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Surface Transportation Board
Washington, DC 20423

Re: **SHPO Project No. 022-MLT-21** – Docket No. FD 36406, Port Authority of Kansas City – Construction and Operation Exemption – In Jackson and Clay Counties, Missouri; Initiation of National Historic Preservation Act Section 106 Consultation and Preliminary Environmental Considerations (STB)

Dear Danielle Gosselin:

Thank you for submitting information about the above-referenced project for our review pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (P.L. 89-665, as amended) and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation's regulation 36 CFR Part 800, which require identification and evaluation of cultural resources.

We have reviewed the information provided concerning the above referenced project. The potential for unrecorded sites is high as indicated by the topographic location of the project and the presence of previously recorded archaeological sites within and adjacent to the proposed project area. We, therefore, recommend that an archaeological survey strategy, with deep testing as deemed appropriate, should be developed in conjunction with a contract archaeologist who meets the Secretary of Interior's Standards for Archaeology. This survey should be completed prior to the initiation of project-related construction activities.

A list of independent archaeological contractors who can perform such services is available through the Missouri Department of Natural Resources at:

<https://mostateparks.com/sites/mostateparks/files/ArchaeologicalConsultantList-2021.pdf>

Regarding your request for guidance in developing a list of potential Section 106 consulting parties, we recommend you review the webpage maintained by the Missouri Department of Transportation, which provides lists of federally recognized tribes by county that claim portions of Missouri as their ancestral lands. You can find the website here:

<https://www.modot.org/tribal-consultation>.

Please note that any 36 CFR Part 61 qualified archaeologist may perform an archaeological survey. If you choose a contractor not on the list, please be certain to include his or her curriculum vitae in the report. We would appreciate **one (1) hard copy and one (1) pdf copy** of



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the archaeological survey report when it is finished so we may complete the review and comment process.

If you have any questions, please write the State Historic Preservation Office, P.O. Box 176, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102 attention Review and Compliance, or call Jeffrey Alvey at (573) 751-7862. Please be sure to include the **SHPO Project Number (022-MLT-21)** on all future correspondence or inquiries relating to this project.

Sincerely,

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE



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