



Preserving America's Heritage

August 14, 2013

Ms. Brigid Hynes-Cherin
Regional Administrator
Federal Transit Administration
1760 Market Street, Suite 500
Philadelphia, PA 19103-4124

**Ref: *Proposed Purple Line Project
Montgomery and Prince George's Counties, Maryland***

Dear Ms. Hynes-Cherin:

On August 5, 2013, the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) received notification and supporting documentation regarding the development of a Programmatic Agreement (PA) for the referenced project. Based upon the information that was provided, we have concluded that Appendix A, *Criteria for Council Involvement in Reviewing Individual Section 106 Cases*, of our regulations, "Protection of Historic Properties" (36 CFR Part 800), does not apply to this undertaking. Accordingly, we do not believe that our participation in the consultation to develop this agreement is needed. However, if we receive a request for participation from the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO), a Tribal Historic Preservation Officer, an affected Indian tribe, a consulting party or other party, we may reconsider this decision. Additionally, should circumstances change and you determine that our participation is needed to conclude the consultation process, please notify us.

Pursuant to 36 CFR §800.6(b)(1)(iv), you will need to file the final PA, developed in consultation with the Maryland SHPO, and any other consulting parties, and related documentation with the ACHP at the conclusion of the consultation process. The filing of the PA and supporting documentation with the ACHP is required in order to complete the requirements of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

Thank you for providing us with your notification of adverse effect. If you have any questions or need additional assistance, please contact Kelly Fanizzo at 202-606-8507, or via email at kfanizzo@achp.gov.

Sincerely,

Raymond V. Wallace
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