Appendix E

AB 52 Consultation
June 28, 2015

Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments
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Marine, CA 93933-0838


Saleki Atsa,

As of the date of this letter, in accordance with Public Resources Code Section 21080.3.1, subd. (b), Ohlone/Costanoan-Esseen Nation, which is traditionally and culturally affiliated with a geographic area within your agency's geographic area of jurisdiction, requests formal notice of and information on proposed projects for which your agency will serve as a lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), Public Resources Code section 210000 et seq.

Pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21080.3.1, subd. (b), and until further notice, we hereby designate the following person as the tribe's lead contact person for purposes of receiving notices of proposed projects from your agency:

Name: Louise J. Miranda Ramirez
Title: OCEN Tribal Chairwoman
Address: P.O. Box 1301
Monterey, CA 93942
Phone/Fax Number: (408) 629-5189
Cell Phone: (408) 661-2486
Email: ramirez.louise@yahoo.com

We request that all notices be sent via certified U.S. Mail with return receipt. Following receipt and review of the information your agency provides, within the 30-day period prescribed by Public Resources Code section 21080.3.1, subd. (d), the Ohlone/Costanoan-Esseen Nation may request consultation, as defined by Public Resources Code section 21080.3.1, subd. (b), pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21080.3.2 to mitigate any project impacts a specific project may cause to tribal cultural resources.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact our lead contact person listed above.

Nimasianxelpasaleki, Sincerely

Louise J. Miranda Ramirez
OCEN Tribal Chairwoman
2653 McLaughlin Ave.
San Jose, CA 95121

Cc: Native American Heritage Commission
OCEN Tribal Council
December 21, 2015

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P.O. Box 1301
Monterey, CA 93942

Re: Tribal Cultural Resources under the California Environmental Quality Act, AB 52 OF 2014). Formal Notification of Project Undertaking, and Notification of Consultation Opportunity, pursuant to Public Resources Code § 21080.3.1 (hereafter PRC).

Dear Ms. Ramirez:

AMBAG will be undertaking preparation of the 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (MTP/SCS), and will serve as the 2040 MTP/SCS EIR lead agency.

Attached is the Notice of Preparation for the 2040 MTP/SCS EIR, which includes a description of the proposed project, a map showing the project location, and the name of our project point of contact, pursuant to PRC § 21080.3.1 (d).

Pursuant to PRC § 21080.3.1 (b), you have 30 days from the receipt of this letter to request consultation, in writing, with AMBAG.

Very Respectfully,

Heather Adamson
Director of Planning
Notice of Preparation for an Environmental Impact Report

2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND SCOPE OF ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS

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Project Location

The geographical extent of the proposed 2040 MTP/SCS includes San Benito, Santa Cruz and Monterey counties, and all incorporated cities and unincorporated areas contained therein. Capital improvement projects identified in the 2040 MTP/SCS are located on state highways, rail lines, county and city roads, and locally owned streets, as well as on airport property and transit district property. The geographical extent for each RTPA's Regional Transportation Plan is the boundary for each respective county, including its incorporated and unincorporated areas.

Project Description

As the MPO for the tri-county region of Monterey, San Benito and Santa Cruz counties, AMBAG is charged with developing a 2040 MTP/SCS. The 2040 MTP/SCS is the metropolitan long-range transportation plan for Monterey, San Benito and Santa Cruz counties. The Council of San Benito County Governments (SBtCOG), the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (SCCRTC) and the Transportation Agency for Monterey County (TAMC) are the state-designated Regional Transportation Planning Agencies (RTPAs) for San Benito, Santa Cruz and Monterey counties, respectively. Each RTPA prepares a county-level long-range Regional Transportation Plan, which will be evaluated in this EIR. The 2040 MTP/SCS is used to guide the development of the Regional and Federal Transportation Improvement Programs, as well as other transportation programming documents and plans. The MTP outlines the region's goals and policies for meeting current and future mobility needs, providing a foundation for transportation decisions by local, regional and State officials that are ultimately aimed at achieving a coordinated and balanced transportation system. The 2040 MTP/SCS sets forth actions, programs and projects to address these needs consistent with adopted policies and goals. The 2040 MTP/SCS also documents the financial resources needed to implement the plan. The EIR will serve as the Program EIR for the AMBAG 2040 MTP/SCS as well as for the Regional Transportation Plans prepared by the RTPAs for San Benito, Santa Cruz and Monterey counties.

The Sustainable Communities and Climate Protection Act of 2008 (SB 375, Steinberg) enhances California's ability to reach its AB 32 greenhouse gas emissions reduction goals by promoting coordinated planning with the goal of creating more sustainable communities. SB 375 mandates regional greenhouse gas emission reduction targets for passenger vehicles. Pursuant to SB 375, the California Air Resources Board (CARB) established and will update targets for 2020 and 2035 for each region covered by one of the State's 18 metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs). AMBAG, as the regional MPO, must prepare a SCS intended to meet regional greenhouse gas reduction targets through integrated land use, housing and transportation planning. AMBAG is currently preparing the 2040 MTP/SCS for the region.

If the targets established by CARB cannot be feasibly met, AMBAG will prepare an Alternative Planning Strategy (APS) to show how the targets would be achieved through alternative development patterns, infrastructure, or additional transportation measures or policies.

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**Probable Environmental Effects to be Addressed in the EIR**

The 2040 MTP/SCS/RTPs EIR will analyze the plans’ impacts on the physical environment and identify mitigation measures to avoid or substantially lessen significant environmental effects. It also will be an informational document intended to inform public decisionmakers, interested agencies and the general public about the potential environmental effects of a project.

AMBAG with input from the RTPAs for San Benito, Santa Cruz and Monterey Counties is currently reviewing SCS scenarios to assess how future land use and transportation changes could achieve a coordinated and balanced regional transportation system while reducing GHG emissions from passenger vehicles and light trucks to meet the regional GHG reduction targets set by the CARB. Following public review and input, the AMBAG Board of Directors will select a preferred SCS scenario to serve as the EIR proposed project. The EIR will evaluate the environmental effects of the preferred SCS scenario in detail.

The impact categories listed below have been preliminarily identified for analysis in the 2040 MTP/SCS EIR.

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The EIR also will address cumulative impacts, growth inducing impacts and other issues required by CEQA.
Preliminary 2040 MTP/SCS Alternatives

In addition, the EIR also will evaluate the environmental impacts of alternative scenarios. The analysis of alternatives will focus on various land use and transportation scenarios that make different assumptions regarding the combinations of future land uses and transportation system improvements. The following preliminary MTP/SCS project alternatives may be addressed in the EIR:

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- **Intensified Land Use Alternative** – The Intensified Land Use Distribution Alternative will analyze a more compact land use pattern that further concentrates the forecasted population and employment growth in areas identified for more intensified use. The transportation network will be modified to accommodate this projected concentration of future growth.
January 17, 2016

re: AMBAG, 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy

Saleki Atsa,

Ohlone/Costanoan-Esselen Nation is an historically documented previously recognized tribe. OCEN is the legal tribal government representative for over 600 enrolled members of Esselen, Carmeleno, Monterey Band, Rumsen, Chalon, Soledad Mission, San Carlos Mission and/or Costanoan Mission Indian descent. Though other indigenous people may have lived in the area, the area is the indigenous homeland of our people. Included with this letter please find a territorial map by Taylor 1856; Levy 1973; and Milliken 1990, indentifying Tribal areas.

Ohlone/Costanoan-Esselen Nation objects to all excavation in known cultural lands, even when they are described as previously disturbed, and of no significant archaeological value. Please be advised that it is our first priority that our ancestor’s remains be protected and undisturbed. We desire that all sacred burial items be left with our ancestors on site or where they are discovered. All cultural items returned to Ohlone/Costanoan-Esselen Nation. We ask for the respect that is afforded all of our current day deceased, by no other word these burial sites are cemeteries, respect for our ancestors as you would expect respect for your deceased family members in today’s cemeteries. Our definition of respect is no disturbance.

OCEN’s Tribal leadership desires to be provided with archaeological reports/surveys, including subsurface testing, and presence/absence testing. OCEN request to be included in mitigation and recovery programs, reburial of any of our ancestral remains, placement of all cultural items, and that a Native American Monitor of Ohlone/Costanoan-Esselen Nation, approved by the OCEN Tribal Council be used within our aboriginal territory.

We request consultation on projects affecting our aboriginal homelands. We look forward to hearing more information about this project; please feel free to contact me at (408) 629-5189. Nimasianexelpasaleki. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely and Respectfully Yours,

Louise J. Miranda Ramirez, Chairperson
Ohlone/Costanoan-Esselen Nation
(408) 629-5189

Cc: OCEN Tribal Council

Note: attached map has been excluded from the EIR appendix to maintain confidentiality
May 9, 2016

To whom it may concern:

Re: California Environmental Quality Act Public Resources Code section 21080.3, subd. (b); California Assembly Bill 52, Request for Formal Notification of Proposed Projects within your jurisdiction that is traditionally and culturally affiliated with the Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians.

The purpose of this letter is to request formal notification of proposed projects within your jurisdiction that is traditionally and culturally affiliated with the Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians, in accordance with Public Resources Code Section 21080.3.1, subd. (b). As of the date of this letter, you have been formally notified that the boundaries of your local government’s jurisdiction fall within the area that is traditionally and culturally affiliated with the Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians. Additionally, Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians has created specific requests and formal procedures in accordance with California Assembly Bill 52:

- Formal notice of and information on proposed projects for which your agency will serve as a lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), Public Resources Code section 21000 et seq. Pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21080.3.1, subd. (b) shall be sent to Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians

- Within 14 days of determining that an application for a project is complete or of a decision by your agency to undertake a project, a lead agency must provide formal notification to Cultural Monitoring Coordinator, Michael Mirelez, who is the designated contact and tribal representative for the traditionally and culturally affiliated Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians regarding notifications pertaining to California Assembly Bill 52

Contact Information:
Michael Mirelez
Cultural Resource Coordinator
Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians
Address: P.O. Box 1160 Thermal, CA 92274
Office: 760-397-0300 ext:1213
Cell: 760-399-0022
Email: mmirelez@tmdci.org

This notice shall consist of a formal written letter that includes:
- A description of the proposed project
- The project’s location
- The lead agency contact information
- A clear and definitive statement that the tribe has 30 day to request consultation
- An Aerial Photo of the project Area
- Copies of the CHRIS Archaeological Record Search

- Once the Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians has received the notification, we will respond within 30 days as to whether we wish to initiate consultation as prescribed by Public Resources Code section 21080.3.1, subd. (d), the Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians, may request consultation, as defined by Public Resources Code section 21080.3.1, subd. (b), pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21080.3.2 to mitigate any project impacts a specific project may cause to tribal cultural resources.

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- Once a review of inadvertent discoveries has been completed by the Cultural Resource Director, all information will then be transferred to the Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians Tribal Council for a final decision and directive.

Sincerely,

Michael Mirelez
Cultural Resource Coordinator
Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians
June 13, 2016

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P.O. Box 1160
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