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Mr. Richard J. Peltz  
Deputy Secretary for Local and Area Transportation  
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
Department of Transportation  
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17101-1900

Dear Mr. Peltz:

Thank you for your letter of October 22, 2001 requesting a lead staff member be identified for the coordination of the proposed Pennsylvania High-speed Project, Pittsburgh International Airport to Greensburg, Pennsylvania.

We are pleased to provide your agency and the Federal Railroad Administration with our special expertise relative to compliance with the requirements of the Clean Water Act, Clean Air Act, the National Environmental Policy Act, and other Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) programs, for the development of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Pennsylvania High-speed Maglev Project.

Since EPA Region III is also involved with the coordination and review of the corresponding Maglev project in Maryland, we will be using a team approach to ensure consistency in our handling of both EIS projects. For the Pennsylvania High-speed Maglev Project, Mr. Jeffrey Alper will serve as the lead EPA representative. Mr. Alper can be reached at (215) 814-3374. Other EPA staff will provide assistance as necessary for the expedited coordination and review of your project.

Thank you for inviting EPA to participate in the environmental analysis for this project. We look forward to participating in the project kick-off meeting on November 8 in Harrisburg, PA. If you have any questions in the meantime, please feel free to contact me at (215) 814-2750, or Mr. Alper at the above number.

Sincerely,

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Thomas Slenkamp, Acting Director  
Office of Environmental Programs

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In reply refer to:

Mr. Michael T. Saunders  
Federal Railroad Administration  
628-2 Hebron Ave.  
Suite 303  
Glastonbury, CT

Dear Mr. Saunders:

We are in receipt of your letter dated November 13, 2001 in which the FRA is requesting the FHWA to be a cooperating agency for the Pittsburgh Maglev project. We hereby agree to be a cooperating agency.

Please notify us of future meetings as early as possible. Mr. Tony Mento, P.E. (717) 221-3412 and Ms. Karyn Vandervoort (717) 221-2276 will be the FHWA primary contacts.

Sincerely yours,

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James A. Cheatham  
Division Administrator

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REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF:

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Michael T. Saunders  
USDOT - Federal Railroad Administration  
628-2 Hebron Avenue  
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Glastonbury, Connecticut 06033


Dear Mr. Saunders:

I refer to your letter of November 13, 2001 to our office, regarding the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' involvement in the process of bringing the MAGLEV transportation system to the Pittsburgh region.

We welcome the opportunity to act as a cooperating agency for the coordination and development of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) document for this project. Our staff will remain ready to advise you on regulatory issues that may arise, as well as, possibly any technical obstacles common with any new and innovative technologies. Copies of this letter will also be furnished to Mr. Peltz with PADOT and Mr. Ahern with Allegheny Port County Authority.

The Pittsburgh District's P.O.C. for the MAGLEV project, is Mr. Fred Pozzuto, Regulatory Project Manager, at (412) 395-7275, FAX (412) 644-4211 or E-Mail, Fred.Pozzuto@usace.army.mil

Sincerely,

  
Raymond K. Scrocco  
Colonel, Corps of Engineers  
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Re: Pennsylvania High-Speed Maglev Project

Dear Mr. Saunders:

By this letter, we are officially accepting our role as a cooperating agency for the development of the National Environmental Project Policy Act (NEPA) document for this project as stated in your correspondence to us dated January 8, 2003.

Please feel free to call me if you have any questions at 215-656-7100. Florence Bicchetti remains available to assist you further, if necessary, at 215-656-7084.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Herman Shipman".

Herman C. Shipman  
Acting Regional Administrator