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Subject: Historic Preservation of the Harsimus Branch and the fate of the 6th Street Embankment
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Dear Mr. Tabachnick:

Just this morning I learned that the Surface Transportation Board is considering authorizing the abandonment of the Harsimus Branch without historic preservation conditions!

Such a decision has dire consequences for my community and could potentially lead to the demolition of the 6th Street Embankment in my Jersey City neighborhood. It most certainly would break up a century-and-a-half-old transportation corridor that is so important to Jersey City's future. I started learning about the Embankment's historic preservation back in 1999 when my community mobilized to get the Embankment onto the State Register of Historic Places. That's 24 years of work that is threatened!

The public has had no information about this matter unless they happen to subscribe to an Embankment Coalition newsletter, and, even then, they would not be aware of the imminence or quality of this decision.

I believe that your agency was supposed to have informed and engaged the public in this process at its earliest stages. Now to learn that it is in a late stage of review without having done so is of great concern, disheartening.

I urge you to correct this situation straight away.

I ask that you please post this email as an **Environmental Comment**, as I am not familiar with how to do so on your system.

Thank you for your immediate attention.

Respectfully,

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