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Janice Osadczuk
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Federal Agency: Federal Highway Administration ("FHWA")

Re: July 14, 2011 meeting to discuss Louisville-Southern Indiana Ohio River Bridges Project area of potential effects modification, "Draft Determination of Area of Potential Effect (APE) Methodology for Assessing Effects of Traffic Diversion on Historic Resources" (received July 12, 2011), and enlarged area of potential effects aerial photographs (received July 14 and July 21, 2011) (HDA-IN; INDOT Des. Nos. 0201294, 0300798, 0201296, 0201297; DHPA No. 1774)

Dear Ms. Osadczuk:

Pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. § 470f), and implementing regulations at 36 C.F.R. Part 800, the staff of the Indiana State Historic Preservation Officer ("Indiana SHPO") has reviewed the information provided , regarding the aforementioned project in Clark County, Indiana and Jefferson County, Kentucky.

On one of the enlarged aerial photographs that was marked to show the proposed area of potential effects in Jeffersonville, we noticed that areas south of SR 62/10th Street as far east as French Street, and west of Watt Street on the north side of SR 62/10th Street, are proposed to be added to the 2003 area of potential effects ("APE") for above-ground properties. However, if we are reading that aerial photograph correctly, then it appears that nothing north of SR 62/10th Street and east of Watt Street is within the proposed APE. If the area south of SR 62/10th Street was added to the APE at least partly due to an anticipated increase in traffic on SR 62/10th Street because of tolling on the I-65 Kennedy Bridge and the proposed Downtown Bridge, then we would have thought that properties on the north side of SR 62/10th Street would be affected by such increased traffic in a way similar to the way in which properties on the south side of that roadway would be affected. Perhaps we have misread the aerial photograph in question or have made an inaccurate assumption about the reason for adding the area south of SR 62/10th Street to the APE.

If you have questions about our comments here, then you may contact John Carr of my staff at (317) 233-1949 or jcarr@dnr.in.gov. Questions about archaeological issues should be directed to Dr. Rick Jones at (317) 233-0953 or rjones@dnr.IN.gov. In all future correspondence regarding the Louisville-Southern Indiana Ohio River Bridges Project, please refer to DHPA No. 1774.

Very truly yours,

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