

Memorandum

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City of Saratoga
4th Street Bridge
Widening

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Subject: Section 106 review of the 4th Street Bridge Widening in the City of Saratoga, Santa Clara County, California.

The City of Saratoga plans to widen the existing bridge (37C-0294) over Saratoga Creek near the intersection of 4th Street and Big Basin Way. The bridge will be widened to accommodate two lanes of traffic, shoulders, and sidewalk. Approximately 50 feet of both sides of the roadway approach to the bridge will be widened as well. The bridge decks and railings will be replaced, fences will be removed, and utilities will be relocated. Some work will take place within the stream channel. The maximum depth of project excavation will be 30 feet.

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), acting as the lead agency under the delegated authority of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), is providing the project oversight as federal funds are involved. Project documentation was reviewed by Caltrans' Office of Local Assistance Professionally Qualified Staff (PQS) Maureen Zogg, Co-Principal Investigator—Prehistoric Archaeology in compliance with the 2014 *First Amended Programmatic Agreement Among the Federal Highway Administration, 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). A copy of the PA can be found at the Division of Environmental Analysis website: <http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/env/cultural/index.htm>.

Due to the sensitivity of the area and the type of work planned, this undertaking is considered to have the potential to affect historic properties; therefore the following documents should be prepared for compliance with Section 106 of the PA. Guidance for completing these documents may be found online at Caltrans' Standard Environmental Reference website: <http://www.dot.ca.gov/ser/vol2/vol2.htm>.

Area of Potential Effects (APE) Map

This map depicts the area that will be affected by the project, including staging areas, utility relocation, temporary bridges, right-of-way acquisition, and temporary construction easements.

The map should be plotted on an aerial photographic or other base at a scale of approximately 1"=200' or greater. A maximum size of 11"x17" is preferred, using multiple sheets as necessary for inclusion in the required reports listed below. Typically, two APE lines are depicted: the Archaeological APE, which includes all areas of direct impact, and the Architectural APE, which will additionally include the entirety of all parcels from which there will be a right-of-way acquisition or temporary easement for construction or detour. The APE map should have a title block that includes the project name, federal ID number, and signature lines for the Caltrans PQS and Local Assistance Engineer, as well as the local agency representative. The APE map should be transmitted to Caltrans for signatures prior to the completion of the HPSR. A signed copy of the map will then be returned to the agency or its consultant for inclusion in the reports.

Historic Property Survey Report (HPSR)

The HPSR serves as a summary report to which the Archaeological Survey Report and Historic Resource Evaluation Report are attached. The HPSR also documents the consultation with interested parties, particularly Native American groups, and presents the project description and mapping. The standard HPSR form is available online at <http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/env/cultural/index.htm#template>.

Historic Resource Evaluation Report (HRER)

This report provides a historic context for the area and evaluates buildings, structures, objects, landscapes, and districts within the Architectural APE. It is anticipated that many or all of the adjacent properties may be exempt from evaluation under Attachment 4 of the PA. All resources that are not exempt from evaluation under Attachment 4 of the PA should be documented and evaluated for eligibility for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. This report must be completed by a professionally-qualified architectural historian as described in Attachment 1 of the PA. If there are no such resources present, this report will not be needed.

Archaeological Survey Report (ASR)

This report is needed to document the studies undertaken to demonstrate the presence or absence of archaeological resources within the Archaeological APE. If resources are identified, they must be evaluated for their eligibility for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. A professionally-qualified archaeologist, as described in Attachment I of the PA, must complete this report. If there are no such resources present, the ASR Short Form for District 4 Local Assistance Projects may be used.

Please note that the assessments may change if there are alterations made to the proposed activities or the project boundaries. Draft APE map and documents may be forwarded for review as they are produced. If you have any questions about this memo or about the Section 106 compliance process, please contact Maureen Zogg at (510) 622-8767, e-mail maureen_zogg@dot.ca.gov.

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