REPORT
SOILS INVESTIGATION
PROPOSED OAHU STADIUM,
KAM HWY. IMPROVEMENT
CONNECTIONS, INCREMENT I,
(INBOUND LANE TO SAL T LAKE BLVD.)

HALAWA, OAHU,
STATE OF HAWAII

for

THE STATE OF HAWAII
Department of Accounting And General Services

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Architects

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Project No. 117-02-011

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Attention: Mr. Rikio Nishioka,  
State Public Works Engineer  

Gentlemen:  

The attached report represents the data, conclusions and recommendations of an investigation of the subsurface conditions at the site of the Proposed Oahu Stadium, Kam Highway Improvement Connections, Increment I, (Inbound Lane to Salt Lake Boulevard), adjacent to Halawa Valley Estates, Halawa, Oahu, State of Hawaii.  

The details and scope of this investigation were discussed with Mr. Ken Nagai of Wilson, Okamoto & Associates, on June 7, 1973.  

Based on the findings of this investigation, the proposed Inbound Lane to Salt Lake Boulevard is feasible as planned. The recommendations for pavement design is based on the subgrade soil conditions along the existing roadway.  

This investigation was made in accordance with generally accepted engineering procedures and included such field and laboratory tests considered necessary in the circumstances. In the opinion of the undersigned, the accompanying report has been substantiated by mathematical data in conformity with generally accepted principles and presents fairly the design information requested by The State of Hawaii.
This investigation was performed under the supervision of the undersigned. Should you have any questions or require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Very truly yours,

MAURSETH HOWE ASSOCIATES

Charles S. Howe, Jr.

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INTRODUCTION

This investigation was made for the purpose of obtaining information on the subsurface soils on which to base pavement design recommendations for the proposed Inbound Lane to Salt Lake Boulevard. The specific limits of the project are shown on the Plot Plan, Plate 2 attached to this report.

SCOPE OF WORK

The investigation was discussed with Mr. Ken Nagai of Wilson, Okamoto & Associates, outlined in a Proposal dated July 30, 1973, and accepted by Purchase Order Number 072442. The investigation consisted of excavating seven test pits to determine the subgrade soil conditions. Soil samples were taken from these excavations and taken to the laboratory for testing. From these tests, recommendations for the pavement design along the proposed road alignment were made.

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT

It is presently proposed to construct an inbound lane from Kamehameha Highway which will provide access to the south parking lot of Oahu Stadium and to Salt Lake Boulevard. The proposed roadway will extend from Station 1 + 00 at Kamehameha Highway to Station 16 + 37.59 at the proposed Salt Lake Boulevard Widening Project.

A north access ramp, included in this project, will start at Station 8 + 51.62 and will branch off from the inbound lane at Station 9 + 95.94 and will continue in the mauka direction to Station 11 + 12.04, which is the equivalent of Station 6 + 25.97 of Salt Lake Boulevard.
The profile of the road will require cuts as deep as 14.5 feet and fills of up to three feet from existing ground.

SITE CONDITIONS

Surface

From Station 1 + 30 to Station 4 + 45 the proposed roadway will be aligned through a vacant lot adjacent to the Makalapa Manor Housing Development, and from Station 4 + 45 to the end of the project, the roadway will be aligned along the existing inbound lane to Salt Lake Boulevard. Along the the Diamond Head side of the existing inbound lane, there is a slope which drops a maximum of 32 feet at an approximate inclination of 1.5 horizontal to 1 vertical. Along the Ewa side of the existing inbound lane there is a vacant lot covered with brush, weeds and rubbish.

Subsurface

Subsurface soil conditions near the beginning of the project as disclosed by Test Pit No. s 1 and 2, consist of clayey sand at the subgrade elevation. Volcanic tuff was encountered in Test Pit No. s 3 through 6 at a depth of from 2.9 to 5.0 feet below existing ground surface. Due to the hardness of this material, penetration to the subgrade elevation could not be accomplished with a backhoe. However, it is reasonably believed that the tuff extends to and below the proposed subgrade elevation. In the area of Test Pit No. 7, a silty sand was found at subgrade elevation.

No ground water was encountered in any of the test pits.
CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The recommended pavement design for the proposed subgrade is based on the Asphalt Institute Thickness Design Manual, Series No. 1 (MS - 1), dated August, 1970. The Initial Daily Traffic (IDT) of 11,000 vehicles, taken by the City and County of Honolulu, at Salt Lake Boulevard on April 4, 1973, and the following assumed values, were used in the pavement design:

a. Five percent of IDT are 30,000 pounds average, gross weight trucks.

b. Fifty percent of the trucks will use the Design Lane (heaviest travel lane).

c. The legal single-axle load limit is 24,000 pounds.

d. The traffic growth rate is four percent annually.

e. The design period is twenty years.

f. Traffic designation: Heavy (DTN = 450).

The following is a summary of test results and recommended pavement sections at the various test locations:
Test Pit No. | 1 & 2 | 3 - 6 | 7
---|---|---|---
Soil Description | Sand, clayey (SC) | Volcanic Tuff | Sand, silty (SM)
 | light brown | blue-grey | brown
CBR @ 0.1" penetration | 3.5 | 67.4 | 12.6

Recommendations

A.C. | 3" | 3" | 3"
Base | 8" | 6" | 6"
Select Borrow | 14" | 0" | 4"

Should soils other than those indicated be found during grading, the above pavement thicknesses will be subject to modifications. All materials used and work done shall conform to the City and County of Honolulu "Standard Specifications for Public Works", dated November, 1968.

Tabulation of the test results are presented in the Appendix to this report.
REFERENCE
Waipahu & Puuloa Quadrangle
USGS Topographic Survey
Dated 1959
APPENDIX
FIELD INVESTIGATION AND
LABORATORY TESTING

Field Investigation

Seven (7) test pits were excavated with a backhoe. Bulk samples of the soil encountered were taken from each test pit for laboratory testing. The locations of these test pits are shown on the Plot Plan, Plate 2. Detailed logs of the soils encountered are presented on Plates 3 through 10, Log of Test Pits.

Laboratory Testing

Samples of the subgrade soils were tested to determine grain size distribution by means of sieves, atterberg limit tests to determine liquid and plastic limits, and the California Bearing Ratios. The results of these tests are as follows:

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<td>Expansion, %</td>
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### LOG OF TEST PIT NO 1

**DATE** August 18, 1973  
**EQUIPMENT USED** Backhoe  
**ELEV OF SURFACE** 48.0'*

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Ref. Elev from Preliminary Plan by DAGS Division of Public Works, Undated

**INBOUND LANE, SALT LAKE BOULEVARD**

**PLATE NO** 3

**MAURSETH HOWE ASSOCIATES**

**FILE NO** 117-026-11
**LOG OF TEST PIT NO** 2

**DATE** August 18, 1973  
**EQUIPMENT USED** Backhoe  
**ELEV OF SURFACE** 48.0'

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**INBOUND LANE, SALT LAKE BOULEVARD**  
**PLATE NO** 5  
**MAURSETH HOWE ASSOCIATES**  
**FILE NO** 117-026-11
# LOG OF TEST PIT NO 3

**DATE:** August 18, 1973

**EQUIPMENT USED:** Backhoe

**ELEV OF SURFACE:** 48.0'

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## DESCRIPTION OF SOILS

**CLASSIFICATION**

- **CLAY:** some sand with gravels  
  (CH)  
  - COLOR: brown  
  - MOISTURE: sl. moist  
  - CONSISTENCY: firm

- **VOLCANIC TUFF:** with sand seams  
  - COLOR: blue  
  - MOISTURE: grey  
  - CONSISTENCY: hard

End of Test Pit @ 7.0'  
No Water Encountered

**INBOUND LANE,** **SALT LAKE BOULEVARD**  
**PLATE NO:** 6

**MAURSETH HOWE ASSOCIATES**  
**FILE NO:** 117-026-11
**LOG OF TEST PIT NO 4**

**DATE** August 18, 19, 1973  
**EQUIPMENT USED** Backhoe  
**ELEV OF SURFACE** 49.5'

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End of Test Pit @ 3.0'
No Water Encountered
**Log of Test Pit No. 6**

**Date:** August 18, 1973  
**Equipment Used:** Backhoe  
**Elev. of Surface:** 51.0'

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End of Test Pit @ 3.9'  
No Water Encountered

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**Inbound Lane, Salt Lake Boulevard**  
**Plate No:** 9  
**Maurseth Howe Associates**  
**File No:** 117-926-11
LOG OF TEST PIT NO 7

DATE August 18, 1973
EQUIPMENT USED Backhoe

ELEV OF SURFACE 31.0'

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End of Test Pit @ 3.0'
No Water Encountered

INBOUND LANE, SALT LAKE BOULEVARD
MAURSETH HOWE ASSOCIATES

PLATE NO 10
FILE NO 117-026-11