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CCR-006-07-002

March 20, 2008

H. Jill McCormick
Cocopah Tribe
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Abdelmoez Abdalla
Environmental Program Manager
Federal Highway Administration
705 North Plaza St. Suite 220
Carson City, NV 89701

RE: Proposed Laughlin - Bullhead City Bridge Project

The Cultural Resources Department of the Cocopah Indian Tribe appreciates your consultation efforts on this project. We are pleased that you contacted the Cocopah on this cultural resource issue for the purpose of solicitation of our input and to address our concerns on this matter. At this time, we would like to address the questions outlined in your February 12, 2008 letter to this department.

This department would like to express great concern over the proposed alternatives locations. The proposed areas for construction of the new bridge lie in an area of great importance to all of the river tribes. Additionally, this area is one of the few remaining locations along the Colorado River that has not been touched by development. Construction of any kind would greatly diminish the cultural and natural resources of this area. It is our recommendation that these locations be removed from the list of alternatives. We would like to continue to be kept informed on the situation and be a part of the consultation process in the future.

If you have any questions or need additional information please feel free to contact the cultural resource department. We will be happy to assist you with any and all future concerns or questions.

Sincerely,

H. Jill McCormick

Cultural Resource Manager



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January 3, 2008

H. Jill McCormick
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928-503-2291

Ms. Sabra Gilbert-Young
Environmental Services Division
Department of Transportation
1263 S. Stewart Street
Carson City, Nevada 89712

RE: Updated Information and Cultural Resources Report for the Proposed Laughlin to
Bullhead City Bridge Project

Dear Ms. Gilbert-Young:

The Cultural Resources Department of the Cocopah Indian Tribe appreciates your consultation efforts on this project. We are pleased that you contacted our department on this issue for the purpose of solicitation of our input and to address our concerns on this matter. At this time we wish to make no comments on the development of the project. We defer the decision making process regarding the sensitive cultural resources of the area to the most local tribe(s) and support their determinations on these issues. However, we would like to continue to be kept informed on the situation and be a part of the consultation process in the future.

If you have any questions or need additional information please feel free to contact the cultural resource department. We will be happy to assist you with any and all future concerns or questions.

Sincerely,

H. Jill McCormick

Cultural Resource Manager

**Nevada Division Office
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Response Form**

Subject: Laughlin - Bullhead City Bridge Project
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Return to: Mr. Ted P. Bendure
Federal Highway Administration
705 North Plaza Street, Suite 220
Carson City, Nevada 89701

From: Ms. Sherry Cordova, Chairperson
Cocopah Tribe
Avenue G & County 15th
Somerton, Arizona 85350

Reply: Please check one of the options below, or provide other comments, as appropriate.

The Cocopah Tribe has no objection to the proposed project as planned based on the information provided. However, we wish to remain informed of any changes to the project or discoveries of historic materials during construction.

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Contact Person: Jill McCormick
Telephone Number: 928-503-2291

The Cocopah Tribe requests further consultation to address our concerns. Please contact the following person to discuss the matter further.

Contact Person: _____
Telephone Number: _____

Signature: Jill McCormick

Title: Cultural Resources Manager

Date: 7/16/07

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Contact Person: Sherry Cordova
Telephone Number: 928-627-2102

- The Cocopah Tribe requests further consultation to address our concerns. Please contact the following person to discuss the matter further.

Contact Person: _____
Telephone Number: _____

Signature: 

Title: Tribal Chairperson

Date: 07-16-07



QUECHAN INDIAN TRIBE
Ft. Yuma Indian Reservation

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 Yuma, Arizona 85366-1899
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 Fax (760) 572-2102

July 31, 2007

United States Department of Transportation
 Mr. Ted Bendure
 705 North Plaza St., Suite 220
 Carson City, NV 89701

Dear Mr. Bendure,

Thank you for notifying us of the proposed bridge from Laughlin, NV to Bullhead City, AZ.

We have reviewed the project area and have determined that there is the potential for impacts to cultural resources affiliated with the Quechan Indian Tribe. Please forward the cultural resource report to my office for review once completed.

If you need any further information or have any questions, please contact me at (760) 572-2423.

Sincerely,

Bridget R. Nash-Chrabascz
 Historic Preservation Officer

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March 3, 2008

Abdelmoez Abdalla, Environmental Program Manager
Federal Highway Administration, Nevada Division
705 North Plaza St., Suite 220
Carson City, Nevada 89701

Re: Laughlin - Bullhead City Bridge Project

Dear Mr. Abdalla,

Thank you for your February 12, 2008, response our December 17, 2007, letter regarding the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), and the Nevada Department of Transportation (ADOT) proposed Laughlin - Bullhead City Bridge Project. Because the Hopi Tribe claims cultural affiliation to prehistoric cultural groups in Arizona, and the Hopi Cultural Preservation Office supports identification and avoidance of prehistoric archaeological sites and Traditional Cultural Properties, we appreciate FHWA's continuing solicitation of our input and your efforts to address our concerns.


In our December 14, 2007, letter, the Hopi Cultural Preservation Office reviewed the cultural resources survey report that identifies in this project area three National Register prehistoric sites, decided as two quarry sites and a artifact scatter; and two eligible multi-component sites with prehistoric features. We stated that if any of these five sites will be adversely affected by project activities, we request additional consultation on this proposal, including to be provided with a copy of any proposed treatment plans for review and comment.

In response to your February 12, 2008, correspondence, we reiterate that if any identified, National Register eligible, prehistoric sites will be adversely affected by this project, we request additional consultation on this proposal, including to be provided with a copy of any proposed treatment plans for review and comment. Anything that we would like incorporated in such a plan will be determined when we review such a draft plan.

In our December 14, 2007, letter, we also stated the Colorado River is a Traditional Cultural Property of the Hopi Tribe. However, we do not expect this project to significantly further adversely affect the Colorado River.

Should you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Terry Morgart at the Hopi Cultural Preservation Office. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,


Marvin Lalo, Acting Director
Hopi Cultural Preservation Office

cc: Arizona State Historic Preservation Office



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December 17, 2007

Sabra Gilbert-Young, Environmental Services Division
Nevada Department of Transportation
1263 S. Stewart Street
Carson City, Nevada 89712

Re: Laughlin to Bullhead City Bridge Project

Dear Ms. Gilbert-Young,

This letter is in response to correspondences dated June 28 and December 3, 2007, regarding the Federal Highway Administration and Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) proposed Laughlin-Bullhead City Bridge Project. Because the Hopi Tribe claims ancestral and cultural affiliation to prehistoric cultural groups in Arizona, and the Colorado River is a Traditional Cultural Property of the Hopi Tribe, we appreciate NDOT's continuing solicitation of our input and your efforts to address our concerns.

Hopi Cultural Preservation Office supports identification and avoidance of prehistoric archaeological sites and Traditional Cultural Properties. We have reviewed the cultural resources survey report that identifies three National Register prehistoric sites, described as two quarry sites, and an artifact scatter, and two National Register eligible multi-component sites with prehistoric features.

If any of the National Register eligible prehistoric cultural resources will be adversely affected by project activities, we request continuing consultation on this proposal. Please provide us with a copy of any proposed draft treatment plans for review and comment.

Should you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Terry Morgart at the Hopi Cultural Preservation Office. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Leigh V. Kuwanwisiwma".

Leigh V. Kuwanwisiwma, Director
Hopi Cultural Preservation Office

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Federal Highway Administration
705 North Plaza Street, Suite 220
Carson City, Nevada 89701

From: Mr. Benjamin Nuvamsa, Chairperson
Hopi Tribe
P.O. Box 123
Kykotsmovi, Arizona 86039

Reply: Please check one of the options below, or provide other comments, as appropriate.

The Hopi Tribe has no objection to the proposed project as planned based on the information provided. However, we wish to remain informed of any changes to the project or discoveries of historic materials during construction.

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Contact Person: _____
Telephone Number: _____

The Hopi Tribe requests further consultation to address our concerns. Please contact the following person to discuss the matter further.

Contact Person: Leigh Kuwanwisiuma
Terry Margart
Telephone Number: 928 734 3619

1) Please provide cultural resources survey report.
2) If any prehistoric sites will be adversely affected please provide draft treatment plan for review and comment.

Signature:  Legal Researcher
for

Title: Leigh Kuwanwisiuma Director Hopi Cultural Preservation Office

Date: 7/6/07



Hualapai Department of Cultural Resources
P.O. Box 310
Peach Springs, Arizona 86434
Office: 928.769.2223 FAX: 928.769.2235

March 3, 2008

File: 2007-129

RE: Laughlin-Bullhead City Bridge Project
Attention: Mr. A. Abdalla, Manager
Nevada Division U.S. Depart. Of Transportation
705 North Plaza Street, Ste. 220
Carson City, NV 89701

Dear Mr. Abdalla,

The Hualapai Department of Cultural Resources (HDCR) takes this opportunity to thank you for considering our concerns regarding the *Laughlin-Bullhead City Bridge Project* [PLH-162-1 (999), STP-BUL-O (AJT), EA 73360]. The Tribal Historic Preservation Office does have concerns regarding the remaining three alternative sites being considered as possible project locations and feel that the Laughlin Bridge Project will adversely affect properties of cultural, historical or sacred significance to the Hualapai Tribe. The adverse effects will result in the loss of culturally significant sites within the Riverview, Rainbow, and Parkway Alternatives. These sites may hold religious or cultural significance for the Hualapai as Traditional Cultural Properties or TCPs under the National Historic Preservation Act, [NHPA 16U.S.C. 470 et seq. 1966] under criteria A, B, and C. For the overall proposed project, it is our opinion that these sites are consistent with a regional pattern of habitation, ritual, trade and ceremony that occurred from the northern area below Wi Kame' (Spirit Mountain) through Ha' kathsook (Hardyville or Bullhead City) to Needles. Today, these areas continue to hold significance for Hualapai.

In accordance with NHPA, undertakings that have a direct bearing on the review process are referred to in S101(d)(6)(A), which clarifies that historic properties may have religious and cultural significance to Indian tribes. Additionally, Section 106 of NHPA requires Federal agencies to consider the effects of their actions on historic properties (36 CFR Part 800) as does the National Environmental Policy Act (43 U.S.C. 4321 and 4331-35 and 40 CFR 1501.7(a) of 1969). The Hualapai THPO has determined that as part of the scoping process, the Laughlin Bridge Project [PLH-162-1 (999), STP-BUL-O (AJT), EA 73360] will be a cumulative Adverse Effect.

We look forward to working with your office regarding our concerns and we understand, at the same time, that the selection for the final alternative will not be conclusive until all S106 responsibilities have been completed.

Sincerely,


Loretta Jackson-Kelly, Director
Hualapai Tribal Historic Preservation Officer

cc: Mr. Charles Vaughn, Hualapai Chairman; Ms Linda Otero, Fort Mohave Tribe; Ms Sabra E. Gilbert-Young, NDOT, NA Consultant-Archaeologist

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Return to: Mr. Ted P. Bendure
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Carson City, Nevada 89701

From: Ms. Ona Segundo, Chairperson
Kaibab Paiute Tribe
HC 65, Box 2
Tribal Affairs Building
Fredonia, Arizona 86022

Reply: Please check one of the options below, or provide other comments, as appropriate.

The Kaibab Paiute Tribe has no objection to the proposed project as planned based on the information provided. However, we wish to remain informed of any changes to the project or discoveries of historic materials during construction.

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Contact Person: Charley Bullett
Telephone Number: 928-643-8513 cell 435-689-1657

The Kaibab Paiute Tribe requests further consultation to address our concerns. Please contact the following person to discuss the matter further.

Contact Person: _____
Telephone Number: _____

Signature: Charley Bullett

Title: Cultural Resource Coord

Date: 9-6-07

Gilbert-Young, Sabra E

From: richard arnold [rwarnold@hotmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, August 02, 2007 3:34 PM
To: Gilbert-Young, Sabra E
Subject: RE: Mailing List

Hi Sabra,

Sorry I missed the meeting you had and I apologize for the delay in responding to your previous correspondence. With respect to the use of designs derived from petroglyphs in southern Nevada, I have worked on other projects whereby this was accomplished through consultation with culturally affiliated tribal group. Specifically, depending upon the actual designs that are being proposed, it is important to discern whether the drawings are culturally appropriate. This could be achieved by having some additional information pertaining to the proposed location(s) and any other information that may be helpful.

I have to apologize for not responding to the last 3 correspondences that were sent to me that I was unable to reply. I believe that coordination is important and that to insure meaningful consultation, I would request that correspondence still be sent with accompanying information. In the event that there are issues and/or concerns that need to be raised, we would forward those to you in a timely manner.

The last issue being the Laughlin/Bullhead City Bridge is of like interest due to the potential impacts to the landscape, watershed, and implications to the Colorado River that are tied into the Southern Paiute Creation Stories. Having shared these thoughts, I believe it is important to continue to discuss the project with culturally affiliated tribal groups that may wish to provide further information.

I hope that this information is useful and I too look forward to working with you in the future.

Richard Arnold

Subject: RE: Mailing List
Date: Thu, 2 Aug 2007 13:30:22 -0700
From: SGilbert-Young@dot.state.nv.us
To: rwarnold@hotmail.com

Hello Richard,

Thanks so much for responding right away. I had just been down to Vegas to consult with Ms. Mitre and Mr. Anderson regarding NDOTs lack of consultation/consideration on using petroglyphs to decorate the Spaghetti Bowl and various other locations around town. I had hoped to meet with you as well to see if you had any concerns and get your opinion on whether or not petroglyphs should be used in such a manner.

The last three consultation packages I had sent to your Pahrump P.O. box didn't get any response so I was concerned that the letters weren't going to the right address. Is there a phone or Fax number that can be used to follow up on projects with you? If you do not respond on a particular project I have been recommending to FHWA that you be notified in writing if there is any inadvertent discoveries during construction. This was based on the assumption of concurrence with a project. Is this the way you would like to work in the future?

At the end of the meeting we discussed the proposed Laughlin to Bullhead City Bridge project (see attached letter). Do you have any concerns regarding this project, as it is described in the letter, or in general?

Looking forward to working together,

9/11/2007

Sabra

From: richard arnold [mailto:rwarnold@hotmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, August 01, 2007 6:00 PM
To: Gilbert-Young, Sabra E
Subject: Mailing List

Hi Sabrina,

I just received an email from Alfreda Mitre inquiring about my/our desire to continue to receive correspondence from NDOT. Absolutely!! The Pahrump Paiute Tribe continues to be interested in all aspects that impact our aboriginal homelands. Please continue to send correspondence to me at the same address: P.O. Box 3411 Pahrump, NV 89041. Thanks!

Richard Arnold

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