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## **Appendix F –State Historic Preservation Office Letters**



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Dear Ms MacFarlane-Faes

**ER-940325**  
**I-94 Rehabilitation Project, Detroit, Wayne County**

The purpose of this letter is to request State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) concurrence with adverse effect determinations for four historic properties impacted by the I-94 Rehabilitation Project (Project)

**Project History**

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) began consultation with the SHPO in 1994 when the study for the I-94 Rehabilitation Project (Project) was initiated. Three cultural resource reports were submitted to the SHPO by MDOT consultants prior to the completion of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) in 2001, which was also sent to the SHPO for review. In a letter dated March 21, 2001, the SHPO indicated the DEIS had been reviewed. However, at that time the SHPO did not provide formal agreement with the adverse effect determinations in the DEIS for three historic properties. The three properties included the Woodbridge Neighborhood Historic District (District), the I-94 Interchange with Michigan Route 10/John C Lodge Freeway (I-94 Interchange), and the United Sound Systems Recording Studio (United Sound).

After 2001, two additional letters were received from the SHPO regarding the Project. The first letter, dated November 18, 2002, commented upon the "Draft Supplemental Report to the Cultural Resource Inventories for the I-94 Rehabilitation Project," the fourth and final consultant report for the Project. The issues raised in the 2002 letter have been addressed primarily through the second letter, a concurrence letter, dated July 21, 2004 and signed on August 4, 2004. In that letter a fourth property, namely the Detroit

Fuse and Manufacturing Company/Square D Building (Square D Building), was identified as individually eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places

### **Project Description**

The Build Alternative of the Project as outlined in the 2001 DEIS on page 2-8, "includes four below-grade mainline lanes in each direction, a reserved median space, acceleration and deceleration lanes at various locations, and I-94/M-10 and I-94-I-75 interchange reconstruction. The proposed Build Alternative includes a ground level, one-way continuous service drive with three lanes in each direction, shoulders, and sidewalks on each side of I-94." The project area is 6.7 miles of I-94 (also known as the Edsel Ford Freeway) stretching from just east of the I-94/I-96 interchange to the Conner Avenue interchange. A map showing the project boundaries is enclosed.

### **Project Impacts**

Since the publication of the DEIS in 2001, the design of the Project has been continually improved to incorporate better engineering solutions, address public concerns and avoid impacts wherever feasible. The three historic properties identified in the DEIS will still be impacted, however. In addition, new information has added a fourth property, the Square D Building, to the list of adversely effected historic properties.

The Woodbridge Neighborhood Historic District in Detroit is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The District is adjacent to the I-94 service drive, which will be upgraded and widened. A residence at 5287 Hecla Street, which is a contributing structure within the District, will be removed to accommodate the service drive upgrades. Therefore, the removal of the residence at 5287 Hecla Street will have an adverse effect on the Woodbridge Neighborhood Historic District.

The I-94 Interchange with Michigan Route 10/John C. Lodge Freeway is eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. The Project calls for a new interchange configuration, necessitating the demolition of the existing historic interchange. The demolition and replacement of the I-94 Interchange will have an adverse effect upon the I-94 Interchange.

The United Sound Studios Systems Recording Studio at 5840 Second Street is eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. United Sound is located directly adjacent to the I-94 service drive, which will be upgraded and widened. As a result of the service drive upgrade, United Sound will be demolished. The demolition of United Sound will have an adverse effect upon the United Sound building.

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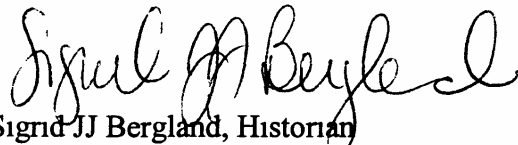
The Detroit Fuse and Manufacturing Company/Square D Building at 6060 Rivard Street is eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. The Square D Building is located at the intersection of I-94 and I-75, and the new configuration of the interchange coupled with new continuous service drives necessitates the demolition of the building. The demolition of the Square D Building will have an adverse effect upon the Square D Building.

### Summary

MDOT and SHPO have been in consultation for over ten years regarding the I-94 project. All potential historic properties within the I-94 Project Area of Potential Effect (APE) have been identified. Informal agreement has already been reached regarding the adverse effect to four historic properties within the APE as outlined in the 2001 DEIS. We request your formal concurrence with the following: the I-94 Project will have an adverse effect upon the Woodbridge Neighborhood Historic District, the I-94 Interchange with Michigan Route 10, the United Sound Systems Recording Studio, and the Detroit Fuse and Manufacturing Company/Square D Building.

Please feel free to contact me at 335-4229 if you have any questions or concerns. If you concur with this assessment, please sign the concurrence line below. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Signid JJ Bergland, Historian  
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Enclosure

I concur



Brian Conway, State Historic Preservation Office

Date

10/13/04