



SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD
Washington, DC 20423

Office of Environmental Analysis

September 28, 2015

Consulting Parties

**Re: STB Docket No. FD 34284—Southwest Gulf Railroad Company—
Construction and Operation Exemption—In Medina County, Texas; New and
Revised Programmatic Agreement for Review**

Dear Consulting Party:

Enclosed is a draft Programmatic Agreement (PA) for your review and comment. The PA was developed pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (54 U.S.C. § 306108) for the above referenced undertaking. The nine-mile rail line construction project was approved by the Surface Transportation Board (STB) in 2008.

Due to the lapse in time, the enclosed PA is a new and revised document as the original project PA expired in 2013. The new draft PA outlines the potential impacts of the proposed railroad line on historic, cultural and environmental resources along the approved Modified Eastern Bypass Route and stipulates measures that would be taken to avoid, minimize, or mitigate any such effects.

The STB's Office of Environmental Analysis developed the attached draft PA in consultation with the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation and the Texas Historic Commission, the signatory parties to the agreement, as well as the Southwest Gulf Railroad (SGR), an invited signatory party to the PA.

Comments on the PA must be **received no later than October 15, 2015** via email or by letter to the following:

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If you have any questions, require additional information regarding this proceeding, or have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at 202-245-0302, or by email at woodd@stb.dot.gov.

Sincerely,

Diana Wood

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