February 26, 2020

Shawn M. Kozica
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Federal Aviation Administration
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Re: Proposed Las Vegas Metroplex Project, Clark County, Nevada (UT # 2019-5688)

Dear Mr. Kozica:

The Nevada State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) has reviewed the subject documents received January 28, 2020 in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) of 1966, as amended.

Project Description
Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) proposes to optimize the efficiency of aircraft routes and the supporting airspace management structure in and around the Las Vegas Metroplex, including areas surrounding McCarran International Airport, Henderson Executive Airport, and the North Las Vegas Airport. The project will entail changes to aircraft flight paths and altitudes in certain areas, and the publishing and implementing of optimized standard arrival and departure instrument procedures.

Area of Potential Effect (APE)
FAA has determined that the APE for this undertaking is an area approximately 3.5 miles in size that corresponds to areas where an increase in noise would be “reportable.” The SHPO agrees with the adequacy of the APE as defined.

Identification and Evaluation of Historic Properties
The SHPO concurs with the FAA’s determination that the identification efforts are adequate for the APE established for this undertaking under the NHPA.

This identification effort included a literature search (e.g., the Nevada Cultural Resource Inventory System) and consultation with interested parties. This effort resulted in the identification of the following cultural resources within the APE that are either listed in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) or have previously been determined eligible for NRHP listing: a 2.5-mile
segment of the Old Spanish Trail, Arrowhead Trail, US Highway 91, a historic gas station, and St. Thomas Branch of the Union Pacific Railroad. FAA also identified the following unevaluated historic resource in the APE: a historic airmail route concrete arrow, CR 161 (Goodspurks Road), and an aerobatic box associated with Jean Airport.

The FAA identified 242 previously recorded archaeological sites within the established APE. Thus, the FAA “assumes that potentially eligible sites are present” within the APE.

**Native American Consultation**
The SHPO acknowledges receipt of documentation that consultation with the affected Native American tribes has been concluded per 36 CFR §800.3(f)(2). This consultation did not result in the identification of properties of religious and/or cultural significance that could be affected by the undertaking.

**Consulting Parties and Public Consultation**
The SHPO acknowledges receipt of documentation that consultation with the public and representatives of organizations that have a demonstrated interest in historic properties (e.g., National Park Service – Intermountain Trails Office, Bureau of Land Management, Clark County), has been concluded per 36 CFR §800.2(c)(5) and 36 CFR §800.2(d). This consultation resulted in the identification of a 2.5-mile segment of the Old Spanish Trail and a historic airmail route concrete arrow located within the APE.

**Finding of Effect**
The SHPO **would concur** with an FAA finding of **No Adverse Effect** to Historic Properties for this undertaking.

**Unanticipated Discovery or Effects**
If any previously unidentified resources or unanticipated effects on historic properties are identified during the project activities, the SHPO recommends this office be contacted for additional consultation per 36 CFR §800.13(b).

Should you have any questions concerning this correspondence, please contact Jessica Axsom at (775) 684-3445 or by email at jaxsom@shpo.nv.gov or SHPO staff architectural historian Kristen Brown at (775) 684-3439 or by email at knbrown@shpo.nv.gov.

Sincerely,

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