



Pennsylvania State Historic Preservation Office

PENNSYLVANIA HISTORICAL AND MUSEUM COMMISSION

June 30, 2023

Tim Zinn
Michael Baker International, Inc.
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RE: ER Project # 2018PR13984.028, NORFOLK SOUTHERN PITTSBURGH VERTICAL CLEARANCE, Department of Transportation (PennDOT), Pittsburgh City, Allegheny County

Dear Tim 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

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We offer the following comments in response to the first Design Advisory Technical meeting. We would like to reiterate that the design of the pedestrian bridge is not considered to be mitigation but is rather part of an effort to minimize a potential adverse effect. As outlined in our letter of June 13th, at future meetings, please mention the guiding principles based in the Secretary of the Interior's Standards and the need to ensure the proposed design is consistent with the historic materials and character of adjacent historic properties. This will ensure avoidance of an adverse effect to the Allegheny Commons Historic District, the International Harvester Building, and Allegheny Second Ward Historic District. We also request that future meetings include a more active design process, with a landscape architect, engineer, or other design professional actively seeking and providing design feedback during the meeting.

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