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Subject: Hudson-Bergen Light Rail 440 Extension Project – Finding-of-No-Significant  
Impact

Dear Mr. Santoro:

Federal Transit Administration (FTA) has completed its review of the Environmental Assessment and Section 4(f) Evaluation (EA) for the Hudson-Bergen Light Rail 440 Extension Project. Based on our review, the FTA has issued the enclosed Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI). The EA included an analysis of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (Section 106) analysis and an evaluation pursuant to Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation Act of 1966, codified at U.S.C. 303 (Section 4(f)). Pursuant to Section 106, a Programmatic Agreement has been developed to address potential adverse effects to historic resources, and pursuant to Section 4(f), FTA finds that there is no use or constructive use of a Section 4(f) resource at this time.

As required under the FTA's National Environmental Policy Act implementing regulations, upon issuance of a FONSI an applicant shall comply with the following paragraph at 23 CFR 771.121(b): "After a FONSI has been made by the Administration, a notice of availability of the FONSI shall be sent by the applicant to the affected units of Federal, State and local government and the document shall be available from the applicant and the Administration upon request by the public. Notice shall also be sent to the State intergovernmental review contacts established under Executive Order 12372." Please provide a notice of availability to the appropriate parties, including the agencies that commented on the EA.

The project must be carried out in accordance with the mitigations discussed in the EA, all conditions specified in the associated permits, and in the enclosed FONSI. If there are any design changes to the project, the FTA must be consulted before the changes are implemented to

determine the need for additional environmental studies.

FTA requires NJ TRANSIT to maintain the environmental documentation, including EA, FONSI, and design changes on the project website (<http://hblr440.com/>) until construction is completed or the project is terminated. The environmental information supporting this FONSI approval will need to be reevaluated in three years in June 2017, if design or construction activities have not commenced.

Please contact Mr. Donald C. Burns, AICP at (212) 668-2203, if you have any questions concerning the FONSI.

Sincerely,

  
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