

Appendix K2. Correspondence With The State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO).

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April 26, 2023

Ms. Julianne Polanco
State Historic Preservation Officer
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Department of Parks and Recreation
P.O. Box 942896
Sacramento, CA 9426-001
Attn: Section 106 Reviewer

Re: Review of Historic Property Survey Report for EA 07-33880, SR-1 Lincoln Boulevard Multimodal Improvement Project, City of Los Angeles, Los Angeles County.

Dear Ms. Polanco:

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), as assigned by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), is initiating consultation with the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) regarding the State Route 1 (SR-1) Lincoln Boulevard Multimodal Improvement Project in the City of Los Angeles, Los Angeles County. This consultation is undertaken in accordance with the January 2014 *First Amended Programmatic Agreement Among the Federal Highway Administration, the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, the California State Historic Preservation Officer, and the California Department of Transportation Regarding Compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, as it Pertains to the Administration of the Federal-Aid Highway Program in California* (106 PA). Caltrans is concurrently complying with Stipulation III of the January 2015 *Memorandum of Understanding between the California Department of Transportation and the California State Historic Preservation Officer Regarding Compliance with Public Resources Code Section 5024 and Governor's Executive Order W-26-92, addended 2019* (5024 MOU), and per that stipulation, requests that you use the Section 106 documentation in your review.

Enclosed for your review please find the Historic Property Survey Report (HPSR), Archaeological Survey Report (ASR), Extended Phase I Report (XPI), Post-Review Discovery and Monitoring Plan (PRDMP), and the Historical Resources Evaluation Report (HRER). Under the 106 PA and 5024 MOU, Caltrans is responsible for ensuring the appropriateness of the Area of Potential Effects (APE) (Stipulation VIII.B), and evaluation of properties for eligibility for listing in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP). The HRER, ASR, and XPI report more fully describe cultural resource identification and evaluation efforts for the proposed undertaking.

We are consulting under Stipulation VIII.C.6 of the 106 PA and 5024 MOU which requires we submit determinations of NRHP eligibility to the SHPO for comment.

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The City of Los Angeles, in cooperation with Caltrans, proposes to improve circulation and safety along Lincoln Boulevard by constructing an additional southbound lane, installing sidewalks and protected bicycle lanes, and implementing complete streets and other related improvements along an approximate 0.61-mile segment of Lincoln Boulevard (SR-1) between Jefferson Boulevard (Post Mile [PM] 30.16) and just south of Fiji Way (PM 30.74). The Project is located in the City and County of Los Angeles and within the community of Marina del Rey. The Project's build alternative includes: realignment of the Lincoln Boulevard centerline approximately 50 feet to the east; addition of one southbound lane along Lincoln Boulevard for a length of approximately 1,800 feet; demolition, replacement, and widening of the Lincoln Boulevard Bridge over Ballona Creek; demolition, replacement, and widening of the Culver Boulevard Bridge over Lincoln Boulevard; demolition, replacement, and realignment of the connector ramps between Lincoln Boulevard and Culver Boulevard; construction of active transportation improvements including sidewalks, Class IV protected bicycle lanes on both sides of Lincoln Boulevard, ADA-compliant curb ramps, and signal upgrades at intersections within the Project limits. For a more detailed project description, please see Section 1 of the HPSR.

For the ASR, the pedestrian survey conducted by Psomas found no evidence of surficial archaeological materials within the APE. However, record search results indicate that the Project's APE is sensitive for precontact buried archaeological deposits. Furthermore, outreach with the local Native American communities has identified the Project APE as being highly sensitive for archaeological resources important to the tribes (Attachment 5 of the HPSR). Based on these findings, an Extended Phase I (XPI) study was conducted to provide presence/absence information on subsurface archaeological deposits in the APE (Attachment 4 of the HPSR). No evidence of subsurface archaeological resources was identified in the XPI study. Moreover, surficial deposits within the APE appear to be heavily disturbed with imported fill in some areas exceeding two meters in depth. Finally, a geoarchaeological analysis determined that during the precontact period, the APE was characterized by alluvial floodplain and estuarine environments, neither of which was well-suited for long-term habitation sites. Although the Project APE was not suitable for long-term habitation, it is possible that the area was used during the precontact period for resource gathering or processing purposes. The XPI study and analysis of project construction features concluded that undisturbed portions of the APE have a low sensitivity for containing precontract resources associated with resource gathering and processing. However, out of an abundance of caution and in deference to Native American concerns, the City of Los Angeles, in coordination with Caltrans, will implement an archaeological and Native American monitoring program. The PRDM Plan specifies the procedures to be followed during construction activities in case of unanticipated discoveries.

Through the preparation of the HRER, the following three (3) properties within the APE were previously determined not eligible for listing in the NRHP and these determinations are still valid.

Name	Address/Location	Community	OHP Status Code	Map Ref #
Ballona Creek Flood Control Channel	Vic west of SR 1 and Culver Blvd	Los Angeles	6Y	MR-4
Ballona Creek Channel Bridge (No. 53 0118)	Civ west of SR-1 and Culver Blvd	Los Angeles	6Y	MR-3
Culver Blvd Overcrossing (No. 53 0089)	Culver Blvd, over Lincoln Blvd (SR-1)	Los Angeles	6Y	MR-2

One (1) property in the APE required formal evaluation as part of this project. This is the remnants of a Pacific Electric Railway bridge (spans and bents of the former bridge) that are immediately north of the Culver Boulevard overcrossing and flank Lincoln Boulevard. The Pacific Electric Railway Bridge Approaches are determined not eligible for listing in the (NRHP).

Caltrans has determined the following property in the APE as not eligible for listing in the NRHP. Pursuant to Stipulation VIII.C.6 of the 106 PA and the 5024 MOU, Caltrans requests your concurrence on this determination.

Name	Address/Location	Community	OHP Status Code	Map Ref #
Pacific Electric Railway Approaches (P-19-192326)	Culver Blvd and Lincoln Blvd	Los Angeles	6Y, 6Z	MR-1

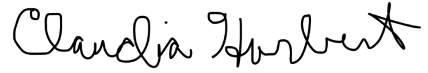
Should you concur with the determination, this letter will also serve as Caltrans' notification of a determination of a **Finding of No Historic Properties Affected** is appropriate for this undertaking because there are no historic properties within the APE.

We look forward to your response within 30 days of your receipt of this submittal, in accordance with Stipulation VIII.C.6.a of the Section 106 PA and PRC 5024 MOU. We are providing a concurrent copy of this documentation to the Caltrans Division of Environmental Analysis Cultural Studies Office.

If you need any additional information, please contact Joshua Knudson for all built-environment related questions at joshua.knudson@dot.ca.gov, and Mariam Dahdul for all archeological questions at mariam.dahdul@dot.ca.gov. Thank you for your assistance with this undertaking.

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Sincerely,



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Enclosure: HPSR, ASR, XPI, PRDMP, HRER for SR-1 Lincoln Boulevard Multimodal
Improvements Project

cc: D7 Project File; David Price, HQ CSO Section 106 Coordinator; Jill Hupp, HQ CSO 5024
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VIA EMAIL

In reply refer to: FHWA_2023_0426_001
CATRA_2023_0426_001

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Subject: Determinations of Eligibility for the Proposed State Route 1 Lincoln Boulevard Multimodal Improvement Project, City of Los Angeles, Los Angeles County, CA

Dear Ms. Harbert:

Caltrans is continuing consultation regarding the above project in accordance with the January 1, 2014 *First Amended Programmatic Agreement Among the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, the California State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO), and the California Department of Transportation Regarding Compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, as it Pertains to the Administration of the Federal-Aid Highway Program in California (PA)* and the January 2019 *Memorandum of Understanding between the California Department of Transportation and the California State Historic Preservation Officer Regarding Compliance with Public Resources Code Section 5024 and Governor's Executive Order W-26- 92, addended 2019 (5024 MOU)*. As part of your documentation, Caltrans submitted a Historic Property Survey Report, Archaeological Survey Report, Extended Phase I Report, Post-Review Discovery and Monitoring Plan, and the Historical Resources Evaluation Report for the proposed project.

The City of Los Angeles, in cooperation with Caltrans, proposes to improve circulation and safety along Lincoln Boulevard by constructing an additional southbound lane, installing sidewalks and protected bicycle lanes, and implementing complete streets and other related improvements along an approximate 0.61-mile segment of Lincoln Boulevard (SR-1) between Jefferson Boulevard (Post Mile [PM] 30.16) and just south of Fiji Way (PM 30.74).

Pursuant to Stipulation VIII.C.6 of the Section 106 PA, Caltrans requests concurrence that the Pacific Electric Railway Approaches (P-19-192326) are not eligible for the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP).

Caltrans has also determined that the three following properties were previously determined not eligible for the NRHP and the determinations remain valid:

- Ballona Creek Flood Control Channel
- Ballona Creek Channel Bridge (53 0118)
- Culver Boulevard Overcrossing (53 0089)

Based on review of the submitted documentation, I concur with the above determinations.

If you have any questions, please contact Natalie Lindquist at natalie.lindquist@parks.ca.gov .

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Julianne Polanco', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Julianne Polanco
State Historic Preservation Officer