

US DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP)

Kapalama Container Terminal – Gaining Regenerative and Efficient Energy Needs Project

Appendix E: Letters of Support

The Attached Letters of Support were Received from:

- Governor, State of Hawaii, David Y. Ige
- Lt. Governor, State of Hawaii, Josh Green
- Hawaii 2nd District, Member of Congress, Kaiali'i Kahele
- Senate President, Ronald D. Kouchi
- Hawaii Harbors User Group
- Hawaii State Energy Office
- City and County of Honolulu, Office of Climate Change, Sustainability and Resiliency
- International Longshore and Warehouse Union, Local 142 Hawaii Longshore Division
- Hawaiian Electric
- Hawaii Transportation Association
- American Association of Port Authorities
- Pasha Hawaii
- CMA/CGM LLC

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- Ocean Network Express (ONE)
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Please find supporting documentation at this link: http://www.kctinfo.com/learn/updates/

Additional Letters of Support Sent Directly to MARAD:

- Senator Brian Schatz
- Senator Mazie Hirono
- Representative Ed Case



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DAVID Y. IGE GOVERNOR

May 16, 2022

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg Secretary of Transportation U.S. Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Ave, SE Washington, DC 20590

RE: Support Letter for Hawai'i Department of Transportation – Harbors Division's Proposal to the 2022 Port Infrastructure Development Program

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

As Governor of the State of Hawai'i, I am pleased to support the Hawai'i Department of Transportation – Harbors Division ("HDOT Harbors") in its application to the U.S. Department of Transportation Maritime Administration's Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP) Discretionary Grant Program.

In connection with this project proposal, Hawai'i Stevedores, Inc. ("HSI")—with support from HDOT Harbors and Build Momentum, Inc. ("Momentum")—will undertake multiple project components to finalize construction and commence operations at the Kapalama Container Terminal ("KCT") in Honolulu, Hawai'i. The completion of KCT will increase the efficiency, resilience, and safety of cargo handling, reduce emissions and environmental impacts of the movement of goods across Honolulu Harbor, and develop a strategy for transitioning the terminal and its supporting maritime operations to zeroemission and electric technologies. When complete, the project will establish KCT as the most efficient port in Hawai'i and provide an actionable roadmap for transitioning the state's port and maritime industries to zero-emission technologies.

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state-of-the-art terminal security systems; and, 6) the development of a replicable plan for transitioning the port and local maritime industry to zero-emission technologies.

Equity and opportunity are central components of this project. This project delivers emissions benefits to port communities identified as historically disadvantaged. Supporting the adoption of efficient, zero-emission cargo handling equipment and ondock barge service at Hawaii's premier cargo gateway will improve air quality in these areas and reduce traffic congestion on local roads and the island's primary highway network. The project will also incorporate a preferential hiring policy to encourage the hiring of installation, construction, and maintenance personnel from local low-income or disadvantaged communities, areas of persistent poverty, or underserved populations.

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To meet our nation's aggressive emissions reduction goals and address climate change while improving the efficiency of our domestic ports in a new world of increased demand for electricity, we must support these types of groundbreaking projects. This project not only supports near-term reductions in greenhouse gas emissions and pollution, but it also increases job opportunities and promotes long-term environmental sustainability, environmental justice and equity, energy security, energy efficiency, economic competitiveness, use of lower-carbon transportation, quality of life improvements, and safety.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely, And y lyc

David Y. Ige Governor, State of Hawai'i



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I implore you to give this project your careful and full attention. Please contact me if you have any questions at all about my support for this project.

Sincerely,

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We appreciate your full and fair consideration of DOT-Harbor's application within applicable rules and regulations. If you require additional information, please contact my Legislative Director, Kana Smith, at <u>Kana.Smith@mail.house.gov</u>.

Sincerely

Kaiali'i Kahele Member of Congress



The Senate Office of the President

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May 12, 2022

<u>Via Electronic Transmission: E-mail</u> The Honorable Pete Buttigieg Secretary of Transportation U.S. Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Ave. SE Washington, DC 20590

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It is my understanding that should HDOT Harbors receive the discretionary grant, it will finalize construction and commence operations at the Kapalama Container Terminal ("KCT"), which will utilize low and zero-emission technologies as Hawaii endeavors to meet the nation's aggressive emissions reduction goals. Once complete, the KCT will improve the efficiency of our domestic ports and provide safe and environmentally sustainable job opportunities to Hawaii's local communities.

For the reasons stated above, I respectfully submit this letter in strong support of HDOT Harbors's efforts. Please contact my office if I may be able to provide you with any further information in your consideration.

Sincerely. D. Knl.

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Senator Ronald D. Kouchi ^{8th} Senatorial District – Kaua'i and Ni'ihau 415 South Beretania Street, Room 409, Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813 Tel: (808) 586-6030 - Fax: (808) 586-6031 E-mail: senkouchi@capitol.hawaii.gov

HAWAII HARBORS USERS GROUP

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RE: Support Letter for Hawaii Department of Transportation – Harbors Division's Proposal to the 2022 Port Infrastructure Development Program

Dear Mr. Secretary,

The Hawaii Harbor Users Group (HHUG), established in 2005, is a non-profit harbor user industry group whose mission is to assist our state by identifying, prioritizing and supporting needed improvements to Hawaii's commercial harbor System. HHUG's membership comprises of 25 companies.

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I urge you to give this project your careful and full attention. In an effort to demonstrate to you the importance of the Hawaii Harbor System on Hawaii's economy I have enclosed a copy of a study that HHUG commissioned in 2007 by Dr. Leroy O. Laney, Ph.D Professor of Economic and Finance - Hawaii Pacific University - "The Impact of Hawaii's Harbors on the Local Economy ".

Please contact me if you have any questions at all about my support for this project.

Sincerely, Gary J North **Executive** Director

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The Hawaii State Energy Office is leading the State of Hawaii's clean energy and energy assurance program with a goal to both transform Hawaii from the most fossil fuel-dependent state in the nation to a clean energy economy based on 100 percent clean and renewable energy by 2045 as well as make Hawaii's energy system and critical infrastructure more resilient in the face of increasing natural and man-made threats.

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SUBJECT: Support Letter for the State of Hawai'i Department of Transportation – Harbors Division's Proposal to the 2022 Port Infrastructure Development Program

Dear Mr. Secretary:

On behalf of the City and County of Honolulu (City) Office of Climate Change, Sustainability and Resiliency (CCSR), I am pleased to support the state of Hawai'i Department of Transportation – Harbors Division (HDOT Harbors) in its application to the U.S. Department of Transportation Maritime Administration's Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP) Discretionary Grant Program.

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Port operations are critical infrastructure and a lifeline for the economy and people of Hawai'i. This partnership proposal addresses two pillars of the City's O'ahu Resilience Strategy: Bouncing Forward, Fostering Resilience in the Face of Natural Disasters; and, Climate Security, Tackling Climate Change by Reducing Emissions and Adapting to Impacts. Efficient port operations that enhance sustainability and further climate action are

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essential for the City and state's economy. Resilient and redundant energy systems will ensure that critical port operations can also function and serve community when disaster strikes, maintaining health and safety and arrival of goods and relief, and their redistribution to the neighbor islands.

The proposal's attention to equity and addressing historically disadvantaged communities, and proposed Preferential Hiring Policy, address Mayor Rick Blangiardi's community priorities and economic recovery emphasis of a "good job" as we reinforce existing critical economic sectors—i.e., the maritime industry—and continue to support job retraining and economic growth opportunities. Furthermore, the proposal addresses the Biden-Harris Administration's priorities of climate action and emissions reduction, economic activity and recovery, and the Justice40 Initiative.

Within the City's Climate Action Plan (CAP) we acknowledge that there are sectors outside of the City's direct influence and ability to support, but that are essential for ultimate success of the CAP. Partnership opportunities and industry leadership such as this proposal are essential for collective coordination and success on meeting our climate and resilience goals. HSI and industry engagement with HDOT Harbors shows our local commitment to intergovernmental collaboration and partnerships on mutual goals.

I am pleased to be able to offer my strong support for this proposal and urge you to give this project your careful and full attention. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (808) 768-2277 or via e-mail at <u>matthew.gonser@honolulu.gov</u>.

Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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COLTON K. CHING Senior Vice President Planning & Technology

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Hawaiian Electric provides electric service to 95% of the State of Hawai'i's 1.4 million residents, including the counties of O'ahu, Maui, and Hawai'i Island (the county of Kaua'i is served by another utility). As the State's largest electric utility which has committed to reduce carbon emissions from power generation in 2030 by as much as 70% below 2005 levels and have net zero carbon emissions by 2045, Hawaiian Electric understands how critical energy resilience is for the State. It is with this understanding that Hawaiian Electric supports the proposed Kapalama Container Terminal ("KCT") project in Honolulu, Hawai'i that will increase the efficiency, resilience, and safety of cargo handling and reduce emissions and environmental impacts of goods movement across Honolulu Harbor.

Hawai'i's ports represent critical infrastructure for the State and provides essential community lifelines in the event of a disaster. It is critical that island communities, like Hawai'i, develop decarbonization solutions that enhance resilience due to its dependence on imported goods and growing dangers of severe events that cause electric grid failure.

Hawaiian Electric has already identified microgrids as a key opportunity to improve energy resilience for the State, and therefore, supports efforts by HDOT Harbors, Hawai'i Stevedores, and Build Momentum, Inc. to transition the State's port and maritime industries to zero-emission technologies.

We thank you for your strongest consideration of HDOT Harbors' 2022 PIDP application.

Sincerely,

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cc: Mr. Jade Butay, Director, State of Hawaii Department of Transportation Mr. Eduardo Manglallan, Deputy Director, State of Hawaii Department of Transportation - Harbors



May 4, 2022

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg Secretary of Transportation U.S. Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Ave, SE Washington, DC 20590

RE: Support Letter for Hawaii Department of Transportation – Harbors Division's Proposal to the 2022 Port Infrastructure Development Program

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

Hawaii Transportation Association supports the Hawaii Department of Transportation – Harbors Division ("HDOT Harbors") in its application to the U.S. Department of Transportation Maritime Administration's Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP) Discretionary Grant Program.

In connection with this project proposal, Hawaii Stevedores, Inc. ("HSI")—with support from HDOT Harbors and Build Momentum, Inc. ("Momentum")—will undertake multiple project components to finalize construction and commence operations at the Kapalama Container Terminal ("KCT") in Honolulu, Hawaii. The completion of KCT will increase the efficiency, resilience, and safety of cargo handling, reduce emissions and environmental impacts of goods movement across Honolulu Harbor, and develop a strategy for transitioning the terminal and its supporting maritime operations to zero-emission and electric technologies. When complete, the project will establish KCT as the most efficient port in Hawaii and provide an actionable roadmap for transitioning the state's port and maritime industries to zero-emission technologies.

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The project team expects that the Technical Advisors to the project will include representatives from the state's primary transportation planning agencies, including Hawaii Department of Transportation, Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization, as well as representatives from lead environmental agencies, energy planning agencies, and clean air agencies as well as industry and community stakeholders.

To meet our nation's aggressive emissions reduction goals and address climate change while improving the efficiency of our domestic ports in a new world of increased demand for electricity, we must support groundbreaking projects such as that proposed by HDOT Harbors and HSI. This project not only supports near-term reductions in greenhouse gas emissions and pollution, it also improves job opportunities and promotes long-term environmental sustainability, environmental justice and equity, energy security, energy efficiency, economic competitiveness, use of lower-carbon transportation, quality of life improvements, and safety.

Please consider this project carefully and with full attention. Please contact me if you have any questions about our support for this project.

Sincerely,

Gareth K. Sakakida

Gareth K. Sakakida Managing Director May 10, 2022

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg Secretary U.S. Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE Washington, DC 20590

RE: Letter of Support, Port of Honolulu Hawaii Department of Transportation – Harbors Division Kapalama Container Terminal (KCT) FY 2022 Port Infrastructure Development Program

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

Thank you for your continued advocacy for our nation's transportation projects, including Port infrastructure. The American Association of Port Authorities (AAPA) is writing on behalf of Hawaii Department of Transportation – Harbors Division ("HDOT Harbors") to express our strong support for its application to the Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP) for Kapalama Container Terminal at Port of Honolulu.

Founded in 1912, AAPA is the unified and collective voice of the seaport industry in the Americas. AAPA empowers Port Authorities, maritime industry partners, and service providers to serve their global customers and create economic and social value for their communities. Our activities, resources, and partnerships connect, inform, and unify seaport leaders and maritime professionals in all segments of the industry around the Western Hemisphere.

With this project proposal, Hawaii Stevedores, Inc. ("HSI")—with support from HDOT Harbors will undertake multiple project components to finalize construction and commence operations at the Kapalama Container Terminal ("KCT") in Honolulu, Hawaii. The completion of KCT will increase the efficiency, resilience, and safety of cargo handling, reduce emissions and environmental impacts of goods movement across Honolulu Harbor, and develop a strategy for transitioning the terminal and its supporting maritime operations to zero-emission and electric technologies. When complete, the project will establish KCT as the most efficient port in Hawaii and provide an actionable roadmap for transitioning the state's port and maritime industries to zero-emission technologies

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operations; 4) installation of advanced technology gate equipment and cargo tracking systems; 5) deployment of state-of-the-art terminal security systems; and, 6) development of a replicable plan for transitioning the port and local maritime industry to zero-emission technologies with direct application to Alaska, Puerto Rico, and other high risk and power independent geographic areas.

Equity and opportunity for all are central components of the project delivering emissions benefits to port communities identified as Historically Disadvantaged Communities. Supporting the adoption of efficient, zero-emission cargo handling equipment and on-dock barge service at Hawaii's premier cargo gateway will improve air quality in these areas and reduce traffic congestion on local roads and the island's primary highway network. The project will also incorporate a Preferential Hiring Policy to encourage the hiring of installation, construction, and maintenance personnel from local low-income or disadvantaged communities, Areas of Persistent Poverty, or underserved populations.

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To meet our nation's aggressive emissions reduction goals and address climate change while improving the efficiency of our ports in a new world of increased demand for electricity, we must support groundbreaking projects such as that proposed by HDOT Harbors and HSI. This project not only supports near-term reductions in greenhouse gas emissions and pollution, it also improves job opportunities and promotes long-term environmental sustainability, environmental justice and equity, energy security, energy efficiency, use of lower-carbon transportation, quality of life improvements, and safety.

I respectfully ask for your full and fair consideration for this important project.

Very Respectfully,



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May 10, 2022

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg Secretary U.S. Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE Washington, DC 20590

RE: Support Letter for Hawaii Department of Transportation – Harbors Division's Proposal to the 2022 Port Infrastructure Development Program

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

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I urge you to give this project your careful and full attention. Please contact me if you have any questions at all about my support for this project.

Best regards,

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May 11, 2022

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg Secretary of Transportation U.S. Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Ave, SE Washington, DC 20590

RE: Support Letter for Hawaii Department of Transportation – Harbors Division's Proposal to the 2022 Port Infrastructure Development Program

Dear Mr. Secretary,

On behalf of CMA CGM (America) LLC, I am pleased to support the Hawaii Department of Transportation – Harbors Division ("HDOT Harbors") in its application to the U.S. Department of Transportation Maritime Administration's Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP) Discretionary Grant Program.

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I urge you to give this project your careful and full attention. Please contact me if you have any questions at all about my support for this project.

Sincerely,



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5/11/2022

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg Secretary of Transportation U.S. Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Ave, SE Washington, DC 20590

RE: Support Letter for Hawaii Department of Transportation – Harbors Division's Proposal to the 2022 Port Infrastructure Development Program

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I urge you to give this project your careful and full attention. Please contact me if you have any questions at all about my support for this project.

Sincerely,

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May 13, 2022

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg, Secretary of Transportation U.S. Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE Washington, DC 20590

Secretary Buttigieg:

As the world's largest home improvement retailer and the country's third-largest importer, The Home Depot is pleased to support the Hawaii Department of Transportation – Harbors Division ("HDOT Harbors") in its application to the U.S. Department of Transportation Maritime Administration's Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP) Discretionary Grant Program.

The grant would fund multiple project components to finalize construction and commence operations at the Kapalama Container Terminal ("KCT") in Honolulu, Hawaii. The completion of KCT will increase the efficiency, resilience, and safety of cargo handling, reduce emissions and environmental impacts of goods movement across Honolulu Harbor, and develop a strategy for transitioning the terminal and its supporting maritime operations to zero-emission and electric technologies. When complete, the project will establish KCT as the most efficient port in Hawaii and provide an actionable roadmap for transitioning the state's port and maritime industries to zero-emission technologies.

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We strongly endorse this project as a next step in modernizing a key US trade gateway. The pandemicera surge in consumer demand exposed weaknesses in our nation's supply chain. Expanding port capacity, safety, and efficiency is essential to avoiding further disruption as well as to growing the US economy. We urge you to fully fund the HDOT Harbors' application to the PIDP grant program.

Sincerely,

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Sarah Galica Vice President – Transportation The Home Depot