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Reply To: STB_2012_1129_001

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Re: Riverside Industrial Lead Abandonment (AB-33 Sub 296x)

Dear Mr. Schmidt:

Thank you for initiating consultation with my office with your November 29, 2012 letter. You are seeking my comments on behalf of Surface Transportation Board (STB) and Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP) pursuant to 36 CFR 800 regulations implementing Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act regarding the above referenced undertaking.

As I presently understand it, the undertaking consists of the above referenced abandonment which is in two segments separated by a portion of the Line that will continue to receive rail service. The north segment commences at Milepost 540.15 near Colton and ends at Milepost 543.88 near Riverside, a distance of 3.73 miles total. The south segment commences at Milepost 544.56 and ends at the end of the Line at Milepost 545.83 near Riverside, a distance of 1.27 miles total, for a total abandonment length of 5.0 miles in Riverside and San Bernardino Counties. The structures within the abandonment area include the Line itself and four bridges.

You are seeking my concurrence that the above undertaking will not affect historic properties because of the following findings:

1. UP and STP determined that the bridges at Milepost 540.24, Milepost 541.63, and Milepost 541.79 are not eligible for listing in the National Register (NR), and
2. Consistent with a previous finding the UPRR segment (CA-SBR-6101H) and Bridge 54-0519 which carries the Line over I-215 was not found to be eligible for the NR by Caltrans on behalf of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), and
3. due to prior ground disturbance related to the construction and on-going maintenance of the Line, it is considered to have low potential for intact archeological deposits.

My comments regarding FHWA100830A project (Determinations of Eligibility for the Proposed Interstate 215 HOV Lane Gap Closure Riverside County, CA) in a letter to Caltrans dated September 27, 2010 regarding the ineligibility of Bridge 54-0519 and UPRR segment CA-SBR-6101H in regard to the above referenced undertaking remain standing.

On May 29, 2013 we received additional information, DPR Forms 523a and 523b for the rail road bridges located at Milepost 541.63 and Milepost 541.79. STB and UP have evaluated the Union Pacific Railroad Bridge at Milepost 541.63 and determined that it does not have historical or architectural significance and does not appear to be eligible for the National Register. STB and UP have evaluated the Union Pacific Railroad Bridge at Milepost 541.79 and determined that the property does not embody the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction and does not have any association with significant historic patterns.

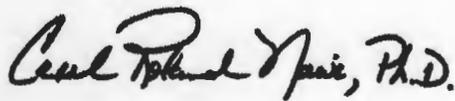
I concur that the Union Pacific Railroad Bridge at Milepost 541.63, Riverside Industrial Lead, San Bernardino County is not eligible for the National Register.

I concur that the Union Pacific Railroad Bridge at Milepost 541.79, Riverside Industrial Lead, San Bernardino County is not eligible for the National Register.

On the basis of the information received I concur that the undertaking as described will not affect historic properties. Be advised that under certain circumstances, such as an unanticipated discovery or a change in project description, you may have additional future responsibilities for this undertaking under 36 CFR Part 800. Should you encounter cultural artifacts during ground disturbing activities, please halt all work until a qualified archaeologist can be consulted on the nature and significance of such artifacts.

Thank you for considering historic properties in your planning process. If you have any questions, please contact Michelle C. Messinger, State Historian II of my staff at (916) 445-7005 or at Michelle.Messinger@parks.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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State Historic Preservation Officer