



Pennsylvania State Historic Preservation Office

PENNSYLVANIA HISTORICAL AND MUSEUM COMMISSION

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ER 2018-1595-003-I: PennDOT Multimodal, Norfolk Southern Railway Company, Pittsburgh Vertical Clearance Projects, Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, W. North Avenue Bridge HBRA

Dear Mr. Zinn,

Thank you for submitting information concerning the above referenced project. The Pennsylvania State Historic Preservation Office (PA SHPO) reviews projects in accordance with state and federal laws. Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, and the implementing regulations (36 CFR Part 800) of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, is the primary federal legislation. The Environmental Rights amendment, Article 1, Section 27 of the Pennsylvania Constitution and the Pennsylvania History Code, 37 Pa. Cons. Stat. Section 500 et seq. (1988) is the primary state legislation. These laws include consideration of the project's potential effects on both historic and archaeological resources.

Above Ground Resources

The PA SHPO has the following questions/comments regarding the W. North Avenue Bridge HBRA.

- If the Vertical Clearance project was not a proposed project, would the W. North Avenue Bridge be a rehabilitation/replacement project by PennDOT? In other words, is the bridge's current posted 10 ton load and existing structural deficiencies only an issue due to the proposed Vertical Clearance project?
- Would the facility deficiencies be an issue if the railroad line was lowered, instead of the proposed increase for vertical clearance?

If you need further information on above ground resources please consult Cheryl Nagle at chnagle@pa.gov or (717) 772-4519.

Sincerely,

Douglas C. McLearn, Chief
Division of Environmental Review

cc: David Anthony, PennDOT