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October 31, 2016

Mr. Ben L. Hark
Section Head
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Engineering Division
1334 Smith Street
Charleston, WV 25301

RE: Jefferson Road Realignment Project
State Project: U220-601-0.00 00
FR# 13-352-KA-5

Dear Mr. Hark:

We have reviewed the above mentioned project to determine its effects to cultural resources. As required by Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, and its implementing regulations, 36 CFR 800: "Protection of Historic Properties," we submit our comments.

Thank you for the additional information concerning the area we questioned concerning the addition of the round-about and the proposed RHL Boulevard extension. We understand these areas were previously covered under the RHL Boulevard Extension project (FR# 10-564-KA). It is our opinion that changes in the architectural Area of Potential Effect do not add any new buildings or structures to evaluate. We concur with the WVDOH that revised APE will have no adverse effect to the Chesapeake & Ohio Railway under Preferred Alternative 5.

We appreciate the opportunity to be of service. *If you have questions regarding our comments or the Section 106 process, please contact Ernst E. Blevins, Structural Historian, at (304) 558-0240.*

Sincerely,

Susan M. Pierce
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

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September 9, 2016

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RE: Jefferson Road Realignment Project
State Project: U220-601-0.00 00
FR# 13-352-KA-4

Dear Mr. Hark:

We have reviewed the Phase I archaeological survey addendum report prepared by Michael Baker International for the above referenced project. As required by Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, and its implementing regulations, 36 CFR 800: "Protection of Historic Properties," we submit our comments.

According to submitted information, the proposed Area of Potential Effect (APE) for the above referenced project has been expanded to incorporate two proposed roundabouts and proposed construction staging areas for the project.

Archaeological Resources:

The report addresses our concerns regarding the presence of cultural resources within the expanded APE. Systematic survey conducted in the expansion area did not identify any new archaeological resources. We concur with the consultant's recommendation that no further archaeological investigations are necessary within the APE of the Jefferson Road Project as currently designed. In our opinion, no archaeological historic properties will be affected by the proposed project. No further consultation is necessary with respect to archaeological resources.

Architectural Resources:

We request that DOH confirm if the expanded APE requires evaluation of additional above ground resources within the expanded APE. The addition of the proposed RHL Boulevard extension adds an area that does not appear to be previously considered in our reviews. It also appears that the proposed south round-about may be tied to this proposed new road connection. If necessary, Historic Property Inventory Forms should be prepared and evaluated by a Secretary of the Interior qualified professional for a determination of eligibility to the National Register of Historic Places; and, if required, complete a determination of effects.

We appreciate the opportunity to be of service. *If you have questions regarding our comments or the Section 106 process, please contact Carolyn Kender, Archaeologist, or Ernest E. Blevins, Structural Historian, at (304) 558-0240.*

Sincerely,

Susan M. Pierce
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

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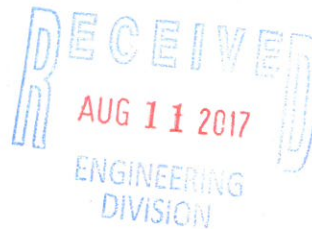
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August 8, 2017



Mr. Ben Hark
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WVDOH, Engineering Division
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RE: WV 601 Jefferson Road Realignment Project
State Project: U320-601-0. 00; Federal Project: STP-0601(009)D
FR#: 13-352-KA-6

Dear Mr. Hark:

We have reviewed the additional information submitted for the above referenced project. As required by Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, and its implementing regulations, 36 CFR 800: "Protection of Historic Properties," we submit our comments.

According to submitted information, the proposed project has undergone a design modification which has resulted in the requirement of additional right-of-way along Liberty Street and Park Street in the Jefferson Park Area.

Archaeological Resources:

According to the submitted information, prior subsurface testing conducted in the Jefferson Park Area demonstrated that the area has been severely disturbed by urbanization. Due to the noted disturbances, it is the opinion of the West Virginia Division of Highways that it is unlikely significant intact archaeological deposits are present in the additional right-of-way project area. We concur with this conclusion. In our opinion, no archaeological historic properties will be affected by the proposed project. No further consultation is necessary with respect to archaeological resources. If, however, intact cultural materials are encountered during construction, please cease all activity within the discovery area and contact our office immediately.

We appreciate the opportunity to be of service. *If you have questions regarding our comments or the Section 106 process, please contact Carolyn Kender, Archaeologist, at (304) 558-0240.*

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Susan M. Pierce". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Susan M. Pierce
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

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