



Pennsylvania State Historic Preservation Office

PENNSYLVANIA HISTORICAL AND MUSEUM COMMISSION

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Sent Via PA-SHARE

RE: ER Project # 2018PR13984.029, NORFOLK SOUTHERN PITTSBURGH VERTICAL CLEARANCE, Department of Transportation (PennDOT), Pittsburgh City, Allegheny County

Dear Submitter,

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

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Thank you for your response to our letter of June 13, 2023 and the presentation and minutes from the May 2023 consulting party meeting. We appreciate acknowledgement that the new pedestrian bridge is minimization. A member of our office will continue to participate in meetings of the Design Advisory Technical Committee to consult on the proposed design for the West North Avenue and pedestrian bridge to be sensitive to the Allegheny Commons Historic District. When the plans for the pedestrian bridge and West North Avenue Bridge and approach work adjacent to the International Harvester Building have been finalized, please provide an addendum to the effect report to our office and local consulting parties for review and comment. Finally, potential minimization and mitigation measures, including those discussed at the May 2023 consulting party meeting and outlined in our letter of June 13, 2023, should be presented to the consulting parties for review and comment prior to drafting the Memorandum of Agreement for the project.

For questions concerning above ground resources, please contact Barbara Frederick at bafrederic@pa.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Emma Diehl".

Emma Diehl
Environmental Review Division Manager