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September 2, 1997

Ms. Martha Raymond
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Re: HAM/WAR-22/3-16.15/0.00

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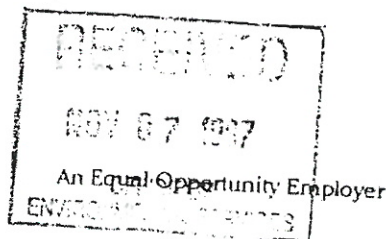
Cultural Resources Coordination

Dear Ms. Raymond:

Attached for your review is one copy of a Phase I (literature search and reconnaissance survey) archaeological and historic/ architectural survey report which was prepared by Ms. Ruth Myers, Mr. Robert Spell, Ms. E. Jeanne Harris, Mr. Kenneth E. Jackson, Ms. Carol Weed and Ms. Rita Walsh of Gray and Pape, Inc. This report presents the results of a literature review and field reconnaissance for cultural resources for the road improvement project. One bridge (SF#8300038) that was included in the Selected Pool is located along US22 within the study area for this project. The bridge is located approximately 1000 feet from the project terminus and will not be affected.

The proposed project is located along US22/3 north of the city of Cincinnati, in Sycamore and Symmes townships, Hamilton County, and Deerfield Township, Warren County, Ohio. The project involves the widening of existing US22 from two lanes to at least three-lanes with a potential for widening to either four or five lanes. At the time of the survey no plans were available. The project area included a 6.2 mile long and 500 foot wide corridor centered along US22 from I-275 to the Little Miami River. The survey also included eight smaller survey areas to accommodate improvements to crossing roads. These survey areas were 1000 feet long and 500 feet wide centered on the roads they included. The total area included in the survey should more than encompass any new right-of-way needed for the improvement.

The literature review performed for this project revealed that several previously recorded archaeological resources are located in the general project vicinity, with five (33WA57, 295, 296, 329 and 408) located within the study area. Several previously recorded history/architectural resources are located within the project vicinity and study area. Based upon this, there is some potential for previously unidentified cultural resources to be found.



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The field reconnaissance consisted of visual inspection, surface collection and shovel testing. This survey identified forty-four new archaeological resources (33HA700-717 and 33WA608-633). Of these resources only three (33HA701, 33HA708 and 33WA609) are considered potentially significant and if they cannot be avoided will require additional investigation. Two properties were not investigated due to landowner objection. If it is determined that right-of-way will be needed from these areas survey work will be completed for them. It was determined that the five (33WA57, 295, 296, 329 and 408) previously inventoried sites have all been destroyed by recent development.

Concerning historic/ architectural resources, a field reconnaissance was conducted of the study area. It was discovered that four of the previously recorded history/architectural resources were destroyed (HAM-3335-51, HAM-3336-51, HAM-3353-51 and HAM-3354-51). There are a total of twenty eight pre-1947 history/architectural resources located within the project corridor. It was concluded by the authors that the six history/architectural resources warrant additional investigation if impacted by the proposed project (HAM-3337-51, HAM-3338-51, HAM-3343-51, HAM-5554-51, WAR-97-10, WAR-1049-10). • Our staff historian agrees with the recommendations with the exception of HAM-5554-51. It has not been demonstrated that HAM-5554-51 embodies distinct characteristics of a type, period or method of construction. The report does not support why this is an "excellent example of a modest bungalow from the 1920s in the northeast area of Hamilton County" (p. 116). Therefore, based on the information presented and the common style and features of the structure it is the opinion of our staff historian that the structure is not eligible for inclusion in the NRHP under any criterion and no further work is warranted for HAM-5554-51. Our staff historian concurs with the author's opinion that the remaining seventeen history/architectural resources are not eligible for inclusion in the NRHP.

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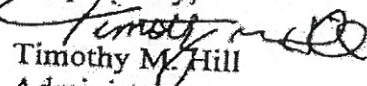
In accordance with the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation's current guidelines, our evaluation of the proposed improvement is that:

- 1) of the forty-four identified archaeological sites only 33HA701, 708 and 33WA609 are considered potentially eligible for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places and if they cannot be avoided will require additional investigation. The remaining forty-one sites (33HA700, 702-707, 709-717, 33WA608, 610-633) are not considered potentially significant and no further work is recommended.
- 2) the following five history/architectural resources are potentially eligible for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places: HAM-3337-51, HAM-3338-51, HAM-3343-51, WAR-97-10, WAR-1049-10 and if they cannot be avoided will require additional investigation. The remaining eighteen history/architectural resources are not considered potentially eligible for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places and no further work is recommended.
- 3) One bridge (SF#8300038- concrete Open Spandrel arch) that was included in the Selected Pool is located along US22 within the study area for this project. The bridge is located approximately 1000 feet from the project terminus. It is our staff's opinion the project will have no effect on the bridge.

We would appreciate the return of this letter, signed to indicate concurrence. If no response is received within 30 days, your concurrence will be assumed.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

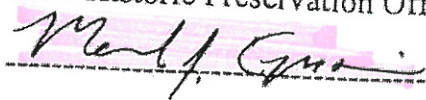
Respectfully,


Timothy M. Hill
Administrator
Office of Environmental Services

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State Historic Preservation Office Concurrence:

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Based on the additional information received October 3, 1997 we concur with the above evaluation.

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June 24, 1999

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Resource Protection and Review
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Columbus, Ohio 43211

Attn: Mary K. Smith, History/Architecture ODOT Reviews Manager

Re: HAM/WAR-US 22/3-16.16/0.00; PID 12377
Assessments for Montgomery Road Widening

Dear Mr. Epstein:

Enclosed for your review is one copy of *HAM/WAR-US22/3-16.15/0.00 PID 12377 Assessment for Five Properties in Hamilton and Warren Counties, Ohio* prepared by the history/architecture staff of the Ohio Department of Transportation Office of Environmental Services (ODOT-OES).

The proposed project is located in Hamilton and Warren counties and involves widening Montgomery Road (US 22-3) between Interstate Route 275 and the Little Miami River. The corridor is 6.2 mi long and extends for 250 ft on either side of the Montgomery Road centerline, beginning in Sycamore Township, Hamilton County on the south, going through Symmes Township, Hamilton County, crossing the county line into Deerfield Township, Warren County, and terminating at the Little Miami River in Deerfield Township. There are seven secondary corridors where Montgomery Road is intersected by other roads: Cornell, Kemper, Enyart, Seven Gables and Mason, and Union Cemetery roads. The secondary corridors are each 1000 ft long and 500 ft wide.

Gray & Pape, Inc recommended five properties for further work as a result of their phase I cultural resources survey of the project area conducted during the summer of 1996. ODOT-OES concurred with those recommendations on September 2, 1997 and your office concurred on November 3, 1997. The five properties are:

HAM-3337-51 HAM-3338-51 HAM-3343-51 WAR-97-10 WAR-1049-10

Staff historians at the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) conducted additional research on those five properties to determine their significance using the National Register Criteria for Evaluation. The additional research included an examination of early atlases, county histories, and historical texts, deed searches, an examination of federal census records, windshield surveys, and on-site review including the taking of photographs and establishment of boundaries.

Three of the properties were found to be eligible:

HAM-3337-51

HAM-3338-51

WAR-97-10

Two of the properties were found to be not eligible:

HAM-3343-51

WAR-1049-10.

Based upon the limited scope of work and the results of the additional investigation for these properties, it is the opinion of our cultural resources staff that although there are historic properties present, the preferred alignment, as planned and designed, will have no effect on the characteristics of the historic properties that qualify them for inclusion in or eligibility for the National Register of Historic Places, nor will it use land from these historic properties (re: 36 CFR 800.16[1]). In accordance with 36 CFR 800.4(d)(1), ODOT has determined that a finding of "no historic properties affected" is appropriate for the subject project.

We would appreciate the return of this letter, signed to indicate concurrence with our evaluations. If no response is received within 30 days, in accordance with the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation's current regulations under Section 800.2(c)(1) and Section 800.4(d)(1) it will be presumed that the State Historic Preservation Officer agrees with the determinations made above. If you have any questions or concerns, direct them to Joan Randall, Staff Historian, at 614-752-2171 or via e-mail at Joan.Randall@dot.state.oh.us.

Respectfully,

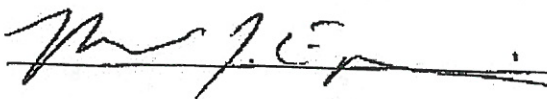

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STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE CONCURRENCE:



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c: District 8, Hans R. Jindal Env. Coord.

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