

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

TMK: **21014003**

Historic Status: **NR Site No. 80-14-9900**

Portion of Alignment: **Koko Head portion**

Resource Name/Historic Name: **Dillingham Transportation Building**

Sector: **24 Downtown Station Sector**

Location: **735 Bishop Street**

Owner: **PACIFIC GUARDIAN CENTER**

Station Block: **Downtown Station Block**

Date-Original: **1930**

Source: **Tax Office**

Present Use/Historic Use: **Offices/ Commercial**

Architectural Description:

This four-story, Italian Renaissance Revival-style building has many typical high-style elaborations: rusticated stonework (joints emphasized) at the first story, quoins (at the upper floor corners), arcaded entry, and upper-story setback sections with simulated second-story porches. In addition, the building displays many other features which typify the style: low-pitch hip roof covered in tile, widely overhanging eaves with decorative brackets, and arched windows and doors at the first story. The entry lobby has elaborate Art Deco embellishments on walls, floors, fixtures, and ceiling, featuring geometric, nautical, and tropical motifs, along with a memorial plaque to Benjamin F. Dillingham.

Integrity:

Retains high integrity. Only major changes involve first-floor storefronts and the creation of two arcades by removal of some store spaces, to provide Bishop Street access (and addresses) for the ca. 1980 Grosvenor Center (now Pacific Guardian Center) towers.

Significance:

Criterion "A" - associated with the commercial development of Honolulu and the Dillingham family empire of businesses. An important association with the early development of Bishop Street in downtown Honolulu as the center of commerce for the territory of Hawaii. Criterion "C" - a good example of the Italian Renaissance Revival Style with an ornate Art Deco lobby. Designed by San Diego architect Lincoln Rodgers, working with Burton Newcomb who specialized in designing offices (Ames, Kenneth, *On Bishop Street*, First Hawaiian Bank, 1996: 107).

