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SUBJECT: FONSI and Section 4(f) Determination for the NJ TRANSIT Raritan River Bridge Replacement Project

Dear Mr. Daleo:

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) has completed its review of the June 2017 Environmental Assessment (EA) for the proposed NJ TRANSIT Raritan River Bridge Replacement Project (“the Project”), which includes the Section 106 analysis in accordance with 23 CFR Part 771.121, and a Section 4(f) Evaluation in accordance with 23 CFR 774.3 (c).

Based on our review, FTA has issued a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the Project. Also included is FTA’s Section 4(f) Determination that there is no feasible or prudent alternative to the use of the historic and cultural resources used by the project. Finally, enclosed is the Section 106 Programmatic Agreement outlining the stipulations to be implemented to address adverse effects impacts the project has on historic and archaeological resources in the project area of potential effect.

NJ TRANSIT must send a notice of availability of the FONSI to the affected units of State and local governments, and NJ TRANSIT must make the FONSI available upon request to the public (per 23 CFR 771.121(b)). We ask NJ TRANSIT to keep a copy of the EA, FONSI, and all major permits and design changes on the project’s website until construction is complete to enable the public to track the progress of the Project and mitigations.

FTA will send a limitation on claims notice for publication in the Federal Register advising the public that claims seeking judicial review of this FONSI must be filed within 150 days of publication in accordance with 23 U.S.C. §139 (I).

The Project must be implemented in accordance with the mitigations and permitting activities summarized in the EA and the FONSI, including the stipulations outlined in the Section 106 Programmatic Agreement. If there are significant changes to the Project, including proposed mitigation, the FTA must be notified in writing and will review the

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changes to determine the need for additional environmental review before NJ TRANSIT initiates or resumes construction of altered aspects of the Project.

Should you have any questions, please contact Daniel Moser of the FTA Regional Office at (212) 668-2326 or by email at daniel.moser@dot.gov.

Thank you,



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