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September 19, 2014

Theresa Albanese
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2189 Silas Deane Highway, Suite 17
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Dear Ms. Albanese:

As Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer for New Jersey, I am providing Consultation Comments in accordance with 36 CFR Part 800: Protection of Historic Properties, as published with amendments in the Federal Register on July 6, 2004 (44 FR 40553-40555) for the following proposed undertaking:

**Hudson County, Hoboken City
1st Street – 1st Street Streetscape Revitalization Project
Neighborhood and Community Revitalization Program
(NCR39440)
N.J. Department of Community Affairs
U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development**

800.4 Identifying Historic Properties

The above referenced submission is for streetscape improvements along 1st Street between Marshall Drive and Bloomfield Street. As noted in the application, a section of the proposed project corridor is located within the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) eligible Central Hoboken Historic District. The New Jersey Historic Preservation Office (HPO) also agrees two NRHP listed properties are located within the proposed project area, the Jefferson Trust Company (313-315 1st Street) and Hoboken City Hall (86-98 Washington Street). In

addition, a third resource, Public School #7 (1st Street and Park Avenue) has been identified as potentially historic during prior survey. All identified historic properties are concentrated within a five block stretch along the easternmost portion of the project corridor (1st Street between Clinton and Washington Streets).

800.5 Assessment of Adverse Effects

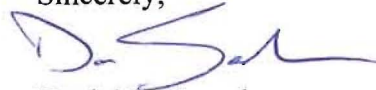
The provided project information suggests extensive crosswalk, curb and ramp rehabilitation in conjunction with new construction for bump-outs, rain gardens, signs, tree pits etc. The plan also proposes the introduction of an information kiosk, banners, signage, garbage receptacles and other street furniture along an approximately twelve block stretch of 1st Street. Due to the scale of the undertaking and the presence of historic properties, both direct physical impacts and visual impacts must be considered during the planning process, prior to project execution. The proposed project **will not have an adverse effect** provided that following conditions are met:

1. Project plans must meet the *Secretary of Interior Standards for Rehabilitation*.
2. The applicant shall coordinate with the Hoboken Historic Preservation Commission prior to further project planning.
3. The applicant shall provide schematic (or equivalent) design specifications indicating location of proposed project installations and their relationship to historic properties, to the Historic Preservation Office for review and approval.
4. The applicant shall submit final plans to the Hoboken Historic Preservation Commission for review and approval prior to project implementation.

Additional Comments

Thank you for providing the opportunity to review the potential for the above-referenced project to affect historic properties. Please do not hesitate to contact Piia Helve of my staff at 609-292-1913 or Piia.Helve@dep.nj.gov with any questions. If additional consultation with the HPO is needed for this undertaking, please reference the HPO project number 14-3184 in any future calls, emails, or written correspondence in order to expedite our review and response. Thank you.

Sincerely,



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Administrator and Deputy State Historic
Preservation Officer

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cc: Hoboken Historic Preservation Commission
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