Leeward Bikeway

Federal Aid Project No. STP-BW-0300(8)

Districts of Wai‘anae and ‘Ewa, O‘ahu, Hawai‘i

Section 106 Consultation under the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA)

March 20, 2014

‘Ewa Elementary School Cafeteria
91-1280 Renton Road
‘Ewa Beach, Hawai‘i
6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

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Purpose of tonight's meeting

- Provide project information and status
- Invite questions or comments
- Conduct community consultation for compliance with federal requirements (NHPA 106)

What is the Proposed Leeward Bikeway?

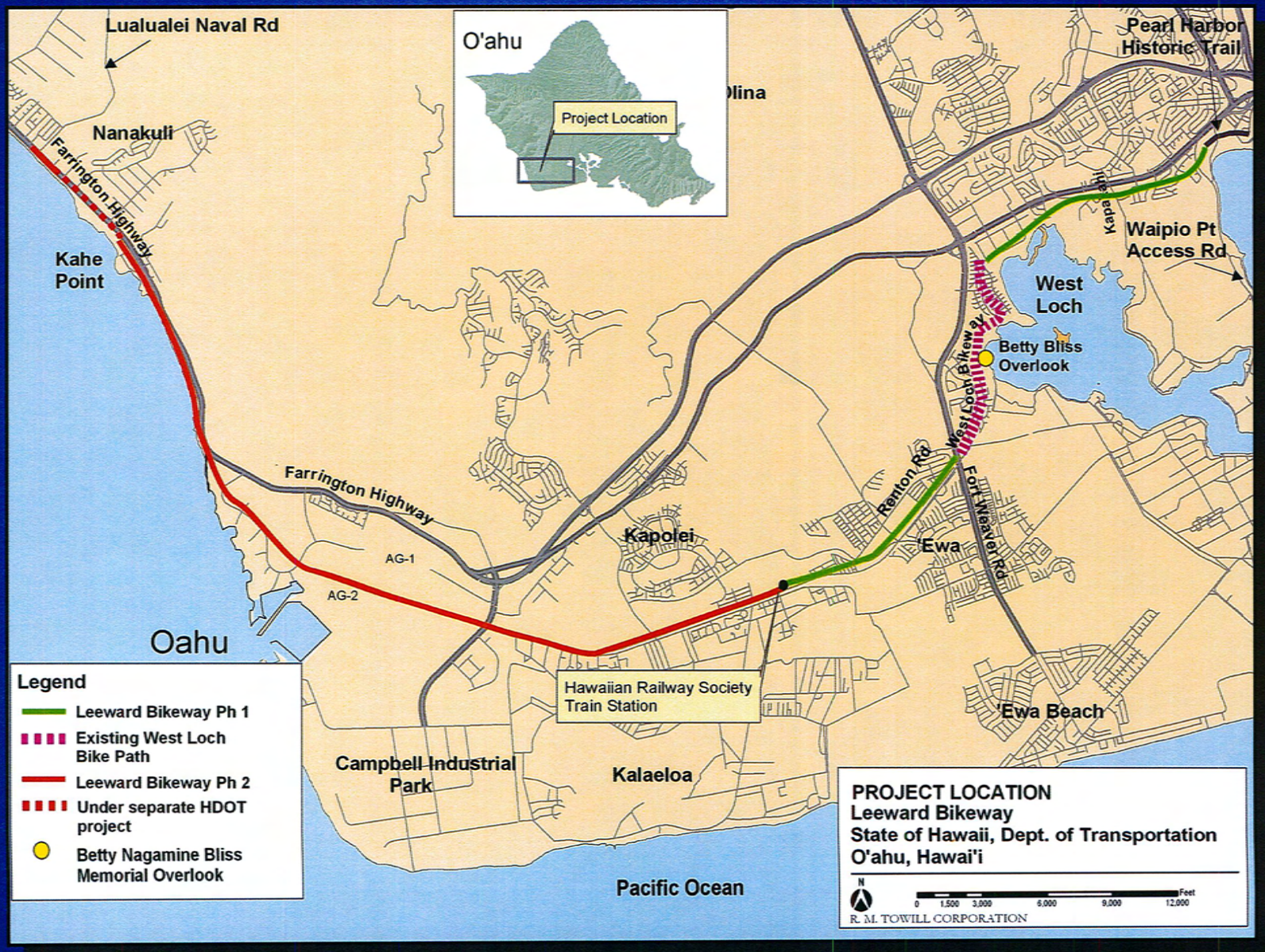


- 14-mile path next to former OR&L railroad tracks
- 8-12 feet wide, 2-foot shoulders



- Asphalt concrete pavement

Where is the Leeward Bikeway alignment?



Leeward Bikeway - Phase 1

Start: Waipi‘o Point Access Road, Waipi‘o

End: Hawaiian Railway Train Station, ‘Ewa





Leeward Bikeway: Phase 2

Start: Hawaiian Railway Train Station, ʻEwa



End: Lualualei Naval Road, Nānākuli



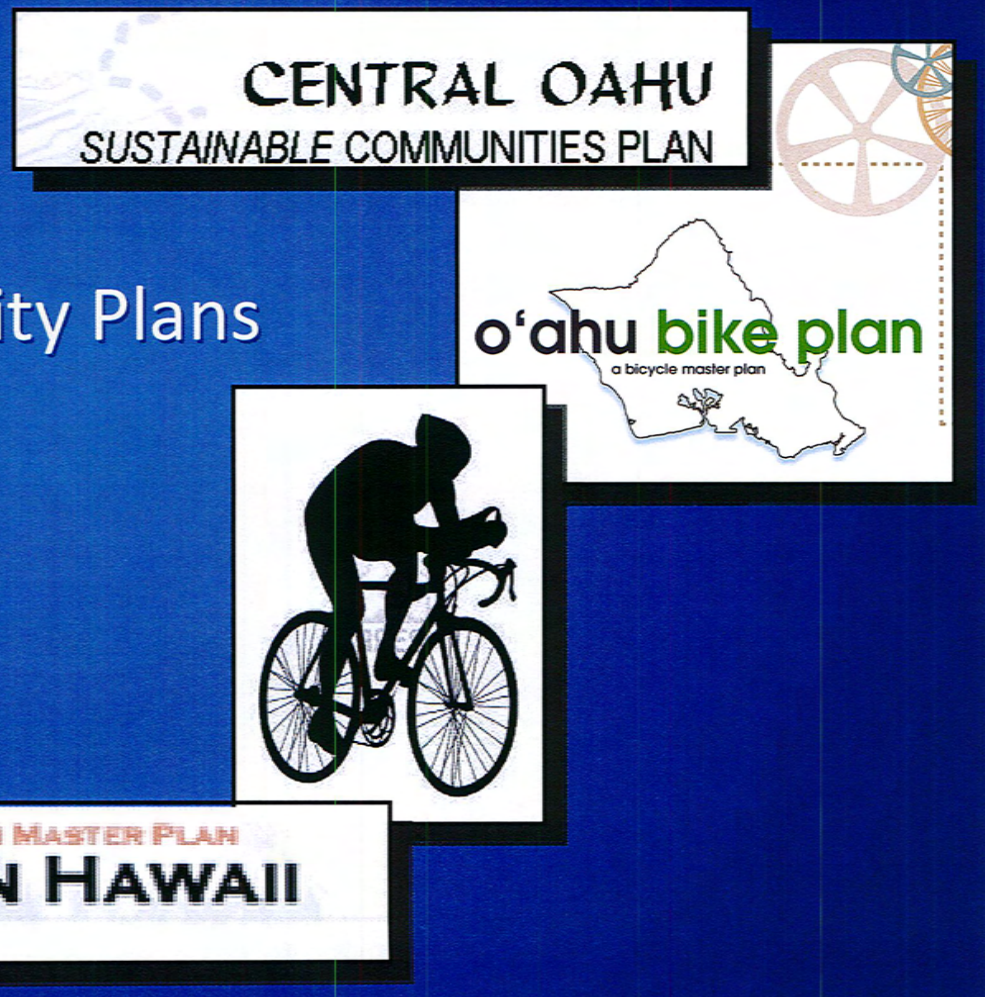
Why is the Leeward Bikeway needed?



- Commitment to 1980 deed of transfer
- Safe and efficient roadway connection between ʻEwa, Waipahu, and Nānākuli regions and subregions/communities
- Continuous connection with other bikeways

What plans support Leeward Bikeway?

- Bike Plan Hawai‘i
- O‘ahu Bike Plan
- Sustainable Community Plans
  - Central O‘ahu
  - ‘Ewa
  - Wai‘anae



What is the former OR&L Right-of-Way?

- Former O‘ahu Railway and Land Company (OR&L)
- Owned by State of Hawai‘i
- Hawaiian Railway Society is custodian for HDOT



NHPA 106 Process

Purpose:

Requires Federal agencies to take into account the effects of undertakings on historic properties through consultation with parties with an interest in the affected historic properties.

NHPA 106 Process

Recognizes Native Hawaiian Organizations and requires consultation with Native Hawaiian Organizations that attach religious and cultural significance to historic properties that may be affected by the undertaking.

Goals of Section 106

- Identify historic properties potentially affected by an undertaking
- Assess the effects
- Seek ways to AVOID, MINIMIZE or MITIGATE any adverse effects on historic properties

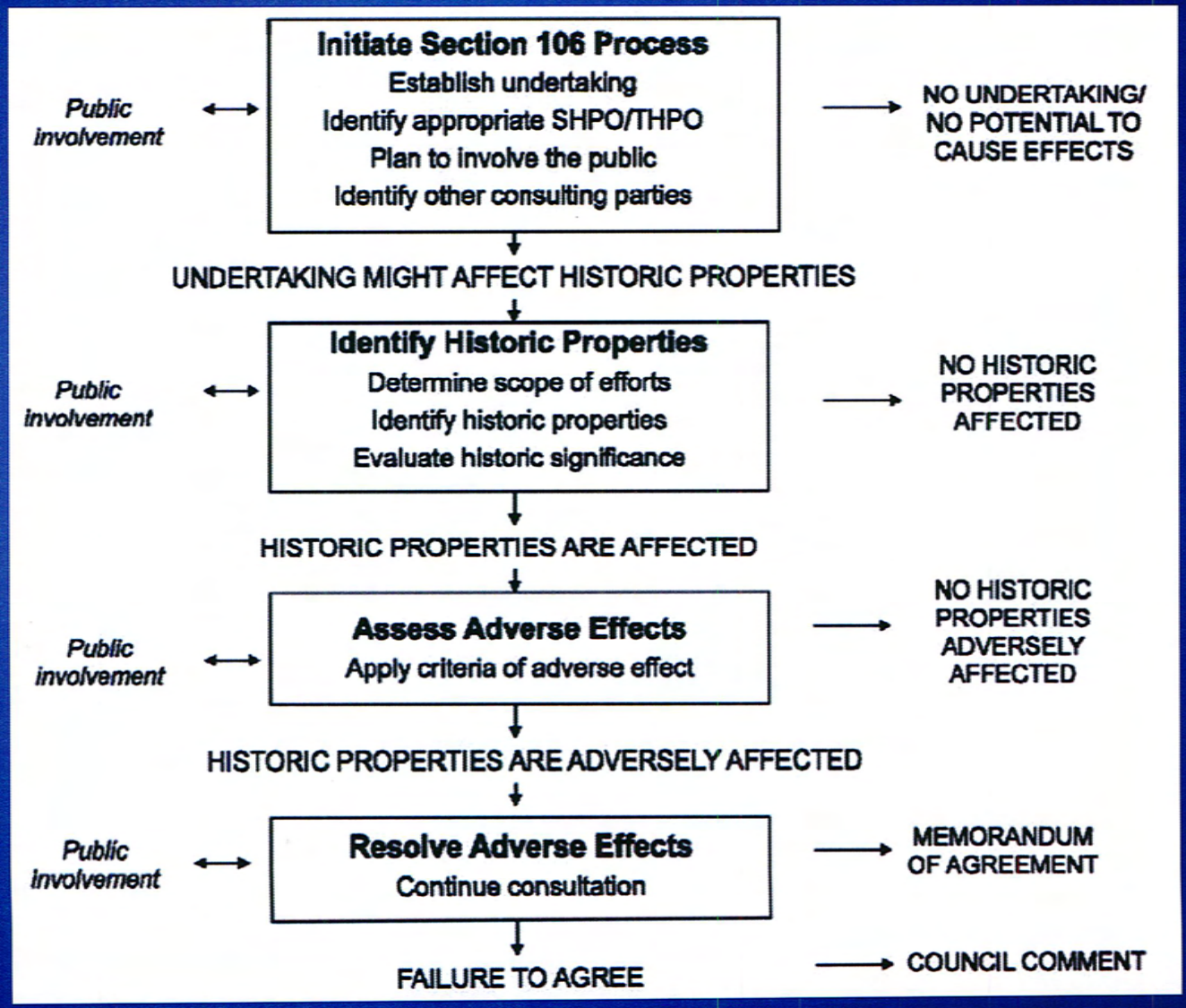
Four-Step Section 106 Process

Step 1

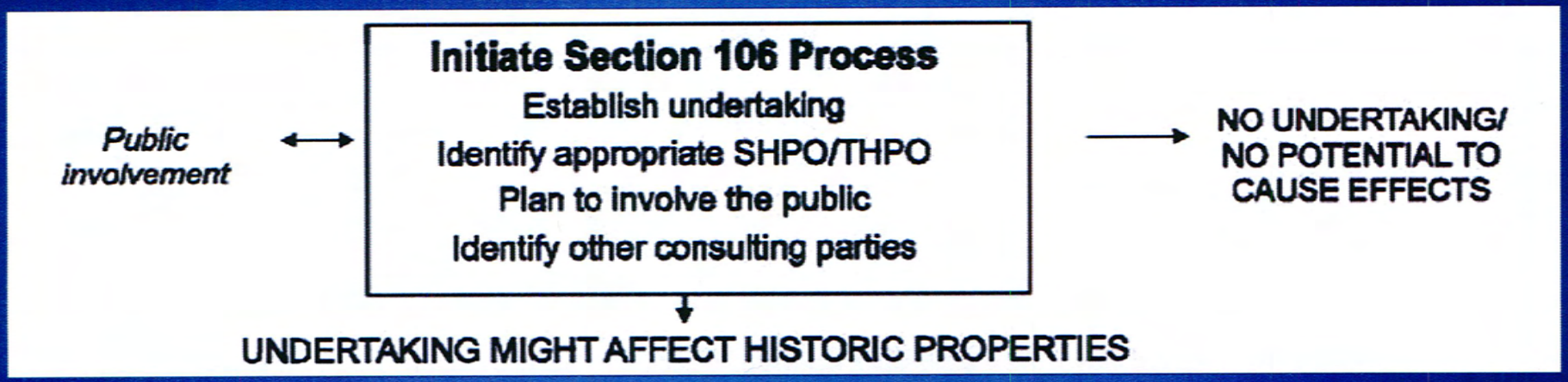
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Step 3

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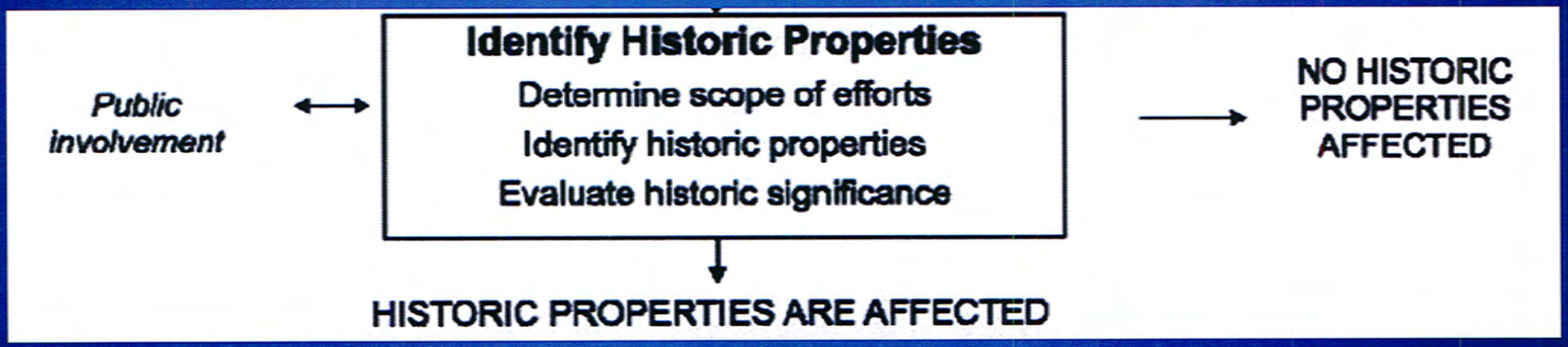


Step 1 – Initiate Section 106 Process



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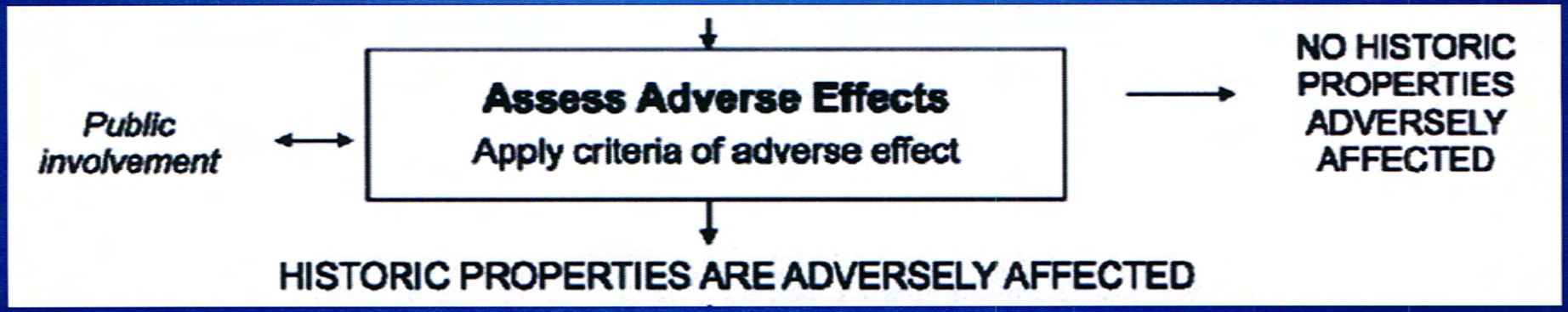
Step 2 – Identify Historic Properties



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Identify Historic Properties

Step 3 – Assess Adverse Effects



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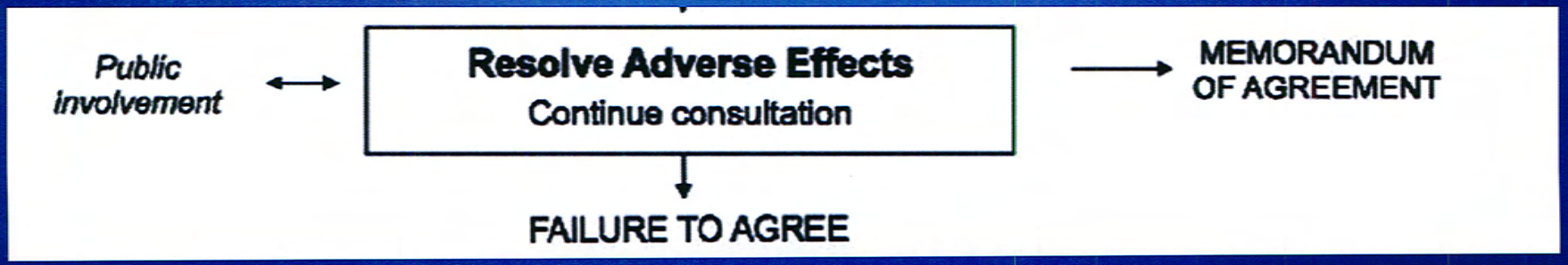
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Step 2

ID Historic Properties

Step 3 - Assess Adverse Effects

Step 4 – Resolve Adverse Effects



What Section 106 consultation has been done for Leeward Bikeway?

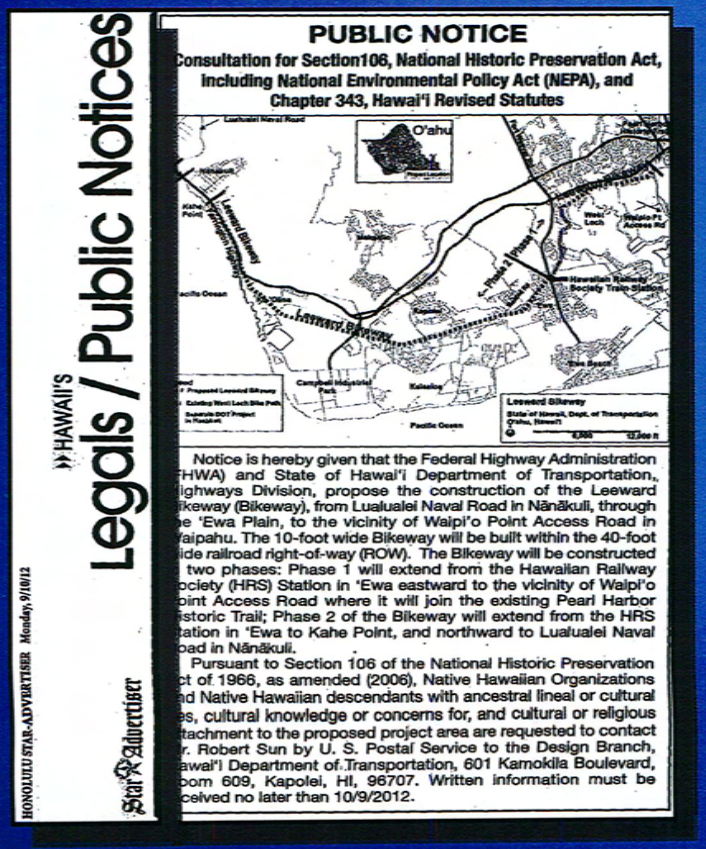
- Historic resource surveys (2000, 2012)
- Environmental Assessments (2000, 2009)
- Letters from HDOT to NHOs and interested parties
- Legal notices (2010; 2014)
- Meetings with stakeholders

Who has met to discuss Section 106 for Leeward Bikeway?

FHWA and/or HDOT

- Cultural Surveys Hawai'i, Archaeologists
- State Historic Preservation Division (SHPD)
- SHPD and Hawaiian Railway Society (HRS)
- State Senator Will Espero
- Koa Mana (Native Hawaiian Organization)
- Those attending this Section 106 Consultation meeting

Sept. 10, 2012 Legal Notice for Section 106 Process



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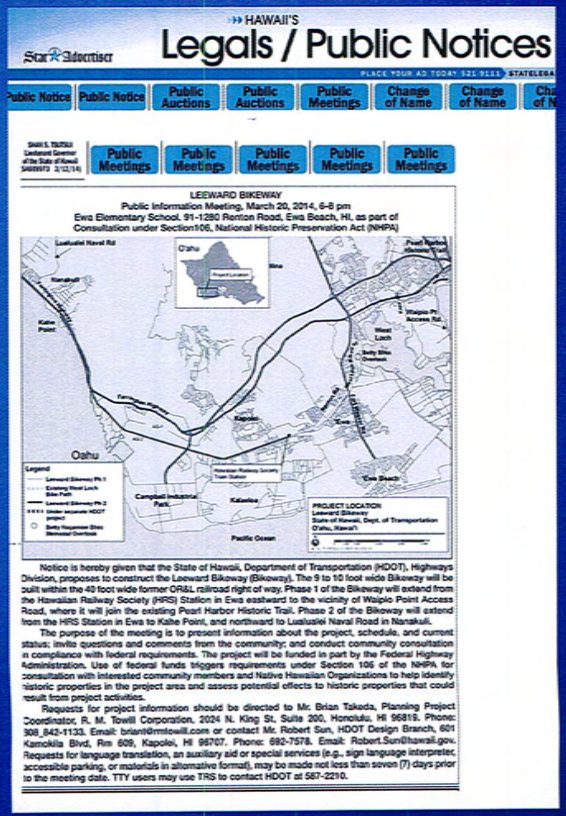
PUBLIC NOTICE

Consultation for Section106, National Historic Preservation Act, including National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), and Chapter 343, Hawai'i Revised Statutes

Notice is hereby given that the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and State of Hawai'i Department of Transportation, Highways Division, propose the construction of the Leeward Bikeway (Bikeway), from Lualualei Naval Road in Nānākuli, through the 'Ewa Plain, to the vicinity of Waipi'o Point Access Road in Waipahu. The 10-foot wide Bikeway will be built within the 40-foot wide railroad right-of-way (ROW). The Bikeway will be constructed in two phases: Phase 1 will extend from the Hawaiian Railway Society (HRS) Station in 'Ewa eastward to the vicinity of Waipi'o Point Access Road where it will join the existing Pearl Harbor Historic Trail; Phase 2 of the Bikeway will extend from the HRS Station in 'Ewa to Kahe Point, and northward to Lualualei Naval Road in Nānākuli.

Pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (2006), Native Hawaiian Organizations and Native Hawaiian descendants with ancestral lineal or cultural ties, cultural knowledge or concerns for, and cultural or religious attachment to the proposed project area are requested to contact Mr. Robert Sun by U. S. Postal Service to the Design Branch, Hawai'i Department of Transportation, 601 Kamokila Boulevard, Room 609, Kapolei, HI, 96707. Written information must be received no later than 10/9/2012.

March 12, 2014 Legal Notice for Section 106 Meeting Tonight



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LEEWARD BIKEWAY

Public Information Meeting, March 20, 2014, 6-8 pm

Ewa Elementary School, 91-1280 Renton Road, Ewa Beach, HI, as part of Consultation under Section106, National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA)

Notice is hereby given that the State of Hawaii, Department of Transportation (HDOT), Highways Division, proposes to construct the Leeward Bikeway (Bikeway). The 9 to 10 foot wide Bikeway will be built within the 40 foot wide former OR&L railroad right of way. Phase 1 of the Bikeway will extend from the Hawaiian Railway Society (HRS) Station in Ewa eastward to the vicinity of Waipio Point Access Road, where it will join the existing Pearl Harbor Historic Trail. Phase 2 of the Bikeway will extend from the HRS Station in Ewa to Kahe Point, and northward to Lualualei Naval Road in Nanakuli.

The purpose of the meeting is to present information about the project, schedule, and current status; invite questions and comments from the community; and conduct community consultation in compliance with federal requirements. The project will be funded in part by the Federal Highway Administration. Use of federal funds triggers requirements under Section 106 of the NHPA, for consultation with interested community members and Native Hawaiian Organizations to help identify historic properties in the project area and assess potential effects to historic properties that could result from project activities.

Requests for project information should be directed to Mr. Brian Takeda, Planning Project Coordinator, R. M. Towill Corporation, 2024 N. King St, Suite 200, Honolulu, HI 96819. Phone: 808_842-1133. Email: brian@rmtowill.com or contact Mr. Robert Sun, HDOT Design Branch, 601 Kamokila Blvd, Rm 609, Kapolei, HI 96707. Phone: 692-7578. Email: Robert.Sun@hawaii.gov. Requests for language translation, an auxiliary aid or special services (e.g., sign language interpreter, accessible parking, or materials in alternative format), may be made not less than seven (7) days prior to the meeting date. TTY users may use TRS to contact HDOT at 587-2210.

Next Steps

- Document comments for the project record
- For NHPA 106 Consultation Process
  - Follow up discussions with individuals and NHOs as necessary
  - Consultation with SHPD
  - FHWA/SHPD determination

Comments for Section 106

- Please allow for others present to speak
- Treat everyone's comments and one another with respect

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