



May 27, 2025

Jeffery Amplement
NFTA
181 Ellicott Street
Buffalo, NY 14203

Re: FTA
Metro Rail Expansion Construction Project
Amherst, Tonawanda and Buffalo, Erie County, NY
19PR01900

Dear Jeffery Amplement:

Thank you for requesting the comments of the New York State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO). We have reviewed the provided documentation in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966. These comments are those of the SHPO and relate only to Historic/Cultural resources. They do not include other environmental impacts to New York State Parkland that may be involved in or near your project.

The SHPO has reviewed the Supplemental Background Research Report submitted to our office May 2, 2025. We support the Phase IB testing strategies outlined in this document. Please submit the Phase IB Archaeological Survey Report using the token provided June 26, 2024.

If you have any questions, I can be reached at Sydney.Snyder@parks.ny.gov.

Sincerely,

Sydney Snyder
Scientist - Archaeology

From: [Jeffery Amplement](#)
To: [Pringle, Scott](#); [Camay, Stephanie](#)
Cc: [Robert Gower](#)
Subject: FW: Section 106 Consulting Party Finding Letter
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Jeffery Amplement, MUP

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From: Paananen, Jason A <jpaananen@buffalony.gov>
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To: Goveia, James (FTA) <James.Goveia@dot.gov>
Cc: Jeffery Amplement <Jeffery.Amplement@nfta.com>; Hawley, Chris <chawley@buffalony.gov>
Subject: Re: Section 106 Consulting Party Finding Letter

Mr. Goveia,

The City of Buffalo has reviewed the proposed Buffalo Amherst Tonawanda Transportation Corridor project and concurs with FTA's Finding of No Adverse Effect and intent to make a de minimis impact finding to comply with Section 4(f) of the U.S. Department of Transportation Act of 1966 (23 C.F.R. Part 774). Please direct all future Section 106 Consultation correspondence to Chris Hawley who is copied on this email.

Sincerely,

Jason Paananen
Director of Environmental Affairs
City of Buffalo
Mayor's Office of Strategic Planning
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From: Goveia, James (FTA) <James.Goveia@dot.gov>
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Subject: Section 106 Consulting Party Finding Letter

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Dear Mr. Paananen,

As part of the Section 106 process FTA is submitting a letter to you as a consulting party that will share the current determination as it relates to the Buffalo Amherst Tonawanda Transportation Corridor Project. If you have any questions, feel free to respond to this email or call me at 212-668-2325. Thank you.

James A. Goveia, Sr.

FTA, Region 2

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Hi James,

Thank you for providing this document, I will file it in the project file in our CRIS system. Our No Adverse Effect Finding letter dated November 21, 2025 still stands.

Please let me know if you need anything else from our office.

Thanks again,
Sydney

Sydney Snyder
Scientist – Archaeology

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Good Morning Ms. Synder

As part of the Section 106 process FTA is submitting the attached letter to you as a consulting party that will share the current determination as it relates to the Buffalo Amherst Tonawanda Transportation Corridor Project. If you have any questions, feel free to respond to this email or call me at 212-668-2325. Thank you.

James A. Goveia, Sr.

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January 26, 2026

Mr. Daniel V. Moser
Acting Director, Office of Planning and Program Development
U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Transit Administration - REGION 2
One Bowling Green, Room 428
New York, NY 10004

RE: Buffalo-Amherst-Tonawanda Corridor Transit Expansion Project: Initiation of Section 106 Consultation and Finding of No Adverse Effect and Notification of Section 4(f) De Minimis Impact Request for Concurrence and Notification of Section 4(f) De Minimis Impact Finding

Dear Mr. Moser,

I am in receipt of your letter dated December 29, 2025 regarding the Town's concurrence with the Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) finding of no adverse effect with respect to historic resources from the Buffalo-Amherst-Tonawanda Transit Expansion Project. The purpose of the letter is to continue Section 106 consultation for the Project and seek concurrence on a 4(f) de minimis impact determination. Based upon your letter and the findings cited therein, the Town concurs with the FTA's "No Adverse Effect" finding with respect to historic resources within the Area of Potential Effects (APE) delineated in your letter.

Thank you for the opportunity to review the findings. Please contact me with any questions you may have.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Daniel C. Howard".

Daniel C. Howard, AICP
Planning Director

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cc: Jeff Amplement, Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority