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Dear Mr. Donaldson,

This letter is in response to the National Park Service (NPS) request for review and comment on the Draft Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) produced as part of the Extension of F-Line Streetcar Service to Fort Mason Center Project in San Francisco, CA. As part of this review, the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) reviewed the following documentation related to the Section 106 Consultation:

- Letter to Kate Richardson, Superintendent, NPS, SF Maritime National Historical Park (NHP) and Brian O'Neill, General Superintendent, NPS, Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA), from Milford Wayne Donaldson, State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) (December 3, 2007) [Re: Section 106 Review for the San Francisco Municipal Railway (Muni) Extension, San Francisco];
- Letter to Milford Wayne Donaldson, SHPO from Frank Dean, Acting Superintendent, GGNRA and Kate Richardson, Superintendent, San Francisco Maritime NHP (September 29, 2009) [Re: Review of Historical Resources Technical Report and associated DPR 523 forms];
- Letter to Ohlone/Costanoan Representative from GGNRA and San Francisco Maritime NHP (June 15, 2010) [Re: Native American Consultation]
- Letter to Milford Wayne Donaldson, SHPO from Frank Dean, General Superintendent, GGNRA and Craig Kenkel, Superintendent, San Francisco Maritime NHP (December 17, 2010) [Re: Project Area of Potential Effects and Previous Consultation, Project Location and Description, Native American Consultation, Identification and Evaluation of Historic Properties, Assessment of Effects, Cumulative Effects, and Request for Concurrence, and Resolution of Adverse Effects and Continuing Consultation; H4217 (GOGA-CRMM)];
- Letter to Frank Dean, General Superintendent, GGNRA and Craig Kenkel, Superintendent, NHP from Milford Wayne Donaldson, SHPO (November 7, 2011) [Re: Extension of Historic Streetcar Service, San Francisco, CA; NPS071019A];
- Draft Memorandum of Agreement between the National Park Service and the California State Historic Preservation Officer, Regarding the Extension of Historic Streetcar Service Project in San Francisco City and County, California.

The HPC held a duly-noticed public hearing on December 7, 2011 to review and comment on the above-mentioned documents. Planning Department staff presented the attached staff report. This letter contains the Commission's view on the effects of this undertaking upon historic properties within the Area of Potential Effect (APE) and the associated Draft MOA. This letter will also be forwarded to the lead Federal Agency (NPS), Project Sponsor (NPS and San Francisco Municipal Transit Authority), and any other interested parties.

The Historic Preservation Commission's comments and discussion are as follows:

- 1. The Commission asked questions on the design of the new shelters, stations and platforms associated with the Streetcar Extension Project. The Commission commented that the shelters, stations and platforms should be designed to be sensitive and compatible with any surrounding historic districts, particularly the Aquatic Park NHL and other property owned by the National Park Service.
- 2. The Commission agrees that the project would be much enhanced through the integral involvement of the San Francisco Planning Department, particularly as related to the public realm design and the design of the new shelters, stations and platforms.
- 3. The Commission concurs that the San Francisco Planning Department should participate in the Extension of the F-Line Streetcar Service to Fort Mason Center Project, pending consultation with the City Attorney.

<u>Public Comment</u> No members of the public spoke on the item.

The HPC appreciates the opportunity to participate in review of this document.

Sincerely,

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Charles Chase, President San Francisco Historic Preservation Commission

Attachments

• Planning Department Staff Report for Case No. 2011.1173F (Extension of F-Line Streetcar Service to Fort Mason Center)

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