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***Subject: Cultural Resources Letter Report for the Robinson Avenue Bikeway Project,
City of San Diego, California***

Dear Mr. Duenas:

This letter documents the cultural resources inventory conducted by Dudek as part of the Robinson Avenue Bikeway Project (Project), located in the City of San Diego, San Diego County (Figure 1). This project is located within an unsectioned portion of the Point Loma, CA 1:24,000 USGS Quadrangle, in Township 16 South, Range 3 West (Figure 2). In total, the area of potential effect (APE) would include approximately 2.75 acres, almost all of which is currently paved roads and coincides with the project location shown on Figure 3.

Dudek performed a records search of a one-mile buffer of the APE and a pedestrian survey of the APE. The Native American Heritage Commission and local Native American tribes were also contacted to identify any resources they are aware of in the area. The current cultural resources investigation was conducted by Dudek in accordance with the standards and guidelines defined under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). No cultural resources were identified within the APE, although numerous historic structures were identified in the vicinity.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION

The San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) proposes to construct the Robinson Avenue Bikeway (proposed project) within the North Park community of the City of San Diego, San Diego County, California. The proposed project would involve physical improvements to Robinson Avenue, Georgia Street, Florida Street, and Alabama Street between Park Boulevard to the west and Alabama Street to the east. The project would provide a bicycle and pedestrian facility to connect a missing section of Robinson Avenue between Florida Street and Alabama Street.

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The proposed project is located in the North Park community of the City of San Diego, along an approximately 0.2 mile segment of the Robinson Avenue public right-of-way (ROW) from just east of Park Boulevard to Alabama Street. The project site also includes the approximately 150-foot long missing segment of Robinson Avenue between Florida Street and Alabama Street. Approximately 2,800 square feet of land would be acquired from a property to the north (Assessor Parcel Number 453-012-15-07 to 14). Residential properties abut the Robinson Avenue ROW on the north and south side of the project site.

The proposed project would construct a bicycle and pedestrian path (Robinson Avenue Elevated Shared-Use Path or bikeway path) (Class I bicycle lanes) to connect a missing section of Robinson Avenue between Florida Street and Alabama Street. The structural components of the proposed bikeway path would be comprised of several different materials. The project also includes buffered bike lanes, a mini-roundabout, a neighborhood traffic circle, and improvements to the Robinson Avenue/Alabama Street intersection.

Construction is expected to be phased over approximately 11 months, beginning in the fall of 2016 and ending in the summer of 2017. Construction equipment would include bulldozers, backhoes, water trucks, roller(s), concrete mixer truck, pavement scarifier, street sweeper, jackhammer, chainsaw, hand compaction, bobcat, trencher, concrete pump truck, crane, generator, asphalt cold planer, asphalt truck, asphalt paver, asphalt/concrete saw, and a roadway striping machine. Approximately 14 existing ornamental mature trees would be removed during construction.

RECORDS SEARCH

Dudek Archaeologist Scott Wolf conducted a records search at the South Coastal Information Center (SCIC) for the APE and a 1.0 mile radius surrounding the APE (Confidential Appendix A). A total of 177 previous cultural resource studies have been conducted within the records search area, only 5 of which have covered at least a portion of the APE. No previously recorded cultural resources were identified within the project APE. While one historic address (P-37-027406) has been mismapped to a location that falls within the APE on SCIC maps, it is evident from review of the DPR forms for this resource that the building is located outside of the APE. This built environment resource is one of a row of historic houses that have been recorded along Florida Street (Moomjian 2005). These homes were recorded as constructed between the 1920s and 1960s. All have been evaluated as not eligible for inclusion in the California Register for Historic Resources (CRHR) or the National Register for Historic Places (NRHP). Most of these structures appear to no longer exist and have already been replaced with modern residential buildings. Despite the immediate proximity, what remains of this previously recorded resource is outside of the current APE and, as the project is proposed, will not be impacted by the project. The records

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search also indicated that there had been approximately 400 historic addresses previously recorded in the 1-mile search radius; none of those addresses are within the current project APE. The number of historic addresses given is approximate because some of the addresses are extremely close to the records search radius cut-off line, and when in doubt, these were included.

TRIBAL CORRESPONDENCE

The Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) was contacted on January 13, 2015 to request a search of the Sacred Lands File. The NAHC responded via fax on January 23, 2015 and stated that no cultural resources are listed in their files within 1.0 mile of the APE. The NAHC provided a list of local Native American tribes and individuals to contact who may have additional information regarding resources in the area. Letters were sent via certified mail to each contact on January 27, 2015. Tribal contacts were also contacted by email on February 11, 2015 and by phone/email on February 16, 2015. Table 1 summarizes tribal contacts and their comments regarding the project. Example letters and emails to Tribal contacts and written responses are included in Appendix A.

Mr. Frank Brown stated that there is a potential for a village to be in the area, as other village sites are known in the area. He requested that a Tribal monitor be present if ground disturbing activities, particularly drilling, occur deep enough to impact native sediments. Ms. Carmen Mojado stated that the project is outside Luiseno territory and that Mr. Clint Linton should be contacted regarding the project. Although Mr. Linton was not on the original list, a letter was emailed to him on February 16, 2015. Mr. Linton responded if archaeological and tribal monitoring would be recommended for the project. Mr. Linton was informed that monitoring would be recommended for bikeway path installation. Ms. Julie Hagen of the Sycuan Band of Kumeyaay Indians replied in a letter (via email) stating that the project is outside their territory and deferred to other tribal contacts. Mr. Hagen also stated that a tribal monitor should be present in the event that discoveries are made. Mr. Michael Garcia, vice Chairman at the Ewiiapaayp Tribal Office stated that Mr. Micklin has been unable to respond, but that Mr. Micklin or Mr. Pinto would reply on behalf of the Tribe. Office staff at the Inaja Band of Mission Indians stated that the letter was received and that Ms. Osuna would reply shortly. To date, no other responses have been received. If any further comments are received, they will be forwarded to the project proponent.

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Table 1
Tribal Contact Summary

Contact	Affiliation	Method and Date	Contact info	Comments
Ms. Sheila Alvarez	Barona Group of the Capitan Grande	Letter, 01.27.15; email, 2.11.15; phone call, 2.16.15	salvarez@barona-nsn.gov; 619.443.6612	No response to letter or email. Tribal office secretary forwarded the call to the Ms. Alvarez's secretary. No response was received; a voicemail was left explaining the call and providing contact information for Mr. Comeau. No response has been received to date.
Ms. Kim Bactad	Kumeyaay Diegueno Land Conservancy	Letter, 01.27.15; email, 2.11.15; phone call, 2.16.15	kimbactad@gmail.com; 619.659.1008	No response to letter or email. No answer to the call; a voicemail was left explaining the call and providing contact information for Mr. Comeau. No response has been received to date.
Mr. Steve Banegas	Kumeyaay Cultural Repatriation Committee	Letter, 01.27.15; email, 2.11.15; phone call, 2.16.15	sbanegas50@gmail.com	No response to letter or email. Email was sent to wrong address. A second email was sent with a copy of the letter on 2.16.15. No response has been received to date.
Mr. Frank Brown	Inter-Tribal Cultural Resource Protection Council	Letter, 01.27.15; email, 2.11.15; phone call, 2.16.15	frbrown@viejas-nsn.gov; 619.884.6437	No response to letter or email. Mr. Brown stated that he did not receive the letter. Mr. Brown stated that he is concerned that a village may be in the vicinity of the project, based on other know sites in the area. Mr. Brown requested that a tribal monitor be present if ground disturbances go deep enough to impact native sediments, particularly if drilling occurs. Another copy of the letter was emailed to Mr. Brown following the call.
Mr. Ron Christman	Kumeyaay Cultural Historic Committee	Letter, 01.27.15; phone call, 2.16.15	619.445.0385	No response to letter. No answer to the phone call; neither an answering machine nor voicemail was available to leave a message. No response has been received to date.
Ms. Julie Hagen	Viejas Band of Kumeyaay Indians	Letter, 01.27.15; email, 2.11.15; phone call, 2.16.15	jhagen@viejas-nsn-gov; 619.445.3810	Letter received via email on February 4, 2015 on behalf of Viejas stating that the project is outside their Territory, but requested that they be informed if no other Tribes respond. They also requested that a cultural monitor be on site in the event of discoveries.
Ms. Lisa Haws	Sycuan Band of the Kumeyaay Nation	Letter, 01.27.15; phone call, 2.16.15	619.445.4564	No response to letter. No answer to the call; a voicemail was left explaining the call and providing contact information for Mr. Comeau. No response has been received to date.

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Mr. Clifford LaChappa	Barona Group of the Capitan Grande	Letter, 01.27.15; email, 2.11.15; phone call, 2.16.15	sue@barona-nsn.gov; 619.443.6612	No response to letter or email. Phone call was directed to Ms. Sheilia Alvarez. No response has been received to date.
Mr. Cody Martinez	Sycuan Band of the Kumeyaay Nation	Letter, 01.27.15; email, 2.11.15; phone call, 2.16.15	ssilva@sycuan-nsn.gov; 619.445.2613	No response to letter or email. No answer to phone call - call was directed to the same voicemail as Ms. Lisa Haws so an additional message was not left. No response has been received to date.
Mr. Will Micklin	Ewiiapaayp Tribal Office	Letter, 01.27.15; email, 2.11.15; phone call, 2.16.15	wmicklin@leaningrock.net; 619.445.6315	No response to letter or email. Michael Garcia, Vice Chairman, answered the call and stated that Mr. Micklin has been out of town and has not had a chance to respond. Mr. Micklin or Mr. Pinto will reply when they are available with a single response for both. No response has been received to date, but may be received at a later date.
Ms. Rebecca Osuna	Inaja Band of Mission Indians	Letter, 01.27.15; phone call, 2.16.15	760.737.7628	No response to letter. Ms. Osuna was not available at the time of the call, but Tribal office representatives stated that the letter was received and that Ms. Osuna will reply soon. No response has been received to date.
Ms. Bernice Paipa	Kumeyaay Cultural Repatriation Committee	Letter, 01.27.15; email, 2.11.15; email 2.16.15	bernicepaipa@gmail.com	No response to letter or either of the emails.
Ms. Llavonne Peck	La Jolla Band of Mission Indians	Letter, 01.27.15; email, 2.11.15; phone call, 2.16.15	rob.roy@lajolla-nsn.gov; 760.742.3771	No response to letter or email. No answer to the call; a voicemail was left explaining the call and providing contact information for Mr. Comeau. No response has been received to date.
Mr. Anthony Pico	Viejas Band of Kumeyaay Indians	Letter, 01.27.15; email, 2.11.15; phone call, 2.16.15	jhagen@viejas-nsn.gov; 619.445.3810	Letter received via email on February 4, 2015 on behalf of Viejas stating that the project is outside Kumeyaay Territory, but requested that they be informed if no other Tribes respond. They also requested that a cultural monitor be on site in the event of discoveries.
Mr. Robert Pinto	Ewiiapaayp Tribal Office	Letter, 01.27.15; email, 2.11.15; phone call, 2.16.15	wmicklin@leaningrock.net; 619.445.6315	No response to letter or email. See comment for Mr. Micklin.

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Tribal Council	San Luis Rey Band of Mission Indians	Letter, 01.27.15; email, 2.11.15; phone call, 2.16.15	cjmojado@slrmissionindians.org; 760.724.8505	No response to letter or email. Ms. Carmen Mojado stated that she did not receive a letter or email. The letter was resent via email. Ms. Mojado called back stating that the project is outside Luiseno territory and that Mr. Clint Linton should be contacted as the project is in territory normally covered by Mr. Linton.
Mr. Clint Linton	Ipai Nation of Santa Ysabel	Email with letter, 02.16.15	cjlinton73@aol.com	Mr. Linton was contacted via email following the discussion with Ms. Mojado. Mr. Linton replied via email and asked if a monitoring will be recommended for the project. He was informed that monitoring would be recommended for path installation.

INTENSIVE PEDESTRIAN SURVEY

The intensive pedestrian survey was conducted by Mr. Wolf on January 12, 2015, using standard archaeological procedures and techniques that meet the Secretary of Interior's standards and guidelines for cultural resources inventory. As the majority of the APE is paved road, the survey focused on areas of exposed ground, which are almost exclusively located between Florida Street and Alabama Street, where the bikeway path is planned for construction. This location is in a small canyon covered with leave duff and vegetation. Ground surface visibility was poor (less than 25%). Although it comprises the only unpaved portion of the APE, it has been previously disturbed by the installation of a fence, car barrier and parking utilities associated with the surrounding residential structures. The previously recorded historic addresses in the immediate vicinity of the APE were identified and it was ascertained that these resources were indeed, outside of the project APE. No artifacts or features were identified during this survey.

SUMMARY AND MANAGEMENT CONSIDERATIONS

No cultural resources were observed during intensive pedestrian survey of the APE, and no resources were identified in the APE in the records search. Native American groups and individuals contacted regarding the project did not provide any specific information regarding cultural resources in the area, other than to note that two known villages are in the area (more than one-mile away), and therefore another site could be in or near the project site.

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The project's location in and immediately adjacent to a substantial drainage (Florida Canyon) would have made it an attractive location for prehistoric inhabitants. However, given the extent of historic and modern development in the area, it is unlikely that intact prehistoric archaeological resources remain. Most of the APE has been disturbed by development of City infrastructure. Dudek's cultural resources investigation of the APE indicates that there is very low potential for the inadvertent discovery of cultural resources during ground disturbing activities.

The majority of ground disturbing activities required for the project only impact existing fill sediments which comprise base material beneath the road surface. These sediments do not contain cultural resources, and therefore do not require archaeological or Native American monitoring. Installation of the bikeway path is the only project component which is likely to involve ground disturbing activities which may impact intact native sediments. Therefore, archaeological and Native American monitors should be present for ground disturbing activities associated with the bikeway path construction that may reach intact native soils. If unexpected, potentially significant archaeological resources are encountered during construction, the archaeological and Native American monitors shall have the authority to temporarily redirect or suspend construction activities and evaluate the potential significance of the find and record or salvage it. Prior to the start of ground disturbing activities at the proposed bikeway path location, SANDAG shall verify that the requirement for archaeological monitoring is noted on the appropriate construction documents.

If you have any questions about this report, please call me or Micah Hale at Dudek.

Respectfully Submitted,



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*Att: National Archaeological Database Information Sheet
Figure 1. Regional Map
Figure 2. Vicinity Map
Figure 3, Area of Potential Effect
Appendix A: Confidential Records Search*

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NATIONAL ARCHAEOLOGICAL DATABASE (NADB) INFORMATION

Authors: Brad Comeau, M.Sc., RPA

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Report Date: February 19, 2015

Report Title: Cultural Resources Letter Report for the Robinson Avenue Bikeway Project

Type of Study: Archaeological Inventory

Resources: None

USGS Quads: Point Loma, California, Township 16 South, Range 3 West, unsectioned

Acreage: 2.75

Permit Numbers: Conditional Use Permit, Planned Development Permit (Numbers not available at this time)

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