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From: Historic Preservation Division

Attached is our letter on the subject undertaking (in Adobe Acrobat PDF format)

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June 4, 2024

Danielle Gosselin
Director, Office of Environmental Analysis
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, SW
Washington, DC 20423
Attn: Karen Stevens, Project Manager

**RE: Construct Rail Line, Savannah Gateway Industrial Hub, McCall Road, Rincon
Effingham County, Georgia
HP-240506-008**

Dear Ms. Gosselin:

The Historic Preservation Division (HPD) has received the information submitted concerning the above referenced project. Our comments are offered to assist the Surface Transportation Board (STB) and its applicants in complying with the provisions of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (NHPA).

The subject project consists of constructing an approximately 11,404-feet (ft.) long rail line within the Savannah Gateway Industrial Hub across a portion of the circa (ca.) 2019 Effingham County parcel 0450F021A00 located along McCall Road and a portion of the ca. 2020 parcel 0450F003 at 4575 McCall Road in Rincon. Based on the information provided, it is HPD's understanding that the rail line construction was completed in late 2020, however consultation with our office was not initiated until May 6, 2024. HPD would like to note that it is not within our role under Section 106 of the NHPA to comment on projects that are already completed since the undertaking may already have affected historic properties. In order to complete the Section 106 process in such circumstances, the federal agency and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation may consider foreclosure and/or the applicability of Section 110k of the NHPA (54 U.S. Code § 306113). Such consideration by the federal agency can lead to significant project delays.

However, in order to move this project forward and based on the information provided and desktop research, HPD finds the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP)-eligible Savannah & Atlanta (SVAT) Railroad and the Florida Central & Peninsular (FLCP) Railroad are within the proposed project's area of potential effect (APE). However, it is HPD's opinion that the subject project, as proposed, will have **no adverse effect** to historic properties within its APE, as defined in 36 CFR Part 800.5(d)(1), due to the scope and location of the work, existing modern intrusions, and previous ground disturbance.

This letter evidences consultation with our office for compliance with Section 106 of the NHPA. It is important to remember that any changes to this project as it is currently proposed may require additional consultation. HPD encourages federal agencies and project applicants to discuss such changes with our office to ensure that potential effects to historic properties are adequately considered in project planning.

Please refer to project number **HP-240506-008** in any future correspondence regarding this project. If we may be of further assistance, please contact Olivia Kendrick, Environmental Review Historian, at Olivia.Kendrick@dca.ga.gov or (404) 486-6425 or Noah Bryant, Compliance Review Archaeologist, at Noah.Bryant@dca.ga.gov or (404) 679-0649.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Stacy Rieke". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Stacy" and last name "Rieke" clearly distinguishable.

Stacy Rieke, MHP
Program Manager
Environmental Review & Preservation Planning

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cc: Simon Hardt, Coastal Regional Commission of Georgia
Jennifer Fordham, DCA Regional Services, Region 12