



August 4, 2021

Mr. Alan Tabachnick
Surface Transportation Board

In future correspondence please refer to:
Project Tracking Code: 2021-06-03426
Property: Woodinville Railbanking/Abandonment
Re: ADVERSE Effect

Dear Mr. Tabachnick:

The State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) and Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (DAHP) has received correspondence from private consulting firm AECOM regarding the above referenced proposal. We have reviewed the materials provided for this project on behalf of the SHPO under provisions of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (as amended) and 36 CFR Part 800, with the understanding that the Surface Transportation Board (STB) is anticipated to participate in portions of the project as proposed. Our review is based upon documentation provided in a submittal from AECOM. We note that we have not been contacted by the STB directly, and the STB may offer differing opinions.

First, the following historic properties are eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP):

- Property ID: 724894 Seattle Lake Shore & Eastern Railroad Segment
- Property ID: 724896 South Sammamish River Bridge
- Property ID: 724898 North Sammamish River Bridge

It is our understanding that the project as proposed will include the abandonment of the above-listed historic properties. It is also our understanding that the proposed abandonment will include removal of rails, ties, and other track materials from Property ID: 724894, the Seattle Lake Shore & Eastern Railroad Segment. Providing our understanding of the project to be accurate, this project will result in adverse effects to historic properties, as defined in 36 CFR 800.5.

In view of our identification of adverse effects, we would like to request a letter from STB with this determination. We look forward to further consultation and the development of a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA). The MOA shall identify specific measures that when implemented will serve to mitigate the adverse effect on the property.

Also, we appreciate receiving any correspondence or comments from concerned tribes or other parties that you receive as you consult under the requirements of 36 CFR 800.4(a)(4). These comments are based on the information available at the time of this review and on behalf of the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and its implementing regulations 36 CFR 800.

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment. Please ensure that the DAHP Project Number (a.k.a. Project Tracking Code) is shared with any hired cultural resource consultants and is attached to any communications or submitted reports. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,





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