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December 22, 2023



Dear Participant:

The Hawai'i Department of Transportation (HDOT) proposes to remove the *Falls of Clyde* from Honolulu Harbor. The *Falls of Clyde* is a four-masted iron-hulled ship owned by the non-profit Friends of *Falls of Clyde* and has been impounded by HDOT at Pier 7 since 2016. The ship is severely corroded, leaking, and has lost its structural and watertight integrity. It presents a risk of structural failure and sinking, threatening harbor safety and maritime operations. The HDOT plans to issue a Request for Proposal (RFP) for removal of the ship; the method of removal is to be determined by the selected contractor.

The *Falls of Clyde* is listed in the National Register of Historic Places and is designated a National Historic Landmark (NHL). Due to deterioration, the ship has lost most of the qualities of historic significance and aspects of integrity. In November 2023, the *Falls of Clyde* was delisted from the Hawai'i Register of Historic Places. Its removal from the National Register and removal of its NHL status are pending.

Because the project involves the use of State of Hawai'i funds, a Draft Environmental Assessment and Anticipated Finding of No Significant Impacts (DEA-AFNSI) has been prepared in accordance with Hawai'i Revised Statutes (HRS) Chapter 343 and Chapter 11-200.1 Hawai'i Administrative Rules.

Notice of the DEA-AFNSI will appear in the December 23, 2023 edition of *The Environmental Notice*, published by the Environmental Review Program (ERP), Office of Environmental Planning and Sustainable Development. A 30-day public review period will run until January 23, 2024. The DEA-AFNSI can be viewed or downloaded from the ERP website beginning on December 23, 2023 using this URL:

https://files.hawaii.gov/dbedt/erp/Doc_Library/2023-12-23-OA-DEA-Removal-of-Falls-of-Clyde.pdf

(*Note: link will not be active until December 23, 2023)

Hard copy and CD of the DEA-AFNSI will be available for public review at the Hawai'i State Library and at the Hawai'i Documents Center (at the Hawai'i State Library).

Please send comments to the Proposing/Determining Agency, with a copy to the Consultant.

Comments must be received or postmarked by **January 23, 2024**.

Project Name: Removal of Falls of Clyde from Honolulu Harbor
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Determining Agency:** State of Hawai'i, Department of Transportation
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Note: If you wish to receive a CD copy, please submit a written request to HHF Planners at the e-mail shown above. In addition, please inform us if you wish to be removed from the mailing list.

Please contact Leslie Kurisaki at the phone number or e-mail address shown above if you would like additional information about the project. Thank you for participating in the environmental review process.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Scott Ezer". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Scott Ezer
Vice President