

Activities Summary by Stipulation – June 2013

Aloha Consulting Parties,

This is the eighth monthly progress report provided to consulting parties. Copies of earlier reports are posted on our honolulutransit.org website. All PA related postings are under the Planning tab by stipulation. What follows is for activities that occurred in June 2013 with a look ahead into July.

I. Roles and Responsibilities

Stipulation I.H. A Kāko’o meeting was held on June 26. The next meeting has been scheduled for July 25. **REMINDER:** These meetings are aimed at sharing information regarding various aspects of the Honolulu Rail Transit Project (H RTP) and to hear concerns from consulting parties regarding the project. Consulting parties whose intention is for a productive, informative, and useful meeting are always welcome. Contact Kāko’o, Paul Cleghorn at kakoo@pacificlegacy.com for further information.

Stipulation I. H.11. The Kāko’o has been providing detailed technical reviews and input for the AIS Report documentation for both the Airport and City Center Phases(Sections) as noted in Stipulation III discussion below. The Kāko’o has worked with HART, CSH and SHPD staff.

Stipulation I.H.12. The Best Practices Manual for Historic Properties task is on hold due to high demands on the Kāko’o associated with reviewing the AIS Reports in Stipulation III. Work on this will resume upon completion of the AIS Report reviews.

II. Traditional Cultural Properties (TCPs)

Consultation meetings were held on May 8 and May 9. The review period for the Section 4 TCP Draft Management Summary and Draft Technical Report ended on May 24. No comments were received. A Determination of Eligibility and Finding of Effect for Section 4 is being prepared for review by the Federal Transit Administration.

III. Identification and Protection of Archaeological Sites and Burials-Archaeological Inventory Surveys (AIS)

- Completion of the AIS reporting and associated documentation has been HART’s top priority during the past several months. These activities are H RTP critical path items with very sensitive time lines.
- The public comment period on the H RTP AIS Plans and Reports that included all four phases, ended on May 30, 2013. SHPD received 13 sets of comments.
- Phase 3 (Airport) AIS: The Revised Draft Airport AIS Report was submitted to SHPD on June 4.
- Phase 4 (City Center) AIS: Most of the SHPD requested revisions for the Draft City Center AIS Report have been addressed. A complete Revised Draft City Center AIS Report will be submitted to SHPD in early July.
- Recognized lineal and cultural descendants coordination continues. HART was on the O’ahu Island Burial Council (OIBC) agenda for the June 12 meeting as follows: Informational Presentation and Possible Action on Proposed Mitigation Commitments for Human Skeletal Remains Found During Archaeological Inventory Survey Work of Phase IV City Center. No actions were taken by the OIBC due to lack of quorum.

IV. Design Standards

- Station design consultation and community workshops are focused to match certain design milestones. Until the design milestone is approached, the workshop or plan review will not be scheduled.
- The Farrington Highway Station Group (West Loch, Waipahu Transit Center and Leeward Community College Stations) Community/Neighborhood Meeting was held on June 25. No further meetings will be scheduled regarding this station group. For additional consultation activities see Stipulation VII.
- West Oahu Station Group Workshop for Consulting Parties for the East Kapolei and University of Hawaii - West Oahu Stations only is scheduled for July 29 from 10 a.m. - noon at HART (17th Floor). The Community Meeting is set for the following evening on July 30 at Kapolei Hale City Hall Conference Room A & B, 1000 Ulu 'Ohi'a Street in Kapolei at 6 p.m. This is being identified as Workshop #1. The Ho'opili Station design will be presented at a future meeting.
- Focus meetings with H RTP Consulting Parties on Aloha Stadium and Pearl Harbor Stations design are also being planned for later this summer. Meanwhile, HART is working with agency stakeholders, including the Navy, to identify safety and security requirements, historic preservation needs as well as relevant facilities plans.

V. Recordation and Documentation

Stipulation V.A. Historic Context Study. An outline update is in progress. No activities occurred during this reporting period.

Stipulation V.B. Cultural Landscape Reports. Identified resources for study are Mother Waldron Park and Irwin Park. No activities occurred during this reporting period.

Stipulation V.C. (and V.D). The following activities are generally scheduled for completion in 2013.

Historic American Engineering Record (HAER) Report preparation for Kapālama Canal Bridge, Nu'uanu Stream Bridge and the HECO Downtown Plant are in progress by Mason Architects and Parsons Brinckerhoff.

Historic American Building Survey (HABS) documentation under review at HART includes: Dillingham Blvd. Residences Overview, Genet (Afuso) House, Higa Four-Plex and Teixeira House. Documentation reports for Hawai'i Employers Council, Institute for Human Services/Tamura Building, OR&L, the Ossipoff's Aloha Chapel, Chinatown and Dillingham Transportation Building are underway. Access to the various properties is required to complete these activities. HART has not acquired access to Navy properties at this time. Coordination is underway.

Historic American Landscape Survey (HALS) reports are underway for: Nimitz Highway Corridor Overview, Dillingham Boulevard Corridor, and Pier 10/11 areas as well as for Mother Waldron Playground.

VI. National Register of Historic Places/National Historic Landmark Nominations

Preparation of National Register (NR) nomination forms for adversely affected historic properties is in progress. There is not a specific time frame for completion of this task, other than before revenue service operations, except for sites in proximity to Pearl Harbor (see VI.C.2).

Mother Waldron Playground Draft NR documentation was submitted to SHPD for review in April 2013.

All six bridge NR nominations are under review by HART. These NR forms for bridges in the project corridor will be coordinated with the Hawaii Department of Transportation historic bridge inventory that is nearing completion. The draft inventory was received for internal review in June 2013. HART expects to collaborate with HDOT during July 2013 on the historic bridges.

Draft NR forms for the Chinatown Historic District (HD), Merchant Street HD, HDOT Harbors Offices, and Pier 10/11 Building are in preparation.

VII. Educational and Interpretive Programs, Materials and Signage

Stipulation VII.E. No updates for June. See IX.B. on historic preservation fund activities.

VIII. Mitigation for Specific Historic Properties

Stipulation VIII.B. Kapalama Canal Bridge design plans to replace the balustrades (bridge railings) for both sides of the bridge to duplicate the original design while meeting code requirements was submitted to SHPD and approved on June 20.

IX. Measures to Address Reasonably Foreseeable Indirect and Cumulative Effects Caused by the Project

Stipulation IX.B. Historic Preservation Program. Pre-applications were received for the historic preservation program first round of funding. The Historic Preservation Committee (HPC) met to review these submittals in mid-April and again in early-May. Procurement of a Historic Architecture firm to oversee the plans and construction for these grant awards is underway. The Committee has decided to bring the Historic Architecture firm on board before proceeding further. Negotiations for this procurement are in progress. The next meeting of the HPC is set for mid-July.

XIV. Administrative Provisions

Stipulation XIV.E. Monitoring and Reporting. A Semi-Annual Report with detailed schedule update will be provided at the end of July 2013.

Cultural Monitoring Program - Cultural Monitoring will be partnered with the on-site Archaeological Monitoring included for Project-Wide Construction. Pre-construction ground-disturbing activities in areas requiring an on-site archaeologist will also include opportunities for cultural monitoring.

Look Ahead – Important Dates

- Kāko’o meeting to discuss PA concerns is July 25 at HART
- Station Naming Activities - TBD 2013.
- Cultural Monitoring Program Development - TBD 2013.
- West Oahu Station Group Consulting Party Workshop is July 29 at 10 a.m. at HART
- West Oahu Station Group Community/Neighborhood Workshop is July 30 at Kapolei Hale City Hall Conference Room A & B, 1000 Ulu’Ohi’a Street in Kapolei at 6 p.m.
- Semi-Annual Report with detailed schedule status - TBD July 2013

Action Items of Interest

- The Draft Supplemental Final EIS/Section 4(f) Evaluation is available for public review through July 22. A Public Hearing is scheduled for July 9. This is not a part of the PA and typically, it will not be reported on through this venue. For additional information, see the project website.

If you have questions regarding this update, please contact me. Mahalo.

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