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Sent Via PA-SHARE

RE: ER Project # 2018PR13984.032, NORFOLK SOUTHERN PITTSBURGH VERTICAL CLEARANCE, Department of Transportation (PennDOT), Pittsburgh City, Allegheny County

Dear Submitter,

Thank you for submitting information concerning the above referenced project. The Pennsylvania State Historic Preservation Office (PA SHPO) reviews projects in accordance with state and federal laws. Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, and the implementing regulations (36 CFR Part 800) of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, is the primary federal legislation. The Environmental Rights amendment, Article 1, Section 27 of the Pennsylvania Constitution and the Pennsylvania History Code, 37 Pa. Cons. Stat. Section 500 et seq. (1988) is the primary state legislation. These laws include consideration of the project's potential effects on both historic and archaeological resources.

## **Above Ground Resources**

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Thank you for the additional information on why it is not possible to retain the approach steps from the previous bridge and efforts made to retain the existing trees. We look forward to additional consideration of design details during the forthcoming DAT meeting including the proposed plaza design, lighting, details of the pedestrian bridge, landscaping plan, retaining walls, and proposed materials.

For questions concerning above ground resources, please contact Barbara Frederick at bafrederic@pa.gov.

Sincerely,

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