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**RE: Baltimore & Potomac (B&P) Tunnel Replacement Program
Section 106 Programmatic Agreement Implementation
Resolution of Adverse Effects for Madison Park Medical Center, Baltimore, MD**

Dear Ms. Hughes:

Thank you for your April 25, 2022 letter concurring with the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA)'s March 4, 2022 evaluation finding that the Madison Park Medical Center (MIHP No. B-1379-6) at 920 W. North Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland, is eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) under Criteria A and C, and that the demolition of this property is an adverse effect. This additional adverse effect finding does not alter the overall Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (Section 106) finding for the B&P Tunnel Replacement Program (Program), which has already been determined to constitute an adverse effect. We received no responses from the other parties. FRA's consultation for this historic property is being conducted as part of the implementation of the Programmatic Agreement (PA) for the Program under Section 106.¹ We are now taking steps to resolve the adverse effect to the Madison Park Medical Center.

¹ Since the execution of the *Project Programmatic Agreement Among the Federal Railroad Administration, Maryland State Historic Preservation Officer, National Railroad Passenger Corporation and Preservation Maryland Regarding the Baltimore & Potomac Tunnel Project, Baltimore City, Maryland*, Amtrak has renamed the federal undertaking as the "B&P Tunnel Replacement Program." The change to the term "Program" rather than "Project" reflects that the Program requires execution of multiple individual projects throughout the approximately four-mile corridor to complete the envisioned scope of improvements. Therefore, the term "Program" will be used in future correspondence. Individual projects under the Program will be referred to as projects. This does not affect the validity of the Programmatic Agreement.

Adverse Effect Resolution

In compliance with Stipulation VII.B.3 and VII.B.4 (Project Changes) of the PA, FRA and Amtrak have developed proposed treatment measures to mitigate the adverse effect (see Attachment A).

Section 4(f)

In compliance with Section 4(f) of the U.S. Department of Transportation Act of 1966 (49 USC 303(c)), FRA is continuing to develop a Section 4(f) evaluation addendum regarding this historic site. As you know, per the requirements of 23 CFR 774.5(a), we will submit the addendum for your review before submitting the documentation to the U.S. Department of the Interior for its review.

Request for Comments

Per PA Stipulation XI (Document Review), we request review and any written comments from you, and the other consulting parties copied on this letter, on FRA's proposed mitigation measures to resolve the adverse effect of the demolition of the Madison Park Medical Center. The participating federally recognized Indian tribes, Delaware Tribe of Indians and Shawnee Tribe, will receive this information and request for comments under separate cover letters. We request that any responses be provided within 30 calendar days to me at christeen.taniguchi@dot.gov and Amtrak_S106_Submissions@dot.gov, and to Ms. Zerbe at nzerbe@arch2inc.com. FRA and Amtrak will consider all consulting parties' comments received within those 30 days. If any parties have any questions, I can also be reached at (202) 493-0564 and Ms. Zerbe can be reached at (908) 208-1288. Please note that FRA continues to authorize Amtrak to coordinate with your agency on behalf of FRA for the purposes of this Program. We look forward to continuing to advance implementation of the PA.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure: Attachment A, Proposed Mitigation Treatment Measures

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**Attachment A
Proposed Mitigation Treatment Measures
B&P Tunnel Replacement Program**

**Section 106 Programmatic Agreement Implementation
Resolution of Adverse Effects for Madison Park Medical Center
920 W. North Street, Baltimore, MD**

In compliance with Stipulation VII.B.3 and VII.B.4 (Project Changes) of the PA, FRA and Amtrak propose to mitigate the adverse effect of demolition of the Madison Park Medical Center through the following mitigation treatment measures:

- In accordance with PA Stipulation V.E., Amtrak will prepare Historic American Buildings Survey (HABS) documentation prior to demolition, in coordination with the National Park Service.
- Amtrak will disseminate information about the Madison Park Medical Center's role as an African American medical center and its significance in the context of the National Register Multiple Property Documentation Form *Civil Rights in Baltimore, Maryland: 1831-1976*. This mitigation measure will be implemented through the interpretive displays to be developed and installed at Baltimore Pennsylvania Station under PA Stipulation V.F., and through historic interpretive material added to Amtrak's Electronic Informational Platform under PA Stipulation V.I. In developing the online platform, Amtrak will explore opportunities to partner with and hyperlink to other relevant preservation/history-based organizations.
- In accordance with PA Stipulation V.H., Nancy L. Zerbe, an Architectural Historian who exceeds the Secretary of the Interior's *Professional Qualification Standards for Archaeology and Historic Preservation*, has examined the building and has not identified any materials recommended for architectural salvage.
- In accordance with PA Stipulation VI.C., the 920 W. North Avenue property will be assessed for archaeological potential as part of the Supplemental Phase I Archaeological Survey, and, if warranted, it will be subjected to further archaeological investigation.