



THE ROAD AHEAD PARTNERSHIP

Route 66 Road Ahead Partnership

Section 106 Fact Sheet

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The Route 66 Road Ahead Partnership (Road Ahead) engages in national, state, and local advocacy for the protection of historic Route 66 and the roadbed segments, bridges and other structures, buildings, sites, and objects that embody the road's history and character. Federal law and regulations provide opportunities for organizations like Road Ahead, local agencies, and citizens to work collaboratively with federal agencies to ensure historic properties are considered in federally assisted project planning.

SECTION 106 OF THE NATIONAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION ACT

Section 106 stipulates federal agencies and their designees/authorized representatives must consider the effects of their federal undertakings on archeological and historic resources which are listed in or eligible for the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP). Such resources are defined as historic properties. The NRHP is administered by the National Park Service, US Department of the Interior. Dozens of buildings, structures, sites, districts, and objects associated with historic Route 66, including roadbed segments and integral features, have been determined to be historic properties and receive consideration in Section 106 consultations. In addition, other resources associated with Route 66 have not been evaluated yet.

ADVISORY COUNCIL ON HISTORIC PRESERVATION

The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) is an independent agency charged with historic preservation leadership within the federal government. ACHP federal regulations (36 CFR Part 800) detail the steps for the Section 106 review and administer/monitor the performance of federal agencies, State Historic Preservation Officers, and others involved in the process. The regulations require the Secretary of the Interior's Standards and Guidelines for Historic Preservation be followed in the identification, evaluation, and treatment of historic properties. Agencies such as the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and state Departments of Transportation (DOTs) consult with other government agencies and the public about their federally funded projects, for example highway improvements and bridge replacements or repairs, in accordance with ACHP's regulations. These undertakings have the potential to affect historic Route 66 properties. Programs of other federal agencies may also affect historic Route 66, including but not limited to, the Army Corps of Engineers, the Environmental Protection Agency, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and the National Park Service.

Meaningful public involvement in the Section 106 process improves preservation outcomes. The ACHP's regulations and much more are available at <http://www.achp.gov>. Local agencies, organizations, and individuals interested in the protection of historic Route 66 and associated properties are encouraged to participate in Section 106 consultations and can review the ACHP Citizens Guide at <https://www.achp.gov/sites/default/files/documents/2017-01/CitizenGuide.pdf>

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICERS

Among the government agencies that FHWA and other federal agencies must consult are the State Historic Preservation Officers (SHPOs). SHPOs assist federal agencies and others to meet their responsibilities under Section 106 of the NHPA in their respective states. SHPOs are also responsible for administering state environmental laws, regulations, etc. concerning archeological and historic resources. SHPOs respond to thousands of requests each year from those planning and executing federal undertakings (projects they carry out, assist, fund, permit, license, or approve). Federal agencies submit documentation to SHPOs, consisting of a project's Area of Potential Effects (APE; direct and indirect), and the identification and evaluation of properties within the APE that are listed or eligible for listing in the NRHP. If any historic properties are present, an assessment of project effects is required, along with mitigation measures when the effect is adverse.

For specific information about the Section 106 process in each of the eight states through which historic Route 66 passes, contact the respective office:

Illinois

Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Illinois State Historic Preservation Office
<https://www2.illinois.gov/dnrhistoric/Preserve/Documents/summary-culturalresources.pdf>

Missouri

Missouri Department of Natural Resources
<https://dnr.mo.gov/shpo/sectionrev.htm>

Kansas

Kansas Historical Society
<https://www.kshs.org/p/site-protection/14658>

Oklahoma

Oklahoma Historical Society
State Historic Preservation Office
<http://www.okhistory.org/shpo/section106.htm>

Texas

Texas Historical Commission
<http://www.thc.texas.gov/project-review/national-historic-preservation-act/section-106-review-process>
<http://www.thc.texas.gov/project-review/antiquities-code-texas>

New Mexico

New Mexico Department of Cultural Affairs, New Mexico Historic Preservation Division

<http://www.nmhistoricpreservation.org/programs/review-compliance/section-106.html>

<http://www.nmhistoricpreservation.org/programs/review-compliance/state-reviews.html>

Arizona

Arizona State Parks & Trails

<https://azstateparks.com//shpo-consultation-on-historic-preservation-compliance>

California

California Department of Parks and Recreation, Office of Historic Preservation

http://ohp.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=1071

http://ohp.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=21721

http://ohp.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=27964

CONSULTING PARTIES

As part of the Section 106 process, federal agencies must consult parties other than the SHPO, including tribal governments, Tribal Historic Preservation Officers (THPOs), local governments, and the public. Therefore, Road Ahead may participate in Section 106 consultations when the federal undertaking has the potential to affect historic Route 66 and associated properties.

The level of participation is determined by the scope of the federal undertaking and whether historic properties may be affected. In some situations, Road Ahead may assist in the development of revised project documents to avoid adverse effects to historic properties or development of agreement documents to minimize or mitigate any adverse effects.

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