Consulting Parties and Mitigation: Reaching Out and Getting Creative

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What is Section 106?

- Federal agencies must “consider the effects on historic properties”
- Four Step Process

Initiating the Process → Identification of Historic Properties → Assessment of Effects → Resolution
Consulting Parties

- How does it work?
  - Invitation
  - Acceptance
  - Information

- How do I become a CP?
  - Involvement in local historical societies/groups
  - Direct relationship to the project/project area
  - Ask!
Cultivating Public Involvement

- Early Coordination as early as possible
- Utilize all communication available
- Engage with community members
- Ask current Consulting Parties
CRO Public Web Map App
*Please enter at least one criteria to search by.*
Mitigation

• What is it?
  • Resolution of adverse effects on historic properties
  • Memorandum of Agreement (MOA)
  • Types range from photographic documentation to educational materials to National Register nominations

• Why does it matter?
  • Meaningful engagement = Meaningful mitigation
  • It’s your community and your history, so you understand it best
Creative Mitigation
Boulevard Station

- Project: Monon Trail over 38th Street

- Address safety issue of pedestrian-vehicular conflicts at the at-grade crossing of the Monon Trail over 38th Street in Indianapolis

- Open space lost during construction of new bridge altered relationship between the depot and the former rail line and Indiana State Fairgrounds

- Revamp of station and area surrounding it

Photo Courtesy of Monon Railroad Historical Technical Society, Inc.
Boulevard Station

• MOA stipulations
  
• Creation and installation of interpretive sign
• Restoration of parking lot and landscaping
• Construction of sidewalk in the same place or as close as possible to the original footprint of the Monon Railroad with stamped pattern
• Relocation of Major Taylor historic marker

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Boulevard Station

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Advisory Teams

- Created by a Memorandum of Agreement

- Convening of individuals to advise on design or other aspects to mitigate adverse impacts on character defining features

- Meet monthly, quarterly, etc. to discuss potential project details and provide suggestions/advice to INDOT and FHWA
US 27 SB Realignment and Bridge Replacement Over Spy Run

- Stipulations of MOA
  - Advisory Team
  - Context sensitive solutions
  - Interpretive signage
  - Protection of interurban bridge

- Advisory Team
  - Bridge Railing
  - Landscaping
  - Pier Wall
  - Sidewalks/Connectivity
  - Interpretive Signage
  - Potential Future Trail
  - Streambank
  - Lighting

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• Project: U.S. 31 Free-Flow Transition

• Elimination of direct access to U.S. 31

• Demolition of Terrell Jacobs Winter Quarters

• Mitigation via 3D Virtual Tour and funding of repairs at the Peru Circus Winter Quarters

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Terrell Jacobs Winter Quarters Virtual Tour

Grounds Tour

Cat Barn
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