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Good morning Alan,

My name is Ayla Schermer, and I am the president of [Bike JC](#). I recently learned at a neighborhood meeting that the Surface Transportation Board is in the middle of a Section 106 review for the Harsimus Branch/Sixth Street Embankment and is considering permitting the abandonment of the branch without historic preservation conditions. I'd like to kindly request that Bike JC be added as a consulting party in the Section 106 review process, which encourages contributions from such local groups.

Bike JC is a volunteer nonprofit advocacy organization that aims to make Jersey City streets safe and welcoming for cyclists by promoting bicycle infrastructure creation, education, and group rides and events. We are bicyclists, commuters, parents, and advocates committed to working with our neighborhoods, schools, and elected officials to make Jersey City the most bike-friendly city in the state. We believe a bike-friendly city is safer and healthier for everyone.

As such, we are keenly interested in the plans to run the East Coast Greenway over the Sixth Street Embankment and through the Bergen Arches to the future Essex-Hudson Greenway (which was just acquired by the state of New Jersey). These are three historic rail corridors that can and should contribute to 21st-century public needs in our urban area.

I am grateful for your consideration of including Bike JC as a consulting party as the Section 106 process moves forward.

Thank you,  
Ayla Schermer

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