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Mr. Alan Tabachnick
U.S. Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street SW
Washington, DC 20423

Project: MHPC# 0238-21 PanAm Railways; Maine Central Railroad
Madison Branch Abandonment
Town: Madison, ME

Dear Mr. Tabachnick:

In response to your recent request, I have reviewed the information received July 2, 2021 to continue consultation on the above referenced projects in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (NHPA).

Thank you for providing the photographs of the resources along the Madison Branch. Based on the information submitted, our office has determined that only the truss bridges along the Madison Branch are eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion C, engineering. Neither the Branch corridor (including rails and ties) nor the culverts are eligible. ***This is a new determination of eligibility.***

I have concluded that the proposed undertaking of abandonment and transfer will have **no adverse effect** upon historic properties.

We understand that after the abandonment process has concluded, the U.S. Surface Transportation Board has no legal authority over the railway line, and no authority to place conditions on the new owner. Nonetheless, we wish to take this opportunity to recommend that the Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry consult with our office about any future work that is undertaken on the eligible truss bridges.

Please contact Megan M. Rideout at (207) 287-2992 or megan.m.rideout@maine.gov if we can be of further assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Kirk F. Mohney
State Historic Preservation Officer