



SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD
Washington, DC 20423

Office of Environmental Analysis

March 14, 2025

RE: Docket No. FD 36815, Texas Materials Group, Inc. – Construction and Operation Exemption – Line of Railroad in Burnet and Lampasas Counties, Texas; Preliminary Consultation Update

To Agency Representatives:

The Surface Transportation Board's (Board) Office of Environmental Analysis (OEA) is writing to inform you of an update to the preliminary consultation letter sent on March 4, 2025, for the above-referenced project. As explained in the March 4, 2025 letter, Texas Materials Group, Inc. (Texas Materials) is planning to seek authority from the Board to construct and operate a new rail line in Burnet and Lampasas Counties, Texas. The rail line would involve the reconstruction of track on the right-of-way of a previously abandoned rail line¹ and the construction of track on a new right-of-way. Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 4321-4370m-11), Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (54 U.S.C. 306108), and the Board's environmental rules at 49 C.F.R. Part 1105, OEA will prepare an environmental document that evaluates the potential environmental impacts of the proposed rail construction and operation.

In the March 4, 2025 letter, OEA requested comments on the proposed project and included a map of the project area. On March 11, 2025, Texas Materials informed OEA that the geographic data that it had previously provided to OEA for the map was incorrect and that it was submitting updated geographic data reflecting a change to the southern portion of its alternative alignment. Accordingly, an updated map is attached to this letter showing the updated alternative alignment.

Request for Comments

Please submit any comments that you may have **by April 14, 2025** so that OEA may begin the process of identifying the appropriate scope of the environmental review for the Project. To submit a response, select "File an Environmental Comment" on the Board's website at www.stb.gov (below the "Need Assistance?" button). Please make sure to refer to Docket No. FD 36815 in all correspondence, including e-filings, addressed to the Board. Brief comments

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Sincerely,

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Attachment 1: Updated Proposed Rail Line Location Map
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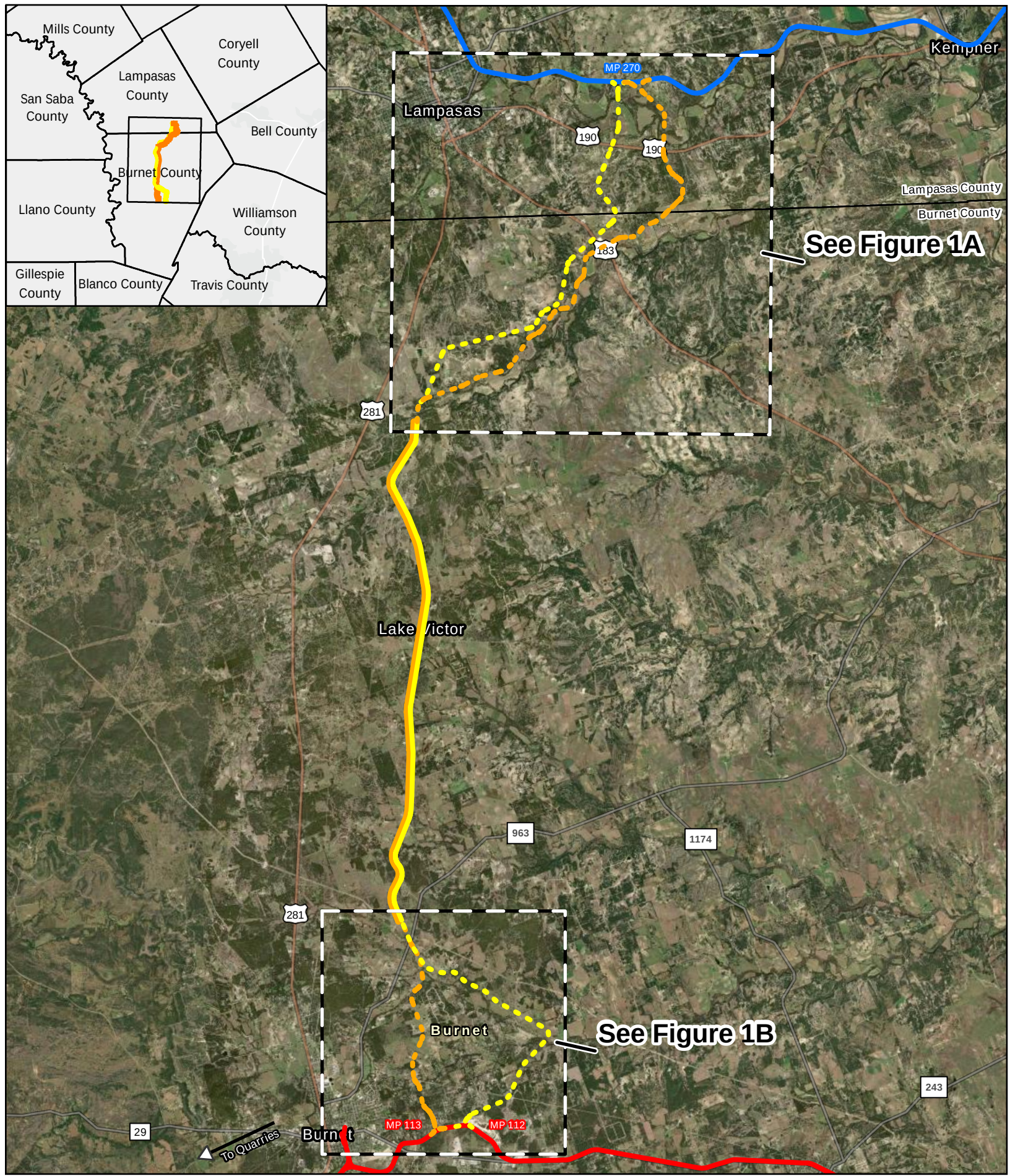
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- Applicant's Alternative Alignment

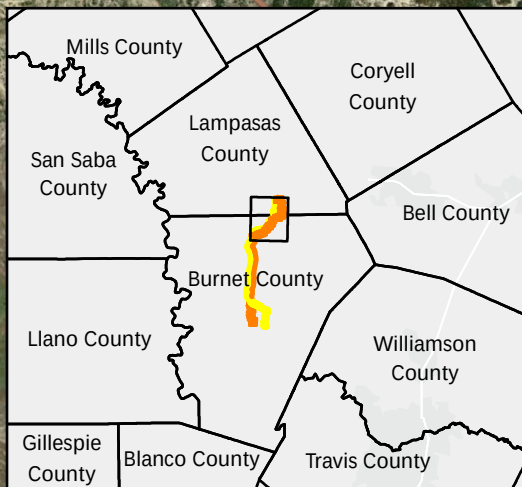
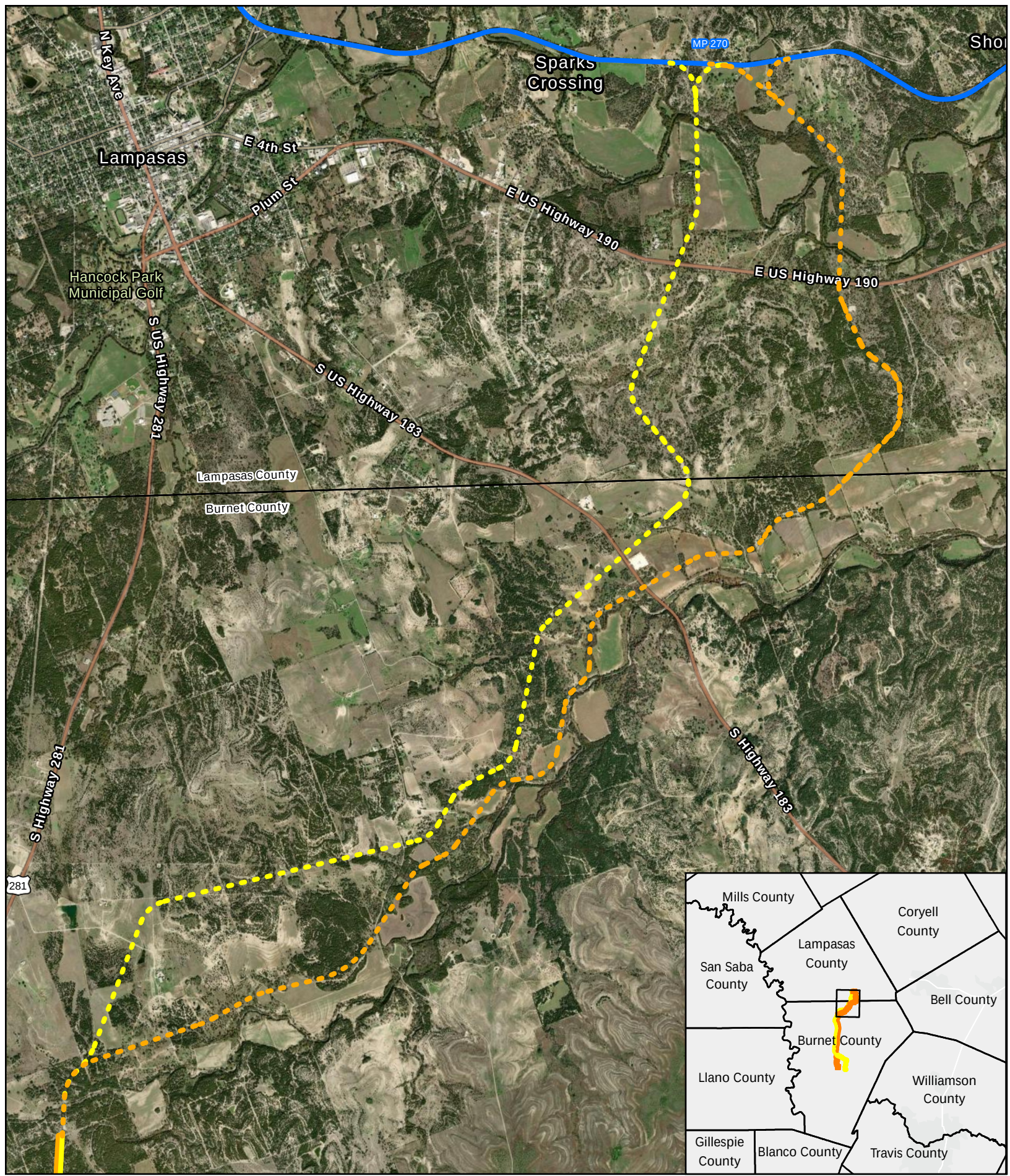
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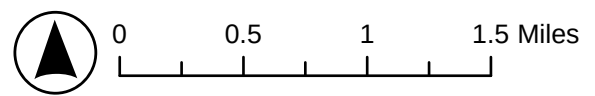
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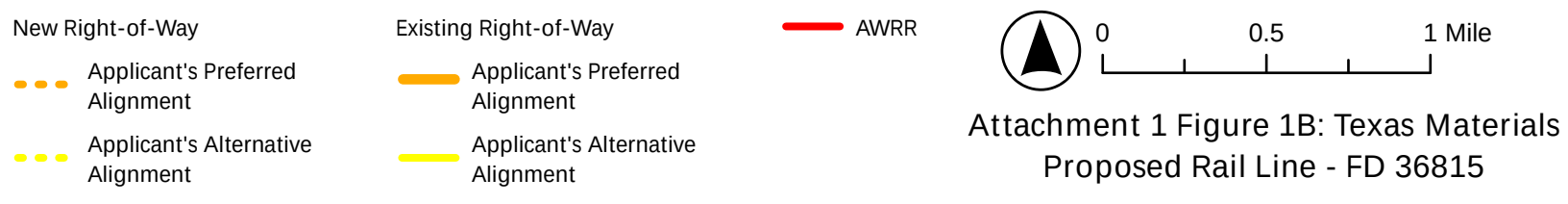
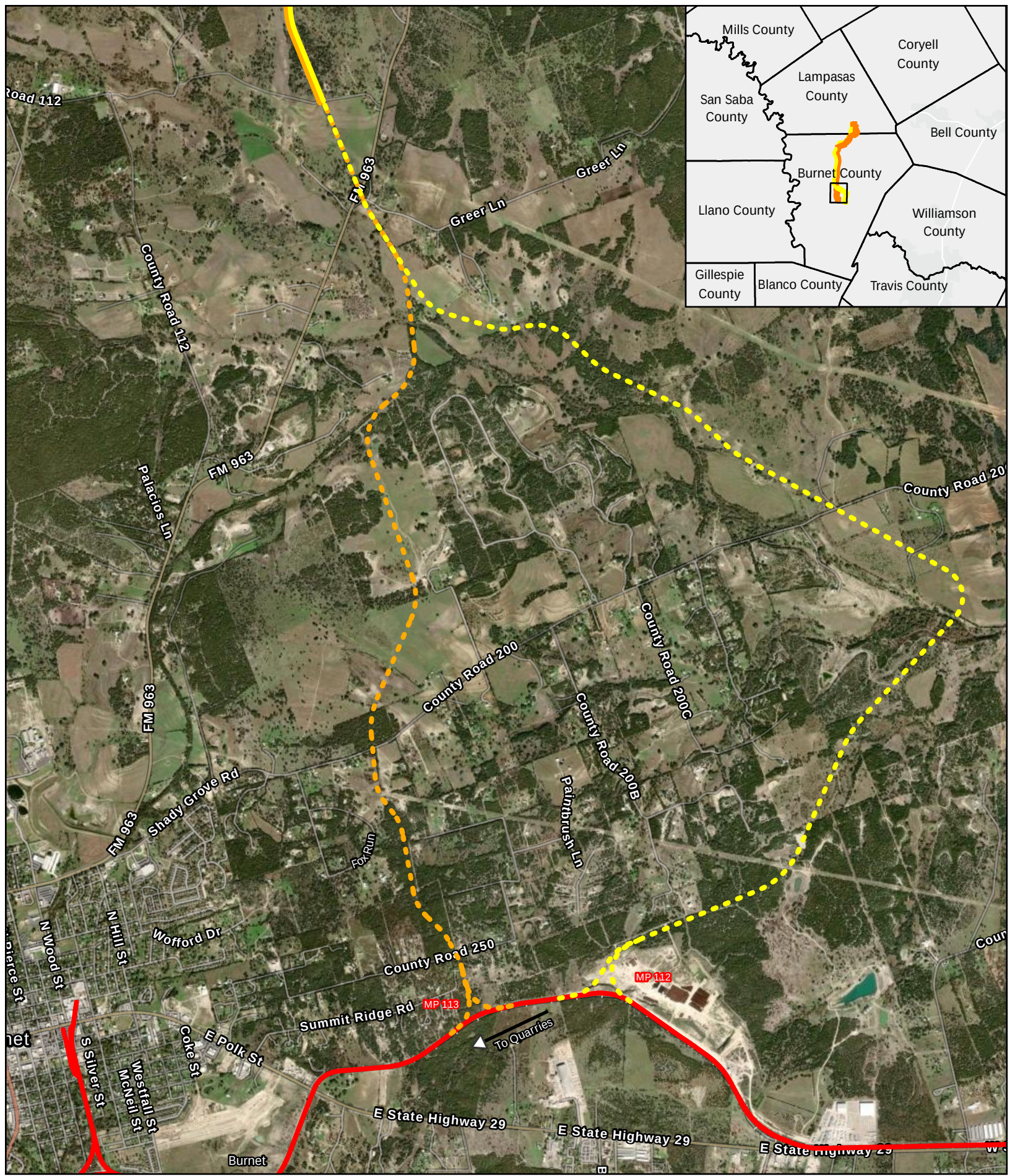
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Attachment 2: Initial Agency and Tribal Distribution List

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The below lists all federal, state, and local elected officials; federal, state and local agencies; tribal nations; and school districts contacted by the Office of Environmental Analysis (OEA) in connection with the above referenced Docket No. FD 36815.

Federal, State, and Local Elected Officials

- United States Senator John Cornyn
- United States Senator Ted Cruz
- United States Congressman John Carter
- United States Congressman August Pfluger
- State Representative Ellen Troxclair
- State Representative David Spiller
- State Senator Pete Flores
- State Governor Greg Abbott
- Bryan Wilson, County Judge, Burnet County, Texas
- Randall Hoyer, County Judge, Lampasas County, Texas
- Herb Pearce, Mayor, City of Lampasas, Texas
- Gary Wideman, Mayor, City of Burnet, Texas
- City of Lampasas City Council
- Jim Luther, Jr., Burnet County Commissioners Court Precinct 1
- Damon Beierle, Burnet County Commissioners Court Precinct 2
- Chad Collier, Burnet County Commissioners Court Precinct 3
- Joe Don Dockery, Burnet County Commissioners Court Precinct 4
- Bobby Carroll, Lampasas County Commissioners Court Precinct 1
- Jamie Smart, Lampasas County Commissioners Court Precinct 2
- Shad Hill, Lampasas County Commissioners Court Precinct 3
- Mark Rainwater, Lampasas County Commissioners Court Precinct 4

Federal Agencies

- Eunice Varughese, Director, Environmental Justice, Community Engagement, and Environmental Review Division, EPA - Region 6 (South Central),
- Amy Lueders, Regional Director, USFWS - Southwest Region

- Christina Williams, USFWS - Austin Ecological Services Field Office
- Brandon Mobley, Chief, Compliance Branch, Regulatory Division, USACE - Fort Worth Military District
- Robert Morgan, Deputy Regional Director, Trust Services, BIA - Southern Plains Region
- Terry Bruner, Deputy Regional Director, Indian Services, BIA - Southern Plains Region
- Zuleika Morales-Romero, Field Office Director, HUD - San Antonio Field Office
- Earl Redrick, Field Office Director, HUD - Fort Worth Regional Office
- Tony Robinson, Administrator, FEMA - Region 6
- Dr. Shachak Pe'eri, Acting Director, NOAA - National Geodetic Survey
- Kristy Oates, State Conservationist, NRCS - Texas State Office

State Agencies

- Doug Booher, Division Director, Texas Department of Transportation - Environmental Affairs
- Greg Cedillo, P.E., District Engineer, Texas Department of Transportation - Brownwood District
- Christi Craddick, Chairman, The Railroad Commission of Texas
- Tucker Ferguson, P.E., District Engineer, Texas Department of Transportation - Austin District
- Joseph Bell, Executive Director and SHPO, Texas Historical Commission
- Mark Lambert, Deputy Director, Texas General Land Office (GLO) - Archives & Records
- Alan Cain, Director, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department - Wildlife Division
- Jim Reed, Executive Director, Texas Association of Regional Councils - Central Texas Council of Governments
- Chris Miller, Executive Director, Texas Association of Regional Councils - Capital Area Council of Governments
- Ryan Vise, Director, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality - External Relations

Local Agencies

- Erin Corbell, City Manager, City of Lampasas - Administration
- Jody Cummings, Police Chief, City of Lampasas
- Joe Adams, Fire Chief, City of Lampasas
- Frank Ellett, Building Official, City of Lampasas - Building & Planning
- Becky Sims, Zoning Administrator, City of Lampasas - Building & Planning
- Mark Ingram, Fire Chief, City of Burnet
- Brian Lee, Police Chief, City of Burnet
- Eric Belaj, City Engineer, City of Burnet - Engineering
- Leslie Kimbler, Planning Manager, City of Burnet - Planning Department
- David Vaughn, City Manager, City of Burnet - Administration

Tribal Nations

- Durell Cooper, Chairman, Apache Tribe of Oklahoma
- Martina Minthorn, THPO, Comanche Nation of Oklahoma
- Forrest Tahdooahnippah, Chairman, Comanche Nation of Oklahoma

- David Sickey, Chairman, Coushatta Tribe of Louisiana
- Kristian Poncho, THPO, Coushatta Tribe of Louisiana
- Russell Martin, President, Tonkawa Tribe of Oklahoma
- Lauren Norman-Brown, THPO, Tonkawa Tribe of Oklahoma
- Gary McAdams, THPO, Wichita and Affiliated Tribes (Wichita, Keechi, Waco & Tawakonie) of Oklahoma
- Amber Silverhorn-Wolfe, President, Wichita and Affiliated Tribes (Wichita, Keechi, Waco & Tawakonie) of Oklahoma

School Districts

- Dr. Aaron Peña, Superintendent, Burnet Consolidated ISD
- Dr. Jeff Gasaway, Superintendent, Marble Falls ISD
- Chane Rascoe, Ed.D., Superintendent, Lampasas ISD