

APPENDIX B

Correspondence



December 15, 2011

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The Honorable Stan Thurston, Mayor
Merced Civic Center
678 West 18th Street
Merced, California 95340

Dear Mayor Thurston:

As you are aware, the California-High Speed Rail Authority (CHSRA) proposes to construct and operate a statewide high-speed train system comprised of nine independent sections between major metropolitan areas of California. Among the environmental reviews being conducted for this project is Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. In order to ensure a consistent approach to Section 106 and the evaluation and consideration of historic resources throughout California, a programmatic agreement (PA) was negotiated between the Federal Railroad Administration, the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, the California State Historic Preservation Officer, and the California High-Speed Rail Authority.

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JERRY BROWN
GOVERNOR



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Sincerely,



Dan Leavitt
Deputy Director
California High-Speed Rail Authority

I accept the invitation on behalf of the City of Merced

Mayor Thurston

Please return to Bryan Porter c/o The California High-Speed Rail Authority in the envelope provided.

cc: City of Merced Design Review Board/Commission
and Historic Preservation Commission
678 West 18th Street
Merced, CA 95340



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The Honorable Brett Frazier, Mayor
City of Madera
c/o City Clerk
205 West Fourth Street
Madera, California 93637

Dear Mayor Frazier:

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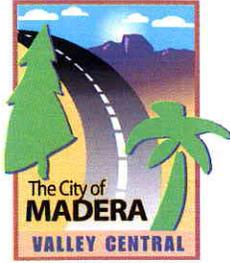
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Dan Leavitt
Deputy Director
California High-Speed Rail Authority

I accept the invitation on behalf of Madera County

Mayor Frazier

Please return to Bryan Porter c/o The California High-Speed Rail Authority in the envelope provided.



January 4, 2012

Dan Leavitt
Bryan Porter
California High Speed Rail Authority
770 L Street Ste 800
Sacramento Ca 95814

RE: Section 106 Historic Property Evaluation – City of Madera Consulting Party

Gentlemen,

Thank you for your invitation to serve as a consulting party for the Section 106 Historic Resources evaluation being conducted for the High Speed Train project. Please accept this letter as the City of Madera's acceptance of your invitation. Please direct further notice and correspondence on this matter to David Merchen, Community Development Director.

David Merchen, Community Development Director
City of Madera
205 W 4th Street
Madera, Ca 93637
(559) 661-5430
dmerchen@cityofmadera.com

We look forward to working with your team.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Brett Frazier'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Brett Frazier, Mayor,
City of Madera



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Norman L. Allinder
Planning Director
Madera County Planning Department
2037 W. Cleveland Ave M.S. G
Madera, California 93637

Dear Mr. Allinder:

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JERRY BROWN
GOVERNOR



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Dan Leavitt
Deputy Director
California High-Speed Rail Authority

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Norman L. Allinder
Planning Director

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The Honorable Ashley Swearengin, Mayor
City of Fresno
2600 Fresno Street, Room 2075
Fresno, California 93721

Dear Mayor Swearengin:

As you are aware, the California-High Speed Rail Authority (CHSRA) proposes to construct and operate a statewide high-speed train system comprised of nine independent sections between major metropolitan areas of California. Among the environmental reviews being conducted for this project is Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. In order to ensure a consistent approach to Section 106 and the evaluation and consideration of historic resources throughout California, a programmatic agreement (PA) was negotiated between the Federal Railroad Administration, the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, the California State Historic Preservation Officer, and the California High-Speed Rail Authority.

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GOVERNOR



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Sincerely,



Dan Leavitt
Deputy Director
California High-Speed Rail Authority

I accept the invitation on behalf of the City of Fresno



Mayor Swearengin

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cc: Karana Hattersley-Drayton
Historic Preservation Project Manager
City of Fresno Historic Preservation Program
Development and Resource Management Department
2600 Fresno Street
Fresno, California 93721



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Bart Bohn, County Administrative Officer
c/o Gail Johnson
Fresno County
Hall of Records
2281 Tulare, Suite 304
Fresno, California 93721

Dear Mr. Bohn:

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Dan Leavitt
Deputy Director
California High-Speed Rail Authority

I accept the invitation on behalf of the County of Fresno

Mr. Bohn

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