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Re: Project Review under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and/or the Antiquities Code of Texas

THC Tracking #202404181

Date: 01/16/2024

Green Eagle Railroad

Eagle Pass

Eagle Pass, TX

Description: Construction and operation of a new railroad line.

Dear Andrea Poole:

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 and the Antiquities Code of Texas.

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

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: Thank you for the early notification of this proposed project. The THC History Programs Division staff, led by Justin Kockritz, notes that we have no historic resources survey information for aboveground resources in this area of Maverick County and we are aware of no previously identified aboveground historic resources in the project area. For linear transportation projects, we have often recommended an Area of Potential Effect (APE) that includes all parcels wholly or partially within a 150-foot buffer of the project footprint, though the specifics of the project and the location may dictate otherwise. The THC Archeology Division staff, led by Mary Jo Galindo, notes that there are several previously recorded archeological sites within the proposed APE. We look forward to further consultation, including the identification of any historic properties within the APE when available.

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, amy.borgens@thc.texas.gov, Mary.Galindo@thc.texas.gov.

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Sincerely,



for Bradford Patterson, Chief Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer
Deputy Executive Director, Texas Historical Commission

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