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Dear Mr. McDermott:

SUBJECT: Chapter 6E-8 and National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) Section 106 Review – Supplemental Archaeological Inventory Survey Plan for the City Center (Section 4) of the Honolulu Rapid Transit Project Kalihi, Kapālama, Honolulu, Waikīkī Ahupua'a, Honolulu (Kona) District, O'ahu TMK: (1) 2-1, 2-3 (Various Plats and Parcels)

Thank you for the opportunity to review this revised draft report titled *Supplemental Archaeological Inventory Survey Plan for the City Center (Section 4) of the Honolulu Rapid Transit Project, Kalihi, Kapālama, Honolulu, and Waikīkī Ahupua'a, Honolulu (Kona) District, O'ahu Addressing Changes from the Vicinity of Ward Avenue and Halekauwila Street to the Vicinity of Queen and Kamake'e Streets TMK: [1] 2-1, 2-3 (Various Plats and Parcels)* (Humphrey and McDermott, June 2014). We received this submittal on June 16, 2014. The archaeological inventory survey plan (AISP) for the City Center Construction Segment (Section 4) (Hammatt et al. 2011) was reviewed and accepted by SHPD on October 25, 2011 (Log No. 2011.2379, Doc. No. 1110NN08). Subsequently, the Kaka'ako Station footprint was relocated and an Addendum AISP (Hammatt et al. 2013) was reviewed and accepted by SHPD on March 1, 2013 (Log No. 2013.1958, Doc. No. 1302SL28).

This supplemental archaeological inventory survey plan (Supplemental AISP) was prepared to address to the newly-proposed reconfiguration of the Kaka'ako Station and adjacent corridor alignment. The supplemental AISP project area and area of potential effect (APE) occurs on property owned by Howard Hughes Corporation on the eastern side of Ward Avenue, and along Queen Street on lands under the jurisdiction of the State of Hawai'i, specifically the Hawai'i Community Development Authority (HCDA). A subsurface cultural deposit, including an isolated human cranial fragment and six pits (SIHP 50-80-14-7429) was identified in seven of the AIS trenches excavated in proximity to the proposed Kaka'ako Station (Trenches T-167, T-168, T-168A, T-168B, T-169, T-170, and T-170A). The human cranial fragment was found in T-170. The Supplemental AISP proposes excavation of 14 trenches (T-162A, T-162B, T-162C, T-170B, T-171A, T-172B, T-173A, T-175B, T-175C, T-176A, T-177A, T-179A, T-180A, and T-181A). Of these, three will investigate the touchdown footprint of the station and 11 will test column locations.

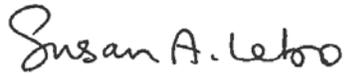
This Supplemental AISP provides adequate figures and discussion of the AIS and Addendum AIS configurations of the Kaka'ako Station and adjacent transit route, the newly-proposed configurations, and the proposed Supplemental AIS testing strategy and trench locations. The excavation, data collection, and laboratory analysis methods will be the same as those used during the AIS and Addendum AIS. The revised plan addresses the issues and concerns raised in our earlier correspondence (May 14, 2014; Log No. 2014.01923, Doc. No. 1405SL12).

This Supplemental AISP meets the standards specified in Hawai'i Administrative Rule §13-279-4 and in the *Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Archaeological Documentation*. It is accepted. 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.

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Please contact me at (808) 692-8019 or at Susan.A.Lebo@hawaii.gov if you have any questions or concerns regarding this letter.

Aloha,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Susan A. Lebo". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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