

NEVADA STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE

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December 20, 2022

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Dear Mr. Smith:

The Nevada State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) received the subject documents on November 21, 2022 and has reviewed them in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended. The Washoe County Community Services Department (County) is coordinating this review on behalf of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Project Description

The County proposes to undertake Phases 3 and 4 of the Nevada Cares Campus Project in central Reno (APN #s 008-211-47, 008-211-48, 008-211-050, and 008-211-51). Phases 3 and 4 will include:

- Demolishing existing buildings;
- Constructing four new buildings (Intake Case Management Building, Resource Center Building, Day Center Building, and General Administration Building), including excavation depth up to eight feet and building heights up to 34 feet;
- Conducting relevant site work;
- Installing utilities and utility infrastructure, including excavation depth up to ten feet;
- Constructing roads and parking lots; and
- Landscaping and fencing.

Area of Potential Effect (APE)

The County has defined the APE as a 18.7-acre area where work will occur plus several surrounding parcels to account for visual effects. The total APE is approximately 50 acres in size. The SHPO **agrees** with the APE as defined.

Identification and Evaluation of Historic Properties

Architecture:

The County identified eight historic-age built resources in the APE. The following list summarizes the County identification and evaluation efforts and SHPO comments:

RE: Section 106 consultation for Nevada Cares Campus Project, 1800 Threlkel Street, Reno, Nevada; SHPO UT 2023-7423; 29845

- D437 (Wells Cargo Freight Yard) The County determined that this newly-recorded resource in the Direct APE is **not eligible** for listing in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP). The SHPO **concurs**.
- B15585 (1943 building within D437) The County updated the survey for B15585 in the Direct APE and determined that the building is **not eligible** for NRHP listing. The SHPO **concurs**.
- C408 (Governors Bowl Park) The County determined that this newly-recorded resource in the Direct APE is **not eligible** for listing in the NRHP. The SHPO **concurs**.
- D129 (Lincoln Highway) The SHPO previously concurred that this resource in the Visual APE is **eligible** for NRHP listing.
- D266 (Victory Highway) The SHPO previously concurred that this resource in the Visual APE is **eligible** for NRHP listing.
- D265 (U.S. 40) The SHPO previously concurred that this resource in the Visual APE is eligible for NRHP listing.
- D264 (East 4th Street Roadside Historic District) The SHPO previously concurred that this resource in the Visual APE is **eligible** for NRHP listing.
- D248 (Central Pacific Railroad) The SHPO previously concurred that this resource in the Visual APE is **eligible** for NRHP listing.

Archaeology:

The County determined that a Class III inventory is not warranted due to the disturbed nature of the project area and recognizes the potential to recover intact buried cultural materials is minimal. The SHPO **agrees**.

Consultation with Interested Parties

Pursuant to 36 CFR §800.4(a)(4) and §800.2(c)(5), it is the responsibility of the County to consult with the affected Native American tribes, local government, public, and representatives of organizations that have demonstrated interest in historic properties. What efforts have been made regarding this level of consultation? Please provide a narrative summary with results of consultation so that the SHPO administrative record is complete for the purposes of this undertaking.

Finding of Effect

The County determined that there would be No Historic Properties Affected by the proposed undertaking. Due to the presence of NRHP-eligible resources in the APE, the SHPO **would concur** with a finding of **No Adverse Effect** to historic properties. If the County is able to make that finding, no further consultation with our office will be required.

Unanticipated Discovery

Section 5 (Page 11) of the Archaeological Monitoring Plan states that the County will notify the SHPO of a discovery within three calendar days. However, regulations found at 36 CFR 800.13(b)(3) state that the SHPO will be notified of a discovery within 48 hours and the SHPO will have 48 hours to respond. Please revise the document to reflect the regulations.

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Should you have questions concerning this correspondence, please contact SHPO staff archaeologist Ashley Wiley at (775) 684-3450 or awiley@shpo.nv.gov.

Sincerely,

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