

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

TMK: 94036071

Historic Status: **Evaluated Eligible**

Portion of Alignment: 'Ewa portion

Resource Name/Historic Name: **Waipahu Hawaii Stake, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints**

Sector: **10 Waipahu Transit Center  
Station Sector**

Location: **94-210 KAHUALII ST**

Station Block:

Owner: **CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS**

Date-Original: **1963**

Source: **Tax Office**

Present Use/Historic Use: **Church**

Architectural Description:

This large, rectangular-plan single-story building has a low-slope gable roof with higher central section to allow a clerestory. The building is constructed of painted concrete brick with metal-frame fixed-light windows and flush doors. The Kahualii Street facade has a center section of sandstone that extends up to the gable of the roof. Sections of the roof supported by concrete brick columns extend out to protect the entries on either side of the sandstone section.

Integrity:

Appears to have high integrity.

Significance:

Criterion "A" - associated with the establishment and development of the Samoan community on Oahu and in the Waipahu area. Under Criterion Consideration "A" – this property is understood to derive its primary significance from its historical importance to the development of the Waipahu community. The first large Samoan community on Oahu formed ca. 1919 in Laie upon the completion of the Mormon Church there. In 1952 another large influx of Samoans to Oahu occurred when the Navy transported workers and their families to Hawaii, after U.S. government jobs in American Samoa lost their funding. This building, completed in October 1964 according to tax office field survey records, could have originally been a meetinghouse for a church ward, a congregational unit which generally consists of 200-500 members. The building became the location of the Waipahu Stake in February 1972. A stake is formed by combining three wards.

