
Kansas Historical Society

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Gary K. Behrens
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Via E-Mail

RE: Lawrence Municipal Airport Improvements
FAA AIP Project No. 03-20-0047-17-2014
Douglas County

Dear Mr. Behrens:

In accordance with 36 CFR 800, the Kansas State Historic Preservation Office has reviewed your letter dated August 13, 2014, describing plans for the above-referenced project. Prior to beginning construction, a professional archeologist should survey portions of the project area as they are situated in a locality of high and/or moderate archeological potential. Our concern is that (as you noted) recorded archeological sites are situated within the proposed project as well as nearby along the Kansas River and its tributaries in similar topographic settings. Specifically, survey should be conducted in the proposed development areas (including the drainage study locality) south of the airport along with the proposed Taxiway D extension.

Any archeologist meeting the Minimum Professional Qualifications of this office as outlined in *The State Historic Preservation Officer's Guide For Archeological Survey, Assessment, and Reports* (SHPO's Guide), is eligible to perform the requested work. A list of archeological contractors meeting these standards is available from our web site at: <http://www.kshs.org/p/archeological-consultants/14593>.

We note that your firm is preparing an environmental assessment in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). While we are always willing to respond, our office has no role in the NEPA process. We are contacted as part of consultation mandated in Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. The Section 106 regulations require that a project's lead federal agency, presumably the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) in this case, notify not only our office but also any Indian tribes that may have interest in the area. A list of tribes, arranged by county, may be found on our agency's web site at: <http://www.kshs.org/p/tribes-with-potential-consultation-interests-in-kansas/14611>.

This information is provided at your request to assist you in identifying historic properties, as specified in 36 CFR 800 for Section 106 consultation procedures. If you have questions or need additional information regarding these comments, please contact Tim Weston at 785-272-8681 (ext. 214) or Kim Gant at 785-272-8681 ext. 225. Please refer to the Kansas Review & Compliance number (KSR&C#) above on all future correspondence relating to this project.

Sincerely,

Jennie Chinn
Executive Director and
State Historic Preservation Officer



Timothy Weston
for

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Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer