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CEO

Howard Paster wants to know status of an EIS on a highway from Bakersfield to Las Vegas. Pls call me or Tim Keating (Howard's guy)

Project held up
Lucy Schwartz
5/7/54
6/2/0

PHOTOCOPY
PRESERVATION

Mike Nelson?
2022

A David Cunningham
for Baker

Jeri. Noy
Summers
Wright
Sparks
08/07/22

MEMORANDUM

TO: GOODY MARSHALL
HOWARD PASTER
TIM KEATING

FROM: KATIE MCGINTY 

RE: LONGBEACH FREEWAY REFERRAL

DATE: FEBRUARY 26, 1993

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This project involves the construction of 6.2 miles of a six lane freeway to complete a gap in Route 710, the Long Beach Freeway. At present, vehicles must use surface streets through the City of Alhambra in order to complete a trip on Route 710.

FHWA filed a final environmental impact statement (EIS) for the project with EPA on March 2, 1992. The EIS indicates that, among other things, the project would require the removal or alteration of 52 historic structures. FHWA has not yet issued a record of decision for the proposal, deciding instead to convene a mitigation advisory committee to develop additional mitigation measures to lessen the adverse impacts of the project on historic properties.

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*Let me know if additional
information would be useful!*



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COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Kathleen McGinty
Deputy Assistant to the President and
Director of the Office of Environmental Policy

FROM: Lucinda Low Swartz
Deputy General Counsel

SUBJECT: Long Beach Freeway Referral

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Based on your presentation to the CEQ staff a few weeks ago, we are proceeding to handle this referral in the same way we have handled other referrals. We anticipate holding a meeting with ACHP and FHWA in the near future, and we may follow this with a public meeting sometime in March. Should we issue findings and recommendations, we would expect that these would be signed by a CEQ staff person, in the absence of any further developments on the status of CEQ.

I will be preparing a more detailed memorandum on the issues presented in this referral and will make sure you receive a copy. In addition, I will let you know when any meetings on this referral are scheduled. Please let me know if you have any specific questions or need additional information on the CEQ referral process. I can be reached at xt 5754.