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Federal Agency: Federal Highway Administration ("FHWA")

Re: Your request for concurrence in the proposed extensions of the project-specific areas of potential effects to include areas where indirect impacts might occur from traffic diversion, due to tolling of bridges in the Louisville-Southern Indiana Ohio River Bridges Project, and in the proposed methodology for identifying and evaluating properties within those extensions (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 has reviewed the information provided in your August 30, 2011 e-mail message regarding the aforementioned project in Clark County, Indiana and Jefferson County, Kentucky.

We are satisfied with FHWA's proposed extensions of the project-specific areas of potential effects in Indiana.

For the purposes of this particular Section 106 review, we accept FHWA's proposed methodology for identifying and evaluating historic properties within the extensions of the areas of potential effects in Indiana. It appears to us that treating all properties within the extensions that are at least 45 years in age as if they were individually eligible for the National Register of Historic Places or as if they contribute to a district probably will result in some properties' being treated as historic, even though a more intensive evaluation might not result in the same conclusion. However, we accept FHWA's rationale that it is appropriate to evaluate properties in the manner proposed here for this project, because the kinds of indirect effects that could result from tolling "will occur at a district or neighborhood level and will affect properties similarly within the extensions of the original 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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