

Virginia Avenue Tunnel Reconstruction Project

Cultural Resources MOA - Quarterly Progress Report September 5, 2015 - December 5, 2015

December 7, 2015

Work Completed this Quarter:

Status of Legal Injunctions

- On October 22, 2015, Judge Cooper denied the Committee of 100 on the Federal City's request for discovery, noting that they were recycling the same arguments from prior motions and requests.
- On November 17, 2015, the parties filed a Joint Motion to dismiss the lawsuit.
- On November 19, 2015, Judge Cooper issued an order dismissing the lawsuit with prejudice (meaning that the Committee of 100 cannot refile this suit at a later date).

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

- Noise, vibration and air quality monitoring is ongoing within the project corridor. Monitoring report summaries are prepared and uploaded to the project website monthly.
- Utility relocations within and adjacent to the existing Virginia Avenue SE are ongoing.
- Pile drilling for support of excavation is ongoing between 2nd and 3rd Streets SE (Area 2), between 5th and 7th Streets SE (Area 5), and between 8th and 11th Streets SE in Virginia Avenue Park (Area 6).
- Mass excavation is ongoing between 4th and 5th Streets SE (Area 4), between 5th and 7th Streets SE (Area 5), and between 8th and 11th Streets SE in Virginia Avenue Park (Area 6).
- The south retaining wall for the new east portal has been constructed from 12th Street SE to the east end of the limits of disturbance (LOD) (Area 7).
- Safety fencing and erosion and sedimentation control measures have been installed as required by construction activities.

Status of Construction Damage Claims

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

Virginia Avenue Tunnel Reconstruction Project Work Area Location Map



Meetings

- Community Working Group meeting with ANC6D07 and ANC6B04 on the Virginia Avenue SE Roadway and Landscape Designs was held on September 10, 2015.
- Community Working Group meeting with ANC6D07 and ANC6B04 on the Virginia Avenue SE Roadway and Landscape Designs was held on September 17, 2015.
- Community Working Group meeting with ANC6D07 and ANC6B04 on the Virginia Avenue SE Roadway and Landscape Designs was held on September 24, 2015.
- Public and Community Working Group meeting with ANC6D07 and ANC6B04 on the Virginia Avenue SE Roadway and Landscape Designs was held on September 28, 2015.
- A community forum - “Coffee with Chuck” (Chuck Gullakson, CSX Vice President and Engineering Manager) – was held on September 30, 2015.
- Community Working Group meeting with ANC6D07 and ANC6B04 on the Virginia Avenue SE Roadway and Landscape Designs was held on October 1, 2015.
- ANC6B Transportation Community meeting on the Virginia Avenue SE Roadway and Landscape Designs was held on October 7, 2015.
- A DPR Public Meeting on Virginia Avenue Park design was held on October 15, 2015.
- Project coordination quarterly conference call conducted with the DC SHPO and DDOT on October 13, 2015.
- A Garfield Park Design Review Meeting was held on October 14, 2015.
- A community forum - “Coffee with Chuck” (Chuck Gullakson, CSX Vice President and Engineering Manager) – was held on October 21, 2015.
- Community Working Group meeting with ANC6D07 and ANC6B04 on the Virginia Avenue SE Roadway and Landscape Designs was held on October 29, 2015.
- Open House for the general public was held on November 12, 2015.
- DC Public Space Committee meeting on the Virginia Avenue SE Roadway and Landscape Designs was held on November 12, 2015.
- A community forum- “Coffee with Chuck” (Chuck Gullakson, CSX Vice President and Engineering Manager) – was held on November 18, 2015.

MOA Stipulation I - Historic Built Environment

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

- Submitted the Determination of Eligibility (DOE) Form on the 8th Street SE streetcar rails and infrastructure to the DC SHPO on September 15, 2015.
- Re-submitted Word version of the (DOE) Form on the 8th Street SE streetcar rails and infrastructure to the DC SHPO on October 13, 2015.
- Received concurrence on the DOE for the 8th Street SE streetcar rails and infrastructure and approval to remove the infrastructure as needed during mass excavation from the DC SHPO on November 23, 2015. If additional streetcar rails or infrastructure are encountered on 11th Street SE, the resource will be photodocumented and the DOE will be updated.

- All removal actions involving the streetcar rails and infrastructure will be photodocumented.

Date	Location	Resource/Number	Description	Follow-up Action
10/7/15	Area 5	Brick Sidewalk VAT-2015-HB-004	Surface brick set in a series of geometric patterns, approximately 22.2 m by 1.8 m, paralleling the south side of Virginia Avenue SE	Photodocument and record brick sidewalk
11/12/15	Area 6	Octagonal Terra Cotta Pipe VAT-2015-HB-005	Two adjacent octagonal terra cotta pipes with surface striations, trending north/south in the middle of 11 th Street SE at 1 m bgs	Photodocument and record terra cotta pipe

C. Historic American Engineering Record (HAER) Recordation of the Virginia Avenue Tunnel

- Submitted final HAER documentation to the HAER Program Office on September 2, 2015 for accessioning in the Library of Congress.
- Courtesy print copies of the final HAER documentation were sent to the MOA signatories on September 2, 2015.
- Received confirmation of acceptance of the final HAER documentation from the HAER Program Office on September 18, 2015.
- On October 13, 2015, the Washingtoniana Room at the Martin Luther King Library indicated that with the HAER documentation available at the Library of Congress, they no longer want to accession the copy in their archives.
- On October 20, 2015, the Historical Society of Washington, DC reiterated their interest in accessioning the HAER documentation.
- On October 23, 2015, a hard copy of the final HAER documentation was sent to the Historical Society of Washington, DC.

D. Establishment of a Preservation Fund

- A workshop for the VAT Preservation Fund under the DC Preservation League Preservation Initiatives Grant Program was held on October 28, 2015 at the VAT Community Office at the request of the DC SHPO in conjunction with the DC Preservation League.

E. Restoration of Virginia Avenue SE

- Updated roadway and landscape plans for Virginia Avenue SE were submitted to the DC SHPO and the NPS on September 9, 2015.
- As a result of public review meetings in September and October 2015 and following a special hearing held on November 12, 2015, the DC Public Space Committee approved the existing plan for the I Street SE roadway dead end and green space connection in a letter dated November 17, 2015.

G. Interpretive Signage for the Virginia Avenue Tunnel

- Notified the DC SHPO on September 9, 2015 of a location option for the installation of the VAT sign in the green space area overlooking the west portal at H Street SE and 2nd Street SE.
- The draft panels for the VAT interpretive sign (now being prepared by the Clark/Parsons Joint Venture) were sent for internal review on November 23, 2015.

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

- The draft panels for the VAT interpretive sign (now being prepared by the Clark/Parsons Joint Venture) were sent for internal review on November 23, 2015.

I. Donation and Relocation of the Virginia Avenue Tunnel Portal Stones

- An email was sent to the DC SHPO and The Friends of Garfield Park requesting any updates or revisions to the Garfield Park-Canal Park Connector Conceptual Design Report and/or any additional designs for the reuse of the Virginia Avenue Tunnel portal stones on September 9, 2015.
- Request for information on the donation of the portal stones was received from Mark Chambers, Associate Director of the Sustainability and Energy Division of the DC General Services office on September 25, 2015.
- Additional information on the portal stones was requested by Jen Croft, DC General Services on October 13, 2015.
- A Garfield Park Design Review Meeting with William Phillips (representing The Friends of Garfield Park), CSX, and Clark/Parsons was held on October 14, 2015.

MOA Stipulation II - Archaeological Stipulations

A. Virginia Avenue Paving Site (52SE062)

Date	Location	Activity	Dimensions
9/10/15	Area 7	Identification of additional in situ paving stone segment east of 11 th Street Bridges; removal and stockpiling of paving stones	Approximately 10 m x 4 m
9/11/15	Area 7	Identification of additional in situ paving stone segment east of 11 th Street Bridges adjacent to the railroad tracks; removal and stockpiling of paving stones	Approximately 7 m x 2 m
9/16/15	Area 7	Identification of additional in situ paving stone segment east of 11 th Street Bridges; removal and stockpiling of paving stones	Approximately 10 m x 2.5 m

- No paving stones have been encountered to date within utility relocation excavations near the intersections of 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 7th, 8th, 9th and 11th Streets SE with Virginia Avenue SE.

- DDOT informed CSX and the Clark/Parsons team on September 29, 2015, that they have reached capacity in their maintenance yard for the storage of the recovered paving stones from the Virginia Avenue Paving Stone Site (51SE062). They will no longer accept any additional paving stones. Clark/Parsons have recovered, and DDOT has transported, in excess of 9,000 paving stones to date.
- The remaining stockpiled paving stones east of 11th Street SE (500+ paving stones) will be transported and stored at the New Jersey Yard and may be incorporated in future reuse opportunities associated with this project or may be provided to DDOT at the end of the project.

B. Unanticipated Archaeological Discoveries

Date	Location	Resource/Number	Description	Collected Artifacts
9/3/15	Area 1	Isolated Artifacts	1900s Soda bottle and 1930s Milk bottles	Soda and Milk bottles
9/4/15	Area 7	Isolated Artifacts	1930s Milk bottle/Ink bottle	Milk and ink bottles
9/11/15	Area 7	Isolated Artifact	1960s? Perfume bottle	Perfume bottle
9/14/15	Area 7	Asphalt Layer VAT-2015-010	Asphalt layer at 75 cm bgs	None
9/15/15	Area 5	Brick piers VAT-2015-011	Two brick piers approximately 1.22 m apart buried 15 cm – 1.22 m bgs	None
9/16/15	Area 1	Isolated Artifact	1930s Milk bottle	Milk bottle
10/1/15	Area 5	VAT-2015-012	Brick feature, 2+ m bgs	None
10/15/15	Area 1	Isolated Artifact	Stainless dinner knife	Stainless dinner knife
11/1/15	Area 7	Isolated Artifact	1950s/1960s Soda Bottle	Soda Bottle

MOA Stipulation IV-Document and Deliverable Review

G. Notification to Consulting Parties

- Notification of the availability of the final HAER documentation on the VAT project website was sent by email on September 2, 2015.
- Notification of the availability of the DC SHPO Quarterly Progress Report on the VAT project website was sent by email on September 9, 2015.
- Notification of the DC Preservation League Grant Workshop was sent by email on October 19, 2015.

Anticipated Work for Next Quarter:

MOA Stipulation I - Historic Built Environment

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

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

E. Restoration of Virginia Avenue SE

- Submit revised roadway and landscaping plans for Virginia Avenue SE to the DC SHPO and NPS for review.

G. Interpretive Signage for the Virginia Avenue Tunnel

- Obtain high resolution digital images of historic photographs from the 1904-1906 construction of Virginia Avenue Tunnel from the Library of Congress.
- Submit draft panels for the VAT interpretive sign to the consulting parties for 30-day review.

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

- Obtain high resolution digital image of Pierre L'Enfant from the Library of Congress.
- Submit draft panels for the L'Enfant/Virginia Avenue Paving Site interpretive sign to the consulting parties for 30-day review.

J. Designation of Control Point Virginia Tower

- Submit the revised NRHP nomination form and DC Inventory of Historic Sites form for Control Point Virginia Tower through the DC SHPO to the DC Historic Preservation Review Board for the 30-day review by the MOA signatories and consulting parties, and general public.
- Prepare the final NRHP nomination form and DC Inventory of Historic Sites form and submit to DC SHPO.

K. Rehabilitation of Control Point Virginia Tower

- Submit the revised Rehabilitation Plan for Control Point Virginia Tower through the DC SHPO to the DC Historic Preservation Review Board for the 30-day review by the MOA signatories and consulting parties, and general public.
- Prepare the final Rehabilitation Plan for Control Point Virginia Tower and submit to DC SHPO.

MOA Stipulation II - Archaeological Stipulations

A. Virginia Avenue Paving Site (51SE062)

- Prepare a Determination of Eligibility (DOE) for the Virginia Avenue Paving Site and submit to DC SHPO for preliminary review.
- Submit the DOE for the Virginia Avenue Paving Site to the MOA Signatories and consulting parties for the 30-day review.

- Monitor the removal of the remainder of the *in situ* paving stones within the limits of disturbance under the existing driveway beneath the 11th Street Bridges and the transport of the paving stones to the CSX New Jersey Yard for storage.
- Continue to monitor all utility excavations and road deck installations near the intersections of 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 7th, 8th, 9th and 11th Streets SE with Virginia Avenue SE and document any evidence of historic paving stones.

B. Unanticipated Archaeological Discoveries

- Continue to document unanticipated archaeological discoveries and assess historic artifacts as needed.