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# Illinois Department of Transportation

2300 South Dirksen Parkway / Springfield, Illinois/62764

November 28, 1989

Mr. William H. Wheeler  
Chief  
Preservation Services Division  
Illinois Historic Preservation Agency  
Springfield, Illinois 62701

Dear Mr. Wheeler,

In May of 1985 a series of agreements were ratified for minor Federally funded highway projects. These three party agreements (signed by representatives of FHWA, IDOT, and the ISHPO) established a number of classes of actions which had "no effect" on cultural resources pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. These agreements, which were renewed in 1987, have saved a tremendous amount of time and money for both the IDOT and IHPA since large numbers of such minor projects are initiated each year.

In order for IDOT to comply with the new Illinois State Agency Historic Resources Preservation Act we believe that a similar agreement for State approved or funded actions is necessary. Both Anne Haaker and Thomas Emerson of your staff have reviewed and commented on a draft version of this agreement. The final agreement, which incorporates IHPA staff comments, is attached for your signature.

If you have any questions please contact Dr. John Walthall (785-2831) of this office.

Very truly yours,

M. J. Macchio, Engineer of  
Location and Environment

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "J. Paul Biggers".

By: J. Paul Biggers  
Chief of Environment

AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, the Illinois Department of transportation (IDOT) will approve or fund with State monies during the period of January 1, 1990 through FY 1995 the classes of actions listed in schedule A and,

WHEREAS, the IDOT has certain responsibilities for the protection of cultural resources pursuant to the Illinois State Agency Historic Resources Preservation Act, which include consultation with the Director of the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency (IHPA) to determine the effect on cultural resources of the classes of actions listed in Schedule A and,

WHEREAS, IDOT will have qualified personnel review each project to determine if it meets the stated criteria and,

WHEREAS, IDOT will keep a record of such reviews to be occasionally monitored by the IHPA and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the listed classes of actions will be considered to have no effect on cultural resources by the Director of the IHPA under existing established procedures and that adherence to this agreement satisfies the responsibilities of IDOT pursuant to the above mentioned act with respect to the protection of cultural resources.

MJ Macchio 11/28/89  
IDOT DATE

William L. Wheeler 11-30-89  
IHPA DATE

SCHEDULE A  
CLASSES OF ACTIONS

- widening of existing roads in urban areas where less than 10 feet of additional right-of-way is required on each side.
- widening of existing roads in rural areas where 15 feet or less of additional right-of-way is required on each side.
- rural bridge replacement projects which consist of widening or replacement of the bridge on existing alignment and require less than one total acre of new right-of-way.
- traffic signal modernization within designated historic districts.
- modernization of existing traffic signals in intersections not included within a designated historic district.
- replacement or rehabilitation of bridges that are less than 40 years old, within existing rights-of-way not within a designated historic district and not a designated historic bridge.
- creation of new roads in urban areas outside of existing historic districts where no right-of-way acquisition is necessary within 50 feet of a standing historic structure, building or object.
- alterations to existing non-historic buildings to provide for noise reduction and the installation of noise barriers in areas not included within a designated historic district.
- replacement of a highway facility which is commenced immediately after the occurrence of a natural disaster or catastrophic failure, to restore the highway for the health, welfare, and safety of the public.
- landscaping projects not within a designated historic district or site.
- construction of bicycle and pedestrian lanes, paths and facilities not included within a designated historic district or site.