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**RE: CSX: Abandon/Sell Rail Line to Atlanta Beltline, Inc., near University Avenue, Atlanta  
Fulton County, Georgia  
HP-150505-026**

Dear Ms. Burroughs:

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 (STB) and its applicants in complying with the provisions of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (NHPA).

The subject project consists of the abandonment and sale of a former rail line in Atlanta. Based on the information submitted, HPD finds that no archaeological resources that are listed or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) will be affected by the rail abandonment, as defined in 36 CFR Part 800.4(d)(1), due to the nature of the abandonment activity. Please note, HPD continues to concur with the previous treatment plan recommendations for potential archaeological resources put forth in the Beltline Corridor Environmental Study in order to account for archaeological resources that may be located within this project's area of potential effect (APE).

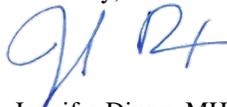
Concerning historic resources, it is HPD's opinion that the Louisville and Nashville Railroad is eligible for listing in the NRHP. However, HPD finds that the subject project, as proposed, will have **no adverse effect** to historic properties within its APE, as defined in 36 CFR Part 800.5(d)(1), due to the nature of the abandonment activity.

If there is any future undertaking regarding this rail line that would be considered a federal undertaking, HPD should be given the opportunity to review and comment on the proposed project. Additionally, in keeping with the agreed upon treatment plan for archaeological resources, a Phase I archaeological survey may be needed.

This letter evidences consultation with our office for compliance with Section 106 of the NHPA. It is important to remember that any future 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-150505-026** in any future correspondence regarding this project. If we may be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact Jennifer Bedell, Archaeology Compliance Unit Manager, at (770) 389-7861 or [jennifer.bedell@dnr.ga.gov](mailto:jennifer.bedell@dnr.ga.gov) or me at (770) 389-7855 or [Jennifer.dixon@dnr.ga.gov](mailto:Jennifer.dixon@dnr.ga.gov).

Sincerely,



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