



SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD
Washington, DC 20423

Office of Environmental Analysis

October 3, 2016

Brona Simon
State Historic Preservation Officer
Massachusetts Historical Commission
220 Morrissey Boulevard
Boston, MA 02125

Re: Docket No. FD 34797 (Sub-No. 1), New England Transrail, LLC, d/b/a
Wilmington and Woburn Terminal Railway—Construction, Acquisition,
& Operation Exemption—in Wilmington and Woburn, Mass.; Section 106
Consulting Parties

Dear Ms. Simon:

The purpose of this letter is to follow up with your office on the Surface Transportation Board's (Board) letter dated August 11, 2016 initiating consultation under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (Section 106).

As explained in the Board's August 11, 2016 letter, the Office of Environmental Analysis (OEA) is the office within the Board responsible for ensuring that the agency is in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and related environmental laws, including Section 106 and its implementing regulations at 36 C.F.R. Part 800. New England Transrail, LLC (NET) filed a petition for exemption with the Board pursuant to 49 U.S.C. §§ 10502 and 10901 in Docket No. FD 34797 (Sub-No. 1). NET intends to acquire, construct and operate various rail lines and construct and operate transloading facilities, where goods and materials are transferred from rail to truck, in the towns of Wilmington and Woburn, Massachusetts. The decision facing the Board whether or not to license this project is an undertaking subject to compliance with Section 106.

Below for your review and comment, is a list of Section 106 consulting parties currently under consideration by OEA. We welcome any suggestions you may have regarding consulting parties that you think should be added to our list.

800.2a Other Federal Agencies

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

800.2(c)(1) State Historic Preservation Office
Massachusetts Historical Commission

800.2(c)(2) Indian Tribes

Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe

Narragansett Indian Tribe

Wampagnoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah)

800.2(c)(3) Representative of local governments

Wilmington Planning & Conservation Department

Wilmington Historical Commission

Woburn Historical Commission

800.2(c)(4) Applicants for Federal assistance, permits, licenses and other approvals

New England Transrail, LLC

800.2(c)(5) Additional consulting parties

Wilmington Town Museum

Woburn Historical Society

Boston & Maine Railroad Historical Society

If you have any questions about this request or need specific information about the proposed project, please feel free to contact Danielle Gosselin of my staff by phone at (202) 245-0300 or by email at danielle.gosselin@stb.gov. We look forward to consulting with you and your office on this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Victoria Rutson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Victoria" and last name "Rutson" clearly distinguishable.

Victoria Rutson

Director

Office of Environmental Analysis