

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

TMK: **None**

Historic Status: **Evaluated Eligible**

Portion of Alignment: **Koko Head portion**

Resource Name/Historic Name: **Lava Rock Curbs**

Sector: **20 Kalihi Station Sector thru 25
Civic Center Station Sector**

Location: **From about Laumaka St to South St (except not along Nimitz Hwy)
Not yet precisely mapped.**

Owner: **CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU**

Station Block:

Date-Original: **ca. 1889 to 1949**

Source: **Liedemann, Mike "Moiliili Quarry," in Cheever, David and Scott, *Pohaku: The Art and Architecture of Stonework in Hawaii*. Editions Limited, 2003, p. 32.**

Present Use/Historic Use: **Curbing**

Architectural Description:

These curb stones are dense sections of (basalt) lava rock that are rough-hewn below grade, but squared at their exposed surfaces. The width and height of the exposed surfaces are typically about 6 inches, but the buried depth is several feet. They are of varying lengths, from 2' to over 5'. Some curbs at intersections exhibit a slight curvature to follow the contour of the street corner.

Integrity:

Unaltered.

Significance:

Criterion "A" – these objects are associated with the roadway infrastructure development of Honolulu. Criterion "C" – these objects qualify as examples of the distinctive method of street construction in Honolulu during the late 1800s and the early 1900s. The lava rock curbs are an important and labor-intensive part of the history of Honolulu's street and road infrastructure. Some of the lava rock used for curbstones was taken from the Mo'ili'ili quarry which operated from 1889 to 1949. The stone from this quarry was considered to be high quality.

