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PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY

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Tribal Historic Preservation Office

TO: Danielle Gosselin, Director
 Surface Transportation Board
 Office of Environmental Analysis
 RE: Docket No. FD 36501
 395 E Street SW
 Washington, DC 20423

DATE: 9/19/22

FROM: Shane Anton, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer

RE: Docket No. FD 36501, Union Pacific Railroad Company, Construction and Operation Exemption, Mesa, Maricopa County, Arizona, Section 106 Consultation Area of Potential Effects (APE), Class III Survey Report, Determinations of Register Eligibility, Treatment Recommendations, Memorandum of Agreement (MOA), Adverse Effect

Dear Director Gosselin,

The Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community Tribal Historic Preservation Office (SRPMIC-THPO) received your consultation documents dated September 1, 2022. The Union Pacific Railroad Company (UPRC) has filed a petition with the Surface Transportation Board (Board) requesting to construct and operate a 6 mile long rail line, the Pecos Industrial Rail Access and Train Extension (PIRATE), east and south of the Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport, Mesa, Maricopa County, Arizona.

Four previously recorded sites and two in-use structures have been identified within the project area:

1. AZ U:10:2(ASM), the Germann Site is an extensive Hohokam habitation that is Register eligible [REDACTED]. The OAE is recommending the development of an MOA and a Historic Property Treatment Plan (HPTP) to address the adverse effects of this undertaking.
2. AZ U:10:69(ASM) is a large Register eligible Hohokam habitation site. The OAE advises that this disturbed portion of the site will be considered as unevaluated regarding Register

eligibility. If the site cannot be avoided through project redesign, the OAE is recommending the development of an MOA and a HPTP to address the adverse effects of this undertaking.

3. 3) AZ U:10:152(ASM) is identified as a large Hohokam artifact scatter [REDACTED]. The site is considered a Register eligible property. The OAE is advising that the site boundary of AZ U:10:152(ASM) will not be expanded and that archaeological site monitoring during ground disturbing activities is recommended.
4. AZ U:10:275(ASM) is identified as the Sand Dune Site, an extensive Hohokam artifact scatter. The site is considered a Register eligible property. The OAE advises that this disturbed portion of the site will be considered as unevaluated regarding Register eligibility. If the site cannot be avoided through project redesign, the OAE is recommending the development of an MOA and a HPTP to address the adverse effects of this undertaking.
5. AZ U:10:154(ASM) is identified as the Old Rittenhouse Road. The road is currently in-use and is not considered a Register eligible property.
6. AZ U:16:299(ASM) is identified as the Mesa to Winkelman Spur of the Southern Pacific Railroad. The rail road is considered a Register eligible property which will not be affected by this undertaking. The Board and the OAE are seeking concurrence with recommendations for determinations of site Register eligibility, the preparation of a MOA, and with the preparation of a HPTP to address the adverse effects of this undertaking. The Board has made a project finding of adverse effect.

The Gila River Indian Community Tribal Historic Preservation Office (GRIC-THPO) provided the following comments on September 7, 2022.

- The GRIC-THPO does not agree with determinations of site Register eligibility. Sites AZ U:10:69(ASM) AZ U:10:152(ASM), and AZ U:10:275(ASM) have previously been determined to be Register eligible properties. The portions of these sites that are located within the project area are therefore considered Register eligible...We also recommend that the site boundary be expanded to include the newly documented portion of site AZ U:10:152(ASM).
- The GRIC-THPO concurs with a finding adverse effect for this undertaking. We also agree with recommendations for preparation of a Section 106 MOA, a HPTP, and with recommendations for archaeological site monitoring (if necessary).

The SRPMIC-THPO concurs with the comments of the GRIC-THPO. We look forward to reviewing and commenting on the MOA and HPTP, which include are suggested changes, when they become available.

The proposed project area is within the ancestral lands of the Four Southern Tribes (Gila River Indian Community; Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community; *Ak-Chin* Indian Community and the *Tohono O'odham* Nation). The SRPMIC-THPO will continue to participate in the Section 106 process of this undertaking.

Thank you for consulting with the SRPMIC-THPO. Should you have questions and/or concerns about this project, please contact me directly at (480) 362-6331.

Thank you.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Shane Anton', with a stylized, cursive script.

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