

July 27, 2023

VIA EMAIL ONLY

George Gause
Heritage Preservation Supervisor
St. Paul Planning & Economic Development
25 4th St W
St. Paul, MN 55102

RE: Demolition of 50 Fillmore Avenue
St. Paul, Ramsey County
SHPO Number: 2023-2399

Dear Mr. Gause:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the above project. It has been reviewed pursuant to the responsibilities given the State Historic Preservation Officer by Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (54 U.S.C. § 306108) and its implementing federal regulations, "Protection of Historic Properties" (36 CFR Part 800).

The property at 50 Fillmore Avenue was evaluated for eligibility for listing in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP), as part of a 2017 Section 106 review of the Fillmore West Redevelopment Project. The property was identified as the **Waterous Company Warehouse (Inventory Number RA-SPC-8947)**, and it was determined to be **not eligible** for listing. As part of the same review, an adjacent property, the **Chicago, Great Western Railway Company Railroad Segment (RA-SPC-8946)**, was determined **eligible** for listing.

The project may be within viewshed of the NRHP-eligible Chicago, Great Western Railway Company Railroad Segment, particularly during seasons when there's less vegetation separating it from the tracks. Accordingly, in order for our office to determine that the project will not adversely affect the historic property, the demolition of the former warehouse building must not directly or indirectly alter characteristics of the railroad segment that qualify it for inclusion in the National Register in a manner that would diminish the integrity of the property's location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling, or association.

We have reviewed the proposed project, and we have determined that it will have **no adverse effect** on the historic property.

If you have any questions regarding our review of this project, please contact Leslie Coburn, Environmental Review Specialist, at (651) 201-3286 or leslie.coburn@state.mn.us.

Sincerely,



Sarah J. Beimers
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