

## **SHPO Concurrence**



January 23, 2020

File No.: 3130-1R FHWA / 2017-01315

Subject: Steese Expressway and Johansen Expressway Interchange,  
002337/Z60732000

Thomas Gamza  
Department of Transportation & Public Facilities  
2301 Peger Road  
Fairbanks, AK 99709-5388

**SENT BY E-MAIL**  
**DATE** 1/24/20

Dear Mr. Gamza,

The Alaska State Historic Preservation Office (AK SHPO) received your letter (dated January 9, 2020) on January 9, 2020. Following our review of your letter and report, titled *Cultural Resources Desktop Assessment for Proposed Improvements to the Steese Expressway/ Johansen Expressway Interchange, Fairbanks, Alaska*, our office concurs with the following determinations of eligibility (Table 1) for listing on the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP).

**Table 1. Determinations of Eligibility**

No.	AHRS#	Street Address/Site Name	DOT&PF Determination	AK SHPO Comment
1	FAI-2220	116 Farmers Loop Road Extension	Not Eligible	Concur
2	FAI-2380	1035 Blair Road	Not Eligible	Concur
3	FAI-2384	997 Blair Road	Not Eligible	Concur
4	FAI-2696	Birch Hill Cemetery	Not Eligible	Concur

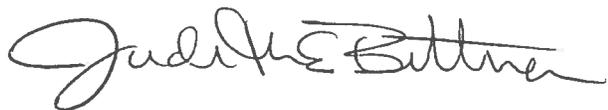
Additionally, we reviewed the subject undertaking pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. Following our review, we concur with your finding of no historic properties affected for the subject undertaking.

Please note that as stipulated in *36 CFR § 800.3*, other consulting parties such as the local government and Tribes are required to be notified of the undertaking. Additional information provided by the local government, Tribes or other consulting parties may cause our office to re-evaluate our comments and recommendations. Please note that our comment letter does not end the 30-day review period provided to other consulting

parties. Should unidentified cultural resources be discovered during the project, work must be interrupted until the resources have been evaluated in terms of the NRHP eligibility criteria (36 CFR § 60.4) in consultation with our office.

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on the subject undertaking. Please contact Mark Rollins at 269-8722 or [mark.rollins@alaska.gov](mailto:mark.rollins@alaska.gov) if you have any questions or if we can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Judith E. Bittner". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Judith" being the most prominent.

Judith E. Bittner  
State Historic Preservation Officer

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