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Subject: Continued Section 106 consultation for the Bus Maintenance Facility at NASA Ames Research Center, Moffett Federal Airfield, Santa Clara County, CA as part of the Parking Lot 3 Improvements Project.

Dear Ms. Polanco,

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) has entered into long term lease agreements with Planetary Ventures (PV), an independent entity, at Moffett Federal Airfield (MFA) in Santa Clara County, CA. Pursuant to its leases, PV proposes to construct a temporary Bus Maintenance Facility at the northeast corner of the airfield, where the existing paved surface is currently being utilized for bus parking. The proposed temporary facilities are intended to provide maintenance support for the buses that are currently utilizing the existing paved surface area and the temporary structures are expected to be on site for 3 to 15 years. This work is associated with the Parking Lot 3 Improvements Project at MFA, which initiated consultation with the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) on May 25, 2016. As outlined in the response letter from SHPO, dated July 7, 2016, there was no objection to the initial Finding of No Adverse Effects; however, a change to the project would require further consultation. The proposed temporary Bus Maintenance Facility project is an addition to the initial scope and was not included in the project description of the initial consultation.

Per the requirements of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), as amended through 2006, and its regulations found at 36 CFR Part 800, NASA is the lead agency and requests continued consultation under Section 106 for the Bus Maintenance Facility as part of the ongoing Parking Lot 3 Improvements Project consultation. We have prepared an additional Section 106 package that contains the following documentation:

1. *MFA Bus Maintenance Facility Project Section 106 Technical Report*, September 2017

(Description of Proposed Undertaking, Area of Potential Effect, Identification of Cultural Resources, Application of the Criteria of Adverse Effect, and Appendices)

- a. Appendix A: Project maps, including the project location, Area of Potential Effect, historic properties located at MFA, and the Area of Direct Impacts.
- b. Appendix B: Archaeology Report – William Self Associates, “Cultural Resources Assessment Report: Bus Maintenance Facility Project, Moffett Federal Airfield, Santa Clara County, California” (September 2017).
- c. Appendix C: Existing Conditions – Site Photographs.
- d. Appendix D: Select Drawings

For further background, the proposed temporary Bus Maintenance Facility involves the construction of four temporary maintenance tents, located at the northeast edge of the east Aircraft Parking Apron, set between Hangar 3 and Macon Road. Several small shipping containers will be placed on site, beyond the aircraft parking apron, and will be utilized as storage and office space for the overall facility. The proposed work will also involve some site improvements, including small utility upgrades and repainting of the existing parking lot.

The enclosed Section 106 Technical Report (Item 1) identifies NASA as the lead agency, outlines the proposed Bus Maintenance Facility project as an Undertaking, delineates the APE, and lists the identified historic properties within the APE. The Technical Report provides an assessment of the proposed Undertaking under the Criteria of Adverse Effects, and concludes that the proposed Undertaking warrants a finding of No Adverse Effect.

NASA is seeking the SHPO’s concurrence with NASA’s finding that the proposed Undertaking will result in No Adverse Effect on historic properties. NASA requests the SHPO’s concurrence within 30 days of receipt of this letter, as specified in 36 CFR 800.5(c).

Sincerely,



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