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**APPENDIX H**  
**AGENCY CORRESPONDENCE**

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY**  
LOS ANGELES DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS  
P.O. Box 532711  
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90053-2325

October 27, 2000

REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF:

Office of the Chief  
Operations Branch

Mr. Kevin Michel  
MTA  
One Gateway Plaza  
Los Angeles, California 90012-2952

Dear Mr. Michel:

This is in response to your letter of October 13, 2000 concerning the project to construct a Bus Rapid Transit facility to include adding fill material within the Sepulveda Dam Flood Control Basin (Corps File No. EE01-9).

Operations Branch has primarily reviewed the project and has determined that the project will affect Sepulveda Dam's flood control capacity.

We request a meeting to discuss your project. Please contact Mr. Ted Masigat of my Operations Branch at (213) 452-3393, to arrange a meeting.

Sincerely,

*Charles L. Beams*  
George L. Beams, P.E.  
for Chief, Construction-  
Operations Division

*Received*  
*11/1/00*  
*K. Michel*



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Federal Transit Administration

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October 30, 2000

*Rec'd  
11/2/00  
K. Michel*

Mr. Jim Bartell  
Acting Regional Director  
U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service  
2730 Loker Avenue  
Carlsbad, CA 92008

Re: San Fernando Valley East-West Transit Corridor

Dear Mr. Bartell:

The San Fernando Valley East-West Transit Corridor is a Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) guideway project currently being planned by the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LACMTA). The project would provide an at-grade busway facility along the former Southern Pacific Burbank-Chandler track, from the North Hollywood Red Line station westward to Warner Center. A location map is included with this letter.

With this letter we are requesting you provide the LACMTA with a listing of all endangered and threatened species potentially existing in the area of the proposed project. The Service was copied on the original NEPA scoping package in May of this year.

You may send the requested information directly to the MTA's environmental consultant, Myra L. Frank & Associates, Inc. (Attn: Gary Petersen) at 811 W. 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 800, Los Angeles, CA 90017.

If you have any questions, please feel to call me on (213) 202-3950, or the MTA Project Manager, Kevin Michel at (213) 922-2854.

Sincerely,

*Ervin Poka, Jr.*  
Ervin Poka, Jr.  
Team Leader

CC Kevin Michel, LACMTA



United States Department of the Interior  
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Gary Petersen  
Myra L. Frank & Associates, Inc.  
811 W. 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 800  
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Re: Informal Section 7 Consultation for the San Fernando Valley East-West Transit  
Corridor Project

Dear Mr. Petersen:

This letter responds to the request, received from Ervin Poka of the Federal Highway Administration on November 2, 2000, for information on endangered and threatened species that might be affected by a Bus Rapid Transit guideway project planned by the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority. The project would provide an at-grade busway facility along the former Southern Pacific Burbank-Chandler track, from the North Hollywood Red Line station westward to Warner Center.

No listed species are known to occur in the immediate project area. Therefore, we have determined that no adverse impacts to federally endangered or threatened species or critical habitat will occur as a result of the proposed action, and no further consultation with our office is needed under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended. Should project plans change, or if additional information on the distribution of listed or proposed species becomes available, this determination may be reconsidered.

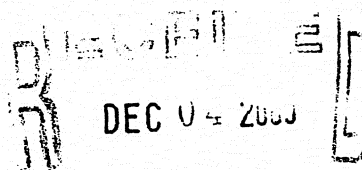
We appreciate your coordination on this project. If you have any questions regarding these comments, please contact Jonathan Snyder of this office at (760) 431-9440.

Sincerely,

*Jim A. Bartel*

for  
Jim A. Bartel  
Assistant Field Supervisor

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