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Honolulu Rail Transit Project (H RTP) Programmatic Agreement (PA) Stipulation II. TRADITIONAL CULTURAL PROPERTIES (TCP)

WHAT ARE TRADITIONAL CULTURAL PROPERTIES?

A property (tangible physical place or object) that is eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) because of its association with cultural practices or beliefs of a living community that are:

- Rooted in that community's history, and
- Important in maintaining the continuing cultural identity of the community

HOW ARE TRADITIONAL CULTURAL PROPERTIES EVALUATED?

Four National Register criteria are used to define a TCP: Events, People, Design/Construction, and Informational Potential. For a TCP to be found eligible for the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP), it must meet one or more of these criteria. The site's integrity of location, setting, design, or materials is another factor that is considered in determining eligibility. The condition of the property must be such that the relevant relationships to the cultural practices or beliefs survive.

WHO DECIDES ELIGIBILITY AND HOW?

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) is required to make eligibility determinations in consultation with the State Historic Preservation Office and any Native Hawaiian Organizations that attach religious significance to any identified properties.

WHAT MEETINGS HAVE BEEN HELD FOR TCPs for the RAIL PROJECT?

On **February 12, 2011**, in accordance with the Project Programmatic Agreement (PA), the City met with the community to discuss previously unidentified TCPs along the rail corridor. This meeting was the first step, per Stipulation II of the PA, to continue consultation and conduct a study of previously unidentified TCPs.

The meeting focused on:

- Defining TCPs and application to the Project
- Identifying how information is collected and evaluated
- Discussing potential sources of information and locations
- Outlining how information will be used in the future

On **June 23, 2011**, the second TCP coordination meeting was held. The purpose of this meeting was to provide an overview on the approach for conducting the additional TCP research related to previously unidentified TCPs. The meeting provided an opportunity for the consulting parties to meet with the SRI Foundation and Kumu Pono Associates (consultants selected to conduct the studies) on the scope of the additional research.

On **April 13, 2012**, at the PA Quarterly Meeting, consulting parties were updated on the results of the TCP study for the Honouliuli Ahupua'a.

On **May 4, 2012** a consulting party meeting was held to gather feedback on the draft TCP Study for Sections 1-3 (West O'ahu Farrington Highway Guideway [WOFH], Kamehameha

Highway Guideway [KHG] and Airport Guideway) that included a Draft TCP Management Summary and Technical Report. These documents were made available on April 20, 2012 to the consulting parties.

WHAT REPORTS ARE AVAILABLE?

These reports are available under the Planning tab, II. Traditional Cultural Properties on the project website: honolulutransit.org.

TCP Report for Honouliuli Ahupua'a (03.01.2012). *Study to Identify the Presence of Previously Unidentified Traditional Cultural Properties (TCP) in the Honouliuli Ahupua'a for the Honolulu Rail Transit Project*

Draft TCP Study for WOFH, KHG and Airport (04.20.2012). Draft Report - *Study to Identify the Presence of Previously Unidentified Traditional Cultural Properties (TCP) in Sections 1-3 (West Oahu Farrington Highway, Kamehameha Highway Guideway and Airport) for the Honolulu Rail Transit Project - Management Summary* (Preliminary Draft TCP Study for WOFH, KHG and Airport dated March 26, 2012, was superseded by the report dated April 20, 2012 above)

TCP Study Technical Report (04.21.2012) *He Moololo Aina-Traditions and Storied Places in the District of Ewa and Moanalua (in the District of Kona), Island of Oahu: A Traditional Cultural Properties Study-Technical Report*. (Draft TCP Technical Report dated January 20, 2012, which is superseded by the report dated April 21, 2012 above)

Determination of Eligibility and Finding of Effect for Previously Unidentified TCPs in Sections 1-3 (05.25.2012) *Determination of Eligibility and Finding of Effect (DOEFOE) for Previously Unidentified Traditional Cultural Properties (TCPs) in Sections 1 (West Oahu/Farrington Highway), 2 (Kamehameha Highway Guideway) and 3 (Airport)*

WHAT DID THE TCP STUDIES FOR SECTIONS 1-3 CONCLUDE?

The FTA requested and received SHPD concurrence with the determination of eligibility and finding of effect for previously unidentified Traditional Cultural Properties in H RTP Sections 1-3 for 13 ahupua'a, 26 wahi pana (sacred or storied places), 1 Leina a ka 'uhane and 10 inoa' āina (named places).

Of these 50 resources, the 13 ahupua'a (including Honouliuli) were not further evaluated for eligibility since they are the larger traditional land divisions for the island of O'ahu that provide the context for consideration of individual wahi pana. This left 37 sites for further consideration. Fifteen of these sites were determined to be outside the area of potential effect. Twenty were determined not eligible for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP), and 2 were determined eligible. A Finding of No Adverse Effect was made for the two historic properties. The two sites are:

- **Huewaipi** – This site is the location of inter-related springs, wetlands and lo'i, and takes its significance from traditional agricultural practices and
- **Kūki'iahu (Kūki'i)** - This site is situated in the same area as the Sumida Watercress Farm and is eligible as part of the larger Sumida Watercress Farm identified as a historic property in previous studies.

WHAT OTHER CULTURAL RESOURCES WERE STUDIED?

Previous studies that addressed resources that met the definition of potential Traditional Cultural Properties are available on the H RTP website. These prior studies identified historic

properties found eligible, in part, because of the role the properties play in a community's historically rooted beliefs, customs, and practices. These include, but are not limited to: Sumida Watercress Farm (associated with the history of wetland agriculture), Aiea Plantation Cemetery (associated with the plantation settlement pattern), the 1958 Kamaka Ukulele Building (associated with the development of ukulele music in Hawaiian culture), the Tong Fat Building (a focal point for the 'A'ala neighborhood), and the 1963 Waipahu Stake of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (associated with the Samoan community). Table 4-34 of the Final Environmental Impact Statement identifies No Adverse Effect by the Project to these properties.

Prior relevant technical reports (available on the project website by searching for the report name) are:

- *Cultural Resources Technical Report, Honolulu High-Capacity Transit Corridor Project, August 15, 2008*
- *Cultural Resources Technical Report Addendum 01, Honolulu High-Capacity Transit Corridor Project, May 22, 2009*
- *Historic Resources Technical Report, Honolulu High-Capacity Transit Corridor Project, August 15, 2008*
- *Addendum 01 to the Historic Resources Technical Report, Honolulu High-Capacity Transit Corridor Project, June 7, 2010*
- *Draft Historic and Archaeological Technical Report, Honolulu High-Capacity Transit Corridor Project, September 1, 2006*
- *Archaeological Resources Technical Report, Honolulu High-Capacity Transit Corridor Project, August 15, 2008*

WHEN WILL THE TCP STUDY ON CITY CENTER SECTION BE AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW?

City Center TCP Technical Report and Management Summary are expected to be available for consulting party review in Spring 2013. An opportunity to meet with Kumu Pono (Kepa Maly) will be scheduled.