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Subject: AB-55 (Sub-No. 807X) Muskegon
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Attachments: [22-802 CNAE UDP Signed.pdf](#)

Adam – Does the attached letter from the SHPO and Danielle’s acceptance letter mean that the Section 106 review process is now complete and CSXT can proceed to salvage the line and sell the underlying real property? Thanks. Lou

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October 30, 2023

ADAM ASSENZA
SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD
OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS
395 E STREET SW
WASHINGTON DC 20423

RE: ER22-802 CSX CGC Line Abandonment Project, T10N, R17W, Sec. 25, 33, 34, 35, 36, Muskegon,
Muskegon County (STB)

Dear Adam Assenza:

Under the authority of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, we have reviewed the above-referenced undertaking. Based on the information provided for our review, it is the opinion of the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) that the proposed undertaking will have **no adverse effect** [36 CFR § 800.5(b)] on historic properties within the area of potential effects for the above-cited undertaking **provided the following condition is met:**

- Given the possibility for inadvertent discovery of human remains or archaeological material during the proposed construction activities, **SHPO requests development of an Unanticipated Discoveries Plan prior to construction and in consultation with SHPO.** A sample template for an Inadvertent Discovery Plan is enclosed. This document can be modified to suite your agency.

If you concur, the accompanying form must be signed by an agency official with legal authority to act on behalf of the agency [36 CFR § 800.2(a)]. Please return the signed original to us. Please note that the Section 106 review process will not be complete and STB's responsibility to comply with 36 CFR § 800.4, "Identification of historic properties," and 36 CFR § 800.5, "Assessment of adverse effects," will not be fulfilled until we have received this letter with the original signature of the agency official. **If the agency official disagrees with this condition, then consultation with this office shall be reopened per 36 CFR § 800.5(a).**

We remind you that federal agency officials or their delegated authorities are required to involve the public in a manner that reflects the nature and complexity of the undertaking and its effects on historic properties per 36 CFR § 800.2(d). The National Historic Preservation Act also requires that federal agencies consult with any Indian tribe and/or Tribal Historic Preservation Officer (THPO) that attach religious and cultural significance to historic properties that may be affected by the agency's undertakings per 36 CFR § 800.2(c)(2)(ii).

The State Historic Preservation Office is not the office of record for this undertaking. You are therefore asked to maintain a copy of this letter with your environmental review record for this undertaking. **If the scope of work changes in any way, please notify this office immediately. In the unlikely event that human remains, or archaeological material are encountered during construction activities related to the above-cited undertaking, work must be halted, and the Michigan SHPO and other appropriate authorities must be contacted immediately.**

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If you have any questions, please contact Katlyn Yancho, Historian, at 517-256-3416 or by email at yancho@michigan.gov. **Please reference our project number in all communication with this office regarding this undertaking.** Thank you for this opportunity to review and comment, and for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Martha MacFarlane Faes". The signature is cursive and fluid, with the first name "Martha" being more prominent.

Martha MacFarlane Faes
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

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Enclosure: Unanticipated Discoveries Plan Template

copy: Crista M. Haag, Arcadis US, Inc
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RE: ACCEPTANCE LETTER

ER22-802 CSX CGC Line Abandonment Project, T10N, R17W, Sec. 25, 33, 34, 35, 36, Muskegon,
Muskegon County (STB)

We have received comments from the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) regarding the above-cited undertaking at the location noted above. We intend to follow the conditions as specified by the SHPO.

I concur:

Date: 10/30/23

Printed name and title of agency official: Danielle Gosselin, Director, Office of Environmental Analysis, STB



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