

Historic Property Report

Corridor B3

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Executive Summary

This Historic Property Report documents the methodology and recommended determinations of National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) findings of eligibility for the Section 106 process for the Will County, Illinois portion of the Illiana Corridor Tier Two Study. The Illiana Corridor is a proposed bi-state, limited access, east-west highway located within an approximately 2,000 foot wide, 47-mile long east-west oriented corridor with a western terminus at I-55 just north of the City of Wilmington in Illinois and an eastern terminus at I-65 approximately 3 miles north of State Route 2 in Indiana. This report only documents the 2,000-foot wide Corridor B3 for the Illinois portion of the proposed project. A separate report documents the Area of Potential Effects (APE) for the Illinois portion of the proposed project.

Built resources and landscape features in the APE were identified and evaluated in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (NHPA), as amended, and its enabling legislation, 36 CFR Part 800. Because the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) may provide funding for the proposed project and interstate access approvals and permits will be required, the project is a federal undertaking and is subject to compliance with the NHPA and its enabling legislation. Specifically, Section 106 of the NHPA requires FHWA to take into account the effects of its undertakings on historic properties and afford the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) and consulting parties a reasonable opportunity to comment on the undertaking.

The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT), on behalf of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), delineated the APE in consultation with the Illinois State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) for this project. Project historians conducted field survey of 570 built resources and landscape features in the APE. These resources and features were documented in two separate photo logs – one for Corridor B3 and one for the APE – for an initial review and screening by IDOT’s Bureau of Design and Environment’s (BDE) Cultural Resources Unit staff.

Of the 63 resources surveyed in the 2,000-foot wide Corridor B3, IDOT-BDE’s review identified one NRHP-listed property and five properties requiring further research and evaluation of NRHP eligibility by the project architectural historians. This number included 3 properties previously surveyed in the Will County Rural Historic Structural Survey for Wilmington Township completed in 2009.

The single NRHP-listed property located in Corridor B3 is Alternate Route 66, Wilmington to Joliet (Survey ID 21).

As a result of identification and evaluation efforts for this project, no individual historic properties and no historic districts within Corridor B3 are recommended eligible for listing in the NRHP.

