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**GEORGIA DEPARTMENT
of COMMUNITY AFFAIRS**

March 26, 2025

Alan Tabachnick
Federal Preservation Officer
Surface Transportation Board
395 East Street Southwest
Washington, DC 20423

**Re: Compliance with Memorandum of Agreement
Proposed Rail Abandonment: Macon-Athens Railroad, Oconee River to F-MP 105.3, Athens
Clarke County, Georgia
HP-230522-001**

Dear Mr. Tabachnick:

The Historic Preservation Division (HPD) has received the mitigation documentation as part of the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) for the above referenced undertaking. Our review of this documentation is in accordance with the MOA, which HPD signed October 21, 2024.

HPD has reviewed the digital permanent photographic archival record (PAR) for the Athens Branch of the Macon and Northern (MACN) Railroad. In our opinion, the digital PAR partially satisfies Stipulation I.A. of the MOA and HPD has no further comments on the PAR. According to our files, one (1) stipulation remains outstanding. HPD looks forward to receiving the archival and digital copy of the MACN Railroad PAR and associated archival CD(s) to complete Stipulation I.A. and the remainder of the mitigation documentation in accordance with Stipulations I.B. (interpretive panel), once available.

Please refer to project number **HP-230522-001** 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.

Sincerely,

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