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Public Notice

Designation of the Commercial Port as a Historic District and Mitigation for Planned Upgrades and Replacements

The Port Authority of Guam (PAG) has completed an updated Master Plan (2023 PAG Master Plan) to define a near- and long-term approach to modernize operations, maintain fiscal sustainability, and promote increased awareness of the Master Plan among all stakeholders. Federal funding and permits will be necessary to implement several of the projects proposed in the MP. As a federally funded project, the PAG must comply with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) of 1966, as amended (54 USC 300101, et seq.), and its implementing regulation, 36 CFR 800.3(a).

In October 2022, the PAG conducted a cultural resources survey. The purpose of the survey and resulting report was to identify, record, and evaluate the buildings and structures of the Port to determine their eligibility for listing in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP). The survey and evaluation recommended that the Commercial Port of Guam be deemed eligible for listing in the NRHP as a historic district. This historic district encompasses Piers F-1 and F-2 of the Marine Industrial Complex and the original 33-acre Commercial Port, including the Container and Cargo Storage Yard; Berths F-3, F-4, F-5, and F-6; the Port Administration Building; Horizon Building (formerly Administrative Annex); Horizon CFS; EQMR Building; Warehouse 1; Welding Shop; Control Tower (High Tower); and the New Operations Building (formerly Port Police Station).

The Guam State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) concurred with this determination and also agreed that the implementation of the 2023 Master Plan may have adverse impacts on the buildings and infrastructure comprising the historic district. Following further consultation, the PAG, the Guam SHPO, and the U.S. Department of Transportation's Maritime Administration entered into an agreement to mitigate the adverse effects documented in the Assessment of Effects. Mitigation will include documentation (Historic American Engineering Record report and archival-quality photographs) that will be curated at the Library of Congress.

The purpose of this announcement is to inform the public of the evaluation of historic properties and mitigation efforts, as well as the availability of related reports, including the Cultural Resources Survey, the Assessment of Effects, and the Memorandum of Agreement. The public is invited to submit any comments or questions regarding these reports.

Comments may be submitted no later than Monday, November 18, 2024, by mail to Mr. Rory J. Respicio, General Manager of the Port Authority of Guam, at (671) 477-5931, ext. 201, or via email at rjrespicio@portofguam.com, Attn: Commercial Port Historic District.

The deadline for submitting comments is thirty (30) days from the first publication of this notice on October 18, 2024. Thank you for your interest in the Jose D. Leon Guerrero Commercial Port. We appreciate your feedback.



Figure 1 Jose D. Leon Guerrero Commercial Port - Designation as a Historic District and Mitigation for Planned Upgrades and Replacements