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Dr. James Glass
State of Indiana
Department of Natural Resources
Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology
402 W. Washington Street
Room W274
Indianapolis, IN 46204

RE: Request for Indiana SHPO opinion regarding the NRHP eligibility of Louisville Indiana Railroad Bridge MP 40.19 over the Flatrock River as part of CSX Transportation, Inc.'s acquisition of the Louisville Indiana Railroad Company between Indianapolis, IN, milepost 4.0, and Louisville, KY, milepost 110.5 (DHPA #11979).

Dear Dr. Glass:

CSX Transportation, Inc. ("CSXT") expects to be filing in September 2011 with the Surface Transportation Board (the "STB") an application to acquire a perpetual non-exclusive overhead freight operating easement for joint use over 106.5 miles of the Louisville & Indiana Railroad Company (LIRC) between Indianapolis, IN, milepost 4.0, and Louisville, KY, milepost 110.5 (the "Line").

The proposed project includes rehabilitation of the Line over a period of time that may be up to seven years. As part of rehabilitation activities, CSXT anticipates reconstruction of bridge MP 40.19 over the Flatrock River. CSXT plans to replace the bridge superstructure with the same type of steel girder structure as the bridge currently has and would use existing piers. In an effort to determine if bridge MP 40.19 is a historic property, CSXT reviewed the Indiana State Historic Architectural and Archaeological Research Database (SHAARD) maintained by IN DNR. No information relating to this bridge was available in SHAARD.

In order to determine if bridge MP 40.19 is a historic property, CSXT is soliciting the Indiana SHPO to render an opinion regarding the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) eligibility of Bridge MP 40.19 over the Flatrock River. In a phone conversation dated August 24, 2011, Historic Structures Reviewer Chad Slider indicated that a topographic map showing the location of the bridge, information regarding the age and type of the bridge, and photographs of the bridge would be necessary for the Indiana SHPO to render an opinion on the NRHP eligibility of Bridge MP 40.19.

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Enclosed with this is letter a topographic map showing the location of the bridge, information regarding the age and type of the bridge, engineering plan and profile drawings of the bridge, and photographs of the bridge in its current state. Please review the enclosed information to render an opinion regarding the NRHP eligibility of bridge MP 40.19. If you need any additional information for your review, please contact Dylan Eigenberger at 612-597-1589 or via e-mail at Dylan.Eigenberger@hdrinc.com.

Thank you for your assistance on this project.

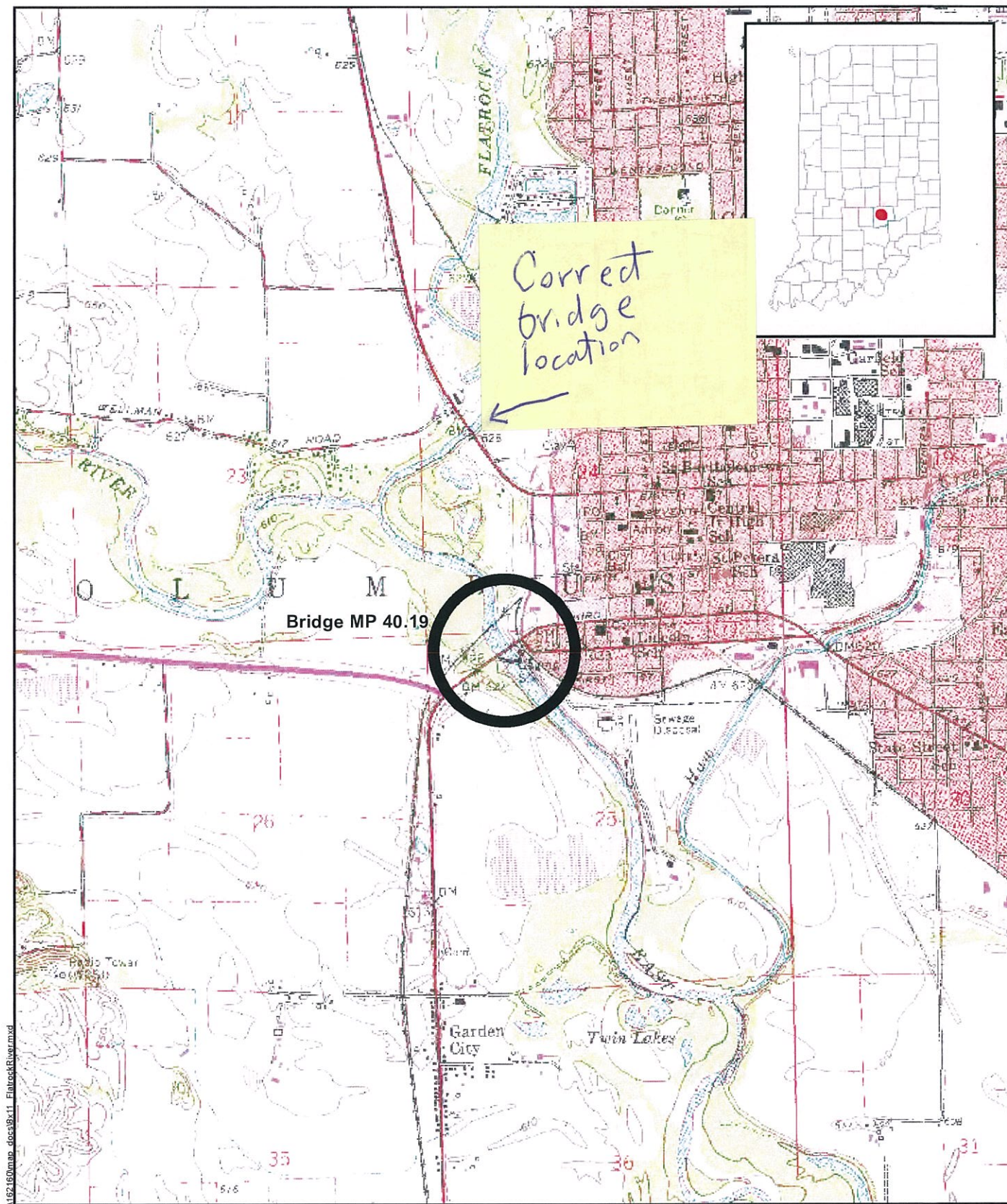
Sincerely,

HDR Engineering, Inc.



Mark Wollschlager,
Project Manager

Enclosures: Topographic map showing the location of the bridge; Information regarding the type and age of the bridge; Engineering plan and profile drawings (24);
Photographs of the bridge (9)



Correct
bridge
location

Bridge MP 40.19

Columbus Quad

Flatrock River
Bridge



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Louisville Indiana Railroad Company Bridge MP 40.19











