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**SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD
OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS**

FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

ENVIRONMENTAL RECOMMENDATIONS IN DOCKET NO. AB 33 303X and AB 980 1X

July 5, 2012

ABANDONMENT TYPE

The time for comments on the Environmental Assessment (EA) has expired in this:

() Notice of Exemption (X) Petition for Exemption () Regulated Abandonment

(X) NO NEW COMMENTS WERE RECEIVED

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OEA served an Environmental Assessment (EA) for this proceeding on June 1, 2012, for public review and comment. In the EA, OEA recommended 2 environmental conditions.

Conclusions

The EA comment period has ended. Accordingly, OEA recommends that the following 2 conditions previously recommended in the EA should be imposed upon any decision granting abandonment authority:

1. **Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP) and Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA), shall retain their interest in and take no steps to alter the historic integrity of all historic properties including sites, buildings, structures, and objects within the project right-of-way (the Area of Potential Effect) that are eligible for listing or listed in the National Register of Historic Places until the Section 106 process of the National Historic Preservation Act, 16 U.S.C. § 470f, has been completed. UP and VTA shall report back to the Office of Environmental Analysis (OEA) regarding any consultations with the SHPO and the public. UP and VTA may not file its consummation notice or initiate any salvage activities related to abandonment (including removal of tracks and ties) until the Section 106 process has been completed and the Board has removed this condition.**
2. **Union Pacific Railroad Company and Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority shall consult with the National Geodetic Survey at least 90 days prior to the beginning of salvage activities that will disturb or destroy any geodetic station markers.**

If the above conditions are imposed, OEA believes that the proposed action will not significantly affect the quality of the human environment.

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