

Appendix A SHPD §6E-8 Historic Preservation Review Letter

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Dear Ms. Otani:

SUBJECT: Chapter 6E-8 and National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) Section 106 Review – Request Concurrence of No Historic Properties Affected – HAD-HI Interstate H-1 Guardrail and Shoulder Improvements Project Kapiolani Interchange to Ainakoa Avenue Honolulu Ahupua'a, Honolulu (Kona) District, Island of O'ahu
TMK: (1) 2-7-029, 2-7-030, 3-2-001, 3-2-007, 3-2-009, 3-2-010, 3-2-011, 3-2-012, 3-2-013, 3-2-014, 3-2-038, 3-2-039, 3-2-040, 3-2-041, 3-2-042, 3-2-043, 3-3-011, 3-3-012, 3-5-016, 3-5-017, 3-5-019, 3-5-023, 3-5-025, 3-5-044

This letter clarifies our division's earlier letter dated January 18, 2017 (Log No. 2016.02895, Doc. No. 1701KM15) in which the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) concurred with the Federal Highway Administration's (FHWA) 36 CFR 800.4(d)(1) effect determination of *no historic properties affected* for the subject project, and the State Historic Preservation Division (SHPD) made an HRS §6E-8 (HAR §13-275-7(a)(1)) effect determination of *no historic properties affected* and specified four conditions. These conditions were archaeological monitoring for all ground disturbing activities, to be guided by an SHPD-accepted archaeological monitoring plan; that the monitoring would include documentation of the basalt retaining walls; and that should any wall be damaged during construction, the Hawaii Department of Transportation (HDOT) would submit to SHPD documentation of the in-kind repair. Archaeological monitoring was requested as ground disturbing activities will extend into undisturbed deposits with potential to encountered buried historic properties, including burials.

The proposed project includes guardrail replacement and improvements; replacement of three beams over select catch basins; connection of new three beams to existing guardrails and end posts; relocation of existing light poles from the shoulder to the median and repair of associated retaining walls; associated electrical connections to the new street lights and traffic signal; addition of a crash attenuator to the gore area at Waialae Avenue Off-ramp; improvements to retaining walls; addition of a bike lane and replacement of traffic signal at the Ainakoa Avenue intersection; modifications to medians for new street lighting foundations; restriping; upgrades to bridge, wing wall, and retaining wall railings; upgrades to guardrail and end posts; additions and improvements to concrete walls and barriers; and reconstruction of selected existing curbs.

The proposed area of potential effect (APE) for the project includes 25 discontinuous sites in the existing road right-of-way (ROW) along the H-1 corridor between mile posts 25 and 27, totaling approximately 5.3 acres. HDOT has not identified any historic properties within the APE, and has identified 18 historic properties adjacent to the APE, which will not be affected by the proposed project. HDOT determined that the affected portion of H-1 was not eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. Areas with planned ground disturbance include the Waialae on and off-ramps, the Koko Head Avenue and Waialae Avenue street light relocation, and Ainakoa Avenue for the new traffic signal installation. Excavation is not anticipated to exceed 10 ft. in depth; however, the traffic signal installation may be up to 20 ft. in depth.

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In an email dated March 7, 2017, the FHWA raised concerns regarding the SHPO's request that the FHWA concur with the SHPD's HRS §6E-8 project effect determination, stating that the HDOT would be the appropriate agency to concur and to agree to the requested conditions.

In an email dated March 29, 2017, the HDOT agreed to the requested conditions (Steven Yoshida [HDOT] to Susan Lebo [SHPD]).

Based on the submittal information, the SHPO **concurs with no historic properties affected** pursuant to 36 CFR 800.4(d)(1) and to HAR §13-275-7(a)(1) with implementation of the following HDOT-agreed to conditions:

- (1) Archaeological monitoring be conducted for all project related ground disturbing activities;
- (2) Monitoring shall be guided by an SHPD-accepted archaeological monitoring plan (AMP);
- (3) The AMP provisions shall address documentation of the basalt retaining walls, as necessary; and
- (4) In the event the basalt retaining walls are damaged during project construction, HDOT shall submit to SHPD documentation of the in-kind repair.

SHPD looks forward to receiving from HDOT an AMP meeting the requirements of HAR §13-279-4 for review and acceptance prior to initiation of project work.

The FHWA is the office of record for this undertaking. Please maintain a copy of this letter with your environmental review record for this undertaking.

Please contact Susan Lebo, Archaeology Branch Chief, at (808) 692-8019 or at Susan.A.Lebo@hawaii.gov for any questions regarding this letter.

Aloha,



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