Managing Indiana’s Historic Bridges

Past, Present and Future

2004 Purdue Road School

Background

(...the Past and Present)

- Losing Indiana’s Historic Bridges
- Unpredictable/Lengthy Project Development for Historic Bridge Projects
- Frustration from Bridge Owners and Preservation Groups

Opportunity

(...the Present – improving our Future)

- Develop a Historic Bridge Agreement

Goals:
- Preserve Most Important Historic Bridges
- Predictable/Shortened Project Development Times
- Optional Bridge Owner Participation
- Meet Needs of Bridge Owners and Preserve Important Historic Bridges

Who’s Involved?

- INDOT
- SHPO
- Historic Landmarks Foundation of Indiana
- Indiana Association of County Highway Engineers and Supervisors
- Indiana Association of County Commissioners
- Advisory Council on Historic Preservation
- Historic Spans Task Force
- Senator Richard G. Lugar’s Office
- FHWA (lead agency)

How The Program Will Work

(...the Future)

- Step 1 -- Survey and Inventory Historic Bridges
- Step 2 -- Prioritize Historic Bridges
  - Most Important Bridges (Select)
  - Other Historic Bridges (Non-Select)
- Step 3 -- Owner’s Enter Program
  - Agree to Preserve Select Bridges
  - Standard Mitigation for Non-Select Bridges
- OR Step 3 -- Owner’s Choose Not To Enter Program
  - Standard Section 106 Process

Program Framework

- Section 106 “Programmatic Agreement”
- Address Repetitive or Recurring Effects on Historic Properties
- Describes Program’s Rules & Processes
  - Survey Process
  - Prioritization Process
  - How Owner’s Elect to Participate
  - Responsibilities/Benefits of Participating Owners
  - TE Funding Advantage for Participating Owners
Survey/Prioritization
- Screening Phase (1942 and older) – LTAP
- Phase I Eligibility (1942 and older) – INDOT’s Consultant
- Phase II Eligibility (1943-1963, inclusive) – INDOT’s Consultant
- Prioritization
  1. INDOT’s Consultant
  2. Task Group
  3. Public Involvement
  4. Bridge Owner
  5. Task Group Finalize List of Select/Non-Select

Participating Owners
Benefits/Responsibilities
- Preserve Select Bridges
  - Maintain and Preserve in Place
  - In some cases, Bypass or Relocation is acceptable
- Owners Choice on Non-Select Bridges
  - Preserve, Relocate, Bypass, Demolish
  - Standard Mitigation Measures Applicable

What Does this Mean for Section 106???
- Non-Participating Bridge Owners
  - May Utilize Eligibility Determinations
  - Normal Section 106
- Participating Bridge Owners
  - Resolves Historic Bridge Issues Up-Front
  - Some 106 Coordination for Other Resources Will Be Required (Archaeology, Other Historic Structures)

Schedule
- Execute Programmatic Agreement (Summer 2004)
- Survey/Prioritization
  - LTAP Screening Phase (Spring 2004)
  - Phase I (1 year after consultant selected)
  - Phase II (several years after consultant selected)
- Owner’s May Enter Program…
  - After Survey/Prioritization is Complete AND
  - Programmatic is Executed!

WE WANT YOUR INPUT!
- Formal Opportunities
  - Programmatic Agreement (Spring/Summer ‘04)
  - Eligibility Phase (Phase I/Phase II – ’05 and ’06)
  - Prioritization Process (Phase I/Phase II)
  - When Bridge Owners Enroll in Program
- Continuous Opportunity – See FHWA’s Website:

Questions?
- Website for Historic Bridge Program
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