U.S. Department of Transportation
Office of the Secretary (OST)
Office of Facilities, Information, and Asset Management (M-90)

September 30, 2026

Ms. Anne Brockett
State Historic Preservation Office
District of Columbia
1100 4th Street, SW, Suite 650-E
Washington, DC 20024

Re: Permanent Antenna Installation at the U.S. Department of Transportation

Dear Ms. Brockett:

The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) plans to install a new permanent antenna at the DOT headquarters building located at 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, D.C. 20590. The antenna will be used solely for official government purposes and will have no commercial use. The DOT building is within proximity of the following historic resources, which comprise the Area of Potential Effect (APE): the Washington Navy Yard Annex historic district, the Washington Navy Yard National Register and National Historic Landmark Historic Districts and the NR listed Main Sewerage Pumping Station. DOT has determined that the undertaking has the potential to have an indirect effect on the historic resources within the APE and is initiating Section 106 consultations in accordance with 36 CFR Part 800.

To minimize visibility of the antenna the following steps will be taken:

- The proposed antenna sub-structure height will be the minimum height required to ensure antenna functionality
- The antenna sub-structure will be installed within the specifically designated rooftop privacy screened area for antennas
- The antenna sub-structure will be installed at the furthest available location from the New Jersey Avenue viewshed
- The antenna sub-structure setback distance from the roof's edge will be equal to or greater than the sub-structure height
- DOT will consider painting the antenna sub-structure a non-metallic color to minimize visibility

The enclosed project report includes the following: project narrative, roof plans, and photo-simulations. For the reasons stated above DOT has determined that the proposed antenna will have no adverse effect on the resources within the APE. If you need clarification on any aspects of the proposal, please contact me at 202-439-1382 or at james.usual@dot.gov.

Sincerely,

James Usual
Director
Office of Facilities, Information, and Asset Management

Enclosures

I hereby concur with the U.S. Department of Transportation finding that the proposed antenna at the Department of Transportation headquarters building will have no adverse effect on the Washington Navy Yard Annex historic district, the Washington Navy Yard National Register and National Historic Landmark Historic Districts and the NR listed Main Sewerage Pumping Station.



_____ Date October 7, 2026

Ms. Anne Brockett
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