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Ms. Laura Thielen, State Historic Preservation Officer
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Attention: Ms. Nancy McMahon, Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

Dear Ms. Thielen:

Subject: Honolulu High-Capacity Transit Corridor Project

The U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Transit Administration (FTA), and City and County of Honolulu Department of Transportation Services (DTS) have modified the Honolulu High-Capacity Transit Corridor Project in the vicinity of Honolulu International Airport to avoid encroachment into the center portion of the runway protection zone of Runway 22L/4R. The alignment would transition from Aolele Street to Ualena Street between Ohohia Street and Keehi Lagoon Beach Park.

The FTA has amended the Area of Potential Effects (APE) to reflect this new design option. The revised APE follows the approach that FTA established with the Hawaii State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) in December 2007. The revised APE in this area is included as an attachment to this letter.

The FTA has surveyed all built resources constructed prior to 1969 within the revised APE. Architectural historians who meet the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Professional Qualifications assessed each property for National Register of Historic Places eligibility. The FTA has determined that there are no historic resources eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places within the revised APE. Eligibility forms are attached to this letter for each pre-1969 property within the revised APE.

Because no eligible resources are present within the revised APE, the project would have no effect on historic properties within this new area. The design option would not change the adverse effect determination for the overall project. This letter requests concurrence with the FTA's eligibility determinations for the properties within the revised APE by the SHPO.

This determination does not change any of the resources addressed in or commitments made in the Section 106 Programmatic Agreement; therefore, the FTA intends to proceed with the execution of the current Programmatic Agreement.

Sincerely,

Leslie T. Rogers
Regional Administrator

Enclosures:
Maps of APE for Ualena Design Option
Eligibility forms for properties within the revised APE area

cc: Mr. Ted Matley, Federal Transit Administration
Ms. Blythe Semmer, Advisory Council on Historic Preservation
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