



GEORGIA DEPARTMENT
of COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

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August 8, 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 for the above referenced project. Our review of this document is in accordance with the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) for the above referenced undertaking, which HPD signed October 21, 2024.

HPD has reviewed the photographic documentation of the installed interpretive panel for the Athens Branch of the Macon and Northern (MACN) Railroad in accordance with Stipulation I.B of the MOA. In our opinion, the installed sign was produced and installed in accordance with the guidance provided in the MOA. Therefore, it is HPD's opinion that the photographic documentation satisfies Stipulation I.B of the MOA. According to our files, one stipulation remains outstanding. HPD looks forward to receiving the photographic permanent archival record (PAR), to satisfy Stipulation I.A, 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 Margot McLaughlin, Environmental Review Historian, at Margot.McLaughlin@dca.ga.gov or (404) 679-4839

Sincerely,

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