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Briefing

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Re: SW Corridor – Section 106 Consultation
Briefing Memo – June 22, 2020

Attached is a copy of the presentation for the Briefing meeting scheduled on June 22, 2020. Please contact me with any questions or concerns.

Because the SW Corridor proposal to expand light rail service to southwestern Portland and adjacent suburbs is to be supported with federal funding, a Section 106 review process must be undertaken. This process considers the proposals impact on historic properties and potentially-historic properties and includes consultation with local agencies where those properties are located.

For an introduction to this process please visit the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation's website on this process: <https://www.achp.gov/protecting-historic-properties/section-106-process/introduction-section-106>

The process follows the following flowchart:

- Identifying consulting agencies (such as the City of Portland and its Landmarks Commission)
- Identifying historic properties that may be affected
- Assessing adverse effects on those properties
- Resolving adverse effects through avoidance, minimization, or mitigation strategies

The project team considered the potential impact on 77 historic or potentially-historic properties and determined up to 11 properties would be adversely affected. Please note, per the documents provided, the South Portland Historic District is considered one resource. An "*" indicates that the identified resource would be removed from its current location; this includes demolition or potential relocation. Others not noted with an "*" would likely see alterations.

Affected properties are listed here, with address or general location, as well as their listing status (if any) and include:

- Terwilliger Parkway
- *Congregation Ahavath Achim Synagogue*, 3225 SW Barbur Blvd, Rank III on HRI

- Jewish Shelter Home, 4133 S Corbett Ave, individually listed on the National Register
- Rasmussen Village Apartments, 4950 SW Barbur Blvd
- *SW Newbury St. Viaduct* (bridge just south of SW Capitol Hwy & Barbur Blvd)
- *SW Vermont St. Viaduct (Barbur Blvd bridge at Marquam Trail/ S Iowa St)
- *Oregon Electric Railway Overcrossing (crossing of Barbur Blvd over Multnomah Blvd.)
- Capitol Hill Motel, 9110 SW Barbur Blvd
- *5350 SW Pasadena St.
- *11125 SW Barbur Blvd
- Within the South Portland Historic District, listed on the National Register
 - *338 SW Meade St, contributing resource
 - *230 SW Woods St, contributing resource – notably with illegal alterations
 - *3124 SW Barbur, contributing resource
 - *3425 SW 1st Ave, contributing resource
 - *3524 SW 1st Ave, contributing resource
 - *105 SW Curry St, contributing resource

Staff notes that “removal” of any contributing resource in the South Portland Historic District or individually listed landmark would require a Type IV Demolition Review. Alterations and demolitions of potential historic resources (those not listed as contributing or individually listed) are not subject to Historic Resource Review or Demolition Review; therefore, the Commission’s guidance on June 22nd will likely be the last opportunity for those undesignated resources.

Potential mitigation strategies for each resource is identified in the attached documents. Staff welcomes the Commission’s comments and suggestions on these proposed strategies as well as other potential strategies. Some factors to consider when suggesting evaluating a mitigation strategy include: the resource’s significance; the public benefit of preservation vs demolition; the needs of all stakeholders; potential for enhanced knowledge and protection of historic resources; and proportionate public costs of preservation vs demolition. Mitigation strategies can include: rehabilitation; relocation; partial retention; salvage; documentation; interpretation; and/or remuneration, etc.

Lastly, if there are any resources known to the Commission not included in the above list, June 22nd would be the best opportunity to raise awareness of those properties.