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Dear Dr. Hammatt

SUBJECT: National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) Section 106 Review – Archaeological Inventory Survey Plan for the Airport (Phase 3) Construction of the Honolulu High Capacity Transit Corridor Project (HHCTCP) Hālawa and MoanaluaAhupua'a, 'Ewa and Honolulu District, Island of O'ahu TMK Sections: (1) 1-1 and 9-9

Thank you for the opportunity to review this draft plan titled *Draft Archaeological Inventory Survey Plan for the Airport (Phase 3) Construction of the Honolulu High Capacity Transit Corridor Project Hālawa and Moanalua Ahupua'a, 'Ewa and Honolulu District, Island of O'ahu* (Hallett Hammatt, and David Shideler August 2011). This draft was received by SHPD on August 8, 2011. We apologize for the delayed review, and thank you for your patience. This AISP was prepared in compliance with National Historic Preservation Act Section 106 (36CFR800).

The study area for this AISP extends from Kamehameha Hwy at Kaloloa Drive (just northwest of Hālawa Stream) in the west to Kamehameha Hwy. at Middle Street (just west of Kalihi Stream) in the east. According to the HHCTCP Programmatic Agreement (Stipulation II.A.1) the area of potential effect (APE) includes all areas of direct ground disturbance, which is estimated to be 13.87 acres.

The background section acceptably establishes the ahupua'a settlement pattern and predicts the likely site pattern in the project area. The historical information provided summarizes the history of the post-contact period land uses. The summary of previous archaeological work in the area provides a baseline for the current work. We believe that the field methods that you have described in section 7.0 will adequately identify the historic resources of this project area.

A total of forty test trenches are proposed within the 9.06 acres project footprint: twenty-four within the footprint of the proposed column foundations that spread throughout the project area, fifteen within the footprints of the three transit stations (Pearl Harbor Naval Base Station; Honolulu International Airport Station; and Lagoon Drive Station) and a single trench in the area of utility relocation within the vicinity of the Pearl Harbor Naval Base Station.

This plan meets the standards for Archaeological Inventory Survey Plans that are set forth in HAR 13-284-5 (c). Please send one hardcopy of the document, clearly marked **FINAL**, along with a copy of this review letter and a text-searchable PDF version on CD to the Kapolei SHPD office, attention SHPD Library. Please contact Deona Naboa at Deona.Naboa@hawaii.gov if you have any questions or concerns regarding this letter.

Aloha,

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