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Dear Mr. Suggs, Ms. Garten, Ms. Crowther, and Mr. Boyd:

Subject: Request for Consulting Party Status and Project Planning Documents
William F. Cribari Memorial Bridge
Bridge No. 01349
Route 136 over Saugatuck River
Town of Westport

Thank you for your letter dated March 18, 2016 (enclosed) requesting Consultant Party Status for the subject bridge project. Commissioner James Redeker has requested I respond to your letter to the Department of Transportation (Department). We appreciate the Westport Preservation Alliance's interest in this important project and look forward to working with you and other stakeholders as the project moves forward.

Your request to be a Consulting Party relates to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966. Under the guidelines of Section 106, as codified by 36 CFR §800.2, the Department recognizes your interest in the William F. Cribari Memorial Bridge (Bridge No. 01349). Such Consulting Party status applies to specific projects or actions where federal funding and/or federal approval (e.g., federal permitting) is involved. It is ultimately the lead federal agency that grants Consulting Party status.

At this time, the Department is conducting a rehabilitation study through a state-funded project, Project No. 158-212, to determine the possible rehabilitation actions needed. The remainder of the project will have Federal Highway Administration participation. The Department will convey your request for Consulting Party status to the appropriate federal agency for determination once this project is established. In the meantime, the Department will share with you all completed planning documents as they become available, such as the Rehabilitation Study Report and Section 106 documentation for the Westport Preservation Alliance's review and comment.

The Department appreciates the interest displayed by the Westport Preservation Alliance with regard to the Cribari Bridge, and looks forward to continued collaboration with all stakeholders regarding future plans for the rehabilitation of the William F. Cribari Bridge.

If you have any further questions, please contact me by telephone at (860) 594-3272 or by email at theodore.nezames@ct.gov.

Very truly yours,

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