

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

TMK: **21002057 & 21002024**

Historic Status: **part of NR/Merchant Street Historic District, Site No. 80-14-9905**

Portion of Alignment: **Koko Head portion**

Resource Name/Historic Name: **Walter Murray Gibson Building / Honolulu Police Station**

Sector: **23 Chinatown Station Sector**

Location: **842 BETHEL ST**

Owner: **STATE OF HAWAII, DLNR, LAND DIVISION**

Station Block:

Date-Original: **1930 & 1939**

Source: **Tax Office**

Present Use/Historic Use: **City Offices / Police Station**

Architectural Description:

Four-story Mediterranean-style reinforced-concrete building with plaster finish. Ornate terra-cotta entry surrounds, and decorative interior detailing. Various window and balcony elements reflect interior stairway. Interesting curved railings of exterior stair in 1939 addition at 'Ewa end of building.

Integrity:

Appears unaltered.

Significance:

Criterion A - associated with the history of the Honolulu Police Department, this building served the police and the courts until 1967 and 1983, respectively. Criterion C - excellent example, by noted Hawaii architect Lou Davis, of public architecture in that period, when the Mediterranean-style was popular in Hawaii. Within the Merchant Street Historic District and considered a contributing resource.

