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Tammy Turley
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File No. NAE-2015-02009

Dear Ms. Turley,

On behalf of the Boston Preservation Alliance, I am pleased to accept the invitation to serve as a consulting party for the Section 106 review process for the Northern Avenue Bridge project in Boston. The Alliance has advocated for the preservation of this important historic resource for decades, and in the past seven years I have engaged with the City of Boston staff directly and via a variety of committees, including the Mayor's Task Force, to try and guide the process towards a preservation solution. We appreciate the engagement we've had with the city and our ability to influence a number of aspects of the proposed design. However, we would be remiss to not note that we remain disappointed that the City did not uphold its commitment to preserve the bridge made and confirmed for many years.

Although there are assumptions being made in this design with which we disagree, we do welcome aspects of the proposal that reference the historic bridge. As we have noted in a variety of comment letters, there are several elements of the proposal we believe should be stipulated in a Memorandum of Agreement developed through this consultation.

We look forward to the dialogue to develop an MOA that addresses those items.

Sincerely,



Greg Galer
Executive Director

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