



General Status

1. Cultural Resources Survey

Required: A revised CRS with an addendum summarizing the new survey data will be submitted to the SHPO for approval.

Currently: *All field survey for cultural resources has been completed (BA 1, BA 2, and BA 5). Coastal Environments is preparing the necessary documents (structure forms) and curating artifacts as part of the addendum to be prepared. The addendum to the CRS is anticipated to be submitted in late January 2021.*

2. Finalize conceptual interchange layouts with potential impacts

Completed: Providence resubmitted Build Alternative 1 geometry with comments addressed from October 2019.

Currently: *DOTD has requested more data that is part of the line and grade task. Providence is working to provide this data and anticipates submitting it in January 2021.*

3. Prepare draft sections of the EIS for DOTD and FHWA Review

Currently: *As of November, FHWA indicated that they will not be reviewing the alternatives analysis document that was submitted in September per the scope and former discussions. They have requested that only draft chapters of the EIS be provided for review and that alternatives analysis be held as incomplete until after the Section 106 process has been completed, or at least comments have been provided by the SHPO.*

FHWA provided insight on a Table of Contents for the EIS. While awaiting the conclusion of the Section 106 process, the project team will be submitting an addendum to the cultural resources survey as noted in Item 1, is working on the geometry submittal as noted in Item 2 and will initiate work in late January 2021 on the avoidance alternative that will be required for the EIS (and was referenced in the December 2020 update).

4. Review and concurrence with the draft Alternatives Chapter of the draft EIS by FHWA and DOTD (required to complete the draft EIS) and the Preparation of Technical Studies

These require completion of the Section 106 process and submittal, review, and agreement on the draft Alternatives chapter under Item 3 above.



5. Public Outreach in the form of stakeholder briefings, a Citizen’s Advisory Committee Meeting, and a public hearing will be conducted in conjunction with the release of the draft EIS

Currently: A media release was provided to inform the public that the project continues forward. The CAC members (new and old) met via Zoom on October 29, 2020, where the project team provided an update the project and discussed the roll and responsibilities of the CAC. The next meeting is anticipated to be scheduled in February 2021.