

## **United States Department of the Interior**

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE Mississippi National River and Recreation Area 111 E. Kellogg Blvd., Ste. 105 St. Paul, Minnesota 55101-1256

D20a (MISS-MRT)

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Liz Walton, Project Manager Office of Transit; Bicycle Pedestrian Section Minnesota Department of Transportation 395 John Ireland Blvd. Mail Stop 315 St. Paul, MN 55155-1899

Dear Ms. Walton,

The National Park Service (NPS) – Mississippi National River and Recreation Area (MISS) has reviewed the Early Notification Memo for the corridor sign plan for the 800-mile Mississippi River Trail (MRT) bicycle route in Minnesota. We do not anticipate the plan (and its implementation) will impact the resources of the 72-mile MISS.

The project is consistent with the NPS goal to complete the MRT as the premier alternative transportation facility on both sides of the Mississippi River in the MISS. It will also enhance the installation, in 2009, of over 400 MRT signs within the MISS. These signs were fabricated and installed by MNDOT and local jurisdictions along the MRT, with funding assistance from the National Park Service.

We look forward to continuing to work with MNDOT and other state and local agencies to sign and develop the MRT in Minnesota. Please do not hesitate to call me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Paul Labovitz
Superintendent