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Federal Agency: Surface Transportation Board

Re: Project information regarding CSX Transportation, Inc.'s acquisition of over 106.5 miles of the Louisville Indiana Railroad Company between Indianapolis, IN, milepost 4.0, and Louisville, KY, milepost 110.5 (DHPA #11979)

Dear Mr. Wollschlager:

Pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (16 U.S.C. § 470f) and 36 C.F.R. Part 800, the staff of the Indiana State Historic Preservation Officer ("Indiana SHPO") has conducted an analysis of the materials dated July 11, 2011 and received on July 13, 2011, for the above indicated project from Indianapolis to Jeffersonville, Indiana.

Thank you for notifying the Indiana SHPO of the proposed undertaking. It is our understanding that an environmental assessment and historic properties report are currently being prepared and will be provided to the Indiana SHPO for review and comment. In preparation of the report, we would recommend that the Indiana Survey of Historic Sites and Structures be referenced by viewing the applicable county interim reports and our online database. Published county interim reports may be viewed at our office; local, university, or state library; or may be available for purchase through Indiana Landmarks at (317) 639-4534. The State Historic Architectural and Archaeological Research Database (SHAARD) may be accessed at www.in.gov/dnr/historic/4505.htm. In addition, we recommend that you review the list of properties included in the Indiana Register of Historic Sites and Structures (www.in.gov/dnr/historic/2823.htm). Indiana properties included in the National Register of Historic Places may be accessed through the DHPA website, or by visiting the National Park Service database at www.nps.gov/history/nr/.

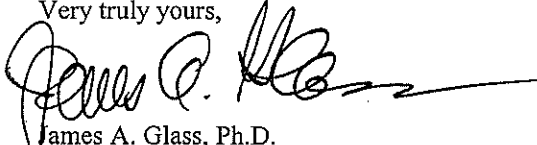
In terms of archaeology, multiple archaeological sites and cemeteries have been recorded adjacent to the existing railroad, including but not limited to sites 12Ma310, 12Jo200, 12Jo201, 12Jo227, 12B362, 12S23, 12S59, 12CI333, Jonesville Cemetery, Old Franklin Cemetery, Riverview Cemetery, Seymour City Cemetery, Pigeon Roost Memorial Cemetery, and a cemetery in Scottsburg.

While it is our understanding that the current project is limited to acquisition of an existing railroad and will not involve any construction, please be advised that if any archaeological artifacts or human remains are uncovered during construction, demolition, or earthmoving activities, state law (Indiana Code 14-21-1-27 and 29) requires that the discovery must be reported to the Department of Natural Resources within two (2) business days. In that event, please call (317) 232-1646. Be advised that adherence to Indiana Code 14-21-1-27 and 29 does not obviate the need to adhere to applicable federal statutes and regulations.

We look forward to receiving a copy of the draft environmental assessment, including information on cultural resources within the area of potential effects for our review and comment. Once this information is received, the Indiana SHPO will resume identification and evaluation procedures for this project. Please keep in mind that additional information may be requested in the future.

A copy of the revised 36 C.F.R. Part 800 that went into effect on August 5, 2004, may be found on the Internet at www.achp.gov for your reference. If you have questions about archaeological issues please contact Cathy Draeger-Williams at (317) 234-3791 or cdraeger-williams@dnr.IN.gov. If you have questions about buildings or structures please contact Chad Slider at (317) 234-5366 or cslider@dnr.IN.gov. Additionally, in all future correspondence regarding the above indicated project, please refer to DHPA #11979.

Very truly yours,



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Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

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cc: David C. Navecky, Surface Transportation Board