

# Appendix E-7

## Section 106 Consulting Parties Meeting on Historic Properties Identification and Evaluation

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Cook County, Illinois

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**YOU'RE INVITED!**

# ***Section 106 Consulting Parties Meeting for the I-290 Study***

**SECTION 106 CONSULTING PARTIES MEETING TO BE HELD  
AUGUST 11, 2016 • 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.  
The Carleton Hotel of Oak Park, Foxboro Room**



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**As a Section 106 Consulting Party for the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement for the improvement of I-290 from west of US 12/20/45 (Mannheim Road) to Racine Avenue in Cook County, you are invited to join the Illinois Department of Transportation for an overview of the I-290 Section 106 progress to date.**

This meeting will focus on a review of the historic resources along the I-290 corridor as identified in the Historic Properties Identification (HPI) Report (March 2016) and the Historic Properties Identification (HPI) Addendum Report (May 2016) that were transmitted to your organization under a separate cover letter dated July 13, 2016. FHWA, IDOT, and its consultants will be there to explain the Section 106 process, and the role of consulting parties in that process. They will also discuss the project timeline, Area of Potential Effects (APE), the identification and evaluation of properties for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP), and the proposed methodology to assess the effects of the undertaking on historic properties.

### **Section 106 Consulting Parties Meeting will be held on:**

**Thursday, August 11, 2016  
9:00 – 11:00 a.m.**

The Carleton Hotel of Oak Park, Foxboro Room  
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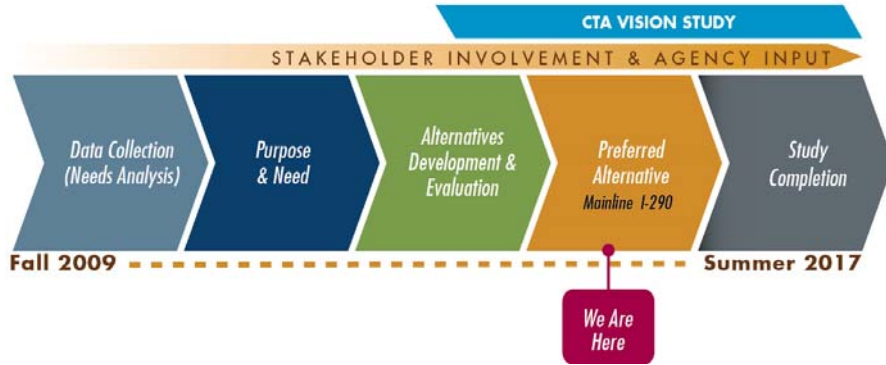
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## Meeting Agenda

- Overview of I-290 Study Area and Schedule
- Overview of I-290 Preferred Alternative
- Overview of Section 106 Review Process
- Identification/Evaluation of Historic Properties
- Proposed Methodology to Evaluate Project Effects
- Next Steps

# I-290 Study Overview



# I-290 Study Area



- 13 Mile Study Corridor – Cook County
- Between 2 system interchanges
  - I-88 & I-294
  - I-90/94 (Jane Byrne Interchange – fka: Circle Interchange)
- 7 Municipalities + City of Chicago
- Fully developed urban corridor
- 40 cross-streets + 7 pedestrian bridges
- Parallel & crossing freight rail (3 crossings)
- Parallel heavy rail transit
  - CTA Blue Line in shared I-290 ROW
  - CTA Green Line (1 mile north)
  - CTA Pink Line (1.3 miles south)
- Robust bus service network (CTA & Pace)
- Metra commuter rail



## I-290 History – Original Design & Construction



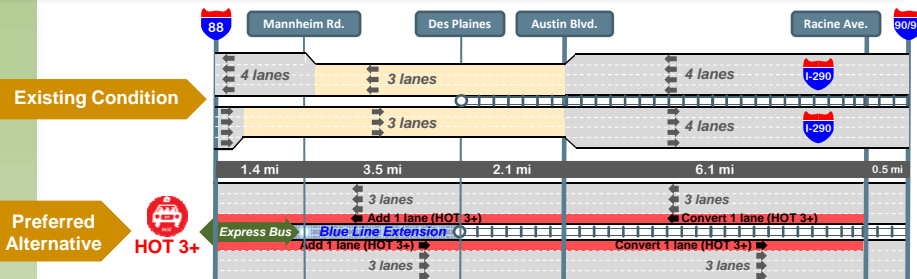
- Designed in 1940s
- Land acquisition began in 1942
- Opened in 7 segments, 1955 to 1960
- One of first multi-modal expressway corridors in nation



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## Preferred Alternative – HOT 3+ & Supporting Transit



### CONGESTION

- ✓ 56% travel time savings and improved reliability in HOT 3+ lane

### SAFETY

- ✓ 6.2% overall safety improvement
- ✓ Improved non-motorized safety

### FACILITY DESIGN

- ✓ Improved community connections and access to transit

### MINIMIZE OR AVOID COMMUNITY IMPACTS

- ✓ Mainline remains in existing ROW
- ✓ Minimal additional ROW required and no displacements

### ADDITIONAL TRAVEL CHOICES

- ✓ Managed lane for 3+ person carpools and express bus service
- ✓ New east-west multi-use trail



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## What is Section 106 Review?




- National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (16 USC 470 et seq.) and implementing regulations (36 CFR 800)
  - *Federal agencies must consider effects of undertakings on historic properties*
  - *Federal agencies must provide Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) opportunity to comment prior to decision*
- Federal Undertakings
  - *Receive federal funding*
  - *Require federal permit or approval*
  - *Occur on federally owned property*

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## Overview of Section 106 Review Process



- Coordinate with State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO)
- Identify Section 106 consulting parties
- Define Area of Potential Effects (APE)
- **Identify/evaluate historic properties in APE** 
- Evaluate project effects to historic properties
- Resolve adverse effects to historic properties, if any
- Throughout process, continue consultation with SHPO and consulting parties

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## Who is Involved in Section 106 Review?



- Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) – lead federal agency
- Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT)
- Illinois Historic Preservation Agency (IHPA) – SHPO
- Consulting Parties
  - *Federally recognized Indian tribes*
  - *Local governments in project area*
  - *Organizations with demonstrated interest in historic preservation*
  - *ACHP*

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## What is the Role of Section 106 Consulting Parties?



- Lead federal agency must actively consult & consider consulting parties' comments and views about project effects
- Consulting parties have opportunity to:
  - *Share views*
  - *Receive/review pertinent information & project documentation*
  - *Offer ideas*
  - *Consider possible solutions in coordination with federal agency and other consulting parties*

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## Defining the Area of Potential Effects (APE)



- Geographic area where project may directly or indirectly affect historic properties
- I-290 APE boundary includes:
  - I-290 interstate right-of-way
  - Cross streets & railroad crossings with planned improvements
  - One parcel adjacent to interstate, cross streets, & railroad crossings
  - May extend greater than one parcel for vacant parcels or viewshed considerations

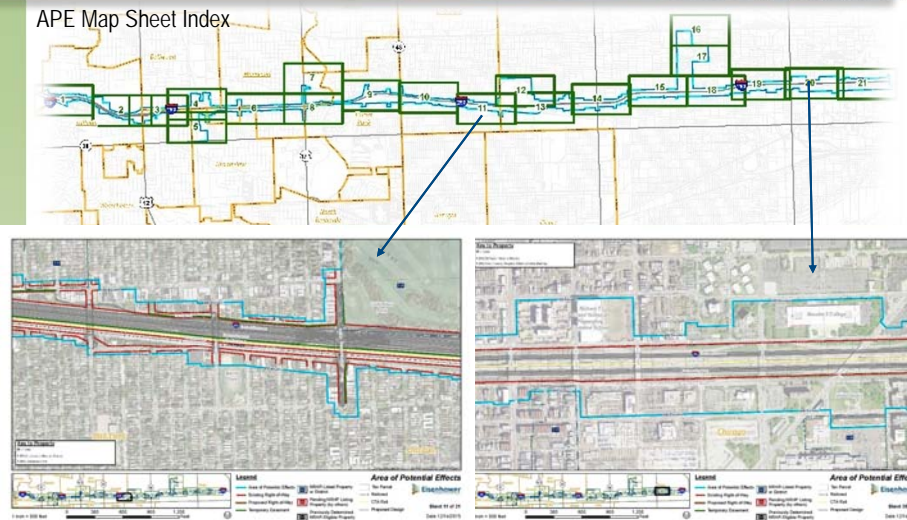
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## I-290 Area of Potential Effects (APE)



### APE Map Sheet Index



Reconstruction Section

Restriping Section

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## What are Historic Properties?



- Any prehistoric or historic district, site, building, structure, or object included in, or eligible for inclusion in, National Register of Historic Places (NRHP)
  - *Artifacts, records, and remains related to and located within NRHP properties*
  - *Properties of traditional religious & cultural importance to Indian tribe or Native Hawaiian organization that meet NRHP criteria*
  - *Generally, at least 50 years old*

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## What are Historic Properties?



- To identify historic properties, complete literature review & field survey of APE
  - *Published literature pertinent to history/architecture of APE*
  - *Existing databases/prior surveys of known properties*
  - *Identify NRHP-listed and previously determined NRHP-eligible historic properties*
  - *Field survey of resources meeting 50-year age criterion by qualified architectural historians*

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## Evaluating NRHP Eligibility

- NRHP – official list of historic properties worthy of preservation and recognized for significance in American history, architecture, engineering, and culture

The screenshot shows the National Park Service National Register of Historic Places NPGallery Digital Asset Search page. The page features a search form with the following fields: Resource Name, State (dropdown), and County (dropdown), with radio buttons for "Any Words", "All Words", and "Phrase". Below these are fields for ZIP, and City (dropdown), Reference Number, NPS Park Name (dropdown), and Record Category (dropdown). A "Search" button and a "Reset" button are at the bottom of the form. The footer includes the nps.gov logo, "Experience Your America" slogan, and various links like "Site Index", "Privacy", "FOIA", "Helpdesk", "DC", "USA/Gov", "No Fear Act", and "Diversity".

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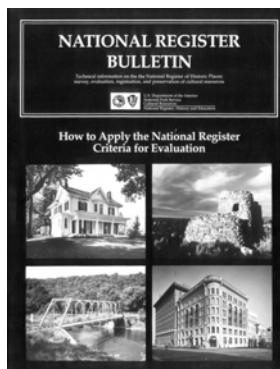
## Evaluating NRHP Eligibility

- NRHP Criteria for Evaluation
  - *Criterion A* – Association with significant history or events
  - *Criterion B* – Association with significant persons in past
  - *Criterion C* – Significant work of architecture, landscape architecture, engineering, and/or work of master
  - *Criterion D* – Potential to yield important information about past through archaeological investigations

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## Evaluating NRHP Eligibility

- Aspects of Integrity
  - Location
  - Setting
  - Design
  - Workmanship
  - Materials
  - Feeling
  - Association
- Period of Significance
- Historic Boundary



### VIII. HOW TO EVALUATE THE INTEGRITY OF A PROPERTY

**INTRODUCTION**

Integrity is the ability of a property to convey its historical significance. The National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) is a national list of the United States' historic places worthy of preservation. Properties listed on the NRHP are those that have been deemed to be of national significance, either because of their own historic importance or because they are part of a larger historic context or because they have been preserved in a way that best illustrates a historic site, building, or object.

**SEVEN ASPECTS OF INTEGRITY**

- Location
- Design
- Feeling
- Materials
- Workmanship
- Setting
- Association

**UNDERSTANDING THE ASPECTS OF INTEGRITY**

**LOCATION**

Location is the place where the historic property is situated. The location of a property is an important part of its historic significance. The location of a property should be evaluated in terms of its historic context and its relationship to other historic properties in the area.

## Is the I-290 Corridor a Historic Property?

- Section 106 Exemption Regarding Effects to the Interstate Highway System (36 CFR 800.14(c))
  - ACHP adopted on March 10, 2005
  - Excludes 46,700-mile Interstate System from consideration as historic property under Section 106
  - Exceptions are individual elements/structures that are exceptional or meet NRHP criteria's national level of significance
  - Final List of Nationally and Exceptionally Significant Features of the Federal Interstate Highway System

## I-290 Identification and Evaluation of Historic Properties within APE



- Identified known NRHP-listed historic properties within APE
  - 1 National Historic Landmark
  - 5 NRHP-listed historic properties
  - 2 previously determined NRHP-eligible historic properties
  - 1 historic property pending NRHP designation
- 35 properties required intensive-level field survey and further NRHP eligibility evaluation by qualified architectural historians
  - Evaluated in Section 106 Historic Properties Identification Report (March 2016)
  - 12 individual historic properties recommended NRHP-eligible

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## I-290 Identification and Evaluation of Historic Properties within APE



- March 31, 2016 APE field review with IHPA
  - Identified 11 additional properties/districts requiring NRHP evaluation
  - Coordinated with CTA on NRHP eligibility of Commonwealth Edison Kolmar Substation
- Evaluated 11 additional properties/districts in Section 106 Historic Properties Identification Addendum Report (May 2016)
  - 3 individual historic properties recommended NRHP-eligible
  - Commonwealth Edison Kolmar Substation revised to not NRHP-eligible due to lack of integrity and historic/architectural significance

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*I-290 Identification and Evaluation of Historic Properties within APE*  
*NRHP-Listed Properties*



**Columbus Park**  
 500 S. Central Ave., Chicago  
*National Historic Landmark, Criteria A and C*



**Garfield Park**  
 100 N. Central Park Ave., Chicago  
*Criteria A and C*



**Tri-Taylor Historic District**  
 Roughly bounded by Oakley, Harrison, Claremont, and Taylor Streets, Chicago  
*Criteria A and C*



**Cook County Hospital Administration Building**  
 1835 West Harrison St., Chicago  
*Criteria A and C*



*I-290 Identification and Evaluation of Historic Properties within APE*  
*NRHP-Listed Properties*



**Oak Park Conservatory**  
 615 Garfield St., Oak Park  
*Criteria A and C*



**Gunderson Historic District**  
 Roughly bounded by Madison, Harrison, and Gunderson Streets and South Ridgeland Avenue, Oak Park  
*Criteria A and C*





*I-290 Identification and Evaluation of Historic Properties within APE  
Previously Determined NRHP-Eligible Properties*



**Paulina Mansions**  
901-927 Wesley  
Avenue and 701-711  
Garfield Street, Oak  
Park  
*Criterion C*

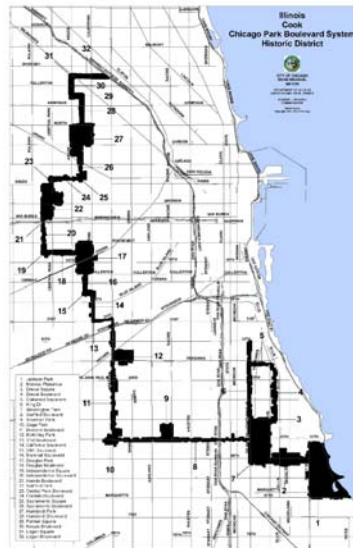


**Hulbert Historic  
District**  
Roughly bounded by  
Madison and Harrison  
Streets and Clinton  
and Kenilworth  
Avenues, Oak Park  
*Criteria A and C*

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*I-290 Identification and Evaluation of Historic Properties within APE  
Pending NRHP Designation*



**The Chicago Park Boulevard  
System Historic District**  
Includes approximately 26 miles  
of parks and boulevards  
beginning at Dr. Martin Luther  
King, Jr. Drive and ending at  
Logan Boulevard, Chicago  
*Criteria A and C*

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*I-290 Identification and Evaluation of Historic Properties within APE*  
*Recommended NRHP-Eligible Properties*



**Synagogue for Congregation B'Nai Israel of Proviso**  
 10216 Kitchner Street,  
 Westchester  
*Criterion C, Criteria Consideration A*



**Commercial building at 841 South Oak Park**  
 841 S. Oak Park Ave., Oak Park  
*Criterion C*



**Park District of Forest Park**  
 7441 Harrison Street, Forest Park  
*Criteria A and C*



**Suburban Trust and Savings Bank Building**  
 840 S. Oak Park Ave., Oak Park  
*Criterion C*



*I-290 Identification and Evaluation of Historic Properties within APE*  
*Recommended NRHP-Eligible Properties*



**T.A. Holm Building**  
 905 S. Oak Park Ave., Oak Park  
*Criteria A, B, C*



**Assumption Greek Orthodox Church**  
 601 S. Central Ave., Chicago  
*Criterion C, Criteria Consideration A*



**Maze Branch Library**  
 845 S. Gunderson Ave., Oak Park  
*Criteria A, B, C*



**Altgeld Park Fieldhouse**  
 515 S. Washtenaw Ave., Chicago  
*Criteria A, C*



*I-290 Identification and Evaluation of Historic Properties*  
*Recommended NRHP-Eligible Properties*



**Crane  
Technical High  
School**  
2301 W.  
Jackson Blvd.,  
Chicago  
*Criteria A, C*



**Chicago &  
Midwest  
Regional Joint  
Board Building**  
333 S. Ashland  
Ave., Chicago  
*Criteria A, C*



**Louis Pasteur  
Memorial**  
1800 W.  
Harrison St.,  
Chicago  
*Criterion C,  
Criteria  
Considerations  
B, F*



**St. Eulalia  
Church**  
1851 S. 9<sup>th</sup> Ave.,  
Maywood  
*Criterion C,  
Criteria  
Consideration A*

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*I-290 Identification and Evaluation of Historic Properties within APE*  
*Recommended NRHP-Eligible Properties*



**First Church of the  
Brethren**  
425 S. Central Park  
Blvd., Chicago  
*Criterion C, Criteria  
Consideration A*



**Precious Blood  
Roman Catholic  
Church**  
2401 W. Congress  
Pky., Chicago  
*Criterion C, Criteria  
Considerations A, B*

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- In summary, 23 historic properties identified
  - 1 National Historic Landmark
  - 5 NRHP-listed historic properties
  - 2 previously determined NRHP-eligible historic properties (by other agencies)
  - 1 historic property pending NRHP designation (independent of the I-290 project)
  - 14 individual historic properties recommended NRHP-eligible



*Discussion –  
Identification and Evaluation of  
Historic Properties*



## Evaluating Project Effects to Historic Properties



- Criteria of Adverse Effect defined in 36 CFR 800.5:

“An adverse effect is found when an undertaking may alter, directly or indirectly, any of the characteristics of a historic property that qualify the property for inclusion in the National Register in a manner that would diminish the integrity of the property’s location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling, or association.

Consideration shall be given to all qualifying characteristics of a historic property, including those that may have been identified subsequent to the original evaluation of the property’s eligibility to the National Register. Adverse effects may include reasonably foreseeable effects caused by the undertaking that may occur later in time, be farther removed in distance, or be cumulative.”

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## Evaluating Project Effects to Historic Properties



- Adverse effect – project may alter characteristics that qualify property for NRHP in manner that diminishes integrity
- Integrity is ability of property to convey significance, based on location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association
- Assess each property and make overall project finding of effect
  - *No Effect*
  - *No Adverse Effect*
  - *Adverse Effect*

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## Evaluating Project Effects to Historic Properties



- Examples of adverse effects include, but not limited to:
  - *Physical destruction or damage*
  - *Alteration of property*
  - *Removal of property from historic location*
  - *Change of character of use or physical features within setting that contribute to historic significance*
  - *Introduction of visual, atmospheric, or audible elements that diminish integrity of significant historic features*

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## I-290 Effects Assessment Methodology



- Change of character of use or physical features within setting that contribute to historic significance
  - *What is overall importance of setting to eligibility?*
  - *Does the property retain integrity of setting? Integrity of setting for historic properties along I-290 currently and substantially compromised when expressway constructed in 1950s*
  - *Do historically significant viewsheds remain?*
  - *Project components may be visible and obstruct views to or from property, but that is not necessarily an adverse effect*

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## I-290 Effects Assessment Methodology



- Introduction of visual, atmospheric, or audible elements that diminish integrity of significant historic features
  - *What are significant historic features and aspects of integrity?*
  - *What effect would project elements have to historic properties?*



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## Noise Wall Analysis



- FHWA-required process
- Wall evaluated in areas where traffic noise exceeds Noise Abatement Criteria (NAC)
- Walls proposed if they
  - Can be physically constructed
  - Meet noise reduction and cost criteria
  - Are locally supported/voted for
- Voter eligibility
  - Property owners and tenants benefitted by a noise wall
  - Benefit defined as 5 or more decibel decrease (exterior)

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## Noise Wall Analysis



### IDOT CURRENT TYPICAL WALL



#### Final Design (Phase II)

- Balloting revisited if public sentiment has changed due to time lapse, wall technology or policy

#### Construction (Phase III)



Researching new wall technologies, such as transparent barriers

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## Noise Wall Analysis – Process & Timeline



### 25th Avenue to 1st Avenue Noise Wall Re-Evaluation and Voting Schedule

IDOT is reanalyzing noise walls for I-290 between 25th and 1st Avenues as a result of the revised design developed in this area

AUGUST

SEPTEMBER

OCTOBER

#### Noise Wall Ballots Mailed

August 19, 2016

September 23, 2016

Analysis

Noise Wall Voting

Add'l Voting (if needed)

Voting Complete

October 21, 2016



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## Next Steps



### Noise Wall Analysis

- Complete re-analysis of noise walls – August 2016
- Noise wall viewpoints solicitation surveys – October 2016

### Environmental Impact Statement

- DEIS Preparation – Fall 2016
- DEIS Release – December 2016
- Public Hearing – January 2017

### Section 106

- Prepare Assessment of Effects Report – January 2017
- Consulting Parties Review of Effects Report – February-March 2017
- Section 106 Consulting Parties Meeting #2 – March 2017
- Complete Section 106 Review – April 2017

### FEIS/Study Completion – Summer 2017

- Final design, ROW and construction not funded



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## MEETING SUMMARY

### Section 106 Consulting Parties Meeting

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**Date:** August 11, 2016  
**Time:** 9:00 a.m.  
**Location:** Carleton of Oak Park Hotel, 1110 Pleasant St., Oak Park, IL 60302

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On Thursday, August 11, 2016 at 9:20 a.m., a meeting was held between the Section 106 Consulting Parties and the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) I-290 Project Study Team to discuss the identification and evaluation of historic properties for the I-290 project as discussed in the *Section 106 Historic Properties Identification Report* (HPI) (March 2016) and the *Section 106 Historic Properties Identification Addendum Report* (May 2016). Attendees included representatives from Landmarks Illinois (LI), Chicago Park District (CPD), Chicago Department of Transportation (CDOT), Village of Oak Park (VOP), Village of Oak Park Historic Preservation Commission (VOP HPC), and the IDOT I-290 Project Study Team (PST).

The *Section 106 HPI Report* and *Section 106 HPI Addendum Report* were made available on a CD to the Consulting Parties prior to the meeting. The CDs were mailed to the Consulting Parties for their review on July 13, 2016. The submittal requested the Consulting Parties review the contents and findings of the reports and provide any comments within a 30-day review period.

Agenda topics for the meeting included an overview of the I-290 study area and schedule, overview of the I-290 preferred alternative, overview of the Section 106 review process and the role of consulting parties in that process; identification and evaluation of historic properties, and proposed effects assessment methodology. Section 106 Consulting Parties were provided an opportunity to provide input and comment on the project and recommended NRHP-eligible historic properties.

IDOT provided an overview of the Section 106 process. This included an explanation of each step of the Section 106 process and a discussion of the respective roles and responsibilities of the lead federal agency, Illinois Historic Preservation Agency (IHPA)/State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO), and the consulting parties. An overview of the project's Area of Potential Effects (APE), the NRHP criteria of evaluation used to assess NRHP eligibility, and the process that was undertaken by the project's qualified architectural historians to identify historic properties in the APE was also given. The content and findings contained in the *Section 106 Historic Property Identification Report* (March 2016) and the *Section 106 Historic Property Identification Addendum Report* (May 2016), currently under review by the Section 106 consulting parties and IHPA/SHPO, was provided.

IDOT identified the name and status of each NRHP-listed, previously determined NRHP-eligible, and NRHP-eligible historic property and district identified or evaluated in the APE.

#### Meeting Discussion of Historic Properties Identification and Evaluation

- LI asked about the NRHP eligibility of the Eisenhower Tower in Maywood because it has been informally attributed to the prominent architectural firm Skidmore, Owings & Merrill; this information has not previously been confirmed. She indicated the Skidmore, Owings & Merrill architect, Karen Widi, may be looking into the firm's project files to determine if the firm was

involved with the Eisenhower Tower. LI also asked if an association with that architectural firm would change the eligibility recommendation. PST explained that the project architectural historians' research indicated it was designed by Schipporeit, Inc. If the building was designed by Skidmore, Owings & Merrill, this would likely not change the eligibility recommendation as the building likely would not meet the exceptional significance criteria required for buildings less than 50 years of age under Criteria Consideration G. IDOT will further investigate the Eisenhower Tower's architect through additional research, and contact Karen Widi.

- LI noted that the Malcolm X College Building identified in the HPI as eligible has been demolished.
- CPD shared additional information about the NRHP multiple property listing for Chicago's parks. Specifically, that Altgeld Park was acknowledged in that listing as NRHP-eligible.
- CPD inquired about the NRHP eligibility of Loretto Hospital given its prominence along the I-290 corridor near Columbus Park. IDOT explained that it had been evaluated for NRHP eligibility in the *Section 106 Historic Properties Identification Report* (March 2016) and recommended not eligible because of significant alterations to the building since its construction.
- LI inquired about Cook County's involvement as a consulting party. PST and IDOT indicated that Cook County had been included as a consulting party and was notified of the meeting. LI asked the team to share the Section 106 consulting parties list. (Post meeting note - provided in an 8/11/16 email).
- VOP HPC asked about the longevity of a NRHP eligibility determination, and whether the property involved would still be considered eligible once the project is completed. IDOT stated that once a property was determined NRHP eligible, and received SHPO concurrence, the property would be considered NRHP-eligible for other projects with no formal NRHP nomination/designation required. Property owners are not notified since we are not formally submitting an application for the property. For the purposes of Section 106, eligible properties have the same standing as listed properties.
- VOP asked about the basis for establishing the Area of Potential Effects (APE). IDOT explained that the boundary was formed considering the limits of the proposed project improvements are within the existing right-of-way for the most part. Initially, the limits were extended one parcel beyond the existing right-of-way, and then expanded to account for sight lines from those improvements to incorporate vacant parcels and broader viewsheds. Architectural historians went parcel by parcel to determine the APE. It was noted that in an urban area, the APE is constrained by other buildings. Also, because there may be a viewshed to the improvement, does not mean there will be an effect.

IDOT provided a brief overview of the proposed assessment of effects methodology, which will be undertaken after the identification and evaluation of historic properties is completed. IDOT provided general examples of potential adverse effects and discussed the factors considered when assessing indirect effects from visual or audible project elements. This included a discussion with the meeting participants on the manner in which a historic property's significant features is assessed, which aspects of integrity a historic property retains, the importance of setting to the property's eligibility, and the difference between historically significant viewsheds and views to or from a historic property.



IDOT also provided an overview of the noise wall analysis requirements and study completed to date. Currently, IDOT's typical noise walls are textured concrete but the agency is investigating acrylic, see-through wall types that would help maintain visual aspects of the corridor.

- CPD requested discussion for potential noise wall effects citing a scenario for a tall wall at Oak Park Avenue in front of the eligible bank building. Although the structure may not have landscape in the historic designation, it would no longer be in the public sphere. IDOT said that each structure has to be evaluated individually. With the bank at Oak Park Avenue, the orientation is more toward Oak Park Avenue and other commercial viewpoints. We need to determine what is significant and it is property specific. Considering noise and air quality elements, the existing noise levels are over the Noise Abatement Criteria and there is no noticeable increase in noise level for the proposed improvements. For air quality, pollutant levels are actually reduced somewhat.
- CPD asked about the connectivity of the shared use path into Columbus Park. IDOT said that the shared use path would connect to the Illinois Prairie Path at 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue. The path would follow along Maybrook Drive past the CTA Forest Park Station and then along the north side of the expressway right-of-way.
- IDOT clarified that no right-of-way is anticipated being acquired from any NRHP-listed or eligible properties and that only a minor amount of new right-of-way would be acquired as part of the project.

IDOT closed the meeting with an overview of the next steps in the project schedule for the noise wall analysis, the Environmental Impact Statement, and Section 106 effects determination process. IDOT informed the meeting participants that a formal extension to the comment period for the recommended NRHP determinations of eligibility would be provided to the Section 106 Consulting Parties. The comment period would be extended to August 31, 2016.

**Attendees**

Meeting attendees are listed in the attendance roster attached.