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Ms. Rebecca Miller
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REFERENCE: Virginia Avenue Tunnel
Preservation Fund
Section 106 Memorandum of Agreement – Stipulation I.D

Dear Ms. Miller:

CSX Transportation, Inc. (CSXT) has proposed to reconstruct the existing Virginia Avenue Tunnel. The tunnel, which is approximately 3,800 feet long, is generally located beneath eastbound Virginia Avenue, SE from just west of 2nd Street, SE to just east of 11th Streets, SE in the Capitol Hill neighborhood of the District of Columbia (Figure 1). The tunnel was built in two phases: 1872 and 1904.

As a result of the process provided in Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, the Virginia Avenue Tunnel Reconstruction Project has been determined to have an adverse effect on historic properties, including the tunnel itself. A Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) to resolve these adverse effects was developed pursuant to the requirements of Section 106 and executed on June 5, 2014. Stipulation I.D. of the MOA requires establishment of a preservation fund in the amount of \$200,000.00. A copy of the complete MOA can be found at <http://www.virginiaavenuetunnel.com/sites/default/files/ROD-appendix-b.pdf>.

Your organization was selected by the DC State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) as the third party administrator for the purpose of carrying out historic preservation-related projects directly related to properties with the project's area of potential effect. The DC SHPO will identify the appropriate method(s) to notify the public about the fund, and will develop an appropriate protocol/process by which the DC Preservation League may award these funds.

In accordance with the MOA, the preservation fund must be established within one (1) year of the date of the last signature (June 5, 2014). On May 7, 2015, CSX made the required payment of \$200,000 to the DC Preservation League.

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If you have any questions, please contact Susan L. Bupp, Senior Cultural Resources Specialist, Clark/Parsons Joint Venture, 100 M Street SE, Suite 1200, Washington, DC 20003, susan.bupp@parsons.com.

Sincerely,



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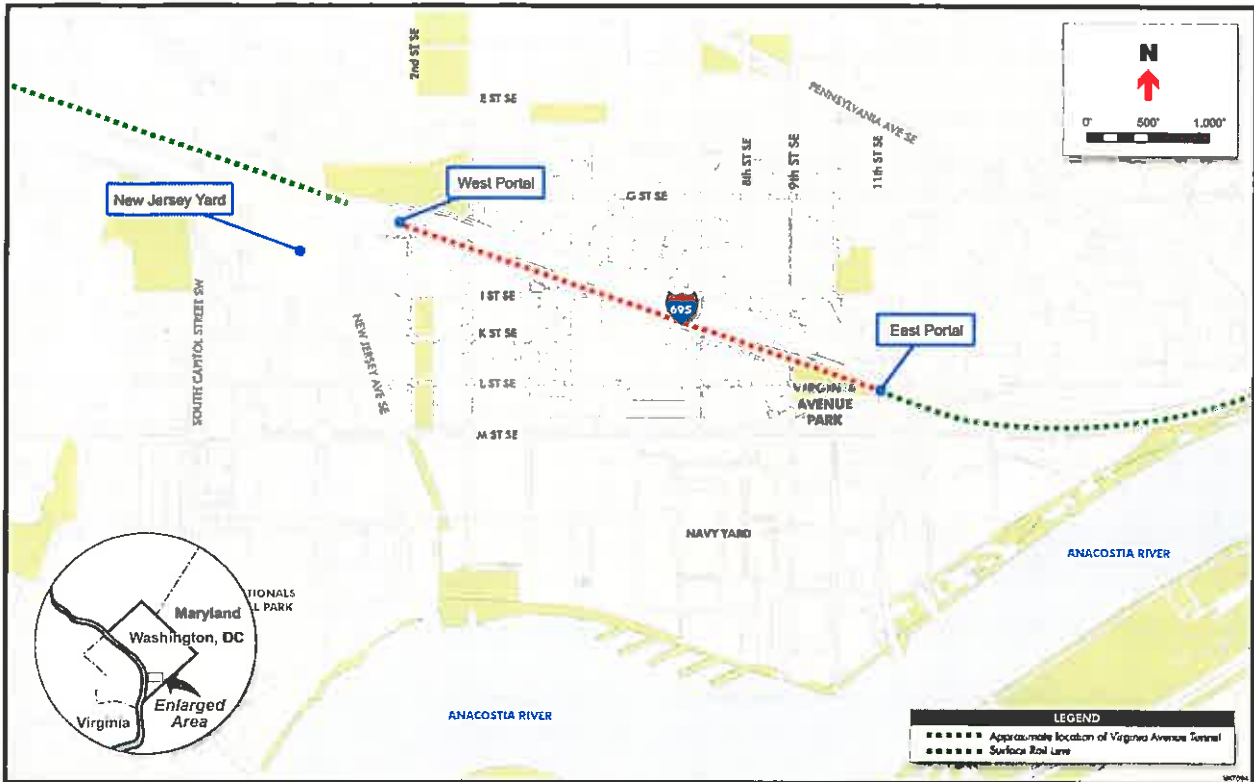


Figure 1. Location of Existing Virginia Avenue Tunnel