



Pennsylvania State Historic Preservation Office

PENNSYLVANIA HISTORICAL AND MUSEUM COMMISSION

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Timothy Zinn
Michael Baker International
100 Airside Drive
Moon Township PA 15108

ER 2018-1595-003-H: PennDOT Multimodal, Norfolk Southern, Merchant Street Bridge project, Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, Historic Bridge Rehabilitation Report

Dear Mr. 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 Comment

The PA SHPO concurs that the rehabilitation option, while meeting the project's purpose and need, does not conform with the SOI Standards of Rehabilitation. Please forward the other consulting party's comments on the report as they are received.

If you need further information in this matter, please contact Cheryl L. Nagle at chnagle@pa.gov or (717) 772-4519.

Sincerely,

Douglas C. McLearn, Chief
Division of Environmental Review