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RE: Section 106 Review under the National Preservation act 1966 Central City Project, Fort Worth, Tarrant County, Texas (COE-DFW)

Dear Mr. Fickel,

Thank you for your March 1, 2005 correspondence and Draft Report concerning the above referenced project. This letter serves as initial comment on the proposed undertaking from the State Historic Preservation Officer, the Executive Director of the Texas Historical Commission (THC).

The review staff, lead by Hannah Vaughan, has completed a review of the Historic Context Inventory, and Assessment of the Central City Segment of the Trinity River Vision Plan and, based on the information provided, has the following comments.:

- We concur with your determination of the area of potential effect (APE).
- We concur with your survey methodology.
- We concur with the historic contexts/ themes you have developed for the APE

Because you have developed a through context, we believe we will be able to concur with most of the determinations of eligibility within the survey, however in order to fully evaluate the findings we require additional information. The survey section of the report does not include a justification for of each determination making it difficult for us to concur, particularly for buildings you have found ineligible.

Please resubmit Appendix A (Inventory Data for Pre 1966 Buildings and Structures) with the following fields added to the survey data:

- Level of integrity
- Visible changes
- Eligibility:
 - For eligible properties include criteria under which it is eligible
 - For ineligible properties include the reason it has been determined ineligible

We look forward to further consultation as your plans develop so that we may determine the impacts of the project on historic resources and comment on appropriate mitigation measures. If you have any questions regarding our review or if we can be of further assistance, please contact Hannah Vaughan at 512/463-6046 or hannah.vaughan@thc.state.tx.us.

Sincerely,

Hannah Vaughan, Historian

For F. Lawrence Oaks, SHPO

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