

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD
SECTION OF ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS

POST ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

ENVIRONMENTAL RECOMMENDATIONS IN STB DOCKET NO. AB-33 (Sub-No. 254X)

December 7, 2007

ABANDONMENT TYPE

The time for comments on the Environmental Assessment (EA) has expired in this:

(X) Notice of Exemption () Petition for Exemption () Regulated Abandonment

(X) NEW COMMENTS WERE RECEIVED: Request removal of Section 106 Condition

SEA served an Environmental Assessment (EA) for this proceeding on October 2, 2007 for public review and comment. In the EA, SEA concluded that the proposed action would not significantly impact the quality of the human environment providing the imposition of the following condition:

The Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP) shall retain its interest in and take no steps to alter the historic integrity of all sites, buildings, structures, objects or districts within the right-of-way (the Area of Potential Effect) that are eligible for listing or listed in the National Register of Historic Places (generally, 50 years old or older) until the Section 106 process of the National Historic Preservation Act, 16 U.S.C. 470f, has been completed. UP shall report back to the Section of Environmental Analysis regarding any consultations with the SHPO and any other Section 106 consulting parties. UP may not file its consummation notice or initiate any salvage activities related to abandonment (including removal of tracks and ties) until the Section 106 process has been completed and the Board has removed this condition.

(X) REMOVAL OF ABOVE CONDITION

Since the EA in this proceeding was served, the Union Pacific Railroad Company has received written correspondence from the California State Historic Preservation Officer indicating that there are no historic properties that may be affected by this undertaking (see attached). SEA concurs with this finding and recommends that the Section 106 condition shown above be removed.

Conclusion

Based on all information provided from all sources to date, SEA concludes that abandonment of the Line will not significantly affect the quality of the human environment. No conditions are recommended.

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Gabriel S. Meyer
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December 6, 2007

Via Electronic Filing

The Honorable Vernon Williams
Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, SW
Washington, DC 20423

RE: Docket No. AB. 33 (Sub. No. 254-X)—Proposed Abandonment of the Riverside Industrial Lead, from Milepost 545.83 to Milepost 546.14, a distance of 0.31 miles in Riverside County, California (***Expedited Consideration Requested***)

Dear Secretary Williams:

Pursuant to the above-referenced matter, attached is a copy of a letter from the California Office of Historic Preservation ("OHP") for entry into the record. The OHP finds that the proposed abandonment of Union Pacific Railroad Company's Riverside Industrial Lead will have no effect on historic properties.

UP respectfully requests expedited consideration of this submission. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gabriel S. Meyer".

Gabriel S. Meyer

Office of the Secretary

Attachment

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December 05, 2007

Reply To: STB070817A

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Re: Proposed Abandonment of the Riverside Industrial Lead from MP 545.83 to MP 546.14,
a distance of 0.31 miles in Riverside County, CA

Dear Mr. Meyer:

You have provided me with information regarding how the above project may affect historic properties. You have done this, and are consulting with me, in order to enable the Surface Transportation Board (STB) to comply with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and implementing regulations codified at 36 CFR Part 800.

I have reviewed the documentation furnished and considered your recommendation to the STB that there are no historic properties that may be affected by these undertakings. Based on that review, I have the following comments:

- 1) The project, as described, will have no effect on historic properties.
- 2) I would not object to an official finding by the STB that there are no historic properties that may be affected by these undertakings.
- 3) I will assume that the STB has made this finding unless I hear to the contrary from them within 15 calendar days of their receiving a copy of this letter.

Thank you for considering historic properties during project planning. If you have any questions, please contact Natalie Lindquist of my staff at (916) 654-0631 or e-mail at nlindquist@parks.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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

Milford Wayne Donaldson, FAIA
State Historic Preservation Officer