



Section 106 Consulting Parties Meeting #14

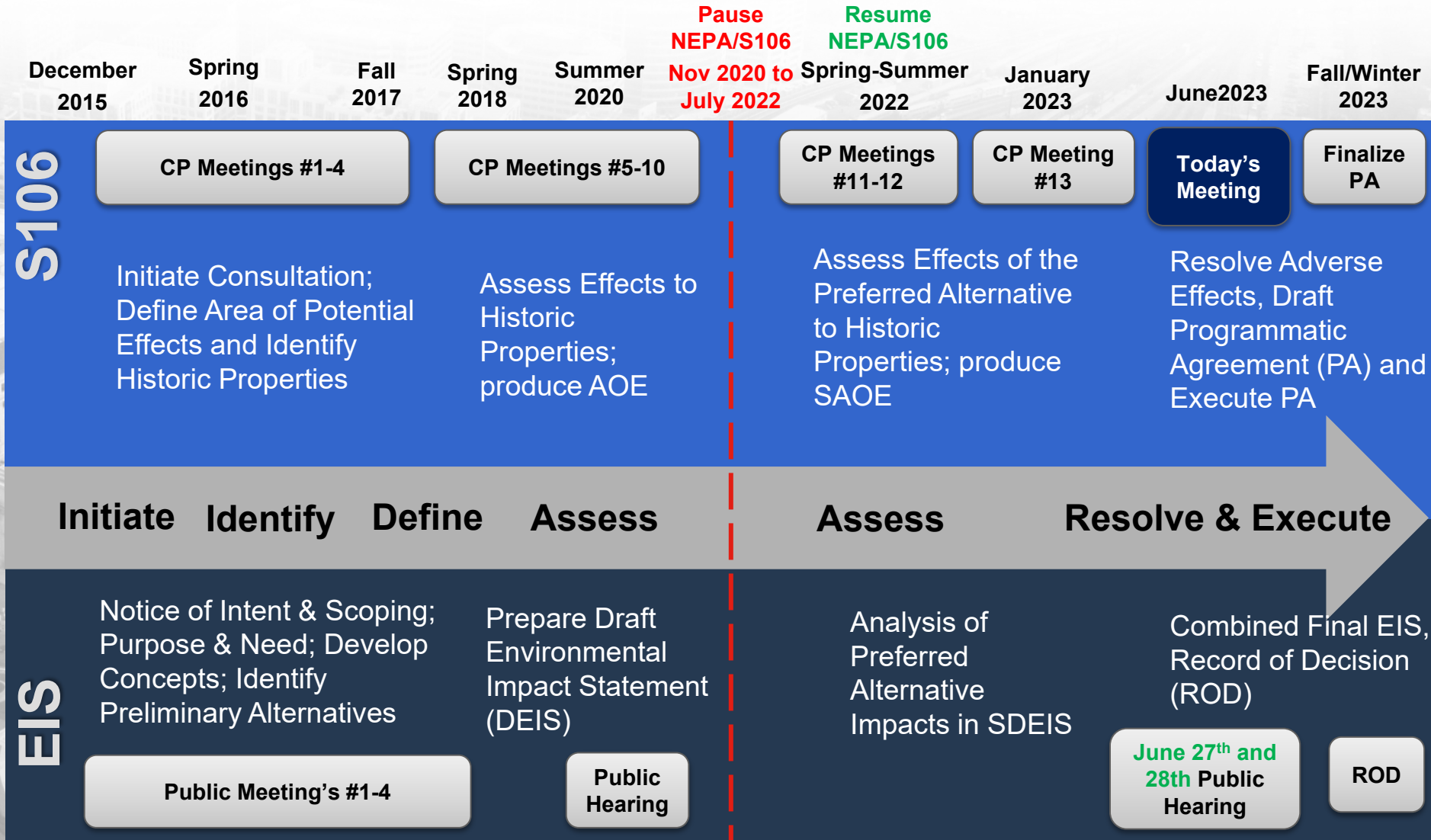
Washington Union Station Expansion Project

June 29, 2023

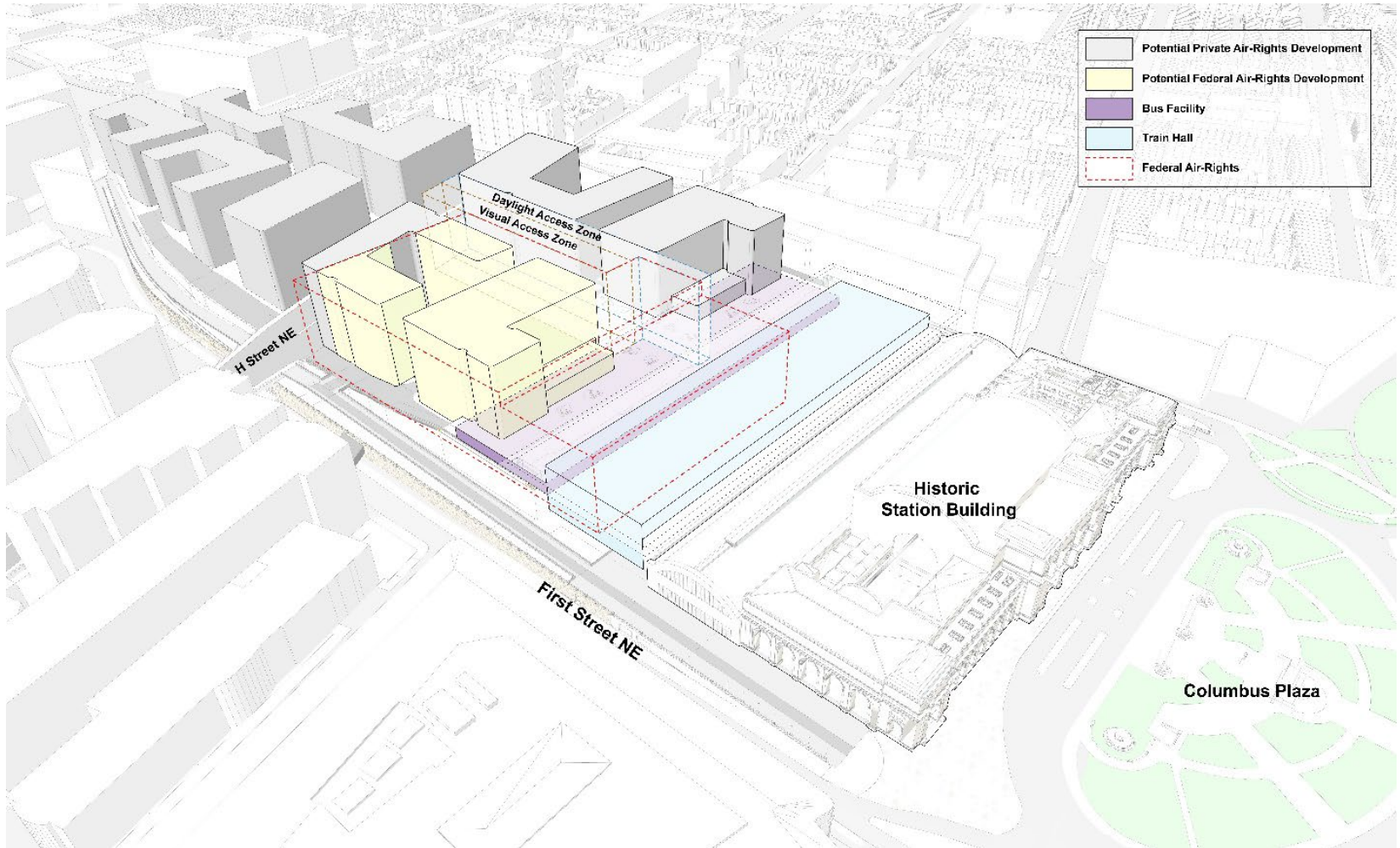
Meeting Purpose:

1. Review and discuss the draft Programmatic Agreement (PA)
2. Consulting Party comments and questions on the draft PA

NEPA & Section 106 Processes



Preferred Alternative



Draft Programmatic Agreement



Programmatic Agreement – General Outline

1. Title – Identifies the Project and the PA's Signatories (FRA, SHPO, ACHP)

2. Preamble –

- Defines the Project
- Provides relevant background and summarizes the Section 106 decisions of the Project
- Identifies the agencies and parties involved in the Section 106 consultation
- Describe avoidance measures that occurred through the refinement of the Preferred Alternative (e.g. traffic avoidance measures)



Programmatic Agreement – General Outline

3. Stipulations –

- Roles and responsibilities of the Signatories and Invited Signatories (NCPC, USRC, Amtrak)
- Avoidance, minimization, and/or mitigation measures the sponsor(s) will implement
- Unanticipated discoveries and emergency-situation protocols
- Amendments and dispute resolution
- Termination, effective date, duration

4. Signatures Pages -

Signatories and Invited Signatories sign PA and CPs are invited to be concurring parties after PA execution

Minimization and Mitigation Stipulations



Stipulation VI.A.1 Preservation Covenant

FRA would seek to include a historic preservation covenant in the transfer instrument to be recorded in the real estate records of the District of Columbia.

- Purpose: Mitigate adverse effects to WUS and WUS Historic Site from the sale/transfer of the Federally-owned air rights.
- Timeline: Prior to transfer of real property out of Federal ownership
- Covenant language requires Signatory review



Stipulation VI.A.2 Station Expansion Project Design Review

USRC would prepare and implement a Design Review process to review design and engineering documents at various phases of design.

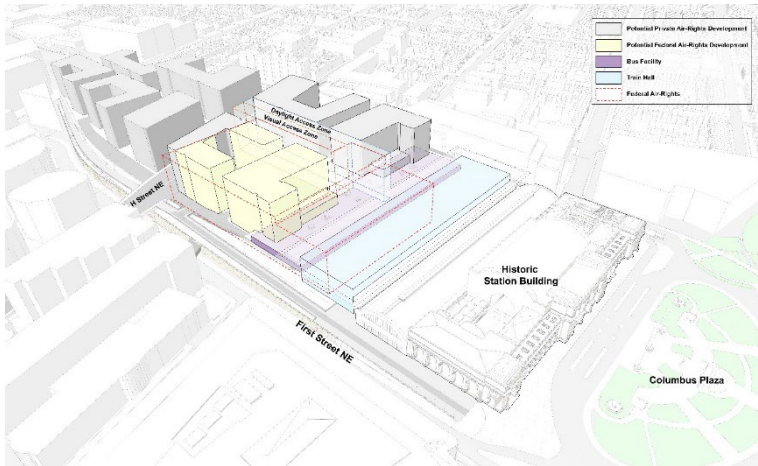
- Purpose: Mitigate adverse effects to WUS, WUS Historic Site, and the REA Building.
- Timeline: Finalize the process prior to completion of 15% design documents.
- Signatory review



Stipulation VI.A.3 Federal Air Rights Design Guidelines

USRC would prepare Design Guidelines that would guide the future design of development within the Federally-owned air rights.

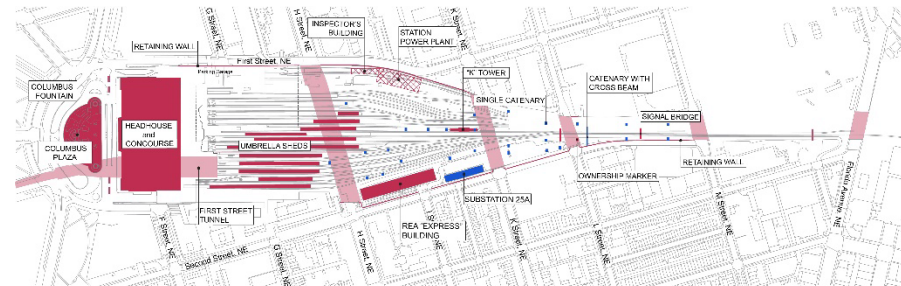
- Purpose: Mitigate adverse effects to WUS and WUS Historic Site.
- Timeline: Finalize prior to any design for development within federal air rights
- Signatory review



Stipulation VI.A.4 HABS/HAER Documentation

USRC would prepare individual Level II Historic American Building Survey (HABS) and Historic American Engineering Record (HAER) documentation.

- Purpose: Mitigate adverse effects to the WUS Historic Site
- Timeline: Complete photographic records prior to 60% design or initiation of any demolition, construction, or ground disturbing activity
- Signatory review, and possibly NPS Region 1 review



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HISTORIC RESOURCES



- EXISTING ORIGINAL RESOURCES:
c.a. 1903-1908
 - Above-grade resources
 - Below-grade resources
- ORIGINAL BUILDINGS NOW DEMOLISHED
- ELECTRIFICATION INFRASTRUCTURE:
c.a. 1930s

Stipulation VI.A.5 Architectural Salvage

USRC would prepare and implement an Architectural Salvage Plan to establish a process for determining which contributing resources to the WUS Historic Site that require removal or relocation could be salvaged.

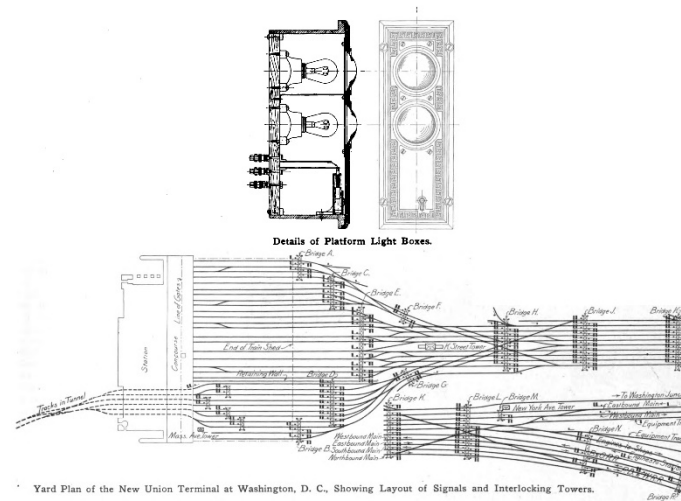
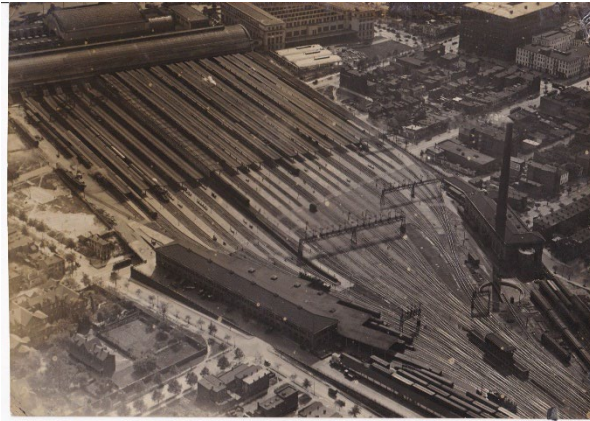
- Purpose: Mitigate adverse effects to the WUS Historic Site
- Timeline: Finalize plan by the 60% design or prior to demolition and ground disturbing activities.
- Signatory review



Stipulation VI.A.6 Interpretation

USRC would develop and implement an Interpretation Plan that communicates the history, evolution, and significance of the WUS Historic Site, especially the WUS Historic Site as originally constructed and used until the implementation of the Project.

- Purpose: Mitigate adverse effects to WUS, the WUS Historic Site, and REA Building
- Timeline: Finalize plan by the 60% design or prior to demolition and ground disturbing activities.
- Signatory review



Stipulation VI.A.7 NRHP Nomination

USRC would prepare an NRHP Nomination Form for the WUS Historic Site

- Purpose: Mitigate adverse effects to WUS, the WUS Historic Site, and REA Building
- Timeline: Application submitted to DC HPRB prior to completion of 35% design.
- Requires review by DC HPRB. If recommended to the NRHP by HPRB, SHPO would continue nomination process.



Stipulation VI.A.8 Construction Protection

USRC would prepare a Historic Properties Construction Protection and Signage Plan to protect against, monitor for, and manage construction-related effects to identified historic properties.

- Purpose: Mitigate adverse effects to WUS, the WUS Historic Site, REA Building, and City Post Office (Postal Museum)
- Timeline: Finalize plan prior to 90% design or prior to demolition or ground disturbing activities
- Signatory review



Stipulation VI.A.9 Noise and Vibration Control

USRC would prepare and implement a Construction Noise and Vibration Control Plan that incorporates an assessment of buildings at risk of structural damage from construction vibration.

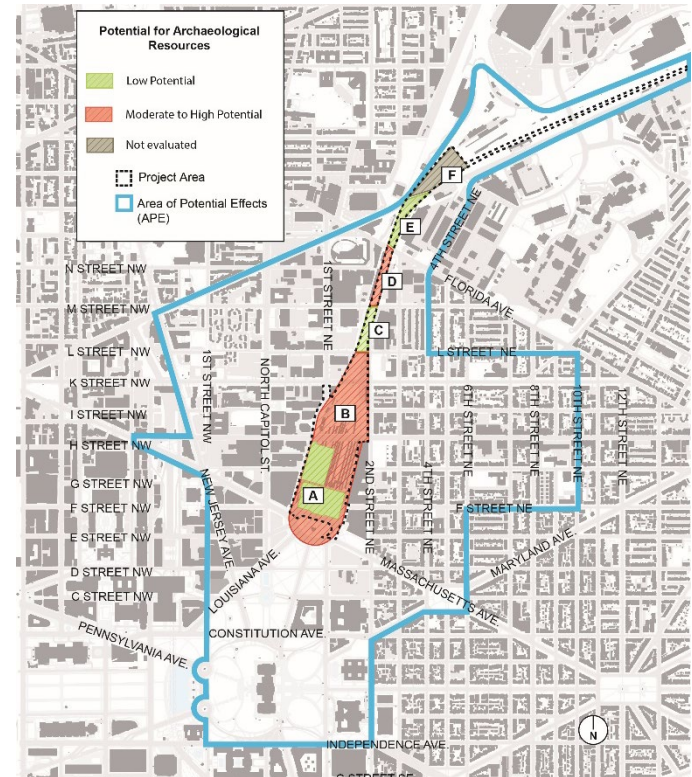
- Purpose: Mitigate potentially adverse effects to WUS, the WUS Historic Site, REA Building, and City Post Office (Postal Museum) and other properties.
- Timeline: Finalize plan prior to 90% design or prior to demolition or ground disturbing activities
- Signatory review



Stipulation VI.B Archaeology

USRC would prepare a Phase IB archaeological assessment and survey; if archaeological sites are identified in the Phase IB assessment and survey, prior to any ground disturbing activities, USRC would complete one or more Phase II survey(s) and resolve any adverse effects.

- Purpose: Identify and minimize or mitigate potentially adverse effects to historic or eligible archaeological resources
- Timeline: Prior to 35% design the Project Sponsor will complete the Phase IB assessment.
- Would require Signatory review and potential review by Tribes



Signatory Comments



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- Additional mitigation:
 - Restoring NPS-owned Columbus Fountain
 - More substantial mitigation measures for Amtrak-owned REA Building
 - Restoring skylights in the existing station's retail concourse
 - Make the east/west ends of the existing station more attractive
- Include avoidance measures mentioned in the Preamble in the Stipulations section



Signatory Comments

- PA should acknowledge or allow the project to be built in stages
- Design guidelines for the Federal air rights should address L'Enfant views and vistas and all other views identified during consultation process.
- Any changes to the PA be documented in an amendment, including changes to the attachments.
- Limit PA duration to 20 years rather than to a completion of commitments. Also, that FRA "amend to expire" the PA, in order to record that the PA was purposefully ended by all Signatories.

Next Steps



Continued Section 106 Consultation

Summer 2023:

- CP comments on Draft PA and SDEIS due by 11:59 PM on July 6, 2023
- Finalize mitigation measures for inclusion in PA

Fall 2023/Winter 2024:

- FRA & Signatories and Invited Signatories prepare PA
- Consulting Party Meeting #15 to provide an overview of the PA
- Draft Final PA provided to Consulting Parties for 15-day review
- Signatories execute PA prior to Record of Decision
- Consulting Parties invited to sign PA as Concurring Parties

Discussion





THANK YOU

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