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David Navecky
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, SW
Room 1104
Washington, DC 20423

**Re: Supplemental EA for the Joint Use of the Louisville and Indiana Railroad in Louisville,
Jefferson County, Kentucky Docket No. FD 35523**

Dear Mr. Navecky:

The State Historic Preservation Office received the above referenced information for review and comment. As part of previous review, our office requested, received and reviewed a cultural historic survey report to assess potential direct and indirect effects to historic properties stemming from the increase in number of trains traveling on 1.5 miles of rail line in Kentucky, running approximately from the Kentucky border with Indiana to Union Station. The supplemental EA provides information on increased train traffic on an additional 2.7 miles of line connecting the southern end of the L&I Line to CSXT's rail line system. This area is referred to as the "Louisville Connection" (segment CSXT-01a) and will see an increase in train traffic from 6 to 18 trains per day. The speed at which trains would travel through this area will remain unchanged.

The Louisville connection passes a number of National Register listed sites which no longer appear to be extant, as well as a number of undocumented sites which are over 50 years of age. If an area of potential effect (APE) for indirect effects is established similar to the one utilized in the cultural historic survey report, this APE may just reach the boundary of the National Register listed Old Louisville Historic District. Otherwise, the APE and any resources which may be potentially eligible for listing appear to be industrial in nature. Based on the information available at this time, we continue to anticipate no adverse effect to historic properties. Our previous comments are extended to include the 2.7-mile Louisville Connection. Please note, if plans change to require substantial upgrade work to tracks or alterations to bridges in this segment which have not been previously evaluated, or if you receive any comments related to cultural resources in Kentucky from the public or other consulting parties, please contact our office to resume Section 106 consultation. If you have questions regarding these comments, please contact Jill Howe of my staff at (502) 564-7005, extension 121.

Sincerely,

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