

Virginia Avenue Tunnel Reconstruction Project

Cultural Resources MOA - Quarterly Progress Report

March 6, 2018 - June 5, 2018

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Work Completed this Quarter:

Status of Legal Issues

- None pending.

Status of Project Activities (Work Area Map Provided on Following Page)

Activities during the reporting period include:

- Restoration of roadways and Virginia Avenue Park are also included in the project schedule. Roadway restoration is already underway and with favorable weather, complete restoration of Virginia Avenue and all the north-south crossing streets should be finished in the fall of 2018. The new Virginia Avenue Park is anticipated to be completed by this same time.
- Restoration work noted will not include street trees in the public space due to seasonal planting restrictions required by UFA. Planting of these trees will begin in mid-October 2018 including those in VA Ave Park.
- Phase 2 tunnel construction in Areas 2-6.
- Phase 2 trackwork and Phase 2 utilities installation in Areas 1-7.
- Phase 2 tunnel structure construction is complete.
- The project is on pace to be completed in the fall as well. The infrastructure for the second tunnel has been completed and approximately three months of track work and utilities installation are underway. The second tunnel will be ready for freight traffic by in July 2018.

Safety fencing and erosion and sedimentation control measures continue to be monitored and corrective actions taken as needed after storm events.

Status of Construction Damage Claims

- No construction damage claims for historic buildings were received during this quarter.

Meetings

- A community forum - "Coffee with Chuck" (Chuck Gullakson, CSX Vice President and Engineering Manager) – was held on March 21, 2018.
- A community forum - "Coffee with Chuck" (Chuck Gullakson, CSX Vice President and Engineering Manager) – was held on May 16, 2018.

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Work Area Location Map



MOA Stipulation I - Historic Built Environment

A. Additional Historic Built Environment Resources

- The final Determination of Eligibility (DOE) form for the Streetcar Tracks and Substructure identified beneath 8th Street, SE was submitted to the DC SHPO for final signature on April 26, 2018.

B. Construction Protection Plan

- Current readings of the crack monitors at all nine locations show no change from the baseline conditions.
 - 700 L Street SE- three locations (L Street Corner Market- constructed 1854-1855)
 - 401 I Street SE- five locations (St. Paul AUMP Church- constructed 1924)
 - 1003 8th Street SE- one location (Al's Deli- constructed pre-1824)
- Current readings from the geotechnical prism installed at 401 I Street SE (St. Paul AUMP Church), show changes in the X, Y, or Z axes compared to the baseline conditions. The changes are below the actionable thresholds identified in the approved Project Instrumentation and Monitoring Plan approved by DDOT.

MOA Stipulation II - Archaeological Stipulations

A. Virginia Avenue Paving Stone Site (51SE062)

- The final DOE and site form update for 51SE062 were submitted to the DC SHPO for final signature and form approval on April 26, 2018.

B. Unanticipated Archaeological Discoveries

- The draft archaeological monitoring report presenting cultural resources and isolated artifacts identified during construction monitoring is complete and in internal review.

MOA Stipulation IV-Document and Deliverable Review

G. Notification to Consulting Parties

- Notification of the availability of the DC SHPO March 5, 2018 quarterly progress report was sent to the MOA signatories and consulting parties by email on March 6, 2018.

Anticipated Work for Next Quarter:

MOA Stipulation I - Historic Built Environment

A. Identification of Additional Historic Built Environment Properties and Assessment of Project Effects

- Upload the final signed DOE form for the Streetcar Tracks and Substructure on 8th Street, SE to the VAT website and notify the DC SHPO, and MOA signatories and consulting parties.

- Continue to document additional historic built environment resources as needed.

G. Interpretive Signage for the Virginia Avenue Tunnel

- Provide oversight for the installation of the Interpretive Signage at 2nd Street, SE and H Street, SE.

H. Interpretive Signage for the L'Enfant Plan and Virginia Avenue Paving Stone Site

- Provide oversight for the installation of the Interpretive Signage at the west end of Virginia Avenue Park.

MOA Stipulation II - Archaeological Stipulations

A. Virginia Avenue Paving Site (51SE062)

- Upload the final signed DOE and technical report to the VAT website and notify the DC SHPO, and MOA signatories and consulting parties.
- Finalize the administrative record and submit the 51SE062 artifacts to the DC SHPO.

B. Unanticipated Archaeological Discoveries

- Submit the draft archaeological monitoring report for DC SHPO review and upload the document to the VAT website for MOA signatories and consulting party review.
- Revise the archaeological monitoring report based on DC SHPO and MOA signatories and consulting party comments and upload the final report to the VAT website.
- Continue to document unanticipated archaeological discoveries and assess historic artifacts as needed. (No new artifacts have been identified since November 2017 and further unanticipated archaeological discoveries are unlikely to occur.)
- Finalize the administrative record, process selected artifacts for curation with the DC SHPO and submit the appropriate artifacts to the DC SHPO.
- Identify additional repositories, museums, historic societies and contact them for possible donation of the remaining artifacts.