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Subject: Re: Transmittal of Final Memorandum of Agreement for Signature - Conrail's Proposed Abandonment of the Harsimus Branch in Jersey City, New Jersey (Docket No. AB-167 (Sub-No. 1189X))
Date: Wednesday, March 13, 2024 11:36:56 AM

Dear Mr. Tabachnick,

The Embankment Coalition does not intend to sign the MOA as it now stands. We are asking for continued consultation to consider *true* mitigation measures for adverse effects to historic resources. We also hope that no one misinterprets your statement about signatories to imply that agencies or organizations other than your own have already agreed to endorse the current MOA.

Sincerely,
 Maureen Crowley, Coordinator
 Embankment Preservation Coalition

On Wednesday, March 13, 2024 at 10:31:01 AM EDT, Tabachnick, Alan <alan.tabachnick@stb.gov> wrote:

To: Section 106 Consulting Parties

From: Alan Tabachnick, Federal Preservation Officer, Surface Transportation Board, Office of Environmental Analysis

Re: Transmittal of Final Memorandum of Agreement for Signature for Conrail's Proposed Abandonment of the Harsimus Branch in Jersey City, New Jersey (Docket No. AB-167 (Sub-No. 1189X))

The Surface Transportation Board's (Board) Office of Environmental Analysis (OEA) is pleased to provide for signature to the Section 106 consulting parties the Final Memorandum of Agreement (Final MOA) for the Harsimus Branch Abandonment (Docket No. AB-167 (Sub-No. 1189X)). OEA has updated the Final MOA's signature pages as appropriate based on input from the Section 106 consulting parties in response to OEA's email dated March 5th. Please note that OEA has already signed the Final MOA, and our signature page is embedded within the PDF.

OEA requests that you sign and return your signature page no later than April 12, 2024. For your information, OEA, the New Jersey State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) are Signatories, and Conrail is an Invited Signatory. OEA hopes the other Section 106 consulting parties will also sign the Final MOA.

After April 12, 2024, OEA will compile the executed version of the Final MOA and distribute it to all of the Section 106 consulting parties. The executed Final MOA with signatures will be posted publicly on the Board's website (www.stb.gov).

Should you have any questions, or if you need assistance, please contact me. Please send your individual signature page to me at alan.tabachnick@stb.gov. If you prefer to print, wet sign, and mail your original signature page, please send that to me at the address below. Thank you for your continued participation in this process.

Sincerely,

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