



Minnesota Department of Transportation

St. Croix Crossing Project
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January 2, 2013

Ms. Victoria Rutson
Section of Environmental Analysis
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street SW
Washington, DC 20423

Re: STB No. AB-33 (Sub No. 234X) -- Proposed abandonment of the Stillwater Industrial Lead from M.P. 469 to 5.5, Union Pacific Railroad, Washington County, Minnesota -- MnSHPO No. 2006-0286

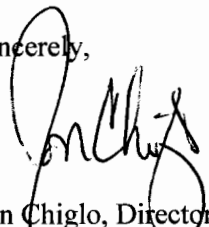
Dear Ms. Rutson:

Per the December 13, 2012, Minnesota State Historic Preservation Office letter to you, this letter serves as assurance that the following steps will be completed prior to any removal of the existing rail, ties, and ballast of the Union Pacific Railroad between Mile post 469 and 5.5 as described in the STB abandonment:

1. MnDOT, in consultation with the SHPO, will complete a stabilization report containing measures necessary to protect the South Main Archaeological District.
2. The recommended protective measures will be incorporated into the plans and appropriate special provisions of the Loop Trail project, with the plans to be reviewed and approved by SHPO.

With STB written acceptance of these assurances to the SHPO, we believe that you will be able to complete the abandonment process under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 as amended.

Sincerely,


Jon Chiglo, Director
St. Croix Crossing Project

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