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Ms. Jo Ann Burroughs, Manager of Network Services  
CSX  
500 Water Street – J315  
Jacksonville, FL 32202

Re: Railroad Abandonment of James River Industrial Track from SR 5 to Lehigh Hanson Cement  
City of Richmond and Henrico County  
DHR File No. 2012-1768

Dear Ms. Burroughs,

On February 15, 2013, the Virginia Department of Historic Resources (DHR) received additional information on the above referenced project pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended. We understand that the project will be receiving federal approval from the Surface Transportation Board (STB).

DHR understands that CSX Transportation, Inc. and Norfolk Southern Corporation, are proposing to abandon service for 1.55 miles of the James River Industrial Track in the City of Richmond and Henrico County. The rail line runs parallel to the James River. The purpose of the abandonment is to discontinue service, salvage the track and improvements, and convert the property for use by non-motorized transportation as the Richmond Riverfront Phase of the Virginia Capital Trail.

Historically the track was constructed at the municipal wharf for the City of Richmond in 1938 with the purpose of shipping freight to and from the wharf. We do not believe that this rail corridor is eligible for listing in the Virginia Landmarks Register or the National Register of Historic Places. Therefore, based upon a review of the information provided, we concur that no historic properties will be affected by the proposed rail abandonment. We also understand that this phase of the Virginia Capital Trail will not be receiving federal funding and will be administered through VDOT. I have forwarded the plans to appropriate reviewer, Marc Holma.

Should you have any additional questions, I can be reached at (804) 482-6084 or via email, [andrea.kampinen@dhr.virginia.gov](mailto:andrea.kampinen@dhr.virginia.gov).

Sincerely,

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