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Mr. Christopher Moskal  
Executive Director  
Springfield Redevelopment Authority  
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Re: Re-evaluation Union Station Regional Intermodal Transportation Center, Springfield, MA  
Finding of No Significant Impact

Dear Mr. Moskal:

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) has reviewed the Springfield Redevelopment Authority's (SRA) request for a re-evaluation of the Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) issued on June 5, 2000, for the Springfield Union Station Regional Intermodal Transportation project.

Since issuance of the FONSI, SRA has refined the scope of the proposed Intermodal Transportation Center by proposing to: demolish the baggage building; reduce the area previously dedicated for commercial use within Union Station; relocate bus terminals from across Main Street to the site of the baggage building; and construct 35 surface parking spaces and six bus berths on property located at 30 Frank B. Murray Street.

On June 14, 2012 the Massachusetts Historical Commission (MHC) concurred with FTA's determination that the project will have an adverse effect on historic resources in accordance with 36 CFR 800.5(a). Subsequently MHC, SRA, and FTA executed a Memorandum of Agreement that lists responsibilities that the project sponsor will follow. Also on September 12, 2012 the Department of Interior/National Park Service reviewed and concurred with the 4(f) evaluation.

As a result of our re-evaluation of the impacts associated with the refined project scope and in accordance with 23 CFR 771.129, FTA finds that the previously issued FONSI for the Springfield Union Station project remains valid. With the issuance of this FONSI re-evaluation, SRA has complied with the National Environmental Policy Act for improvements for this project. Also, FTA has determined that this project is unlikely to have disproportionately high and adverse human health or environmental effects on low-income or minority populations.

If you have any questions, please contact Sean Sullivan at (617) 494-2484. The FTA looks forward to continuing to work with SRA on this transit improvement.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary Beth Mello".

Mary Beth Mello  
Regional Administrator

Cc: R. Davey, MassDOT