

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD
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MEMORANDUM

7/25/03

TO : Ann Newman, Director's Office
Office of Proceedings

FROM : Victoria Rutson, Chief
Section of Environmental Analysis

SUBJECT : **POST ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT RECOMMENDATIONS
IN DOCKET NO. AB-439 (SUB-NO. 1X) - AB 103 (Sub No. 15X) - AB
585X**

ABANDONMENT TYPE

The time for comments on the Environmental Assessment (EA) has expired in this:
(x) Notice of Exemption () Petition For Exemption () Regulated Abandonment

(X) NO COMMENTS TO THE EA RECEIVED

(X) The following recommendations in the EA are unchanged:

() Historic () Fish & Wildlife () Corps of Engineers () No Conditions
(x) Other - National Geodetic Survey

(X) Independent consultation requires the following new or changed conditions:

(x) Historic () Fish & Wildlife () Corps of Engineers () No Conditions
() _____

(SEE 1. and 2. below for specific changes.)

() COMMENTS TO THE EA RECEIVED

() Based on the comments, the following conditions should remain the same:

() Historic () Fish & Wildlife () Corps of Engineers () No conditions
() Other: National Geodetic Survey

() Based on the comments, we recommend the following new conditions or changed conditions:

() Historic () Fish & Wildlife () Corps of Engineers () No conditions
() Other:

(SEE 1. and 2. below for specific changes.)

1. PREVIOUSLY RECOMMENDED CONDITIONS SHOULD BE CHANGED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

There is one structure on the line, the a railroad trestle crossing the Trinity river, that is 50 years old or older. The trestle is already subject to a Section 106 Memorandum of Agreement among the Urban Mass Transit Administration (FTA), the Texas Historical Commission (THC) and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation that was reached in connection with the construction of Dallas Area Rapid Transit's (DART) South Oak Cliff Light Rail Transit Project.

The THC states in its letter of April 14, 2003, that DART has not yet fulfilled its obligations under the revised memorandum of agreement (MOA) for the South Oak Cliff Corridor project.

Further, THC states that abandonment of the trestle absent the mitigation stipulated in the MOA would breach its “no adverse effect” agreement with DART and the FTA regarding the trestle. Under these circumstances, THC recommends that DART retain the segment proposed for abandonment unaltered until completion of the of the stipulations of the MOA. According, SEA recommends that Applicant retain the line unaltered until completion of the Section 106 process.

2. THE FOLLOWING NEW CONDITIONS ARE RECOMMENDED:

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