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Architecture

Dear Leslie Rogers:

SUBJECT: NHPA Section 106 Review
Refinement of Proposed Alignment for the Honolulu High Capacity Transit Corridor Project
Multiple parcels in TMK plat 1-10-40 and 1-1-16

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the architectural inventory sheets and maps for the aforementioned proposed project, which we received on April 28, 2010. The FTA has decided to move the transit corridor project from Aolele Street to Ualena Street between Ohohia Street and Keehi Lagoon Beach Park, and has asked SHPD for concurrence on its determination of "no effect to historic properties" along the Ualena Street corridor between Ohohia Street and Keehi Lagoon Beach Park.

We have reviewed the April 28, 2010 materials you submitted to our office (Prepared by PB, as well as such previously submitted materials, as a "Historic Effects Report Honolulu High-Capacity Transit Corridor Project" report dated April 14, 2009, and a set of inventory forms entitled, "Historic Resources Eligibility Forms Honolulu High-Capacity Transit Corridor Project," dated August 15, 2008. It appears the area covered by the materials included in your office's April 28, 2010 e-mail was not covered in the initial rapid transit historic sites inventory.

The inventory of August 15, 2008, by Mason architects had evaluated buildings along Ualena and Koapaka Streets. Only one building in the former APE was determinted eligible for the National Register. This was the Hawaii Employer's Council Building, eligible under Criteria A and C. Although built in 1961, it will attain 50 years before project construction. It has already been determined that the project will have an adverse effect on this property, and therefore, mitigation measures are already addressed in the Programmatic Agreement. SHPD agreed with this determination and with the other "not eligible" determinations for other properties along Ualena and Kaoapaka Streets (LOG 2008.3917, DOC 0810L02). We note that SHPD disagreed with determinations made for other sectors of the project.

The additional significance sheets provided to our office by e-mail on April 28, 2010, and dated November 2009, by PB, evaluated 15 additional historic buildings potentially affected by the revised route. None of the buildings were evaluated as eligible for the National Registers. Therefore FTA determined that the revised project route would have no additional effect to historic properties from

Aolele Street to Ualena Street between Ohohia Street and Keehi Lagoon Beach Park. SHPD concurs with this determination.

Should you have any questions regarding architectural concerns, please contact Nancy A. McMahon at (808) 692-8015.

Aloha,

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