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Dear Mr. Macklin:

Subject: FHWA-IN Section 106 Consultation Procedures

The purpose of this letter is to authorize the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) and Local Public Agencies (LPAs) to initiate Section 106 consultation on behalf of the Indiana Division of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA-IN) for projects listed in the INDOT Scheduling Project Management System (SPMS). The enclosed "FHWA-IN Section 106 Consultation Procedures" have been updated to address additional comments from the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP). These Procedures dated August 7, 2001 supercede any previous versions that were distributed. These Procedures will be posted to our website (<http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/indiv/procedures>), so all parties will have the benefit of the latest update.

By letter dated October 6, 1999 (see enclosure), INDOT established a Transportation Enhancement (TE) Policy offering 80% TE funds as an incentive for LPAs and not-for-profits to implement preservation alternatives. The LPA or not-for-profit would still be responsible for the 20% matching funds, for ongoing maintenance of the rehabilitated historic structure (minimum 25-year commitment), and any liability associated with assuring the resource is accessible to the general public. Private parties can also utilize funds up to the cost of demolition (per 23 USC 144(o)) to accomplish preservation if they are willing to commit to the 20% matching funds and ongoing maintenance (minimum 25-year commitment).

INDOT has established a historic bridge website (<http://www.state.in.us/dot/bridges>) to seek interested parties in preservation of historic bridges either at their existing location or at an alternate location. The FHWA-IN Section 106 Procedures require that a historic bridge be posted to this website before FHWA will agree to participate

in a Section 106 Consultation Meeting. FHWA-IN has given presentations at the County Bridge Conference and Indiana Trails Conference, and published an article in the Indiana Trails publication to communicate the TE Policy and the INDOT Historic Bridge website. FHWA and INDOT are doing everything we can from both a policy and procedures aspect to encourage preservation, and these efforts are resulting in the preservation of historic bridges.

If you have any questions regarding the Procedures, please contact Larry Heil at 317-226-7491. If you have any Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) project inquiries, they can be directed to Robert Dirks at 317-226-7492. If you have any non-EIS project inquiries, they can be directed to Matt Fuller at 317-226-5234.

Sincerely yours,

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