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DOC NO: 1111MV19  
Archaeology

Dear Dr. Hammatt

**SUBJECT: National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) Section 106 Review –  
Archaeological Data Recovery Plan for SIHP # 50-80-09-7751, Waipahu Transit Center  
Station, Honolulu High Capacity Transit Corridor Project  
Waikele Ahupua'a, 'Ewa District, Island of O'ahu  
TMK: (1) 9-4-019:050 & :061**

Thank you for the opportunity to review this draft plan titled *Archaeological Data Recovery Plan for SIHP # 50-80-09-7751, Waipahu Transit Center Station, Honolulu High Capacity Transit Corridor Project Waikele Ahupua'a, 'Ewa District, Island of O'ahu TMK: (1) 9-4-019:050 & :061* (Constance O'Hare, Chris Monahan, and H. Hammatt March 2011). This draft was received by SHPD on March 30, 2011. We apologize for the delayed review, and thank you for your patience. SIHP # 50-80-09-7751 was discovered during the AIS of this project by Hammatt (2010). The effect determination for this site that resulted from the AIS was "effect with proposed mitigation commitments." If these mitigation commitments are in effect, this undertaking will have "no adverse effect" on this historic property. In this case, the mitigation commitments for this historic property are outlined in this Data Recovery Plan (DRP).

SIHP # 50-80-09-7751 is a subsurface pre-contact pond-field (lo'i) deposit. The research objectives outlined for this site aim to investigate the chronology of the initial construction of this site and its history of use. In addition this data recovery effort will attempt to research how this low energy alluvial deposit preserves the paleo-environmental record. We believe that these are very appropriate research questions for this site. We believe that the archeological methods that you have outlined, which includes the excavation of two linear test trenches, collection of 2 core samples, and the subsequent laboratory analysis, which will include radiocarbon dating of short lived charcoal species if available and palynological analysis will adequately address these research questions. We look forward to the opportunity to review a report that details the results of this data recovery effort. This document meets the minimum requirements for data recovery plans set forth in HAR §13-278, and is therefore accepted by the State Historic Preservation Division. 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 Mike Vitousek at (808) 652-1510 or [Michael.Vitousek@Hawaii.gov](mailto:Michael.Vitousek@Hawaii.gov) if you have any questions or concerns regarding this letter.

Aloha,  
  
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