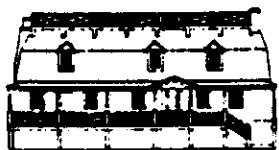


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RE: Project No. MO971B12
DEIS/MIS
Intercounty Connector (ICC) from I-270 to US 1
Montgomery and Prince George's Counties, Maryland
State Clearinghouse No. MD970410-0311

Dear Ms. Simpson:

Thank you for providing us with a copy of the above-referenced DEIS/MIS for review and comment. The DEIS accurately presents the status of Section 106 coordination to date for the proposed undertaking. As noted in the DEIS, several comments made by our office in a 13 February 1997 letter have not been specifically addressed in the DEIS; however, it is stated that "coordination regarding effect determinations...will be continuing with the SHPO." We have also recently learned that SHA has identified and evaluated three additional historic properties in the area of potential effects. These additional properties are not identified or discussed in the document, nor have they been reviewed by our office. Following coordination with the Trust on these resources, the final EIS should address these resources as well.

To reiterate the findings as thoroughly examined and noted in the DEIS, all of the build alternatives will have adverse effects on historic properties. We look forward to working with SHA, FHWA, the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, and other interested parties to resolve the project's effects and negotiate a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) for the undertaking.

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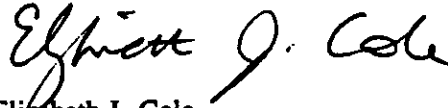
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If you have questions or require additional information, please call Ms. Kim Williams (for structures) at (410) 514-7637 or me (for archeology) at (410) 514-7631. Thank you for your cooperation and assistance.

Sincerely,



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