



We, at Preservation Buffalo Niagara, believe that this project will have significant adverse effects on the historic character, integrity, and significance of these historic districts and properties. Therefore, **we strongly urge the NYSDOT and the NYSOPR&HP to expand the Area of Potential Effect to at least 300 feet from the edge of the expressway to account for the visual, auditory, and vibratory impacts of the project.** We also urge the NYSDOT to establish a proper process for repairs if houses within the APE are impacted by the construction project. The project may cause direct physical damage to these historic resources due to vibrations caused by blasting, excavation, or demolition. Furthermore, we urge NYSDOT to establish a dedicated fund for historic preservation within the impact zone that will support the needed repairs for those impacted by the construction, as well as provide incentives for homeowners to maintain and improve their historic properties.

The Kensington Expressway project is a chance to improve the quality of life for Buffalo's residents and visitors, but it should not be done at the cost of harming or destroying our historic neighborhoods. We urge the NYSDOT and the NYSOPR&HP to honor and safeguard Buffalo's historic legacy by expanding the impact zone, ensuring proper repairs, and creating a preservation fund. We believe that this project is incompatible with the preservation goals and values of our community, and that it may cause irreversible harm to our historic resources. We, at Preservation Buffalo Niagara, hope that you will take our concerns into consideration and work with Buffalo residents to find a better alternative that respects and protects our history.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bernice Radle", written in a cursive style.

Bernice Radle
Executive Director
Preservation Buffalo Niagara