

Honolulu High-Capacity Transit Corridor Project

PA Consulting Party Review of PE Plans

Comment Form

	Reviewer: Clyde W. Namu'o, Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA)	Date: 4/11/11
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Comment No.	Station Name or Guideway Segment Name	Reviewer Comment	RTD Response
1		The canopy design for stations is inspired by Hawaiian long distance voyaging canoes such as the Hokule'a. We caution you that the image of and name "Hokule'a" are trademarked by the Polynesian Voyaging Society. Consultation with individuals and organizations with experience and expertise in Hawaiian canoe sailing and open ocean voyaging should occur to ensure that this design and theme are accurate.	Their trademark is respected through appropriate use of the trademark symbol in presentation materials. While the canopy design is inspired by the sails of ancient Hawaiian voyaging canoes, it is not intended to be a replica or representation of the sails themselves. Instead, it is simply meant to evoke a feeling of movement and travel that is consistent with the purpose of the transit system. The design of the platform canopy system will continue to be altered as it goes through final engineering for structural integrity of the canopy and supports, as well as the need to drain rainwater and light the platform at night.
2		We agree that native plant species should be incorporated into landscaping designs and we suggest research be conducted to identify native plant species which are adapted and culturally appropriate for specific areas.	According to the Final EIS, new plantings will be non-invasive as defined by the Hawai'i Chapter of Landscape Architects, and native plants will be included where appropriate. A landscape architect has been hired to investigate native plants in each of the station areas, and where possible, incorporate these plants into final station landscape design.
3		We would like to continue discussions on exterior wall appearances to whether "dry-stacked" wall designs in certain areas based on traditional uses are appropriate.	The stations are anticipated to have some stone veneer of natural or locally manufactured material. The use of "dry-stacked" wall designs would present challenges at stations for several reasons. For example, current City building codes do not allow "dry-stacked" rock in buildings, and rocks must be adhered with cement mortar to meet the building code.
4		A separate stipulation of the PA (VII) will develop educational and interpretive programs, materials and signage which will be displayed at or near transit stations and possibly inside transit vehicles. The Preliminary Engineering Drawings (PED) should be developed to consider where the products of Stipulation VII will be displayed.	As described in the PA, educational and interpretive programs, materials and signage displays will be incorporated into each station at the final design stage in coordination with appropriate stakeholders such as OHA. The PED do not include this level of detail.