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Dear Mr. Wolfe:

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Fort Worth District (USACE) is continuing design and construction of the Central City Project located in Tarrant County, Texas. A programmatic agreement among the USACE, Tarrant Regional Water District, and the Texas State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) was executed on 29 March 2023 for the consideration of impacts to historic properties associated with the project. Per stipulation II(B) of the agreement, USACE has conducted background research and reviewed applicable cultural resource survey reports, including *The Big Dig: Archeological and Geoarcheological Survey of the Central City Modified Project* (Sitters et al. 2016), to identify historic properties within the area of potential effect (APE) for three proposed flood control gates. The purpose of the gates is to control the flow of water through the bypass channel and their location is depicted in the enclosed design overview.

Three previously recorded sites (41TR285, 41TR286, and 41TR289) are located within or adjacent to the APE for the flood control gates and were determined to be ineligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) in 2015.

The APE of the proposed floodgates overlaps and extends beyond the previous survey area as shown in the enclosed figures. Portions of the APE that were not previously surveyed have been extensively impacted by construction of the existing levees. Enclosed aerial and lidar imagery show the historic channel of the Trinity River and the extent of previous disturbance from relocating and channelizing the river, and from urban development. Based on this analysis and the results of previous investigations, the USACE has determined that there are no archaeological historic properties present or affected within the APE for the flood control gates.

During the planning phase of the Central City Project, the Fort Worth Floodway was evaluated and determined to be eligible for listing in the NRHP. Impacts to the historic flood control system were mitigated via documentation in a report titled *Below the Bluff: Urban Development at the Confluence of the West Fork and Clear Fork of the Trinity River 1849-1965 Expanded Edition* (Prior et al. 2009). No additional impacts to the Fort

Worth Floodway are proposed and there are no changes to the design that could cause additional impacts to historic properties in the vicinity of the project. Therefore, the USACE has determined there will be no additional adverse effects to historic properties with respect to the built environment.

We are seeking your concurrence with this determination. If you have questions or require additional information, please contact Mandy Pesce, Archeologist, Regional Planning and Environmental Center, Environmental Branch via email at amanda.k.pesce@usace.army.mil, or by telephone at (817) 886-1898.

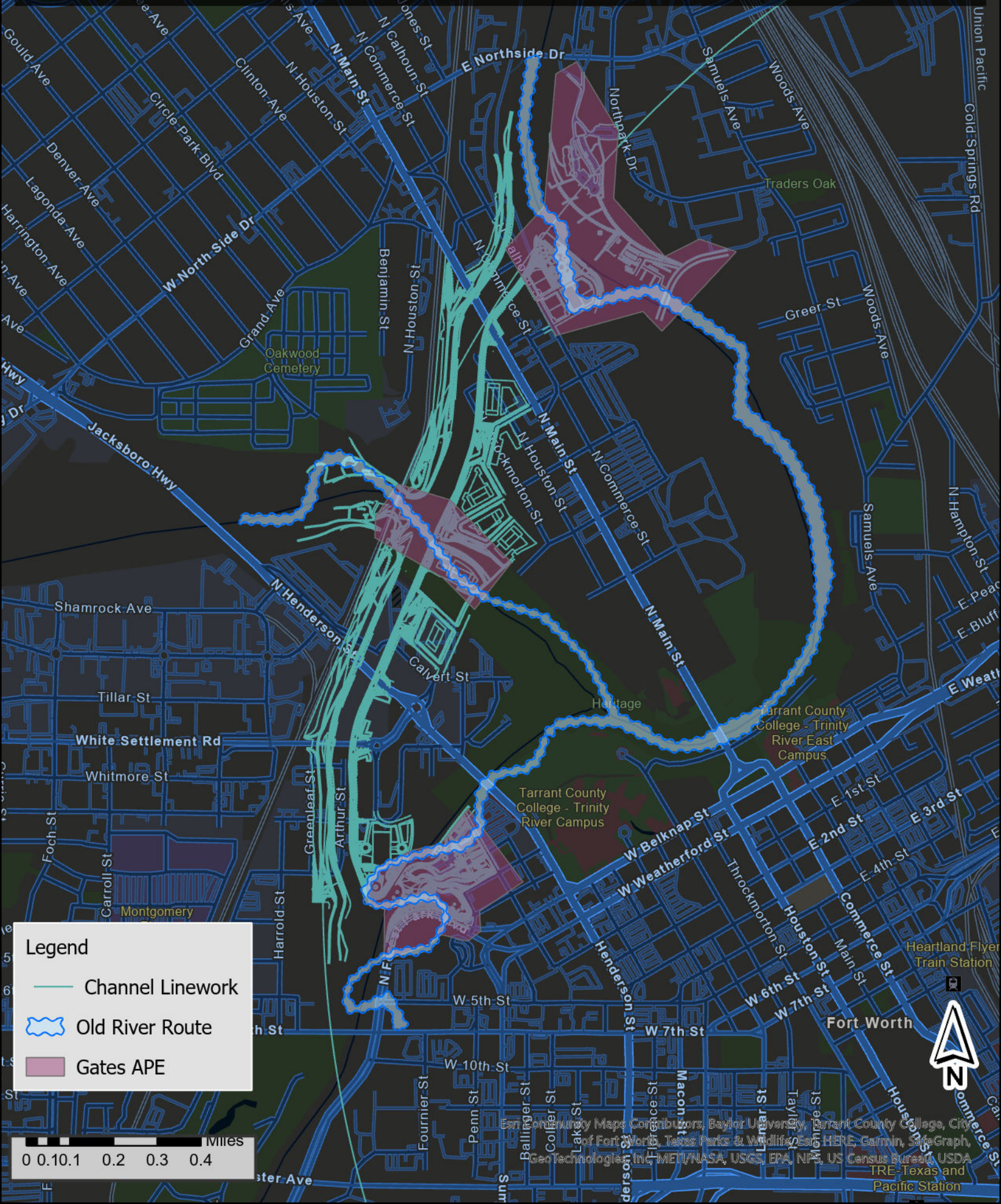
Sincerely,

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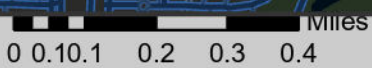
Enclosure

Central City Bypass Channel Gates



Legend

- Channel Linework
- Old River Route
- Gates APE



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