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**SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD
WASHINGTON, DC 20423**

SUPPLEMENTAL FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

Docket No. AB 33 (Sub-No. 345X)

**Union Pacific Railroad–Abandonment Exemption–
in Riverside and San Bernardino Counties, Cal.**

ABANDONMENT TYPE

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

() **NO NEW COMMENTS WERE RECEIVED**

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On September 18, 2020, Union Pacific Railroad (UP) filed a verified notice with the Surface Transportation Board (Board) under 49 C.F.R. § 1152.50 seeking authority to abandon approximately 0.54 miles of rail line between milepost 7.06 and milepost 7.6 on a portion of the Crestmore Industrial Lead in Riverside and San Bernardino Counties, California (the Line). By decision served July 29, 2021, the Board imposed a historic preservation condition pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), 54 U.S.C. § 306108 (Section 106 condition).

The Section 106 condition requires UP to: (a) retain its 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 are listed in the National Register of Historic Places until completion of the section 106 process of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA); (b) report back to the Board's Office of Environmental Analysis (OEA) regarding any consultations with the California State Parks' Office of Historic Preservation (State Historic Preservation Office or SHPO) and the public; and (c) 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.

Comments

On June 6, 2023, UP submitted a letter from the SHPO dated June 5, 2023 (SHPO reference STB_2020_0428_001). The SHPO indicated that it had completed its review of the

Cultural Resources Assessment Report (CRAR) submitted by UP and concurs with the report's findings. Specifically, the SHPO concurs that the following eight properties are not eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places (National Register): (1) the Crestmore Plant Change Room; (2) the UP Railroad spur (CRAR reference P-33-013240); (3) the Bloomington Overhead Powerline (CRAR reference P-33-013239/P-33-016681); (4) 18861 2nd Street; (5) 18854 2nd Street; (6) 18880 5th Street; (7) 18881 5th Street; and (8) Green Acres Memorial. The SHPO also concurs that the following two properties are eligible for listing in the National Register: (1) the Crestmore Plant Office and Laboratory, which is eligible under Criterion C for its Mid-Century Modern architecture; and (2) the Crestmore Plant Medical Office, which is eligible under Criterion C for its early Spanish Colonial Revival architecture. The SHPO further concurs with the CRAR's finding that the proposed abandonment would have no adverse effect on the above National Register-eligible resources.

Accordingly, pursuant to the Section 106 regulations of the NHPA at 36 C.F.R. § 800.4(d)(1), and following consultation with the SHPO and the public, OEA has determined that the proposed abandonment would not affect historic properties listed in or eligible for inclusion in the National Register. The documentation for this finding, as specified at 36 C.F.R. § 800.11(e), consists of UP's historic report, all relevant correspondence, and the EA (Draft, Final and Supplemental Final), which have been provided to the SHPO and made available to the public through posting on the Board's website at www.stb.gov.

Conclusion

For the reasons stated above, OEA recommends that the Board remove the Section 106 condition imposed in its July 29, 2021 decision.

By the Board, Danielle Gosselin, Acting Director, Office of Environmental Analysis.