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**RE: Environmental & Historic Report – STB Docket No. AB-1096X: Proposed Rail Line
Abandonment of Georgia Dept. of Transportation's West End Segment Between Milepost
469.15 and Milepost 472.27, Part of Atlanta Beltline
Fulton County, Georgia
HP-080729-001**

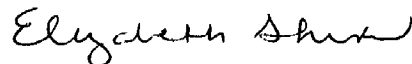
Dear Mr. Spitulnik:

The Historic Preservation Division (HPD) has reviewed the information submitted concerning the above referenced undertaking. Our comments are offered to assist the Surface Transportation Board (STB) and its applicants in complying with the provisions of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended.

Based on the submitted information, it is HPD's opinion that the entire 22-mile Atlanta Beltline Rail corridor, which includes the subject segment, is eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) under Criteria A and C for its significant association with the developmental history of Atlanta and for its significance in the area of railroad engineering and construction. Furthermore, in our opinion, the project as proposed will have **no effect** to historic properties located within its area of potential effects, as defined in 36 CFR Part 800.4(d)(1).

If we may be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me at (404) 651-6624 or via email at elizabeth.shirk@dnr.state.ga.us.

Sincerely,

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