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Surface Transportation Board
Case Control Unit
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Federal Agency: Surface Transportation Board

Re: Environmental Assessment, including the Surface Transportation Board's finding of "no historic properties affected," concerning the abandonment of 1.39 miles of rail line from milepost QST 0.03 to milepost QST 1.42 (Docket No. AB-55 [Sub-No. 735X]; DHPA #16616)

Dear Mr. Irwin:

Pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (16 U.S.C. § 470f) and 36 C.F.R. Part 800, the staff of the Indiana State Historic Preservation Officer ("Indiana SHPO") has conducted an analysis of the materials dated October 24, 2014 and received on October 31, 2014, for the above indicated project in Terre Haute, Vigo County, Indiana.

As previously stated, based upon the documentation available to the staff of the Indiana SHPO, we note that archaeological site 12Vi596 is recorded where the proposed project area ends at the north. In addition, the project area crosses over the route of the Wabash & Erie Canal at Eagle Street. It is our understanding that CSXT is only going to remove the rail, top layer of ballast, signals and signs. It is also our understanding that CSXT will not be disturbing any subgrade ground that was not previously disturbed. Therefore, the proposed project activities should not impact intact deposits associated with 12Vi596 or the Wabash & Erie Canal.

If any prehistoric or historic archaeological artifacts or human remains are uncovered during construction, demolition, or earthmoving activities, state law (Indiana Code 14-21-1-27 and 29) requires that the discovery must be reported to the Department of Natural Resources within two (2) business days. In that event, please call (317) 232-1646. Be advised that adherence to Indiana Code 14-21-1-27 and 29 does not obviate the need to adhere to applicable federal statutes and regulations.

Also, as previously stated, in regard to buildings and structures, we have identified the following properties within the probable area of potential effects, and we believe that they may meet the criteria of eligibility for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places:

Jail, 34 Ohio Street, (site #167-628-21059)
Indiana Gas Utilities Company, 325 Water Street, (site #167-628-20424)

Additionally, we have identified the following property within the probable area of potential effects, and we believe that it meets the criteria of eligibility for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places due to its historical and architectural significance:

Chauncey Rose Memorial Plaza in Fairbanks Park, (site #167-628-20425)

Furthermore, we have identified the following property listed in the National Register of Historic Places within the probable area of potential effects:

Paul Dresser, Birthplace, listed on January 22, 1973

However, based on the information provided to our office, we do not believe that there will be any alterations to the characteristics of the above identified historic properties qualifying them for inclusion in or eligibility for the National Register (*see* 36 C.F.R. § 800.16[i]).

Therefore, we concur with the Surface Transportation Board's finding that there are no historic buildings, structures, districts, objects, or archaeological resources within the area of potential effects that will be affected by the above indicated project.

A copy of the revised 36 C.F.R. Part 800 that went into effect on August 5, 2004, may be found on the Internet at www.achp.gov for your reference. If you have questions about archaeological issues please contact Amy Johnson at (317) 232-6982 or ajohnson@dnr.IN.gov. If you have questions about buildings or structures please contact Kim Marie Padgett at (317) 234-6705 or kpadgett@dnr.IN.gov. Additionally, in all future correspondence regarding the above indicated project, please refer to DHPA #16616.

Very truly yours,



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