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December 22, 2014

Mr. Mitch Zoll
Division Director
Indiana Department of Natural Resources
Division of Historic Preservation & Archaeology
402 West Washington Street, W274
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

Re: State Boulevard Reconstruction Project
Fort Wayne, Allen County, Indiana
Des. No. 0400587
DHPA No. 5903
Project No. IN200701404

Dear Mr. Zoll:

The City of Fort Wayne, in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT), conducted Section 106 consultation as part of the State Boulevard Reconstruction Project from Spy Run Avenue to Cass Street in Fort Wayne, Allen County, Indiana (Des. No. 0400587/DHPA No. 5903). Pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (1966) and 36 CFR Part 800 (2013), federal agencies are required to take into account the effects of their undertakings on both aboveground and archaeological historic properties. The FHWA issued an “adverse effect” finding for the project due to impacts to the Fort Wayne Park and Boulevard System Historic District (NRHP, 2010), Brookview-Irvington Park Historic District (NRHP, 2011) and the Bridge over Spy Run Creek (NBI No. 0200273) on February 27, 2013. Accordingly, a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) has been developed to address these adverse effects.

On June 18, 2014, a Public Hearing was held for the proposed project. At the Public Hearing ARCH, Inc. presented an alternative prepared by Storrow Kinsella Associates and Transportation Solutions, LLC. Storrow Kinsella Associates and Transportation Solutions, LLC were commissioned by ARCH, Inc., Indiana Landmarks, Friends of the Parks, and the Brookview-Irvington Park Neighborhood Association to examine the background research developed for the proposed project to determine if there was an alternative that better protected the neighborhood, fulfilled the purpose and need for the project, was prudent and feasible, and avoided, minimized or mitigated the adverse effect to the neighborhood. As such, it was

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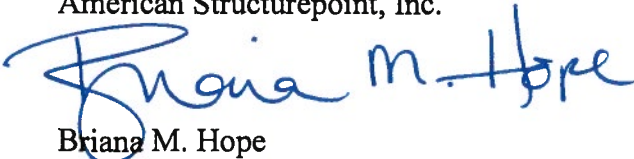
determined through coordination with the FHWA and INDOT that the submitted alternative should be evaluated as part of the environmental process.

In coordination with FHWA and INDOT an Additional Information (AI) study was prepared to analyze and evaluate the Consulting Parties Proposed Alternative (CPPA) utilizing the same criteria as each alternative considered in the May 14, 2014 approved Environmental Assessment (EA). Through the alternative evaluation process, as documented in the AI, it has been determined that the CPPA is not reasonable as it does not sufficiently address the project's purpose and need. A copy of the December 17, 2014 approved AI is attached for your records. In addition, the Draft Section 4(f) Evaluation for Impacts to Historic Properties prepared for the State Boulevard Reconstruction Project was updated to incorporate the evaluation of the CPPA. An Addendum to the State Boulevard Reconstruction Project 800.11(e) Documentation was also prepared. Both of these documents are included as an attachment to the AI.

Finally, in response to your July 3, 2014 letter, the MOA has been updated to reflect your suggestions regarding Version 4/11/2013. Please find enclosed Version 12/15/2014 of the final MOA for your review and signature.

If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me at (317) 547-5580 or at bhope@structurepoint.com. A copy of this letter and all attachments has been provided to consulting parties for informational purposes.

Very truly yours,
American Structurepoint, Inc.



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