



May 31, 2007

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
William Francis Galvin, Secretary of the Commonwealth
Massachusetts Historical Commission

Stephen Roper
Massachusetts Highway Department
10 Park Plaza
Boston, MA 02116

RE: Reconfiguration of Ramps at North Street/Bridge Street Interchange, MHC# 36570
and MHD# 601323

Dear Mr. Roper:

The Massachusetts Historical Commission is in receipt of your correspondence, dated April 27, 2007 and received at this office on May 1, 2007, regarding the additional work order related to the North Street Reconstruction project. MHC understands that the Massachusetts Highway Department has scheduled a public hearing to discuss the ramps at North Street/Bridge Street and that MassHighway will allow for public comment pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act through this meeting. MHC also understands that the Massachusetts Highway Department will accept additional public comment in writing concerning effects to historic properties.

MHC further understands that once the Massachusetts Highway Department has taken into account public comment on the effects of the proposed additional work order on historic properties, MassHighway will resubmit an effect determination to the MHC for comment.

As you are aware, the MHC has been in consultation with the Division of Capital Asset Management concerning the effects of the proposed Michael J. Ruane Judicial Center on historic properties.

These comments are offered to assist in compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (36 CFR 800) and Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 9, Section 26-27C, as amended by Chapter 254 of the Acts of 1988 (950 CMR 71.00) and the Programmatic Agreement. Please do not hesitate to contact Ann Lattinville of my staff, should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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State Historic Preservation Officer
Executive Director
Massachusetts Historical Commission

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