

Madison East-West Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Section 106 Consulting Parties Meeting

Virtual | September 14, 2021, 10-11:30 am





Introductions and Meeting Purpose



Participants

- City of Madison project applicant
- Federal Transit Administration (FTA) lead federal agency responsible for taking into account effects on historic properties
- State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) advises federal agencies on Section 106 compliance
- National Park Service
- Other attendees who may have an interest in historic properties:
 - City of Madison Landmarks Commission
 - State Street Business Owner
 - Local Developer
 - Hill Farms Neighborhood Association

Meeting Logistics

- Please remain on mute unless you are speaking.
- Please make sure your name is displayed.
- Presenters will pause at intervals to take questions.
- Attendees should use the "raise hand" feature to ask questions during the presentation.
- Feel free to turn on your camera when asking questions.

Meeting Purpose

- Provide consulting parties with an opportunity to review the Area of Potential Effect, surveyed properties, and findings.
- Provide consulting parties with an opportunity to review potential effects of the BRT project on historic properties.
- Consulting parties should leave with an understanding of what the project is, the historic properties in the corridor, and how the BRT project may affect them.

Project Overview



About Bus Rapid Transit

- Direct routes and fewer stops
- Frequent, all-day service
- Bus-only lanes
- Branded stations & buses
- Transit signal priority
- Faster fare payment



Generic station rendering.

BRT Runningway and Stations



BRT Timeline





Overview of the Section 106 Process



National Historic Preservation Act of 1966

- 36 CFR Part 800 ("Section 106") Protection of Historic Properties:
 - Federal agency must consider effects to historic properties
 - A "historic property" is defined as a property, or district of properties, listed on or determined eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places
 - A historic property may be affected if the project may directly or indirectly cause alterations in its character or use (located within the project's "Area of Potential Effects")
 - The SHPO concurred with the APE in May 2021

National Register of Historic Places

- Official list of nation's historic properties.
- Property types include buildings, structures, objects, sites, and districts.
- National Register Criteria for Evaluation:
 - Criterion A: Event.
 - Criterion B: Significant Person.
 - Criterion C: Design/Construction.
 - Criterion D: Information Potential.
- Seven aspects of integrity: setting, materials, location, workmanship, design, feeling, and association.

Section 106 Flowchart





Section 106 Surveyed Properties and Results



Area of Potential Effects: Example Map



Identified Historic Properties within the APE

- University Hills Farms Historic District Listed on the National Register
- Bascom Hill Historic District Listed on the National Register
- State Street Historic District Determined eligible for the National Register
- Wisconsin State Capitol Listed on the National Register and a National Historic Landmark
- Dane County Courthouse/Madison City Hall Determined eligible for the National Register
- St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church Listed on the National Register
- Breese Stevens Municipal Athletic Field Listed on the National Register
- Kleuter Wholesale Grocery Warehouse Listed on the National Register
- Gisholt Machine Company Determined eligible for the National Register
- Madison East High School Determined eligible for the National Register



Station Design Process





Richmond, VA





BRT Station Design Competition

- City of Madison & Metro Transit hosted a station design concept competition
 - Open to the public
 - Up to \$10K cash prize
- Winning concepts were used to develop final architectural designs
- Concepts underwent screenings by engineers, staff, stakeholders and members of the public

Concept Selection Process





Section 106 Effects



University Hill Farms Historic District



University Hill Farms Historic District

- Contributing resources are located adjacent to four proposed median stations:
 - Mineral Point Road at Whitney Way
 - Whitney Way at Regent Street
 - Sheboygan Avenue at Eau Claire Avenue
 - Sheboygan Avenue at Segoe Road
- New traffic signal proposed at Whitney Way/Sheboygan Avenue intersection

Whitney Way at Regent Street: Proposed



Whitney Way at Regent Street: Existing



Whitney Way at Regent Street: Proposed



Whitney Way at Regent Street: Proposed



Sheboygan Avenue at Segoe Road: Proposed



Sheboygan Avenue at Segoe Road: Existing



Sheboygan Avenue at Segoe Road: Proposed



Bascom Hill Historic District

- Proposed curbside station at University Avenue and East Campus Mall adjacent to district boundary
- Modern (noncontributing) expansion of Chazen Museum of Art is closest district resource



University Avenue at East Campus Mall: Existing


University Avenue at East Campus Mall: Proposed



State Street Historic District

- Two curbside stations proposed within district:
 - Eastbound at Henry Street
 - Westbound at Gorham Street



State Street Westbound Station: Proposed



State Street Eastbound Station: Proposed



Eastbound State Street: Existing



Eastbound State Street: Proposed



Westbound State Street: Existing



Westbound State Street: Proposed



Capitol Square

- Two curbside stations proposed opposite the State Capitol grounds:
 - Eastbound on Main Street
 - Westbound on Mifflin Street



Capitol Square - Main Street: Proposed



Capitol Square - Main Street: Existing



Capitol Square - Main Street: Proposed



Capitol Square - Main Street: Proposed



Gisholt Machine Company

Located adjacent to proposed median station at E. Washington Avenue and Baldwin Street



E. Washington Avenue at Baldwin Street: Proposed



East Washington Avenue at Baldwin Street: Existing



East Washington Avenue at Baldwin Street: Proposed



Madison East High School

Located adjacent to proposed median station at E. Washington Avenue and 4th Street



E. Washington Avenue at 4th Street: Proposed



East Washington Avenue at 4th Street: Existing



East Washington Avenue at 4th Street: Proposed





Upcoming East-West BRT Meetings

- Wednesday, September 29, 6:00 pm on Zoom
- Thursday, October 7, time TBA on Zoom
- Thursday, October 14, time TBA on Zoom
- Thursday, October 21, time TBA on Zoom
- Visit <u>https://www.cityofmadison.com/metro/routes-</u> <u>schedules/bus-rapid-transit/community-engagement</u> for meeting dates, times, and links as they are announced.

Thank you for attending!