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December 14, 2009

Kenneth E. Stockert
A.D. Marble & Company
1000 Gamma Drive, Suite 203
Pittsburgh, PA 15238

Re: ER 2010-8010-042-B
CSXT National Gateway Initiative Clearance Projects
Allegheny, Fayette and Somerset Counties, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Stockert:

The Bureau for Historic Preservation (the State Historic Preservation Office) has reviewed the above named project in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended in 1980 and 1992, and the regulations (36 CFR Part 800) of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation as revised in 1999 and 2004. These regulations require consideration of the project's potential effect upon both historic and archaeological resources.

We concur with the findings of the agency that the following transportation resources are eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion A for their transportation significance in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Pittsburgh Division, Allegheny, Bedford, and Somerset Counties
Pittsburgh & Lake Erie Railroad; Pittsburgh, McKeesport & Youghiogheny Railroad, Lawrence, Beaver, Allegheny, Westmoreland and Fayette Counties

If you need further information regarding historic structures please consult with Susan Zacher at (717) 783-9920.

Sincerely,

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Re: National Gateway Rail Clearance Infrastructure Enhancements
Consulting Party under Section 106

Dear Ms. Stamm:

Pittsburgh History & Landmarks Foundation accepts the invitation to be a consulting party in the Section 106 review of Penn DOT and CSX Transportation, Inc.'s work on the National Gateway clearance initiative.

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We look forward to being involved in this process.

Sincerely,

Arthur P. Ziegler, Jr.
President

cc: Anne Nelson
January 26, 2010

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Dear Ms. Stamm:

We are in receipt of your January 6, 2010 letter regarding the National Gateway Rail Clearance Infrastructure Enhancements. In reference to the projects scheduled for review within the Pittsburgh City limits, I would like to request a copy of the Consulting Party Application form, in anticipation that the City of Pittsburgh Planning Department might be considered a Consulting Party on these undertakings, as well as any future projects.

In addition, I am curious to know more about the proposed undertakings, in particular, the locations of each project site. If possible, please forward that information along with the application.

Thank you for considering us in your initial correspondence.

Sincerely,

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Re: ER 2010-8010-042-C
FHWA/CSX National Gateway Initiative Clearance Project
Allegheny, Somerset and Bedford Counties
Determination of Effect

Dear Mr. Stockert:

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We are in receipt of the determination of effect for the above listed project. On December 14, 2009 a letter of eligibility was sent for this project. The following resources were determined eligible for the National Register of Historic Places.

Baltimore & Ohio Pittsburgh Division, Allegheny, Bedford & Somerset Counties
Pittsburgh & Lake Erie Railroad: Pittsburgh, McKeesport & Youghiogheny Railroad, Lawrence, Beaver, Allegheny, Westmoreland & Fayette Counties

We concur with the findings of the agency will have an effect on properties listed in or eligible for the National Register of Historic Places (listed above). Furthermore, it is our opinion that this project will adversely affect the historic and architectural qualities that make the property eligible (see list of contributing resources affected below). To comply with the regulations of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, you must follow the procedures outlined in 36 CFR 800.6, when the effect is adverse. You will need to notify the Advisory Council of the effect finding and continue to consult with the Bureau for Historic Preservation to seek ways to avoid or reduce the effects on historic properties.
Contributing Resources Adversely Affected by Proposed Project

1. Benford Tunnel (BFJ 5.00), Somerset County
2. Brook Tunnel (BF 239.70), Somerset County
3. Shoe Fly Tunnel (BF 236.80), Somerset County
4. Pinkerton Tunnel (BF 235.40), Somerset County
5. Sand Patch Tunnel (BF 210.60), Somerset County
6. Falls Cut Tunnel (BF 198.40), Somerset County

We concur that there will be no adverse effect on the following National Register listed, eligible or contributing resources.

1. Chartiers Creek Bridge (PLE 3.36), Allegheny County
2. Pittsburgh & Lake Erie Railroad Complex, Allegheny County
3. Pittsburgh & Lake Erie Station, Allegheny County
4. J&L Tunnel (PLY 2.00), Allegheny County
5. Blue Lick Truss (Keystone Viaduct) (BF 212.83), Somerset County
6. Wills Creek Bridge (BF 191.92), Bedford County

We concur that there will be no effect on the following National Historic Landmark.

1. Smithfield Street Bridge, Allegheny County

We concur that there will be no effect on the following National Register eligible bridge.

1. Walnut Street/Boston Bridge (BF 309.70), Allegheny County

We concur that there are either no effect on or no resources in the following project areas.

1. Overhead Walkway (PLE 10.25), Allegheny County
2. Ohio Central Railroad (PLE 3.79), Allegheny County
3. Bridge at the West End of J&L Tunnel (PLY 1.96), Allegheny County
4. Bridge at the East End of J&L Tunnel (PLY 2.37), Allegheny County
5. Confluence Excess Material Placement Area (BFJ 243.00), Somerset County
6. Rockwood Excess Material Placement Area (BF 226.00), Somerset County
7. Church Street Bridge (BF 220.00), Somerset County
8. Sand Patch Excess Material Placement Area (BF 210.60), Somerset County
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K. Stockert
Feb. 26, 2010

We have reviewed your suggested mitigation for the adverse effects to the National Register eligible resources. We concur with the proposed recordation proposals and salvage of historic signs, keystones and plaques. However, since this project will have a major effect to the significant tunnels we recommend that a survey of the entire railroad line(s) be undertaken as part of the mitigation for this project. This information will add to the knowledge of these resources. Please consult with our office to discuss this suggestion in more detail.

If you need further information in this matter please consult Susan Zacher at (717) 783-9920.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Douglas C. McLearen, Chief
Division of Archaeology & Protection

Cc: PDOT, BOD
DCM/smz
April 1, 2010

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Re: National Gateway Initiative Clearance Project
Allegheny, Somerset, and Bedford Counties, Pennsylvania
Determination of Effects

Dear Ms. Stamm:

We appreciate the opportunity to comment on CST Transportation, Inc.’s ("CSXT") National Gateway Initiative Project (the "Project"). One of our staff members attended the open house in Pittsburgh on February 10, 2010 at the University Club.

A concern we have is with the concrete refacing of the portals of several historic tunnels. As proposed, several tunnel portals, including the Brook Tunnel, Shoofly Tunnel, Pinkerton Tunnel, Sand Patch Tunnel, and Fall Cuts Tunnel, are to be refaced with concrete, completely covering the historic character and features of the tunnels.

We suggest that other methods for shoring and bracing the portals that also retain the historic features and the stonework of the portals be explored.

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We agree with the recommendations of this report and in our opinion no further archaeological work is necessary for this project as it is currently designed. Should it be determined that additional ground-disturbing activities will be undertaken, additional archaeological survey may be necessary.

Please send four copies of the final report (one unbound and all with original photographs) for our files and distribution to the various repositories. As you discussed with Kira Heinrich of our office via phone, please provide the information submitted in this submission in report format as outlined in our Guidelines for Archaeological Investigation (November 2008).

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