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RE: Eastfield/Rehabilitation of Bridge E-15-001, Main St. (Route 250) over Long River (MassDOT Highway Division Project Number 123456) Section 106 Review

Sarah Storey, Chairperson Eastfield Historical Commission 100 Main Street Eastfield, MA 05555

Dear Ms. Storey:

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation, Highway Division (MassDOT Highway Division) and the **Town of Eastfield** propose to **rehabilitate Bridge E-15-001**, which carries **Main Street (Route 250) over the Long River in Eastfield.** It is anticipated that this project will be supported in part with federal funds and will require review, therefore, under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 as amended (36 CFR 800). The enclosed project information is provided for the **Eastfield** Historical Commission's review in compliance with the regulations governing Section 106.

The existing bridge is a five-span concrete T-beam structure with an overall length of 120 feet and an overall width of 48 feet. Erected in 1937, the existing superstructure is carried on two 1937 concrete abutments and four earlier masonry piers. The proposed project will rehabilitate the existing substructure and replace the existing concrete T-beams with a new, five-span steel stringer superstructure carrying a 58-foot-wide deck. It is estimated that 180 feet of roadway approach work will be required at each end of the bridge.

MassDOT Highway Division and the **Town of Eastfield** request that the **Eastfield** Historical Commission review the enclosed materials at its earliest convenience, and solicit any comments that the Commission wishes to make regarding this project. Written comments should be submitted to: Patricia Leavenworth, P.E., Chief Engineer, MassDOT Highway Division, 10 Park Plaza, Boston, MA 02116, Attn: Jeffrey Shrimpton.

If you have any questions concerning the enclosed project information, please feel free to contact **John Smith** (857.368.0000) of MassDOT Highway Division's **Project Management** Section. If you have any questions concerning the Section 106 process, please feel free to contact Jeffrey Shrimpton (857.368.8824) of MassDOT Highway Division's Cultural Resources Unit.

Sincerely,

William Johnson ABC Consultants

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