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Re: *Project Review under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, Left Bank Development, Trinity River Flood Control System, Fort Worth, Tarrant County (USACE/106, THC #201604679)*

Mr. Verwers,

Thank you for your correspondence regarding the above-referenced project. This letter serves as comment on the proposed undertaking from the State Historic Preservation Officer, the Executive Director of the Texas Historical Commission.

The review staff, led by Rebecca Shelton, Justin Kockritz, and Elizabeth Brummett, has completed its review of documentation for the proposed Left Bank Development. This project entails construction of a mixed-use facility along the Trinity River Flood Control System (TRFCS) levee, including a retaining wall and earthen fill that will create a terrace linking the new building with the levee. The TRFCS was determined eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places during previous consultation. We concur that this project will alter the design of a section of the TRFCS and thus will have an **ADVERSE EFFECT** on this historic property. We also agree that the property at 2100 W. 7th Street is not eligible for designation and the project will have no adverse effect on archeological sites.

We understand that you intend to consult with Historic Fort Worth and will notify the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) of the adverse effect in accordance with 36 CFR 800.6(a)(1). In addition, we suggest that you include the City of Fort Worth as a potential consulting party. Prior to determining whether the ACHP will participate and receiving input from local parties, it is premature for our office to provide detailed feedback on the enclosed Memorandum of Agreement. In general, we agree that documentation of the area of the TRFCS that will be affected by the project is reasonable mitigation and suggest interpretation of the TRFCS also be considered.

Thank you for your cooperation in this federal review process, and for your efforts to preserve the irreplaceable heritage of Texas. **If you have any questions concerning our review, or if we can be of further assistance, please contact Elizabeth Brummett at 512/463-6167.**

Sincerely,

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