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**Re: Princeton Branch Track Removal Project
Borough of Princeton, Mercer County, New Jersey
New Jersey Register of Historic Places Act
HPO Project Number 12-0580**

Dear Mr. Saunders:

Please accept this letter to supplement and correct the previously submitted *Application for Project Authorization Under the New Jersey Register of Historic Places Act of 1970* for the *Princeton Branch Track Removal Project*. The project description in the Application contains several errors and does not adequately define the NJ TRANSIT actions that represent the request for authorization.

NJ TRANSIT seeks approval only for the agency's intended relocation of the easement from the section of track at the 460 foot long northern end of the Princeton Branch corridor to the new station area. All of the physical activities discussed in the project scope contained in the Application will be designed, constructed and financed by Princeton University after rail service at the existing station area has terminated and the NJ TRANSIT easement has been removed from the University property. It should be noted that, as the canopy is a part of the historic station facility and the adaptive reuse plan/design for the station buildings has not yet commenced, no determination relative to its retention or removal has yet been made. The establishment of the new terminus (and the associated construction of a new station and platform) will occur *prior to* the termination of rail service at the current station location and removal of associated infrastructure. Furthermore, a new easement will be established between the University and NJ TRANSIT in connection with the new station location, in essence resulting in the transfer of the existing easement for a new one at the new location, allowing Princeton Branch rail service to continue to operate uninterrupted.

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Kindly forward this information to the members of the Historic Sites Council and others as you deem appropriate. If you require further clarification or additional materials please feel free to contact me at DCallender@njtransit.com or 973-491-7205.

Sincerely,

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