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[FRA BW Vegas Final PA Letter 2023-07-28_STB.pdf](#)

Good afternoon,

FRA is providing the attached cover letter and signature page regarding the Brightline West - Las Vegas to Victor Valley Project Programmatic Agreement. Due to its size, the Programmatic Agreement will be transferred to you via a separate email from the U.S. Department of Transportation Secure Large File Transfer Solution website with a link to download the document.

If you encounter any issues with accessing these files, please get in touch with me so I may assist you. Thank you for your ongoing participation in this project.

Sincerely,
Melissa Ivie (she/her/hers)
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**Federal Railroad
Administration**

July 28, 2023

Alan Tabachnick
Federal Preservation Officer
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395 East Street Southwest
Washington, DC, 20423

RE: Brightline West – Las Vegas To Victor Valley Project (formerly known as XpressWest High-Speed Passenger Train Project) San Bernardino County, California, and Clark County, Nevada Continuing Consultation – Transmittal of Programmatic Agreement For Signature

Dear Mr. Tabachnick:

The Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) is pleased to provide the final version of the *Programmatic Agreement Among the Federal Railroad Administration, the California State Historic Preservation Officer, the Nevada State Historic Preservation Officer, and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, Regarding the Brightline West – Las Vegas to Victor Valley Project in Baker, Yermo, and Barstow, in San Bernardino County, California, and in Las Vegas and Primm, in Clark County, Nevada*. Your individual signature page is enclosed and due to the size of the document you will receive a separate email from the U.S. Department of Transportation Secure Large File Transfer Solution website to download the Programmatic Agreement. Please note that FRA has already signed the agreement and our signature page is imbedded within the PDF.

FRA requests your agency sign and return your signature page no later than August 14, 2023. FRA has requested the Nevada State Historic Preservation Officer (NV SHPO), California State Historic Preservation Officer (CA SHPO), and Invited Signatories sign the agreement in counterparts. Following receipt of signatures from the CA SHPO, the NV SHPO, and the Invited Signatories, FRA will provide notification to the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation so they may be the last Signatory Party to sign.

Once FRA receives all of the signatures from Signatories and Invited Signatories, we will compile the final executed version and distribute this to the Signatories and Invited Signatories. Due to their size, FRA will post the final agreement, minus confidential appendixes, to Brightline West – Las Vegas to Victor Valley Project (Project) EGNYTE website. Confidential appendixes will be provided to those parties noted for receipt of confidential information. The

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Programmatic Agreement will be distributed to all Consulting Parties for concurrence after the agreement is executed.

Should you have any questions, or if we can assist you, please contact either Matthew Mielke, Project Manager, at 202-536-8157 or matthew.mielke@dot.gov or myself, at 279-977-2508 or melissa.ivie@dot.gov. Please send your individual signature page to me at melissa.ivie@dot.gov. If you prefer to print, wet sign, and mail your original signature page, please send the signed signature page to:

HNTB Corporation, c/o Angela Rothman
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Bellevue, WA 98004

Thank you for your continued participation in this process. We look forward to continuing to work with you on this Project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Melissa Ivie". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Melissa Ivie
Deputy Federal Preservation Officer
Federal Railroad Administration

Cc: Matthew Mielke, FRA
Melissa Ivie, FRA
Kimberly Demuth, HNTB
Micah Hale, Dudek
Danielle Gosselin, STB
Andrea Poole, STB

**PROGRAMMATIC AGREEMENT
AMONG
THE FEDERAL RAILROAD ADMINISTRATION,
THE CALIFORNIA STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER,
THE NEVADA STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER, AND
THE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON HISTORIC PRESERVATION,
REGARDING THE
BRIGHTLINE WEST – LAS VEGAS TO VICTOR VALLEY PROJECT
IN BAKER, YERMO, AND BARSTOW, IN SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY,
CALIFORNIA, AND IN LAS VEGAS AND PRIMM, IN CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA**

INVITED SIGNATORY:

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

By: _____ Date: _____
Danielle Gosselin
Director, Office of Environmental Analysis