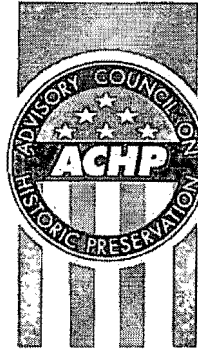


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Mr. Francis P. Mulvey
Acting Chairman
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20423-0001

Dear Mr. Mulvey:

In response to a notification received from the Surface Transportation Board (STB), the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) will participate in consultation to develop a memorandum of agreement for the proposed Consolidated Rail Corporation Abandonment Exemption, Hudson County, New Jersey. Our decision to participate in this consultation is based on the *Criteria for Council Involvement in Reviewing Individual Section 106 Cases*, contained within our regulations. The criteria are met for this proposed undertaking because the undertaking presents policy questions and has the potential for substantial public controversy.

Section 800.6(a)(1)(iii) of our regulations requires that we notify you, as the head of the agency, of our decision to participate in consultation. By copy of this letter, we are also notifying Victoria Rutson, Federal Preservation Officer for STB, of this decision. Please note that the ACHP will not be commenting on the Environmental Assessment (EA) issued by STB for this undertaking. Rather, we will be focusing on historic preservation issues referenced in the EA during the Section 106 consultation process with consulting parties.

Our participation in this consultation will be handled by Najah Duvall-Gabriel who can be reached at (202) 606-8585 or by email at ngabriel@achp.gov. We look forward to working with your agency and other consulting parties to consider alternatives to this undertaking that could avoid, minimize, or mitigate potential adverse effects on historic properties and to reach a memorandum of agreement.

Sincerely,

John M. Fowler
Executive Director

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

If you have any questions concerning our letter, please contact:

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