

Appendix B

SHPO Correspondence



MEMO

To: C. Cliff Creger, Chief Cultural Resource Program Manager, NDOT

From: Kristen Brown, Architectural Historian, SHPO

Date: May 22, 2018

Subject: Screening Form for I-15 at Trop, Las Vegas, Clark County, Nevada

NDOT CR#: CL18-013
EA: 74085
FHWA: SPI-015-1(75)

Per Section V.A.3 of the *Programmatic Agreement Among the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT), the Nevada State Historic Preservation Officer, and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation Regarding the Implementation of Federal-Aid Transportation Projects in the State of Nevada (PA)*, NDOT has provided the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) with a screening form which seeks SHPO review of 1) the proposed Area of Potential Effect (APE) and 2) NDOT's proposed level of identification efforts for their proposed undertaking per the relevant PA stipulations and Nevada Department of Transportation Cultural Resources Handbook chapters.

Per the information provided via the submitted Screening Form, the SHPO finds that:

- The 128.19-acre Direct APE as defined is adequate for this undertaking.
- The 193.67-acre Indirect APE as defined is adequate for the undertaking.
- The proposed identification efforts are adequate for this undertaking.
- Please include a summary of consultation efforts in the submission materials for this undertaking per Stipulations III and IV of the PA.
- The SHPO acknowledges that I-15 and its ancillary features are exempt from consideration as historic properties per a 2005 ACHP exemption.



January 17, 2019

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Re: Interstate 15 Tropicana Improvement Project, Las Vegas, Clark County, Nevada
FHWA SPI-015-1(75) / NDOT 74085 / NDOT CL18-013 / UT 2019-5757

Dear Mr. Creger,

The Nevada State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) has reviewed the subject documents received December 19, 2018 in accordance with the *2014 Federal-aid Transportation Programmatic Agreement* and accompanying *NDOT Cultural Resources Handbook*. The Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) is coordinating this review on behalf of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA).

Project Description

FHWA and NDOT propose to reconstruct the I-15/Tropicana Interchange and add HOV ramps at the Harmon Avenue and Hacienda Avenue overpasses. The undertaking includes improvements to: Tropicana Avenue and Dean Martin Drive; Russell Road, including the I-15/Tropicana Avenue HOV ramps; Tropicana Avenue from Valley View Boulevard to Las Vegas Boulevard; I-15 at the proposed HOV drop ramps at Harmon Avenue and Hacienda Avenue; and other local roads in the project area.

Area of Potential Effect (APE)

NDOT has determined that the APE for this undertaking consists of an area 317.27 acres in size that includes areas where work will occur plus a buffer of numerous adjacent parcels to account for indirect effects. The SHPO concurs with the adequacy of the APE as defined for this undertaking.

Identification and Evaluation of Historic Properties

Archaeology:

The SHPO acknowledges that there is little to no potential for archaeological resources in the area of direct effect.

Architecture:

NDOT conducted background investigations and field survey and determined that the APE contains four resources 50 years of age or older. Thank you for the numerous photographs that illustrate the project area and APE. The following list summarizes NDOT's National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) eligibility determinations and SHPO comments for the four resources:

- B17618 (3330 W. Tropicana Avenue) – The SHPO **concur**s with NDOT's determination that B17618 is **not eligible** for NRHP listing (Note a typo on the NDOT transmittal letter that misidentifies this resource as B17218). Please note that in the future, complexes with multiple

buildings such as this should be recorded as Districts or Clusters, or on multiple ARA Building forms, instead of grouped under one Building number.

- B17619 (4888 Dean Martin Drive) – The SHPO **concurs** with NDOT’s determination that B17619 is **not eligible** for NRHP listing (Note a typo on the NDOT transmittal letter that misidentifies this resource as B17219).
- B17620 (5085 Dean Martin Drive) – The SHPO **concurs** with NDOT’s determination that B17620 is **not eligible** for NRHP listing.
- B17621 (5115 Dean Martin Drive) – The SHPO **concurs** with NDOT’s determination that B17621 is **not eligible** for NRHP listing.

Native American Consultation

The SHPO acknowledges receipt of documentation that consultation with the affected Native American tribes has been concluded. This consultation did not result in the identification of properties of religious or cultural significance that could be affected by the undertaking.

Consultation with Interested Parties

The SHPO acknowledges receipt of documentation that consultation with the City of Las Vegas is complete and that no concerns were identified. Once the planned consultation with the general public is concluded, please forward a summary of those comments for inclusion in the project file.

Determination of Effect

The SHPO **concurs** with NDOT’s determination that there will be **No Historic Properties Affected** by the proposed undertaking.

Should you have questions concerning this correspondence, please contact SHPO staff architectural historian Kristen Brown at (775) 684-3439 or by email at knbrown@shpo.nv.gov.

Sincerely,



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