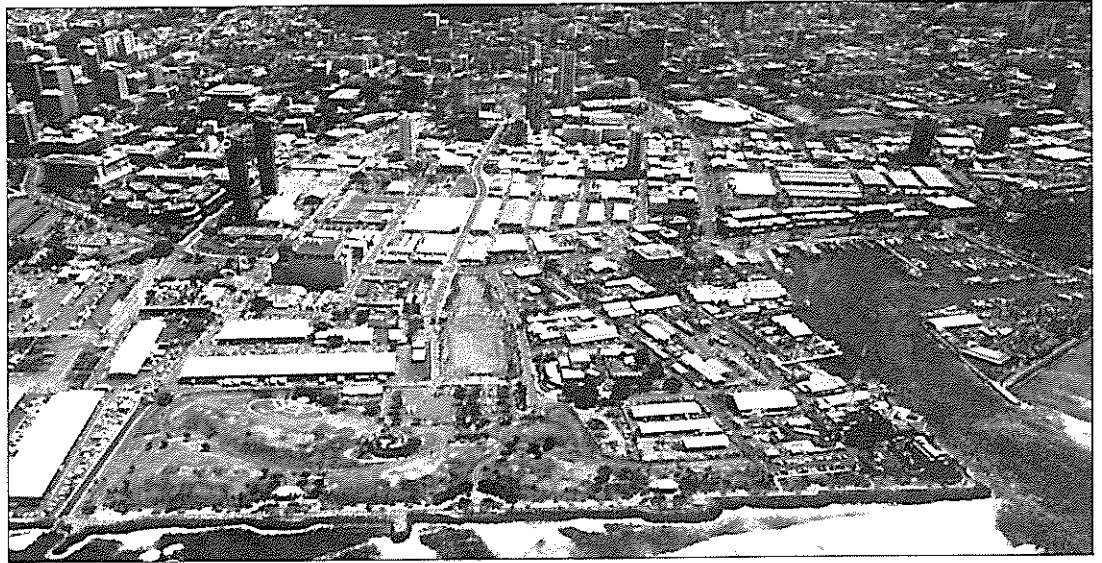


## WARD AVENUE EXTENSION

*Construction work has begun on the Ward Avenue Extension Project. Four buildings were demolished to make way for a new roadway to be constructed from the intersection of Ward Avenue and Ala Moana Boulevard to the intersection of Ahui and Ilalo Streets. The project is scheduled to take about 15 months to complete.*

# KAKAAKO WATERFRONT PARK MASTER PLAN PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL MEETING SET FOR JUNE 10

A public informational meeting on a proposed conceptual plan for the Kakaako Waterfront Park will be held on June 10, 1999 at 9:00 a.m. in the Hawaii Community Development Authority (HCDA) Conference Room 1000. During the meeting, the project's consultant, Wallace Roberts & Todd (WRT), will present its conceptual master plan for the 30-acre waterfront park. Public comments on programming for the park will also be solicited. The meeting will give the public a good opportunity to provide input on the future of the Kakaako Waterfront Park.



The HCDA is preparing a master plan for the Kakaako Waterfront Park to create a one-of-a-kind urban park that will become an attraction and resource for the residents of Hawaii. The Kakaako Waterfront Park today generally supports passive recreation, with its picnic areas and promenade along the waterfront. By planning

for future improvements to the park, the State has an exceptional opportunity to revitalize the waterfront area, establish a unique gathering place, and complement future commercial development on adjacent State-owned lands. This could be accomplished by accommodating new cultural attractions and a broad range of amenities.

## DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS FOR KAKAAKO MAKAI LANDS TO BE PRESENTED

Three development teams will present their proposals for developing up to 18 acres of State-owned urban waterfront property located at Kewalo Basin and Kakaako's Makai Area at the Hawaii Community Development Authority's (HCDA) regular meeting at 2:00 p.m. on July 7, 1999. The development teams are ACDG, LLC (Ohana Foundation), Imperial Associates and

Kewalo Project Development, Ltd. Earlier this year, the Authority issued a request for development proposals for the Kakaako Makai area lands. The HCDA envisions the creation of a special "gathering place" at Kakaako Makai, one that will provide for the recreational, cultural, commercial and maritime needs of Hawaii's residents and visitors.

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