MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT
SUBMITTED TO THE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON HISTORIC PRESERVATION
PURSUANT TO CFR 800.6(A)

WHEREAS, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) has determined that the reconstruction of the I-40 Crosstown Expressway in Oklahoma City will have an adverse impact to 12 properties contributing to the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) eligible Riverside Historic District, and 2 railroad overpass structures individually eligible for inclusion in the NRHP, and has consulted with the Oklahoma State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) pursuant to 36 CFR Part 800, regulations implementing Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (16 U.S.C. 470f);

NOW, THEREFORE, FHWA and the Oklahoma SHPO agree that the undertaking shall be implemented in accordance with the following stipulations in order to take into account the effect of the undertaking on historic properties.

STIPULATIONS
I-40 CROSSTOWN EXPRESSWAY RECONSTRUCTION

FHWA will ensure that the following measures are carried out:

1. Archival quality 35mm or large format B/W photographic documentation of the 12 buildings determined to be eligible for the NRHP as contributing elements of the Riverside Historic District. Photographic documentation will emphasize exterior views, however main interior spaces will also be documented if they have not been extensively remodeled by modern additions or treatments.

2. Archival quality 35mm or large format B/W photographic documentation of the South Walker and Robinson Avenue railway underpasses. As these features are also individually eligible for inclusion in the NRHP, documentation will include xerographic reproduction of the original construction plans if they are still in existence or preparation of new architectural/engineering drawings if original plans are no longer extant.

3. Narrative Documentation of these resources and the overall Riverside Historic District will include the following:

    (a) Narrative descriptions of the 14 directly impacted properties, including a summary of their main architectural/engineering features, construction history, and context within the Riverside District and Oklahoma City.

    (b) Preparation of a substantive narrative study describing the history and development of the Riverside District, focusing on its place within the settlement and growth of

Oklahoma City, as well as its developing importance in the mid and late 20th century to immigrant and minority Hispanic populations in Oklahoma City. This report will make use of primary archives, cartographic data, records, and secondary reports already compiled regarding the Riverside area by the city of Oklahoma City and the Oklahoma State Historic Preservation Office, and oral interviews with selected long term residents of the District and areas directly affected by the project.

(c)   Preparation of a short popular illustrated summary of the formal narrative report described in Item (b) above. This will be prepared in booklet or pamphlet form in both Spanish and English to provide the widest dissemination to people of the Riverside neighborhood. It will be provided free of charge to individuals, public libraries, schools, and other public and private organizations with an interest in the history of Oklahoma City.

All documentation will be reviewed and accepted by the Oklahoma SHPO before any of the subject historic properties are demolished or removed. All documentation will be edited, catalogued, and packaged in a manner acceptable to the Oklahoma SHPO. The Oklahoma SHPO will be the repository for the photographic and primary narrative documentation.

Execution of this Memorandum of Agreement and implementation of its terms evidence that FHWA has afforded the Council an opportunity to comment on the reconstruction of the I-40 Crosstown Expressway in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and its effects on historic properties, and that FHWA has taken into account the effects of the undertaking on historic properties.

Federal Highway Administration

BY: _____ DATE: 5/15/01

Oklahoma State Historic Preservation Officer

BY: _____ DATE: 4-16-01