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Fulton County  
Farmington to Dunfermline  
Railway Abandonment  
Milepost 52.2 in Farmington to Milepost 66.7 in Dunfermline  
STB-AB 6 (Sub-No. 486X)  
SHPO Log #009101512

November 19, 2019

Alan Tabachnick  
Surface Transportation Board  
395 E Street SW  
Washington, DC 20423

Dear Mr. Tabachnick:

We have reviewed the additional information provided in your letter of September 26, 2019, for the above referenced project. Our comments are required by Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, and its implementing regulations, 36 CFR 800: "Protection of Historic Properties."

This office concurs with the Surface Transportation Board that the abandonment of the rail line and the demolition of the rails and ties on the National Register of Historic Places-eligible stone-arch bridge at mile marker 52.86 constitutes an adverse effect as defined in 36 CFR 800.5.

Please consult with this office on the development of a Memorandum of Agreement containing stipulations that mitigate this adverse effect

If you have any questions, please call 217/782-4836.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert F. Appleman".

Robert F. Appleman  
Deputy State Historic  
Preservation Officer

c: Victoria Rutson, Director, Surface Transportation Board  
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