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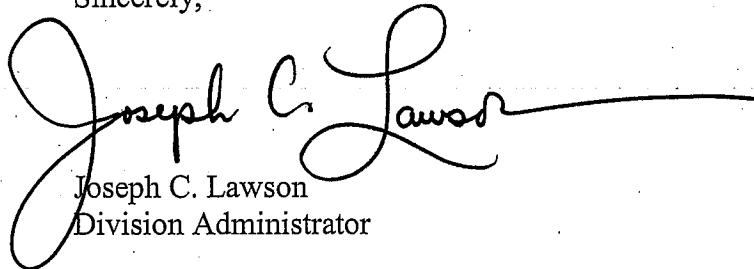
Ms. Elizabeth Purcell
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Dear Ms. Purcell:

The Federal Highway Administration, District of Columbia Division (FHWA-DC), is in receipt of your letter dated July 3, 2011, requesting consulting party status for the CSX Virginia Avenue Tunnel project and prior notification of public meetings for the CSX undertaking. To date, there has been no formal determination regarding the effects of the proposed CSX Virginia Avenue Tunnel project on historic resources; however, if FHWA-DC, in consultation with the District of Columbia Historic Preservation Office, determines the referenced project has an adverse effect on historic resources within the area of potential effects, all requirements concerning Section 106 of the Historic Preservation Act will be followed. CSX has notified FHWA-DC of prior community meetings it has conducted regarding their proposed undertaking. FHWA-DC, in conjunction with the District of Columbia Department of Transportation, will continue to notify the public in advance of any scheduled public meetings regarding the CSX undertaking.

If you have any further questions or additional concerns, please contact Michael Hicks of my staff at (202) 219-3513 or by email at michael.hicks@dot.gov. Thank you for your interest in this project.

Sincerely,



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Division Administrator

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