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RE: STB Docket No. AB (Sub-No 49XX) BNSF Railway Company-Abandonment
Exemption-Los Angeles County, California

Dear Ms. Mordi:

OHP is in receipt of BNSF's July 23, 2019 letter that includes *Volume I & II of the Rail to Rail Active Transportation Corridor* Documentation for a Categorical Exclusion by the Federal Transit Administration (Metro), April 2017 continuing consultation for the above action.

You are continuing to seek my comments, on behalf of the Surface Transportation Board (STB). The STB has evaluated the environmental and and/or historic preservation impacts for the above contemplated action, an Abandonment Exemption for a freight rail easement over 5.93 miles of track on the Harbor Subdivision between approximately milepost 2.1 and approximately milepost 7.95 in Los Angeles County, California (the "Line").

OHP has reviewed the documentation provided and is offering the following comments.

Based on the DPR 523 form, the LACMTA (Metro) rail line – Harbor Subdivision, Los Angeles, Los Angeles County a determination of ineligibility was made by the consultants for the Federal Transportation Department – Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro). The subject property, that consists of a portion of the former Harbor Subdivision line of Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe (ATSF) railroad, from milepost 2 through 9, does not meet National Register Criteria A through D because of a loss of integrity. The historic property has lost integrity of design, materials, and workmanship, and has only diminished integrity of setting, feeling and association.

I agree with the above determination of ineligibility under all four National Register Criteria for the subject property, the ATSF segment in Los Angeles, Los Angeles County.

I concur that the undertaking as described will not affect historical 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.

For future undertakings such as this, please submit the required documentation with the initial Environmental Report when seeking my comments in order to facilitate a more expeditious Section 106 review process.

If you have any other questions, please contact Michelle C. Messinger of my staff at (916) 445-7005 or by e-mail at Michelle.Messinger@parks.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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