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Kenneth Blodgett  
Surface Transportation Board  
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Washington, DC 20423

Federal Agency: Surface Transportation Board

Re: Surface Transportation Board's finding of "no historic properties affected" concerning the abandonment of 2.38 miles of the Winamac Southern Railway Company line (Russiaville Line) between Webster Street (MP 181.26) and Defenbaugh Street (MP 183.64) (AB-1254X & AB-1255-X; DHPA #21239)

Dear Mr. Blodgett:

Pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (54 U.S.C. § 306108) 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 July 31, 2017 and received on August 4, 2017, with subsequent material dated August 24, 2017 and received on August 28, 2017; for the above indicated project in Kokomo, Howard County, Indiana.

We concur with the Surface Transportation Board's July 31, 2017 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.

This identification is subject to the following condition:

- The project activities remain within areas disturbed by previous construction.

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, including but not limited to 36 C.F.R. 800.

If you have questions about archaeological issues please contact Cathy Draeger-Williams at (317) 234-3791 or [cdraeger-williams@dnr.IN.gov](mailto:cdraeger-williams@dnr.IN.gov). If you have questions about buildings or structures please contact Chad Slider at (317) 234-5366 or [cslider@dnr.IN.gov](mailto:cslider@dnr.IN.gov).

Very truly yours,

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