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Re: Project Review under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act

THC Tracking #202606362

Date: 03/12/2026

Union Pacific Railroad Company – Construction and Operation Exemption (Docket No. FD 36854)
 Matagorda County

Description: Request for Comment.

Dear Karen Stevens:

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 Tracy Lovingood, 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

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

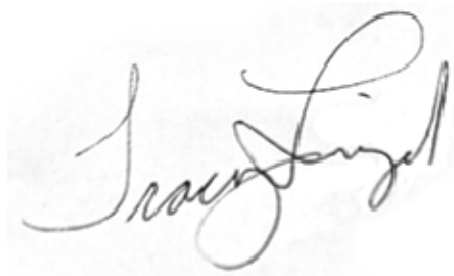
We have the following comments: The Texas Historical Commission Archeology Division review, led by Tracy Lovingood would like more information regarding the specific location of ground disturbing activities to include staging areas and depth and width of ground disturbance. The THC History Programs

Division staff, led by Justin Kockritz, notes that the St. Francis Catholic Church (located along FM 521, approximately 0.5 miles east of the proposed rail line) was designated as a Recorded Texas Historic Landmark in 1965 and the Church and its accompanying cemetery have a high likelihood of being eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. We are not aware of any other previously identified aboveground historic resources in the project area. For linear transportation projects along a new alignment, we often recommend an Area of Potential Effect (APE) that includes all parcels wholly or partially within a 300-foot buffer of the project footprint.

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, tracy.lovingood@thc.texas.gov.

This response has been sent through the electronic THC review and compliance system (eTRAC). Submitting your project via eTRAC eliminates mailing delays and allows you to check the status of the review, receive an electronic response, and generate reports on your submissions. For more information, visit <http://thc.texas.gov/etrac-system>.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Joseph Bell", is centered on the page. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized initial "J".

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

Please do not respond to this email.

cc: JKramer@parametrix.com