



February 10, 2022

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**  
William Francis Galvin, Secretary of the Commonwealth

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Massachusetts Historical Commission

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Attn: Katelyn Rainville

RE: Eversource Sudbury-Hudson Transmission Reliability Project, DCR Mass Central Rail Trail, Sudbury, Marlborough, Stow and Hudson, MA. MHC #RC.62384. EEA #15703. ACHP #016522. **NAE-217-01406.**

Dear Mr. Maniccia:

Staff of the Massachusetts Historical Commission (MHC), office of the Massachusetts State Historic Preservation Officer, have reviewed the US Army Corps' revised definition of the area of project effect, determination of adverse effect, and Post-Review Discoveries Plan dated December 17, 2021, which was received at this office on January 4, 2022.

The MHC is also in receipt of comments dated January 14, 2022 from the Sudbury Historical Commission to you. The MHC would appreciate receiving a copy of your response to their comments.

The MHC concurs with your agency's determination of the full extent of the area of potential effects (36 CFR 800.16(d)) and your opinion that the Central Massachusetts Railroad Corridor Historic District (CMRCHD) meets the criteria of eligibility for listing in the National Register of Historic Places (36 CFR 800.4), consistent with MHC's previous comments of May 18, 2021. This historic district includes the Massachusetts Central Railroad Bridges #127 (MHC #SUD.901) and #128 (SUD.900) in Sudbury, and the Fort Meadow Brook Railroad Bridge/Bridge 130 (MHC #HUD.908) in Hudson as contributing historic properties to the Central Massachusetts/Boston & Maine Railroad Corridor Historic District. The CMRCHD includes other contributing historic and archaeological resources noted in the MHC Area Inventory Forms for the CMRCHD in Sudbury and in Hudson.

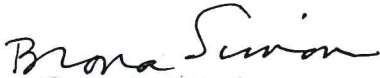
The MHC concurs with your finding of "adverse effect" (36 CFR 800.5) and looks forward to further consultation to resolve the adverse effects and to review a revised draft Memorandum of Agreement.

The MHC has no comments on the Post-Review Discoveries Plan.

These comments are provided to assist in compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (36 CFR 800), M.G.L. Chapter 9, sections 26-27C (950 CMR 70-71), and MEPA (301 CMR 11).

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,



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Executive Director  
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