



Miami Tribe of Oklahoma

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Surface Transportation Board
Case Control Unit
Washington, DC 20423

Re: Docket Nos. AB 1254X and AB 1255X – Comments of the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma

To Whom It May Concern:

Aya, kikwehsitoole – I show you respect. My name is Diane Hunter, and I am the Tribal Historic Preservation Officer for the Federally Recognized Miami Tribe of Oklahoma. In this capacity, I am the Miami Tribe's point of contact for all Section 106 issues.

The Miami Tribe received a notice of Service Date – Late Release August 24, 2017 for the above-mentioned project. The Tribe should have been consulted from the beginning of this project; however, the August 24, 2017 notice was the first notification received by the Miami Tribe regarding this project. The Tribe offers no objection to the project proceeding as proposed or to the City of Kokomo's request for trail use. However, as this site is within the aboriginal homelands of the Miami Tribe, if any human remains or Native American cultural items falling under the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) or archaeological evidence is discovered during any phase of this project, the Miami Tribe requests immediate consultation with the entity of jurisdiction for the location of discovery. In such a case, please contact me at 918-541-8966 or by email at dhunter@miamination.com to initiate consultation.

Respectfully,

Diane Hunter

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