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Mr. Mehdi Morshed
Executive Director
California High Speed Rail Authority
925 L Street, Suite 1425
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: *DEIS for Bay Area to Central Valley High-Speed Train Program*
Multiple Counties, California

Dear Mr. Morshed

On July 16, 2007, the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) received a copy of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the referenced undertaking. Our comments pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) were requested. We have no comments regarding the NEPA review at this time. F004-1

While the documentation provided indicates that the proposed undertaking may adversely affect historic properties, we have no record of receiving notification of adverse effects from the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) regarding this undertaking as is required under our regulations, "Protection of Historic Properties" (36 CFR Part 800). Please continue to consult with the California State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) and other consulting parties to complete the requirements of the Section 106 process. Should FRA make an adverse effect finding regarding this undertaking, the agency should provide the required notification and documentation to ACHP in accordance with 36 CFR § 800.6 and § 800.11(e).

If you have any questions or would like to discuss this matter, please contact me by telephone at (202) 606-8552 or by e-mail at bsemmer@achp.gov.

Sincerely,

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