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Good afternoon,

In accordance with Stipulation V.A. 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* (PA), FRA is notifying the Signatories, Invited Signatories, Consulting Tribes, and Consulting Parties of proposed modifications to the Project design that may result in additional or new effects on historic properties. Those modifications are summarized below:

The most significant changes include moving the Victor Valley Station (CA) and 14 miles of rail alignment from the east side of I-15 into the median, moving 12 miles of rail alignment between Primm and Jean (NV) from the east side of I-15 into the median, and moving the maintenance facility from the Victor Valley Station area to Sloan, NV with tracks connecting to the existing Union Pacific Railroad mainline. Accommodating these changes requires approximately 6 freeway ramp adjustments, 2 new emergency crossovers, 3 revised and 4 added culverts, a viaduct structure over an existing industrial railroad track, and an additional 2 miles of track south of the Victor Valley Station (all within the Caltrans right-of-way).

FRA is recommending that the Project Sponsor develop mapping and written description to depict and describe the proposed revisions to the area of potential effects (APE), as well as specifics of efforts for additional identification of historic properties, assessment of effects to historic properties, and treatment measures to resolve adverse effects, if identified.

As these project modifications would require amendment to the PA, FRA anticipates receiving this information from the Project Sponsor in the coming weeks and formally providing the proposed APE modification and PA amendment as well as description of additional efforts for consultation pursuant to Stipulation VI.A. and Stipulation XVI to the Signatories, Invited Signatories, Consulting Tribes, and Consulting Parties.

At this stage this is a notification of follow on efforts to come, which FRA will communicate as soon as that information is detailed. If you have any questions regarding this notification, please contact me.

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