

BIDS FOR WAIKIKI CANAL CALLED FOR BY HARBOR BOARD

A dream of nearly a score of years approached reality today when the board of harbor commissioners began advertising for bids for the dredging of the Waikiki drainage canal.

The canal, upon completion, will be flanked by boulevards, and the lowlands on either side will be filled in preparatory to the laying out of streets which will add a huge new residence district to Honolulu.

Bids will be advertised up to 30 days, and possibly not that long. If conditions are good, the actual work of dredging will begin shortly after the first of the year.

The specifications call for a canal from 40 to 60 feet wide and from six to nine feet deep, with a dike on the makai side and temporary bridges. It will be the function of the canal to intercept all mauka waters, including the stream which for years has emptied into the ocean between the Outrigger Canoe club and the Moana hotel.

The first lands to be filled will be those owned by A. A. Young and comprising about 24.54 acres, on Kalakaua avenue. Dredging may begin at the point where the canal crosses Ala Moana road and enters the sea.

The harbor board today also began advertising for bids for the construction of a wharf at Mala, near Lahaina, Maui.