

May 30, 2022

VIA E-MAIL ONLY

Samantha Langer  
City of St. Paul – PED  
1400 City Hall Annex  
25 W 4th Street  
Saint Paul, MN 55102

RE: Demolition of Burger King building  
1600 7<sup>th</sup> Street West  
St. Paul, Ramsey County  
SHPO Number: 2022-1659

Dear Ms. Langer:

Thank you for initiating consultation with our office regarding the above-referenced 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).

Pursuant to 36 CFR 800.4-5 it is the responsibility of the federal agency or its delegated agent to define the undertaking, determine the area of potential effect (APE) for the federal undertaking, identify and evaluate historic properties that may be affected by the proposed federal undertaking, and assess effects to any historic properties.

While your submittal provides baseline information regarding the project location and description, you have not provided information sufficient for our office to complete our review of this project and provide a determination. The following outline the four steps to analyzing a project under Section 106. The additional information needed from you to continue our review are in **bold type**:

Define the Undertaking

From the materials provided, we understand this undertaking involves the demolition of the Burger King building at 1600 7<sup>th</sup> Street West.

**Please provide a statement about whether there are redevelopment plans for this parcel, following demolition, and if so, the nature of the redevelopment, along with any redevelopment documents, such as site plans, available at this time.** If there is a reasonably foreseeable redevelopment of this parcel, it should be considered part of the undertaking.

Determine the Area of Potential Effect (APE)

**Provide a map of the APE.** Based on the nature of the project, determine the boundaries of the APE. APE is defined as the geographic area within which a project may directly or indirectly cause alteration in the character or use of a historic property. The APE is defined before the identification of any historic properties. Therefore, to determine the APE, you do not need to know whether any historic properties

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exist in the area(s), but you should include all locations where the project may cause change to other properties, including ground disturbances, visual or audible changes, or changes in public access, traffic patterns, or land use.

#### Identification of Historic Properties

The Section 106 process requires a reasonable and good faith effort to identify any historic properties within the APE.

For historic structures - **Indicate whether there are any structures or buildings 45 years or older within the APE. For each of these resources, include an actual or estimated date of construction, a ground-level photograph, and a map indicating its location. In addition, if known, provide a brief history of each property and names of architects or builders.**

**Indicate whether the identified historic properties within the APE are listed in or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP).** To help identify which properties may be listed in the NRHP, previously determined eligible for listing in the NRHP, or previously surveyed, you may request a search of our database by sending an email with the APE's Township-Range-Section location information to [datarequestshpo@state.mn.us](mailto:datarequestshpo@state.mn.us) . You will receive a response by email, usually within a week. Note that this database is not comprehensive: there are properties that, with research, will be found eligible for listing in the NRHP.

#### Finding of Effect

- **Document your agency's finding of this project's potential to affect historic properties** from among the following: 1) No Historic Properties Affected, 2) No Adverse Effect, or 3) Adverse Effect. (See 36 CFR 800.4(d)-800.5.)

Please submit the requested information to our dedicated project review email: [ENReviewSHPO@state.mn.us](mailto:ENReviewSHPO@state.mn.us) .

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

Sincerely,



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cc: George Gause, City of St. Paul Planning and Economic Development