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April 12, 2016

Mr. Ben L. Hark
Section Head
WVDOH, Environmental Section
Engineering Division
1334 Smith Street
Charleston, WV 25301

RE: Jefferson Road Realignment Project
State Project: U220-601-0.00 00
FR#: 13-352-KA-2

Dear Mr. Hark:

We have reviewed the Cobbs Family Cemetery Inventory Form that was prepared and submitted by the West Virginia Division of Highways (WVDOH) for the above referenced project. As required by Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, and its implementing regulations, 36 CFR 800: "Protection of Historic Properties," we submit our comments.

Cemetery Resources:

Upon review of the West Virginia Cemetery Inventory Form completed for the Cobbs Family Cemetery (46KA677), which is located within the project's Area of Potential Effect, we concur with WVDOH's recommendation that the Cobbs Family Cemetery is *not eligible* for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places. No further consultation is necessary with respect to cemetery resources.

We appreciate the opportunity to be of service. *If you have questions regarding our comments or the Section 106 process, please contact Carolyn Kender, Archaeologist, at (304) 558-0240.*

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Susan M. Pierce".

Susan M. Pierce
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November 30, 2015

Mr. Ben L. Hark
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West Virginia Department of Highways
1334 Smith Street
Charleston, West Virginia 25305

RE: Jefferson Road Realignment Project
State Project No. U320-601-0.00 00 Federal Project No. STP-0601(009)D
FR# 15-334-KA-3

Dear Mr. Hark:

We have reviewed the above mentioned project to determine its effects to cultural resources. As required by Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, and its implementing regulations, 36 CFR 800: "Protection of Historic Properties," we submit our comments.

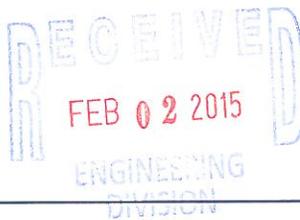
We reviewed the submitted *Determination of Effects Report* (October 2015) evaluating the effects of Alternative 1, Option A; Alternative 1, Option B; and Alternative 5 to the Chesapeake & Ohio Railway. Previously we concurred that the only eligible resource in the area of potential effect is the Chesapeake & Ohio Railway including the contributing railway bridge. We concur that these three options studied in this report conform to the Secretary of the Interior's *Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties* either with an at-grade crossing in both of the Alternative 1 options or in Alternative 5 with a proposed bridge over Kanawha Turnpike and Chesapeake & Ohio Railway. Therefore, we concur there are no historic properties adversely affected by the project. No further consultation is necessary regarding architectural resources; however, we ask that you contact our office if your project should change.

We appreciate the opportunity to be of service. If you have questions regarding our comments or the Section 106 process, please contact Ernest Blevins, Structural Historian, at (304) 558-0240.

Sincerely,

Susan M. Pierce
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January 27, 2015

Mr. Ben L. Hark
Section Head, Environmental Section
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Charleston, WV 25305

RE: WV 601 Jefferson Road Project
State Project: U220-601-0.00 00
FR#: 13-352-KA-1

Dear Mr. Hark:

We have reviewed the Phase I Geomorphological and Archaeological Investigations technical report prepared by Michael Baker Jr., Inc. for the above referenced project. As required by Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, and its implementing regulations, 36 CFR 800: "Protection of Historic Properties," we submit our comments.

According to submitted information, the West Virginia Division of Highways proposes to widen and realign Jefferson Road (WV 601) from U.S. 119 (Corridor G) to U.S. 60 (MacCorkle Avenue) in Kanawha County, West Virginia. The proposed undertaking encompasses a widening from two lanes to five lanes and the bridging of Davis Creek.

Architectural Resources:

We have not received information regarding the architectural resources for this project. Once we have received those reports, we will provide comment on that portion of the project.

Archaeological Resources:

The report addresses our concerns regarding the presence of cultural resources within the project area. Systematic survey conducted in the project area identified one new archaeological resource, 46KA667, an isolated prehistoric find. The Kanawha chert broken flake (late stage reduction) was recovered from the A horizon. The consultant concludes that this resource does not have the potential to provide significant information and is *not eligible* for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places. We concur with this conclusion and recommend that no further archaeological investigations are necessary. No further consultation is necessary with respect to archaeological resources.

We appreciate the opportunity to be of service. *If you have questions regarding our comments or the Section 106 process, please contact Jennifer Brennan, Structural Historian, or Carolyn Kender, Archaeologist, at (304) 558-0240.*

Sincerely,

Susan M. Pierce
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

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