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Mr. David Price
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Subject: Section 106 and Public Resources Code 5024 Consultation for the US 101/Prado Road Over Crossing Project. PM 26.8, City of San Luis Obispo, San Luis Obispo County, CA

Dear Mr. Price:

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) is consulting with the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) regarding the above referenced undertaking. Caltrans is consulting with the SHPO in accordance with the January 1, 2014 *First Amended Programmatic Agreement Among the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, the California State Historic Preservation Officer, and the California Department of Transportation Regarding Compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, as it Pertains to the Administration of the Federal-Aid Highway Program in California* (Section 106 PA). Caltrans is also consulting in accordance with the Public Resources Code 5024 and pursuant to the *Memorandum of Understanding Between the California Department of Transportation and the California State Historic Preservation Officer Regarding Compliance with Public Resources Code 5024 and Governor's Executive Order W-26-92* (5024 MOU). As part of your consultation effort Caltrans submitted the following: a Historic Property Survey Report (HPSR), a Historical Resources Evaluation Report (HRER), an Archaeological Survey Report (ASR), and a Finding of No Adverse Effect Report.

In conjunction with Caltrans and the Federal Highway Administration, the City of San Luis Obispo proposes the US 101/Prado Road Overcrossing Project to extend Prado Road over US 101 to connect with Dalidio Drive and reconstruct the existing US 101 northbound on-ramp and off-ramp connections to Prado Road to provide congestion

relief, operation efficiency, and multi modal-connectivity. The project is located at PM 26.8 on US 101 in San Luis Obispo. A full project description and depiction of the area of potential effect (APE) can be found on pages 1-2 of the HPSR and pages 5-6 of the HRER.

Pursuant to Stipulation VIII.C.6. Caltrans requests the SHPO's concurrence that the following properties are not eligible for the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP):

- 56-60 Prado Road
- 46-52 Prado Road
- 253 Elks Lane
- 350 Elks Lane

Caltrans has determined that the Sunset Drive-In, located at 255 Elks Lane, is eligible for the NRHP under Criterion C at the local level as an excellent and rare example of a mid-century drive-in theater. The period of significance is 1950. Contributing elements include: the movie screen and the building it is mounted on; the neon sign reading "Sunset" on the rear of the movie screen; concessions/projection building; ticket booth near the southern edge of the drive-in; marquee and neon signs at the northwest edge of property near entry drive from Elks Lane; circulation drive at the western and southern edges of the drive-in; rows of parking in an arc configuration; positioning mounds in the parking lot; and perimeter fence that shields movie patrons from the circulation drive, Elks Lane and the agricultural property to the rear of the drive-in.

In a separate consultation letter dated April 2, 2020, Caltrans found pursuant to Stipulation X.B.2. of the PA that the project will have no adverse effect on historic properties. While the project will result in a change to the drive-in's setting, the project elements are in keeping with the existing setting.

Based on review of the submitted documentation I concur with the above determinations. In addition I have no objections to Caltrans' finding of no adverse effect for this undertaking.

If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact State Historian II Natalie Lindquist at (916) 445-7014 or at natalie.lindquist@parks.ca.gov or State Archaeologist Jeanette Schulz at (916) 445-7031 or at jeanette.schulz@parks.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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