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Hawaii Community Development Authority:

Friends of Kewalos is a Non- Profit 501 C3 organization made up of recreational users of the Kewalo Basin Park area. Our mission is to ***Protect and Preserve Kewalo Basin Park and the surrounding shoreline and ocean to ensure that the recreational user will continue to have access and the ability to enjoy the area for future generations to come.***

Friends of Kewalos understand the need for this repair project. However, we have the following points of concerns:

1. Toxic and hazardous substances that are generated during the construction phase could flow out to the nearby ocean recreational surfing and fishing areas. There are surf spots on the Diamond Head side and the Ewa side of the harbor channel. Not only a danger to the users but also to the marine life. What are the specific BMPs that are planned to be utilized to minimize the out flow and how will it ensure the safety and health of the recreational users?  
*Friends* is requesting that water quality monitoring be done for pathogens and other harmful substances before, during, and after the project.
2. Increasing the number of slips from 143 to 250 will drastically increase the amount of boats going in and out of the channel which contributes to a greater safety issue for the recreational users. Presently, there are problems with speeding, contra flow of boats going in and out of the channel(bringing them closer to the recreational areas), and boats turning before the buoys.
3. More slips mean more boats that can possibly leak hazardous materials such as gas, oil, and sewage.
4. Ensure public access is not impacted during and after the construction phase with no decrease in park user parking. Presently, there is a problem with non park users parking in the lot because it is free. Will there be accommodations made for the influx of construction workers and boaters?
5. *Friends* do not want to see any changes to the harbor channel because it will definitely have a direct impact to the recreational use of the area.
6. *Friends* would like a time line of the important dates for submitting public comments up to the start of the project.

Friends of Kewalos thanks you for this opportunity to comment and would greatly appreciate a reply to our concerns.

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