



SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD
Washington, DC 20423

Office of Environmental Analysis

January 25, 2011

Najah Duvall-Gabriel
Advisory Council on Historic Preservation
Office of Federal Agency Programs
1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Suite 803
Washington, DC 20004

Re: Docket No. AB 290 (Sub-No. 290X), Norfolk Southern Railway Company –
Abandonment Exemption – in Lucas County, Ohio

Dear Ms. Duvall-Gabriel:

The Surface Transportation Board's (Board) Office of Environmental Analysis (OEA) is conducting an environmental review for the above abandonment proceeding pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act and Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA). OEA has been consulting with the Ohio Historical Society (SHPO) and Norfolk Southern (the Applicant) regarding this proceeding and has determined that the proposed abandonment will have an adverse effect on three (3) historic properties, the National Register of Historic Places (National Register) eligible bridges located at milepost TW 0.54, TW 0.62, and TW 0.99.

To date, OEA and the SHPO have agreed that Andrew Sager, City Planner for the City of Toledo, Ohio, should be invited to participate as a Section 106 consulting party in addition to the SHPO and Norfolk Southern. If Mr. Sager would like to participate, OEA intends to work with him regarding the development of a memorandum of agreement (MOA), pursuant to 36 CFR 800.6(b), to stipulate the resolution of adverse effects to historic properties. We do not seek your participation at this time.

The following documents are enclosed for your review pursuant to 36 CFR 800.11(e): 1) Norfolk Southern's notice of exemption that describes the proposed action and contains information about the rail line, including the environmental and historic reports; 2) the environmental assessment prepared by OEA; and 3) a copy of the e-mail inviting the proposed Section 106 consulting party to participate in the Section 106 process.

Please indicate to us in writing if you intend to participate in the Section 106 consultations regarding this proceeding. If you have any questions or require additional information regarding this proceeding, please do not hesitate to call me at (202) 245-0300.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Danielle Gosselin".

Danielle Gosselin
Attorney Advisor
Office of Environmental Analysis

Enclosures (3)

cc (w/out enclosures): Justin Cook, Ohio SHPO
Robert Wimbish, Norfolk Southern