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This letter was sent to the listed parties.

RE: Dual Review Project: I-65/I-70 North Split Interchange Reconstruction Project
(Designation (Des.) Numbers (Nos.) 1592385 & 1600808)
IDNR DHPA No. 21534
Section 106 Update Memo #4 and Phase Ia Archaeology Report

Dear Consulting Party,

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) with funding from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) proposes to proceed with the I-65/I-70 North Split Interchange Reconstruction Project (North Split Project) in the City of Indianapolis, Marion County (Des. Nos. 1592385 & 1600808). HNTB Corporation is under contract with INDOT to advance the environmental documentation for the referenced project.

Section 106 Consultation History

The Section 106 process involves efforts to identify historic properties potentially affected by the undertaking, assess its effects and seek ways to avoid, minimize or mitigate any adverse effects on historic properties. For more information regarding the protection of historic resources, please see the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation's guide: *Protecting Historic Properties: A Citizen's Guide to Section 106 Review* available online at <https://www.achp.gov/sites/default/files/documents/2017-01/CitizenGuide.pdf>.

The Area of Potential Effects (APE) is the area in which the proposed project may cause alterations in the character or use of historic resources. The APE contains 53 of resources listed in or eligible for the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP).

This letter is part of the Section 106 review process for this project. A Section 106 early coordination letter was distributed on September 19, 2017. In addition, consulting parties were notified on January 8, 2018 that a historic property report was available for review and comment; on September 28, 2018 that an Alternatives Screening Report, APE expansion for possible temporary heavy truck changes during construction, and historic property report addendum were available for review and comment; on December 21, 2018 that a Phase Ib archaeology report was available for review and comment; and on March 20, 2019 that a memo describing anticipated permanent traffic changes after construction was available for review and comment.

Project Location

The proposed undertaking includes the I-65/I-70 North Split Interchange south along I-65/I-70 to the Washington Street interchange in downtown Indianapolis; including the portion of I-65 west of the North Split interchange to approximately Meridian Street and the portion of I-70 east of the North Split interchange to approximately the bridge over Valley Avenue (west of the Keystone Avenue/Rural Street interchange) in Marion County, Indiana. It is within Center Township, Beech Grove United States Geological Survey (USGS)

Topographic Quadrangle, in Section 36, Township 16N, Range 3E; Sections 1 and 12, Township 15N, Range 3E; and Section 31, Township 16N, Range 4E.

Effects Report

Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act requires federal agencies to take into account the effects of their undertakings on historic and archaeological properties. In accordance with 36 CFR 800.2 (c), you were invited to become a consulting party as part of the Section 106 process. Entities that have accepted consulting party status are identified in the attached list.

A historian who meets the Secretary of the Interior's Professional Qualification Standards is preparing an Effects Report for above-ground resources identified within the APE. The Effects Report is forthcoming and will be distributed to consulting parties for review at a later date.

Archaeological Resources

With regards to archaeological resources, an archaeologist who meets the Secretary of the Interior's Professional Qualification Standards identified no sites within the project area. As a result of these efforts, no sites were recommended as eligible for listing in the NRHP and no further work is recommended.

The Phase Ia archaeology report (Tribes only) is available for review in IN SCOPE at <http://erms.indot.in.gov/Section106Documents/> (the Des. No. is the most efficient search term, once in IN SCOPE). You are invited to review these documents and respond with comments on any historic resource impacts incurred as a result of this project so that an environmental report can be completed. We also welcome your related opinions and other input to be considered in the preparation of the environmental document. If you prefer a hard copy of this material, please respond to this email with your request within seven (7) days.

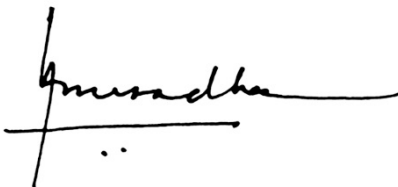
Please review the information and comment within thirty (30) calendar days of receipt.

For questions concerning specific project details, you may contact Kia Gillette of HNTB Corporation at 317-636-4682 or kgillette@hntb.com. All future responses regarding the proposed project should be forwarded to HNTB Corporation at the following address:

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Sincerely,



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