





RIVERVIEW MODERN STREETCAR PROJECT

The Riverview Modern Streetcar project is a 12-mile planned transportation connection between neighborhoods and anchor destinations and employers in downtown Saint Paul, Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport and the Mall of America. The planned modern streetcar line is planned to run generally along State Highway 5 (West 7th Street) and will provide a higher capacity with frequent service in an area with growing population and employment, and a transit reliant population that needs accessible and dependable service.

WHAT IS SECTION 106?

Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 requires federal agencies to evaluate effects of federally funded projects on historic properties. Projects go through a process to identify historic properties, assess potential adverse effects and establish measures to mitigate or avoid effects.

WHAT QUALIFIES AS A HISTORIC PROPERTY?

A historic property is one that is listed in or eligible for the National Register of Historic Places, based on:



Association with a historically significant event.



Representative of design, style or construction type.



Association with the lives of significant persons.



Potential to yield information important to prehistory or history.

See back side for more details on Section 106.

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WHAT IS THE SECTION 106 PROCESS?

DEFINE AREA OF POTENTIAL EFFECTS

An Area of Potential Effects (APE) is established based on the project's likelihood to affect historic properties. An APE can be larger than the construction limits to account for visual or noise changes.

IDENTIFY PROPERTIES

The APE is surveyed and places that appear to be historically significant are evaluated to see if they qualify for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

ASSESS EFFECTS

The project's potential to adversely affect a historic property is assessed based on the proposed project plans and input from the public and other consulting parties.

RESOLVE EFFECTS

If a potential adverse effect to a historic property is identified, FTA and the consulting parties will seek to avoid or minimize the adverse effect through redesign of the project. If adverse effects cannot be avoided, mitigation to account for the loss is agreed upon by the parties below.

WHO IS INVOLVED?

FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION

The lead federal agency is responsible for ensuring project planning adequately considers the project's effects on historic properties.

NATIVE AMERICAN TRIBES

Tribal representatives have the opportunity to review the project and note resources or areas of tribal significance that should be considered in the Section 106 process.

ADVISORY COUNCIL ON HISTORIC PRESERVATION

The Advisory Council administers the requirements of Section 106 and may participate in consultation.

THE PUBLIC

The views of the public are considered throughout the consultation process.



PROJECT SPONSOR

The Riverview Modern Streetcar Project staff, led by Ramsey County, consults with interested stakeholders throughout the Section 106 process.

MINNESOTA STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE

This state agency advises and assists the FTA on National Register eligibility, assessment of effects and resolution of adverse effects.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Representatives of local government, including historic preservation commissions, may accept a formal invitation to become a consulting party.

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