

HONOLULU HIGH CAPACITY TRANSIT CORRIDOR PROJECT
SURVEYED PROPERTY CONSIDERED ELIGIBLE FOR NATIONAL REGISTER

TMK: **21031012**

Historic Status: **Evaluated Eligible**

Portion of Alignment: **Koko Head portion**

Resource Name/Historic Name: **Dept of Transportation**

Sector: **25 Civic Center Station Sector**

Location: **869 PUNCHBOWL ST**

Owner: **STATE OF HAWAII**

Station Block: **Civic Center Station Block**

Date-Original: **1959**

Source: **Tax Office**

Present Use/Historic Use: **Offices**

Architectural Description:

This five-story building has 45 vertical louvers that extend the full height of the building along the Punchbowl Street façade to shade the windows. These louvers are constructed of pre-stressed pre-cast concrete, tinted dark pink. The recessed main entry has metal-framed storefront doors and is protected by a cantilevered canopy that has a beveled edge. At the mauka end of the building is an enclosed stairway from the upper floors that has a tall decorative concrete grille and is topped with a beveled edge canopy. The vertical louvers are evocative of the louvered treatment of the facade and rear side of Vladimir Ossiopoff's 1951 Hawaiian Life Bldg on Kapiolani Blvd.

Integrity:

Appears unaltered.

Significance:

Criterion "C" - as an early example of the method of using pre-stressed pre-cast concrete in a large vertically oriented piece in Hawaii. Architects: Law & Wilson. The 70' tall vertical louvers, constructed of pre-stressed concrete were a construction breakthrough here and renowned as Hawaii's "first use of pre-stressed pre-cast concrete in this way" (*Honolulu Advertiser* April 19, 1959, B3).

