



General Status

1. Cultural Resources Survey and Section 106 Process

Required: A revised CRS with an addendum summarizing the new survey data has been submitted to DOTD for review, after which it will be submitted to FHWA and the SHPO for review and comment.

A second Consulting Party meeting will be required during/after the SHPO review as part of the Section 106 process.

Currently: *The revised CRS was submitted to DOTD in January 2021, the complete CRS addendum was submitted in late February, with some edits the first week of March 2021. These are large comprehensive documents that require DOTD review and approval prior to forwarding to FHWA and the SHPO for their reviews, comment, and approval.*

An initial meeting was held with the Consulting Parties for the Section 106 process. This meeting was to inform the stakeholders of the project and the work that was underway to identify any cultural resources that may be adversely affected. A second meeting will be scheduled either during or after the SHPO's review of the revised CRS and addendum, which will confirm culture resources anticipated to be adversely affected.

2. Finalize conceptual interchange layouts with potential impacts

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

Currently: *Providence submitted revised geometry in January 2021. DOTD review of this material is incomplete at this time and is not expected to be completed until the end of March or early April 2021.*

3. Bridge concepts

Required: Bridge structure types and layout are required as part of the line and grade, additionally, the project calls for the consideration of aesthetic designs/concepts for the urban section of elevated highway.

Currently: *Due to the progress on this work that had occurred prior to the stoppage of work for the Section 106 process, this work was completed in draft form and presented internally to the DOTD for comments. Comments were received, revisions associated with the comments are on hold until the Section 106 process has further progressed.*



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

Currently: Providence developed an avoidance alternative that will be required for the EIS (and was referenced in the December 2020 update). This alternative will not be fully considered until after SHPO review of the revised CRS and addendum. Providence is updating as much detail in the previously drafted chapters of the EIS as can be done while awaiting the outcome of the Section 106 process.

5. 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.

6. 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 was anticipated to be scheduled in February 2021. This meeting will not occur until the SHPO has received and had time to process the revised CRS and addendum.