

Managing Indiana's Historic Bridges



Past,
Present and
Future

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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:
 - <http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/indiv/hbpgmhpg.htm>



Questions?

- Website for Historic Bridge Program
 - <http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/indiv/hbpgmhpg.htm>
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