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Subject: RE: STB Consulting Party - Section 106 MOA - NEED TO BE ADDED

Hi. Thank you for reaching out. Based upon feedback from our June 8th consulting parties meeting on this case, we did reach out to the suggested potential consulting parties including Bergen Arches Preservation Coalition. I did send an email to the contact address listed on the website but did not hear back. We are happy to add your organization to the list of formal Section 106 consulting parties for this project. There is a substantial amount of information on the project available on our website, under the case number AB 167 1189X. For cultural resources, this includes the Cultural Resources Inventory Report from 2017 (39672), the Cultural Resources Inventory Report Addendum from 2018 (46660), the Cultural Resources Effects Assessment Report (March 2019), and the Cultural Resources Effects Assessment Report Addendum (November 2019).

We circulated a draft MOA to all of the consulting parties in October/November of 2020 for review and comment. As you know, we had a consulting parties meeting on June 8th where we talked about our revised MOA and solicited comments from the attendees. We then circulated this revised MOA for review and comment for 30 days, ending today. If you would like, I could send you a copy of the revised draft MOA and our agency's response to comments on the 2020 MOA for your information and review, if you don't already have a copy of these materials. I would appreciate any feedback and comments as early as possible. We will be reviewing all of the comments from the consulting parties so welcome your input.

If you would like to set up a call to talk about the project and get more information, please let me know. Thanks and have a nice weekend.

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Alan,

Good morning, I hope this email finds you well.

I was just informed today that I was not a consulting party as part of the Section 106 process in reviewing the STB's MOA for Conrail's abandonment of the Harsimus Branch Line.

I believe that I should be added as a consulting party because I represent the Bergen Arches Preservation Coalition. Our organization has been involved with this issue since 2016.

We believe in preserving the historic character of Jersey City. The Harsimus Branch Line and the Bergen Arches are part of that historic character. We also understand the tremendous value in developing these lines as passive greenways and green infrastructure, and the importance of connecting communities through this process.

It seems as though the review has been well under way — can you please forward me any emails associated with this issue? Any chance I can get some more time to look over the documents?

Best,

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