

# Virginia Avenue Tunnel Reconstruction Project

Cultural Resources MOA - Quarterly Progress Report

June 6, 2018 - September 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:

- The first train came through the Phase 2 tunnel on July 16, 2018 signaling the substantial completion of the tunnel portion of the Project.



- Restoration of surface roadways and Virginia Avenue Park are also included in the project schedule. Roadway restoration is well underway with the first two blocks at the west end of the project ready for turn-over in early September. With favorable weather, complete restoration of Virginia Avenue and all the north-south crossing streets remains on track to be finished in the fall of 2018. The new Virginia Avenue Park is anticipated to be completed during this same time frame.
- 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.

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## Work Area Location Map



Safety fencing and erosion and sedimentation control measures continue to be monitored and corrective actions taken as needed after storm events. Upon establishment of proper vegetation these devices will begin to be removed upon sign off by DOEE inspectors.

### **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 July 18, 2018.

### **MOA Stipulation I - Historic Built Environment**

#### **A. Additional Historic Built Environment Resources**

- The final Determination of Eligibility (DOE) form for the Streetcar Tracks and Infrastructure beneath 8<sup>th</sup> Street, SE was uploaded to the VAT website on July 24, 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

#### **G. Interpretive Signage for the Virginia Avenue Tunnel**

- The Interpretative Signage near 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, SE and H Street, SE was installed, and the DC SHPO was notified of the installation on July 18, 2018.

### **MOA Stipulation II - Archaeological Stipulations**

#### **A. Virginia Avenue Paving Stone Site (51SE062)**

- The final DOE and the Archaeological Technical Report for the Virginia Avenue Paving Stone Site (51SE062) was uploaded to the VAT website on July 24, 2018.

#### **B. Unanticipated Archaeological Discoveries**

- The draft archaeological monitoring report presenting cultural resources and isolated artifacts identified was uploaded to the VAT website on June 29, 2018 for the 30-day review by the MOA signatories and consulting parties. No public comments were received.
- The DC SHPO provided review comments on the draft archaeological monitoring report on August 28, 2018 a month late. We are in the process of incorporating the relevant comments and expect to file the final report in September.

- One additional artifact was recovered in Area 1.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Resource/Number</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Collected Artifacts</b>
7/18/18	Area 1	Isolate	One Pint Milk Bottle	Milk Bottle

### **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.
- Notification of the availability for 30-day review of the Draft Archaeological Monitoring Report was sent the MOA signatories and consulting parties by email on July 2, 2018.
- Notification of the availability of the Final DOE for the Streetcar Tracks and Infrastructure beneath 8<sup>th</sup> Street, SE was sent to the MOA signatories and consulting parties by email on July 24, 2018.
- Notification of the availability of the Final DOE and Archaeological Technical Report for Virginia Avenue Paving Stone Site (51SE062) was sent to the MOA signatories and consulting parties by email on July 24, 2018.