

HONOLULU HIGH-CAPACITY TRANSIT CORRIDOR PROJECT
SURVEYED PROPERTY CONSIDERED ELIGIBLE FOR NATIONAL REGISTER

Historic Status: **HR, Site No. 80-14-1380 (NRHP Determined Eligible 2/12/79)**

Resource Name/Historic Name: **Oahu Railway & Land Co. Terminal Building**

Location: **355 N. KING ST.**

Owner: **STATE OF HAWAII**

Date-Original: **1925**

Source: **Honolulu Advertiser May 14, 1925, p. 1**

Present Use/Historic Use: **Offices / Train Station**

Architectural Description:

This two-story Spanish Mission Revival Style building is constructed of stuccoed concrete with a gable-on-hip roof covered in red tile. An outset arcade with arched openings extends around most of the building. The arcade has a thin projecting band at its cornice and at the spring line of the arches. There is a porte cochere on the southeast side, and a large clock tower with a crenelated battlement is located on the northeast side. The clock tower extends about a full story above the roof and at its base is the main entry to the building. Windows are 1/1 double-hung and eight-light casement types.

Significance:

Criterion "A" - associated with the Oahu Railway & Land Co., an important force in the development of Oahu. Criterion "C" - an example of Spanish Mission Revival Style with high artistic value. The terminal building which opened in May 1925, was designed by Honolulu architect Guy N. Rothwell. It embodies the distinctive characteristics of public buildings during the 1920s period in Honolulu. The terminal building is associated with the Oahu Railway & Land Co., a very important transportation network for the sugar and pineapple plantations, the military, and the residents of Oahu, until it stopped service in December 1947.

TMK: **15007001 & 15007002**

Portion of Alignment: **Koko Head portion**

Sector: **22 Iwilei Station Sector**

Station Block: **Iwilei Station Block**

Integrity:

The buildings on this lot all have a high degree of integrity, with the facades of the buildings essentially unchanged. The primary alterations are to the windows -- some have been changed to jalousies and some sealed with solid panels. The grade-level rail yard on the property has been replaced by paved grounds, but the open feeling around the buildings is similar to that of its past. NOTE: See additional form for these two TMKs for information on historic paving which is also located on this property.



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Portion of Alignment: **Koko Head portion**

Resource Name/Historic Name: **Oahu Railway & Land Co. Office & Document Storage Building**

Sector: **22 Iwilei Station Sector**

Location: **355 N. KING ST.**

Owner: **STATE OF HAWAII**

Station Block: **Iwilei Station Block**

Date-Original: **1914**

Source: **Mason, Glenn [1978] Inventory Form**

Present Use/Historic Use: **Offices**

Architectural Description:

This two-story Colonial Revival Style building is built of stuccoed concrete with a gable roof. A heavy molded pediment is found at the southeast gable, the molding continuing along the eaves at the sides of the building. The building has a sill course at the bottom of the second-floor windows and a string course between the first and second stories. The entry, on the southeast end, is topped with a pediment and flanked by small two-light windows. At the southeast side of the building is a projecting platform supported by solid curved brackets. A double door provides access to this platform from the second floor. The entry, on the southeast end, is topped with a pediment and flanked by small two-light windows with label moldings. At the rear of the building is a walk-in concrete vault.

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Significance:

Criterion "A" - associated with the Oahu Railway & Land Co., an important force in the development of Oahu. Criterion "C" - it embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type and period of construction. The unknown designer of this building crafted a building in a style typical of public structures of the early 20th century in Hawaii; it is now a rare surviving example of Colonial Revival architecture in Honolulu.



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TMK: **15007001 & 15007002**

Historic Status: **Evaluated Eligible**

Portion of Alignment: **Koko Head portion**

Resource Name/Historic Name: **Oahu Railway & Land Co. basalt paving blocks**

Sector: **22 Iwilei Station Sector**

Location: **870 Iwilei Rd.**

Owner: **STATE OF HAWAII**

Station Block: **Iwilei Station Block**

Date-Original: **ca. 1914**

Source: **Tax Office**

Present Use/Historic Use: **Sidewalk / train yard paving**

Architectural Description:

The paving consists of roughly shaped rectangular blocks of dense basalt. Typical dimensions are: a top face about 4" x 7" and a depth of about 5" or 6". The blocks are laid in parallel rows in a running bond pattern with about ½" to 1" spacing between blocks. NOTE: This basalt paving is quite different from the commonly encountered basalt curbing seen around Oahu, and also different from the historic Chinese granite sidewalk paving stones extant in Chinatown.

Integrity:

The basalt paving blocks are set in their original matrix and have not been altered.

Significance:

Criterion "A" - associated with the development of Honolulu's roadway infrastructure. Criterion "C" - associated with the distinctive method of using basalt paving blocks in road construction in Honolulu. Criterion "D" - as a rare source of information on the technology of street paving in early Honolulu, this resource could yield important information on the construction process. This is a rare example of extant basalt street paving remaining in situ on Oahu.



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Historic Status: **Evaluated Eligible**

Resource Name/Historic Name: **Former filling station on OR&L property**

Location: **355 N. KING ST.**

Owner: **STATE OF HAWAII**

Date-Original: **1940**

Sources: **Tax Office**

Present Use/Historic Use: **vacant**

Architectural Description:

This single story building has a flat roof with a pronounced cornice. The roof over the service bay is higher and has a parapet around it. The walls appear to be constructed of masonry with a stucco finish. All window and door openings are filled with solid panels. A 20' x 20' canopy (no longer extant), detached from the building, covered the gasoline pumps (Tax Office records).

Significance:

Criterion "A" – Associated with the development of the A'ala neighborhood. More research is required to assess its relationship to the Oahu Railway & Land Co. history.

TMK: **15007001**

Portion of Alignment: **Koko Head portion**

Sector: **22 Iwilei Station Sector**

Station Block: **Iwilei Station Block**

Integrity:

This building has a minimal level of integrity, but is in boundary of the Oahu Railway & Land Co. resources (see other forms for TMKs 15007001 & 15007002) which have been determined eligible for the National Register and placed on the Hawaii Register.

