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Subject: National Historic Preservation Act, Section 106: Consultation with Native Hawaiian Organizations and Potential Consulting Parties
Po'ipū Road Multi-Modal Improvements
Kōloa & Weliweli Ahupua'a, Kona District, Island of Kaua'i, State of Hawai'i
Federal-Aid Project No. STP-0520(004)
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Dear [Click here to enter title and name \(e.g. Ms. Smith\):](#)

On behalf of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the State of Hawai'i Department of Transportation (HDOT), the County of Kaua'i, Department of Public Works (Kaua'i County) is hereby notifying you that the County is reinitiating consultation with the Department of Land and Natural Resources State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) regarding Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) of 1966 (amended, 2006), for the subject Po'ipū Road Multi-Modal Improvements project with a revised Area of Potential Effect (APE) and updated overview of the undertaking.

Prior correspondence related to this project includes a consultation letter dated July 23, 2020 from Kaua'i County.

The proposed federally funded HDOT project is considered a federal action and undertaking as defined in 36 *Code of Federal Regulations (CFR)*, Part §800.16(y). Effective May 1, 2016, FHWA has issued a Programmatic Delegation of Authority allowing the HDOT and local public agencies to conduct NHPA Section 106 consultations with the SHPO, Native Hawaiian Organizations (NHO), and other consulting parties per 36 CFR, Section 800.2 (c) (4). The FHWA will remain responsible for all findings and determinations charged to the agency during the Section 106 process.

Overview of the Undertaking

The undertaking is anticipated to consist of a number of roadway improvements with a portion of the APE extending below the ground surface as follows:

- Converting stop-controlled intersections to roundabouts, anticipated maximum depth of 24 inches, at the intersections of Po'ipū Road – Kōloa Road, Po'ipū Road – Kiahuna Plantation Drive, and Po'ipū Road – Ala Kinoiki – Pe'e Road;
- Roadway resurfacing, shoulder widening, construction of sidewalks, improvements to accessible ramps and curbs, construction of vehicle parking stalls, construction of medians, replacement or upgrades to bus stops, anticipated maximum depth of 24 inches, at various locations throughout the APE;

- Replacement of roadway signage and new roadway signage to denote bike lanes and pedestrian crossings, anticipated maximum depth of 36 inches, at various locations throughout the APE;
- Reconstruction/replacement of guardrails, anticipated maximum depth of 42 inches, at various locations throughout the APE;
- Storm drainage improvements, anticipated maximum depth of 7 feet at various locations throughout the APE with one location at the existing Po'ipū Road roundabout extending to a maximum depth of 10 feet;
- Possible street light installation and/or relocation, utility pole guy wire adjustments, anticipated maximum depth of 8 feet, at various locations throughout the APE;
- Minor adjustment of utility boxes and manhole frames and covers, as necessary, anticipated maximum depth of 36 inches, at various locations throughout the APE;
- Pavement Striping including striping of pedestrian crossings and bike lanes, anticipated maximum depth of 0 inches, at various locations throughout the APE; and
- Vegetation removal, removal of trees that endanger life or property, anticipated maximum depth of 36 inches, at various locations throughout the APE.

Consultations

Entitled consulting parties during the Section 106 process includes the Advisory Council of Historic Preservation, SHPO, NHO, and if applicable, local governments and applicants for federal assistance, permits, licenses and other approvals.

NHO and/or Hawaiian Descendants

NHO and Native Hawaiian descendants with ancestral, lineal, or cultural ties to, cultural and historical property knowledge of and/or concerns for, and cultural or religious attachment to the proposed APE were sent a letter on July 23rd, 2020 and an ad was published in The Garden Island newspaper on July 23, 2020. Native Hawaiian Organizations and individuals who responded to the letter and ad are being re-consulted and asked to provide a response to this letter within 30 days of notification.

An updated Section 106 notice/advertisement will also be included in The Garden Island newspaper. NHO and Native Hawaiian descendants with ancestral, lineal, or cultural ties to, cultural and historic property knowledge of and/or concerns for, and cultural or religious attachment to the proposed APE will be asked to provide a response within 30 days of notification.

Other Individuals and Organizations

Individuals and organizations with legal, economic, or historic preservation interest are requested to respond within 30 days of notification and demonstrate your interest in the proposed undertaking and provide intent to participate in the Section 106 process. Your participation is subject to FHWA approval.

Request for Comment on the Area of Potential Effect (APE)

We would like to invite you to comment on the proposed APE.

The proposed project is located in Kōloa, Kaua'i Island, Hawai'i. The APE is primarily within the existing operational Po'ipū Road right-of-way, between Kōloa Road and approximately 275 feet east of Keleka Road. However, there are some areas where work will occur on parcels adjacent to right-of-way,

including minor grading work and intersection improvements at select locations. Please refer to the enclosed map of the APE. The project's Area of Potential Effect (APE) is approximately 45.64 acres, an expansion of approximately 3.94 acres of the previously approved APE. Areas added to the APE are highlighted in the table below.

Table 1: Area of Potential Effects (APE) Area in Acres.

Area of Potential Effects (APE) Area			
<u>Area Description</u>	<u>Approximate ROW Length (Feet)</u>	<u>Approximate ROW Width (Feet)</u>	<u>ROW Area (Acres)</u>
5 feet beyond both sides of Po'ipū Road ROW from Po'ipū Road/ Kōloa Road Intersection to 275' east of Po'ipū Road/ Keleka Road Intersection (40 feet beyond ROW in some areas, see Figure 1, sheet 1)	17,288	Varies (37 to 120)	39.44
Kōloa Road ROW up to 250' on both sides of intersection with Po'ipū Rd	500	50	0.57
Kiahuna Plantation Drive ROW (40 feet beyond ROW on east side) up to 300' north of intersection with Po'ipū Road	220	60	0.34
Ala Kinoiki (Kōloa bypass road) ROW up to 300' north of intersection with Po'ipū Road	250	84	0.53
Pe'e Road ROW up to 300' south of intersection with Po'ipū Road	270	56	0.36
Limited areas in the ROW of side street approaches to the Po'ipū Road ROW	See Figure 1, sheets 1 to 6	See Figure 1, sheets 1 to 6	0.22
Portion of TMK (4) 2-6-004:041, Kōloa Fire Station	See Figure 1, sheet 3	See Figure 1, sheet 3	3.27
Portion of TMK (4) 2-8-014:008, Royal Palms at Po'ipū Beach	See Figure 1, sheet 4	See Figure 1, sheet 4	0.10
Portion of TMK (4) 2-8-014:029, 2360 Kiahuna Plantation Drive Eric A Knudsen	See Figure 1, sheet 4	See Figure 1, sheet 4	0.06
Portion of TMK (4) 2-8-014:018, 2253 Po'ipū Road Kiahuna Phase III-B	See Figure 1, sheet 4	See Figure 1, sheet 4	0.52
Portion of TMK (4) 2-8-015:082, SVO Pacific Inc.	See Figure 1, sheet 4	See Figure 1, sheet 4	0.01
Portion of TMK (4) 2-8-022:016, Kōloa bypass road Māhā'ulepū Farm LLC	See Figure 1, sheet 6	See Figure 1, sheet 6	0.09

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Portion of TMK (4) 2-8-022:004, Kōloa bypass road Māhā'ulepū Farm LLC	See Figure 1, sheet 6	See Figure 1, sheet 6	0.13
Total APE Area	See Figure 1, sheets 1 to 6	See Figure 1, sheets 1 to 6	± 45.64

The construction staging areas will be located on the shoulder of Po'ipū Road from the edge of pavement to the right-of-way boundary. These areas are within both the APE and the road right-of-way and are further described as follows: on the mauka side of Po'ipū Road between Kiahuna Plantation Drive and Kīpuka Street, adjacent to TMKs 2-8-014:029, 2-8-014:026, 2-8-014:021, 2-8-014:019, on the western side of Po'ipū Road south of Pa'anau Road, adjacent to TMKs 2-6-008:022, 2-6-008:018, 2-6-008:013, and 2-6-008:021, and on the western side of Po'ipū Road south of Lopaka Paipa Boulevard adjacent to TMKs 2-6-015:006 and 2-6-015:026.

Identification of Historic Properties within the APE

We welcome any information you may have on historical and cultural sites that have been recorded in or which you may have knowledge of within the proposed APE. In addition, if you are acquainted with any persons or organization that is knowledgeable about the proposed APE, or any descendants with ancestral, lineal, or cultural ties to, cultural knowledge and/or historical properties information of or concerns for, and cultural or religious attachment to the proposed project area, we would appreciate receiving their names and contact information within 30 days of notice.

On behalf of FHWA and HDOT, Kaua'i County, by way of this letter is notifying you of the updated proposed Po'ipū Road Multi-Modal Improvements project. Should you want to participate in the Section 106 process, we request your written intent. Please also provide your comments on the proposed APE, any information you may have on cultural and/or historical sites that have been recorded within the APE, as well as, the names and contact information of people/organizations who may have cultural affiliations and historical properties information in the vicinity of the proposed APE.

We would appreciate all responses in writing within 30 days from date of receipt, to Troy Tanigawa via email at publicworks@kauai.gov, or by US Postal Service to County of Kaua'i, Public Works Department, 4444 Rice Street, Suite 275, Līhu'e, HI, 96766, or contact Ms. Christie Bagley at (808) 241-4885 or cbagley@kauai.gov.

Sincerely,

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Attachments: APE Map Figure 1, sheets 1-6