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Washington, D.C. 20001

Subject: Adoption of The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation Program Comment on Certain Housing, Building, and Transportation Undertakings

Dear Director Nelson,

This letter is a notification of intent by the United States Department of Transportation (DOT) to adopt the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation's (ACHP) Program Comment on Certain Housing, Building, and Transportation Undertakings (Program Comment) for the covered undertakings. This notification applies to all DOT programs and regions nationwide.

As required by Section III.A.2. of the Program Comment, DOT is providing notice by copy of this letter to the National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers and the National Association of Tribal Historic Preservation Officers of DOT's decision to adopt the Program Comment nationwide as a tool to streamline selected National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) Section 106 undertakings.

DOT Operating Administrations are responsible for keeping records and reporting their use of the Program Comment, pursuant to Section X of the Program Comment. Annual reports will cover the previous fiscal year reporting period (ending on September 30) and will be issued annually starting December 31, 2027. Contents of these reports will follow the guidelines in Section X.3 of the Program Comment.

We look forward to working closely with your offices to implement the Program Comment. If there are any concerns, please contact, Rhonda Solomon, the Acting Federal Preservation Officer, Office of Environment and Permitting at rhonda.solomon@dot.gov or (202) 366-5397.

Sincerely,

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