

SECTION 106 PUBLIC NOTICE

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MCBH and DOE are proposing to conduct Mokapu Elementary School Campus Improvements located at a 14.2 acre site on Mokapu Road in the District of Koʻolaupoko, Ahupuaʻa of Kaneohe, on the Island of Oʻahu, TMK 1-4-4-009:007. The proposed project is currently undergoing an Environmental Assessment (EA) in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

The undertaking seeks to redevelop Mokapu Elementary School (MES), built circa 1960. A Facility Condition Assessment conducted by the Defense Education Activity resulted in placing MES on a prioritized list of schools at military installations that are eligible for funding and in need of facility improvements. Based on DOE standards, MES enrollment currently exceeds its calculated capacity of 700 students based on a combined floor area of 60,000 gross square feet (GSF). Enrollment is estimated to reach 975 students by 2025. This project seeks to maintain school operations during the construction period since there are no other elementary schools within MCBH Kaneohe Bay.

Based on input provided by school-based stakeholders, including the DOE and MCBH, a concept plan for the redevelopment of MES was formulated. The entire school campus would be redeveloped to provide approximately 162,000 GSF of floor area to include 2- and 3-story classroom buildings; administration/library building; cafeteria; covered play court; playfield; and parking facilities. The redevelopment also includes related on- and off-site infrastructure improvements and utility connections. The project will be implemented in phases over an approximately 3-4 year period to minimize disruption to school activities and the learning environment. New construction would occur first, followed by demolition, once “swing space” is no longer needed.

Pursuant to 36 CFR 800.4(b), qualified preservation professionals carried out the identification of historic properties within the 14.2 acre site, which included background research, sample field investigation, and field survey in accordance with the Secretary of the Interior’s Standards and Guidelines for Identification. The subsurface archaeological investigation of the 14.2-acre MES Campus found no archaeological evidence of deposits or sites. With respect to architecture, the buildings built between 1960 and 1970 were found to be eligible for the Hawaii State and National Registers of Historic Places under Criteria A (American history) and C (architecture). The buildings constructed after 1970 are not eligible.

MCBH seeks comments from all interested persons on the impact of this undertaking on buildings significant in American history and architecture that are eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. Specific information about the project, including historic preservation reviews that MCBH is conducting pursuant to the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), Section 106 Implementing Regulations at 36 C.F.R. 800, will be made available to interested persons who request the information from the contact below.

All questions, comments, and correspondence should be directed to Dr. Wendy Wichman, MCBH Cultural Resources Management, via email at wendy.wichman@usmc.mil no later than 8 December 2020.