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Re: Assessment of Effects for Historic Properties, Durham-Orange Light Rail Transit Project,
Durham and Orange Counties, ER 12-0738

Dear Mr. Charters:

Thank you for your letter of August 11, 2015 and copy of the Preliminary Assessment of Effects for the above-referenced undertaking. We have reviewed the assessment of effects on historic properties in the Area of Potential Effects (APE) for the undertaking and agree with them as presented in the Summary of Effects (Figure 12 on page 5-1 Draft).

GoTriangle has done an excellent job in avoiding adverse effects on historic properties in the APE and should be proud of its work to do so. Our only other comment with regard to the project, the NEPA process, and Section 106; is that the Draft and the Final Environmental Impact Statements should clearly outline the environmental commitments for landscaping and other means proposed to reduce the effects of the undertaking on historic properties. The commitments should include the groups, organizations and/or agencies that will be involved in developing plans for any landscaping or other treatments that will be implemented to ensure that no adverse effects will occur.

The above comments are made pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation's Regulations for Compliance with Section 106 codified at 36 CFR Part 800.

Thank you for your cooperation and consideration. If you have questions concerning the above comment, contact Renee Gledhill-Earley, environmental review coordinator, at 919-807-6579 or environmental.review@ncdcr.gov. In all future communication concerning this project, please cite the above referenced tracking number.

Sincerely,

for Ramona M. Bartos

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