

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

TMK: **21013007**

Historic Status: **HR Site No. 80-14-9829**

Portion of Alignment: **Koko Head portion**

Resource Name/Historic Name: **Irwin Park**

Sector: **24 Downtown Station Sector**

Location: **Nimitz Highway, between Bishop and Fort Streets**

Owner:

Station Block: **Downtown Station Block**

Date-Original: **1930**

Source: **Tax Office**

Present Use/Historic Use: **Parking lot**

Architectural Description:

This two-acre park is unique in Hawaii, because it is largely a parking lot with grass medians and numerous mature monkeypod trees and coconut palms. At its northern end is the commemorative part of the park. This includes a wide sunken sidewalk leading from the corner of the park to a circular fountain (currently dry) with seating and tables.

Integrity:

Re-alignment of Nimitz Highway has altered the mauka boundary, but the historic configuration of parking spaces among the mature trees remains.

Significance:

Criterion "A" - associated with the history of beautification efforts in of the Honolulu waterfront passenger terminal area., as well as the site of welcome for visiting dignitaries and other ship passengers in the 1930s and 1940s. Criterion "B" - the NR nomination form notes the association with William G. Irwin. Criterion "C" - represents the work of the leading Honolulu landscape architect, Robert O. Thompson.

