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DATE: 28 August 2023

TO: Wisconsin Historical Society
ATTN: Wes E. Mosman Block

FROM: Wisconsin State Historic Preservation Office

RE: WHS – Museum Demo and History Center Construction, Madison, Dane County, WI.
Compliance project # 23-0255

Mr. Mosman Block:

The Wisconsin State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) has completed our review of WHS #23-0255, WHS – Museum Demo and History Center Construction project. The submitted redesign of the WHS History Center in regard to its impact on the State Inventory listed and potentially eligible Churchill/Gay Building (AHI#95294) is sympathetic to this building. We also find the proposed material (precast concrete) at the abutment (“zipper”) is compatible, but differentiated from the historic building. Therefore, the WI SHPO concurs with your determination the proposed state undertaking will have an No Adverse Effect on historic properties.

Moreover, the State Historic Preservation Office will continue consultation with WHS for the on-going architectural salvage plans for the proposed demolition of 18-20 N Carroll St (AHI#95297) and 24 N Carroll St (AHI#95299) and the feasibility of an exhibit reflecting the Capitol Square development in the proposed History Center as mitigation for the loss of these historic resources.

As such, it is the opinion of the WI SHPO that your Wis. Stats. 44.40 historic resource consultation requirements with our office will conclude at the completion of the aforesaid mitigation measures. If your plans change or cultural materials/human remains are found during the project, please halt all work and contact our office.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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Wisconsin State Historic Preservation Office
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