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February 26, 2018

Ms. Victoria Rutson
Chief, Office of Environmental Assessment
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20423

**RE: Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 777X), CSX Transportation, Inc.—Abandonment
Exemption—in Fulton County, GA**

Dear Ms. Rutson:

Enclosed please find a copy of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources' ("GDNR") letter dated February 21, 2018, acknowledging consultation with GDNR for compliance with Section 106 and finding that the language in the contract between CSX Transportation, Inc. and Atlanta Beltline, Inc. satisfies the GDNR's condition and "that the project appears acceptable as continuing its current no adverse effect determination." Therefore, CSXT respectfully request that the Section 106 condition imposed in the February 6, 2018, decision in this proceeding be removed.

Sincerely yours,



Melanie B. Yasbin
Attorney for CSX Transportation, Inc.

Enclosure



HISTORIC PRESERVATION DIVISION

MARK WILLIAMS
COMMISSIONER

DR. DAVID CRASS
DIVISION DIRECTOR

February 21, 2018

Matt Coffing
Regional Manager, Real Estate and Facilities
CSX Transportation, Inc.
500 Water Street
Jacksonville, Florida

**RE: CSX: Abandon 4.4 Miles, Milepost XXC 0.0 to XXC 4.4, Glenwood Avenue, Atlanta
Fulton County, Georgia
HP-180108-002**

Dear Mr. Coffing:

The Historic Preservation Division (HPD) has reviewed the information submitted concerning the above referenced project. Our comments are offered to assist the Surface Transportation Board and CSX Transportation, Inc. (CSX) in complying with the provisions of Section 106 and Section 110 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA).

The subject project consists of the abandonment of 4.4 miles of the Atlanta and West Point (A&WP) rail line from milepost XXC 0.0 at Oakland Junction to milepost XXC 4.4 at Glenwood Avenue in Atlanta, including removal of track material. The project was previously determined to have no adverse effect on the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP)-eligible A&WP Rail Road, with one condition. The current submitted information includes a redacted copy of the contract between CSX and Atlanta Beltline, Inc. (ABI), including language requiring ABI to consult with our office regarding effects to the NRHP-eligible resource. It is HPD's opinion that the contract language satisfies condition 1 and that the project appears acceptable as continuing its current no adverse effect determination.

Moving forward, HPD requests that CSX revise the contract language to not require our office to "request" the buyer to satisfy Section 106 requirements and requests that said language be included within the initial project submittal so that our office is not required to condition the effects determination and to avoid repetitive review delays.

This letter evidences consultation with our office for compliance with Section 106 of the NHPA. It is important to remember that any changes to this project as it is currently proposed may require additional consultation. HPD encourages federal agencies and project applicants to discuss such changes with our office to ensure that potential effects to historic resources are adequately considered in project planning.

Please refer to project number **HP-180108-002** in any future correspondence concerning this project. If we may be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me at (770) 389-7851 or jennifer.dixon@dnr.ga.gov.

Sincerely,

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Cc: Allison Duncan, Atlanta Regional Commission