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Re: Project Review under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act
THC Tracking #202510628

Date: 06/18/2025

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I-35 and SH-255

Laredo, TX

Description: Proposed freight rail line project

Dear Laurent Cartayrade:

Thank you for your submittal regarding the above-referenced project. This response represents the comments of the State Historic Preservation Officer, the Executive Director of the Texas Historical Commission (THC), pursuant to review under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

The review staff, led by Justin Kockritz and Mary Galindo, has completed its review and has made the following determinations based on the information submitted for review:

Above-Ground Resources

- THC/SHPO unable to complete review at this time based on insufficient documentation. A supplemental review must be submitted, and the 30-day review period will begin upon receipt of adequate documentation.

Archeology Comments

- An archeological survey is required. You may obtain lists of archeologists in Texas through the Council of Texas Archeologists and the Register of Professional Archaeologists. Please note that other qualified archeologists not included on these lists may be used. If this work will occur on land owned or controlled by a state agency or political subdivision of the state, a Texas Antiquities Permit must be obtained from this office prior to initiation of fieldwork. All fieldwork should meet the Archeological Survey Standards for Texas. A report of investigations is required and should be produced in conformance with the Secretary of the Interior's Guidelines for Archaeology and Historic Preservation and submitted to this office for review. Reports for a Texas Antiquities Permit should also meet the Council of Texas Archeologists Guidelines for Cultural Resources Management Reports and the Texas Administrative Code. In addition, any buildings 45 years old or older that are located on or adjacent to the tract should be documented with photographs and included in the report. To facilitate review and make project information available through the Texas Archeological Sites Atlas, we appreciate the submittal of survey area shapefiles via the Shapefile tab on eTRAC concurrently with submission of the draft report. Please note that while appreciated for Federal projects this is required for projects conducted under a Texas Antiquities Permit. For questions on how to submit these, please visit our video training series at: <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLONbbv2pt4cog5t6mCqZVaEAX3d0MkgQC>

We have the following comments: Regarding archeology, according to our records the proposed APE has not been previously subject to an archeological investigation, and the mapped geological and soil units indicate there is an elevated probability for buried archeological sites in this area. As such, an archeological survey is required. The THC History Programs Division staff, led by Justin Kockritz, notes that we do not have a record of any aboveground historic properties in the general project area. However, we recommend that any historic-age aboveground resources be surveyed and their eligibility for listing in the National Register of Historic Places be evaluated.

We look forward to further consultation with your office and hope to maintain a partnership that will foster effective historic preservation. Thank you for your cooperation in this review process, and for your efforts to preserve the irreplaceable heritage of Texas. If the project changes, or if new historic properties are found, please contact the review staff. If you have any questions concerning our review or if we can be of further assistance, please email the following reviewers: justin.kockritz@thc.texas.gov, Mary.Galindo@thc.texas.gov.

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Sincerely,



for Joseph Bell, State Historic Preservation Officer
Executive Director, Texas Historical Commission

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