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Re: Proposed Rail Line Abandonment Petition, Milepost SC 0.33 – SC 2.3: Additional Information
Charleston, Charleston County, South Carolina
SHPO Project No. 16-JS0236
Docket No. AB-290

Dear Mr. McFadden:

Thank you for your emails of October 11 and November 8, 2017 regarding additional information submitted in support of the above referenced undertaking. The additional information, including georeferencing of the line location and crossings and proposed condition language, was submitted in response to our June 21, 2016 letter regarding this undertaking. We also received in hard copy on November 13, 2017 a letter (dated November 7) and existing vs. conceptual redesign images from the City of Charleston that clarifies the plans for development of a public park/trail along the abandoned rail line. We previously received from the City on April 2, 2017 our requested photodocumentation of the Area of Potential Effect (APE). Additionally, we met on site on March 7 with representatives from Norfolk Southern, the City of Charleston, and the Lowcountry Lowline. We appreciate everyone's efforts to provide the additional information, answer our questions and concerns, and to take into account the effect to historic properties in the APE.

The State Historic Preservation Office is providing comments to the Surface Transportation Board pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and its implementing regulations, 36 CFR 800. Consultation with the SHPO is not a substitution for consultation with Tribal Historic Preservation Offices, other Native American tribes, local governments, or the public.

The undertaking's APE includes the William Aiken House and Associated Railroad Structures, a property listed in the National Register of Historic Places and designated as a National Historic Landmark. Based on the information received to date, our office believes that no properties listed in or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places will be adversely affected

by this undertaking. We do not recommend including the proposed "condition" language as an amendment to the Purchase and Sale Agreement.

If archaeological materials are encountered during construction, the procedures codified at 36 CFR 800.13(b) will apply. Archaeological materials consist of any items, fifty years old or older, which were made or used by man. These items include, but are not limited to, stone projectile points (arrowheads), ceramic sherds, bricks, worked wood, bone and stone, metal and glass objects, and human skeletal materials. The federal agency or the applicant receiving federal assistance should contact our office immediately.

Please refer to SHPO Project Number 16-JS0236 in any future correspondence regarding this project. If you have any questions, please contact me at (803) 896-6129 or jsylvest@scdah.sc.gov.

Sincerely,



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