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Ms. Diana F. Wood
Office of Environmental Analysis
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street SW Room 1110
Washington, DC 20423

Ref: *Proposed Southwest Gulf Railroad Rail Line Construction-Comments on Draft Programmatic Medina County, Texas*

Dear Ms. Wood:

Thank you for providing the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) with the draft Programmatic Agreement (PA) on August 7, 2015 for the Surface Transportation Board's (STB's) referenced undertaking. We are providing STB with our comments on this draft PA.

Stipulations

- Please clarify in the preamble to the Stipulations that STB will implement the measures in coordination with SGR.
- Please include a stipulation that outlines procedures for responding to the unanticipated discovery of historic properties or adverse effects to identified historic properties.
- A stipulation that includes procedures for facilitating ongoing public involvement for this project should be added.
- The expiration date used by STB must be shared with Signatories to the PA.

Signatures

- Please include a subheading that identifies the Invited Signatories to the PA.

We hope you find these comments helpful to STB as it finalizes the PA. If you have any questions, please contact Najah Duvall-Gabriel at (202) 517-0210 or via email at ngabriel@achp.gov.

Sincerely,

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