





October 15, 2018

Jill Dolberg **Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer** History Nebraska PO Box 82554 Lincoln, NE 68508

Dear Ms. Dolberg:

In 2015, your office entered into a programmatic agreement entitled Programmatic Agreement among the Federal Highway Administration, the Nebraska State Historic Preservation Officer, the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, and the Nebraska Department of Roads* to satisfy the Requirements of Section 106 for the Federal-Aid Highway Program in the State of Nebraska (the Section 106 PA). The Section 106 PA was amended in September 2018, following Nebraska Department of Transportation's (NDOT) assumption of Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) responsibilities within NEPA classes of action that are classified as Categorical Exclusions (CEs) in a process referred to as CE Assignment.

With this letter, NDOT is notifying you of our intent to process transportation projects which involve State Funds Only under the Section 106 PA, as amended.

Following the Section 106 process for State Funds Only projects ensures that NDOT meets all state and federal regulations, and allows NDOT maximum flexibility regarding project funding options while adhering to the 2014 Cooperative Agreement between our agencies.

NDOT requests State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) concurrence regarding NDOT's intent to process State Funds Only projects using the stipulations of the Section 106 PA.

NDOT takes its responsibility to environmental stewardship seriously and we look forward to continued collaboration with your office.

Sincerely

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