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Reply To: FTA110809A

Leslie Rogers
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Re: Section 106 Consultation for the Commuter Rail Extension Project, Monterey County, CA

Dear Mr. Rogers:

Thank you for your letter of 4 August 2011 initiating consultation for the Federal Transit Authority (FTA) for the above referenced undertaking in order to comply with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 and its implementing regulation at 36 CFR Part 800. You are requesting at this time that I concur with the APE for the undertaking, determination of eligibility of historic properties, and finding of no adverse effect.

The proposed undertaking will extend the commuter rail service from Gilroy south to Salinas, approximately 38 miles. The commuter rail service would operate on existing Union Pacific Railroad right-of-way as an extension of existing Caltrain service between San Francisco and Gilroy to Salinas, or as an extension of existing Capitol Corridor service between Auburn or Sacramento and San Jose to Salinas. As its original inception, the proposed action would consist of two or three round-trips per weekday and would be increased to four or more round-trips after five years or as passenger demands require. The project would require track work along a portion of a mainline currently owned and operated by Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) and within the station areas. It would require construction of two new stations and associated parking at Pajaro and Castroville and rehabilitation and expansion of the City of Salinas train station, including construction of a proposed train layover facility to serve the train crew and overnight storage of trains. The project description is fully described in the materials attached to your letter.

FTA has defined the APE for the undertaking as the UPRR right-of-way except for three areas where there are improvements planned for the station areas. The APE is shown in Figures 3A-1 through 3D-2. I agree the APE is sufficient pursuant to 36 CFR 800.4(1)(a).

Within the APE for the project, three properties were either listed or determined eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP):

- Harvey House and associated Cook's House, 20 Station Road, Salinas, listed in the NRHP in 2006
- Southern Pacific Railroad Passenger Depot, Southern Pacific Railroad Freight Depot, and Salinas Railway Express Office Building, Salinas, determined eligible in 1989.
- 10 New Street, Salinas, eligible under Criterion C, period of significance 1900.

The remainder of the resources evaluated for this undertaking and listed in Table 8, were determined not eligible. I concur with these determinations.

FTA has determined the proposed undertaking will not have an adverse effect on historic properties. The undertaking will not physically alter any of the historic properties within the APE nor will it affect any of the character-defining features of the historic properties. Therefore, I concur with the determination of "No Adverse Effect."

Thank you for considering historic properties in your planning process and I look forward to continuing consultation on this project. If you have any questions, please contact Amanda Blosser of my staff at (916) 445-7048 or e-mail at ablosser@parks.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Susan K Stratton for".

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State Historic Preservation Officer

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