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John L. Sakaguchi, AICP, Senior Planner Wilson Okamoto Corp. 1907 South Beretania Street Artesian Plaza, Suite 400 Honolulu, Hawaii 96826

Dear Mr. Sakaguchi:

SUBJECT: National Historic Preservation Review (NHPA) Section 106 Review -

Section 106 Historic Preservation Review Pre-Assessment Consultation for the

Keaau-Pahoa Road, Federal Aid Project No. STP-130 (028)

Kea'au Ahupua'a Puna District, Island of Hawaii

TMKs: (3) 1 (var.)

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the aforementioned undertaking, which we received on April 27, 2009. We apologize for the delay in our reply, Repair work will entail widening of both sides of the highway for a total of 30-70 feet enlargement including culvert repairs/construction of stream tunnels.

We do not have records of archaeological surveys for these particular locations, but are aware of lava tube complexes (including many with associated burials) that cross under these stretches of the highway. For this reason we request you have a qualified archaeologist assess the area and include their report in the draft environmental assessment. Should archaeological sites or historic properties be noted during that assessment we will require an archaeological inventory survey of the project area.

Please contact Morgan Davis at (808) 933-7650 if you have any questions or concerns regarding this letter.

Aloha,

Nancy McMahon, Deputy SHPO/State Archaeologist

and Historic Preservation Manager

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