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

Historic Status: Evaluated Eligible

Resource Name/Historic Name: Higa Four-plex

Location: 1945 DILLINGHAM BLVD

Owner: AFUSO, TSUYOSHI

Date-Original: 1941 & 1944

Source: Tax Office

Present Use/Historic Use: Residential

Architectural Description:

Two-story plantation-style four-plex residence with a hip roof. Constructed with CMU walls on the ground floor, and with vertical tongue-and-groove siding and double girts at the second floor. Windows are original three-light sliding sash and 1/1 double hung. The front entries have concrete stairs with decorative metal railings to the second floor. There is also a 1940 two-story residence at the rear of the lot that was not visible from the street.

Significance:

Criterion "A" – associated with the residential development of the Dillingham Boulevard area in the 1940s when there was increased demand for housing in the build-up period before WWII. Criterion "C" – a distinctive example of a plantation style duplex design (the top story) transmuted into a four-plex in an urban neighborhood. It is associated with the history of Dillingham Boulevard, whose development affected the Kalihi Kai neighborhood, originally consisting mostly of single-family residences.

TMK: 12009017

Portion of Alignment: Koko Head portion

Sector: 20 Kalihi Station Sector

Station Block: Kalihi Station Block

Integrity:

This building has a high degree of integrity. Tax office records and the different construction materials suggest that the building house was raised in 1944, soon after it was built in 1941. Since the first floor addition of CMU and the concrete entry stairs with metal railing appear to be historic alterations, they are considered part of the building's design history.

