

Subject: FW: UPRR Pecos Industrial Rail Access and Train Extension (PIRATE) Preliminary Environmental Consultation

Attachments: Poly RP2 Proposed Master Plan.pdf

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Hi Maggie,

Thanks for the feedback. Attached is the Proposed Master Plan for ASU's future Polytechnic Research Park (or RP2). You can see the general boundaries identified by the black dashed line, located immediately south of and adjacent to the existing ASU Polytechnic Campus, extending south to Old Pecos Road. Within the master plan are approximately six "superblocks" of proposed development. Without specific users identified at this point, it is difficult to know exactly what kind of research might occur, but it is assumed that it could be both noise and vibration sensitive, hence our interest in not only the proposed spur extension itself, but in the proposed development uses that might occur along that spur. Thank you for the review's consideration of ASU's proposed project, as well as keeping us looped in to the surrounding development and the review process as it progresses.

Sincerely,
 Patrick

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Hello Patrick,

It's my turn to apologize for the delayed reply. Thank you for taking the time to review the consultation and provide some initial feedback. Is it possible for you to share the specific location and boundaries of your proposed research district? Will any portion of the new facility be considered noise- or vibration-sensitive? This information will be very useful for our team as we begin the environmental review process.

And please rest assured that our team is aware of the archaeological sensitivity of this area, and we'll be addressing this issue through compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

Thank you,

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Hello Maggie,

Apologies for the delayed reply. The University has reviewed the consultation letter and has the following feedback. The proposed addition of the six miles of new rail is presumably being driven by proposed land uses adjacent to the new rail that would be served by such new infrastructure. The University would be interested in knowing what kinds of uses those might be and would be concerned if they potentially included heavy industrial or other such uses that might be incompatible with the ASU Polytechnic campus research and education mission. The University is planning a new research district on the south side of campus in proximity to where the new spur would originate from, as well existing research uses such as bee, lizard and other animal research habitats that could potentially be affected. The study area is also nearby to archaeologically sensitive areas that should also be taken into consideration. In short, while not specifically opposed to the proposed rail at this time, the University would like to better understand the proposed project and any potentially conflicting impacts to the adjacent neighborhood/community.

Thank you for the opportunity,

Patrick

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Hello Mr. Panetta,

The Union Pacific Railroad Company intends to seek authority from the Surface Transportation Board (Board) to construct and operate six miles of new rail line in Maricopa County, Arizona. An initial agency consultation letter is attached that provides additional information about the project and requests your agency's input regarding the proposed rail line by January 10, 2022. This letter was also mailed to your office on December 9, 2021. Please let us know if you prefer to receive future correspondence by mail or electronically and the preferred point of contact for your agency.

If you have any questions, please contact Adam Assenza, the Board's Office of Environmental Analysis Project Manager, at (202) 245-0301 or Adam.Assenza@stb.gov. We greatly appreciate your assistance and look forward to your participation in the Board's environmental review process for this project.

Thank you,

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