October 17, 2011

Ruth Pierpont
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Division for Historic Preservation
NYS Office of Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation
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Attn.:   Mark Peckham, Director, State Historic Preservation Office
          John Bonafide, Historic Preservation Services Coordinator

                              Re: Tappan Zee Hudson River Crossing
                                     Section 106 - Area of Potential Effect
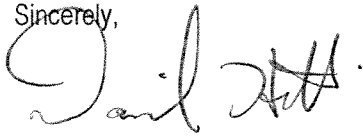
Dear Ruth:

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), in coordination with the project sponsors, the New York State
Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) and New York State Thruway Authority (NYSTA), is initiating consultation
with the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) for the Tappan Zee Hudson River Crossing Project ("Project"), in
accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (36 CFR Part 800).

The purpose of the Project is to maintain a vital link in the regional and national transportation network by providing
an improved Hudson River crossing between Rockland and Westchester Counties, New York. The project would
address the structural, operational, mobility, safety, and security needs of the Tappan Zee Hudson River Crossing.

Attached for your review is a document to establish the Project's Area of Potential Effects (APE), as defined in 36
CFR 800.16 (d). The APE includes a geographical area incorporating potential direct and indirect effects associated
with two options for the Replacement Bridge Alternative being advanced in the Environmental Impact Statement
(EIS).

Please forward any questions or comments to my attention at dhitt@dot.state.ny.us . We respectfully request the
written concurrence of the SHPO with the APE by October 21, 2011.

Sincerely,

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cc.:   John Burns, FHWA
       Michael Anderson, NYSDOT
       Elizabeth Novak, NYSTA
       Robert Conway, AKRF