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Ms. Danielle Gosselin
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Surface Transportation Board
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Washington, D.C. 20423

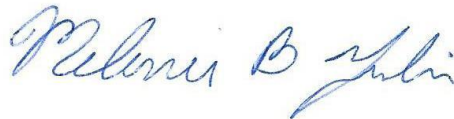
Re: **Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 808X), CSX Transportation, Inc.—Abandonment
Exemption—in Gwinnett County, GA**

Dear Ms. Gosselin:

Attached please find a letter from Georgia Department of Community Affairs finding no adverse effect to historic properties within the APE.

Thank you for your assistance. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely yours,



Melanie B. Yasbin
Attorney for CSX Transportation, Inc.

Enclosure

Brian P. Kemp
Governor



Christopher Nunn
Commissioner

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**RE: CSX: Abandon 0.13 Miles of Rail Line, East Pike Street, Lawrenceville
Gwinnett County, Georgia
HP-220516-001**

Dear Ms. Yashin:

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

The subject project consists of abandoning a 0.13-mile segment of the Georgia, Carolina, & Northern (GCN) Railway that extends north of East Pike Street, between McArthur Street and Benson Street, to the rear of 175 Buford Drive, including removing rails, cross-ties, and potentially the upper layer of ballast, and selling the segment to the City of Lawrenceville. Based on the information provided and desktop research, HPD finds that the segment of the GCN Railway to be abandoned is not eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP), due to a lack of integrity. Additionally, HPD finds multiple other historic resources within the proposed project's area of potential effect (APE), some of which may be eligible for listing in the NRHP. However, it is HPD's opinion that the subject project, as proposed, will have **no adverse effect** to historic properties within its APE, as defined in 36 CFR Part 800.5(d)(1), due to the scope and location of work and previous ground disturbance.

Please be aware that without subsurface inspection, the presence of NRHP-eligible archaeological resources in the project's APE cannot be completely ruled out. If archaeological materials are discovered during project activities, HPD recommends that all ground disturbing activities cease until these resources can be assessed by a Secretary of the Interior-qualified archaeologist.

This letter evidences consultation with our office for compliance with Section 106 of the NHPA. It is important to remember that any changes to this project as it is currently proposed will require additional consultation. HPD encourages federal agencies and project applicants to discuss such changes with our office to ensure that potential effects to historic properties are adequately considered in project planning.

Please refer to project number **HP-220516-001** in any future correspondence regarding this project. If we may be of further assistance, please contact Santiago Martinez, Environmental Review Historian, by email at Santiago.Martinez@dca.ga.gov or by telephone at (404) 486-6425 or Ayesha Tarek, Compliance Archaeologist, by email at Ayesha.Tarek@dca.ga.gov or by telephone at (404) 486-6440.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "JD" or "J. Dixon".

Jennifer Dixon, MHP, LEED Green Associate
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Environmental Review & Preservation Planning

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cc: Gene Payne, CSX Transportation
Mollie Bogle, Atlanta Regional Commission

