MARRINER S. ECCLES BUILDING AND FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD-EAST BUILDING

Environmental Assessment Scoping and Cultural Resources (Section 106) Consultation

Tuesday, September 17, 2019
MEETING AGENDA

• Welcome and Introductions
• Purpose of Meeting
• Project Background
• National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Overview
• Section 106 Overview
• Project Goals
• Next Steps and Timeline
• Open Discussion and Comments
PURPOSE OF TODAY’S MEETING

• Notify the public about the project
• Gather early public input
• Identify impact topics to be analyzed
OPPORTUNITIES FOR PUBLIC INPUT

• During NEPA scoping
• During the EA analysis of:
  » Alternatives
  » The affected environment
  » Potential impacts
• In Section 106 Consultation on the effects on historic resources
ECCLES BUILDING CHRONOLOGY

1935 - 1937 Building is constructed

1935 Architect Paul Philippe Cret wins the competition for the Federal Reserve Board Building

1937 Federal Reserve Board of Governors moves into the building

1964 Listed in the DC Inventory of Historic Sites

1982 Building named after Marriner S. Eccles (1890–1977), Chairman of the Federal Reserve under President Roosevelt

MARRINER S. ECCLES BUILDING 1937
FRB-EAST BUILDING CHRONOLOGY

1930 – 1931  Building designed by Jules Henri de Sibour
1931 – 1933  Building is constructed
1933        US Public Health Service moves into the building
1942 – 1946  President Roosevelt selects the building to house the offices of the Combined Chiefs of Staff and the Joint Chiefs of Staff
1947 – 1953  Atomic Energy Commission occupies building
The FRB-East Building Chronology:

1954: The National Science Foundation buys the building
1968: Department of Interior/Bureau of Indian Affairs moves into the building
1972: Protesters from the American Indian Movement occupy the building
2007: Listed in the National Register of Historic Places
2017: Department of Interior vacates the building
2018: Federal Reserve Board acquires the building
SECTION 106 AND NEPA PROCESS

WE ARE HERE

STEP 1
PROJECT INITIATION
• Develop purpose & need
• Public scoping

STEP 2
DATA COLLECTION
• Analysis of existing conditions
• Identify needed studies
• Identify historic properties

STEP 3
ALTERNATIVES/ANALYSIS
• Develop and analyze a range of alternatives
• Assess adverse effects

STEP 4
PRODUCE DOCUMENT
• Release EA to public, including proposed historic preservation and environmental mitigation measures
• 30-day public comment period

STEP 5
DECISION
• Review all public comments received on the EA and respond to comments
• Prepare finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI), as appropriate

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

SEPTEMBER 2019 PUBLIC MEETING
• Public Involvement + Comment Analysis

OCTOBER 2019 PUBLIC MEETING
• Public Involvement + Comment Analysis

SUMMER 2020 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
• Public Involvement + Comment Analysis
The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 requires Federal agencies to consider the impacts of their proposed activities, programs, and projects on the environment.
PURPOSE OF THE PROJECT

- Renovate and expand the Eccles Building and the FRB-East Building to address a critical backlog of upgrades
- Respond to changes in building codes and regulatory requirements
- Accommodate information technology requirements, building security provisions, advancements in environmental awareness and energy efficiency
- Address increased utility demands and associated requirements imposed by an increased building population
NEED FOR THE PROJECT

- Consolidate workforce and increase spatial efficiency
- Provide a secure work environment for the buildings’ occupants
- Accommodate the growing needs of the Board and its visitors.
Potential Environmental Impact Topics to Be Addressed

- Cultural Resources
  - Historic Buildings
  - Archeology
  - Cultural Landscapes
- Visual Resources
- Transportation
- Safety and Security
- Public Services and Utilities
- Planning Policies
- Sustainability
- Air Quality

- Vegetation
- Stormwater
- Climate Change and Carbon Footprint
- Economic Impact
- Only Construction Related:
  - Noise Levels
  - Hazardous Materials
  - Solid Waste
POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT TOPICS LIKELY TO BE DISMISSED

- Land Use
- Environmental Justice
- Surface Water and Wetlands
- Floodplains
- Coastal Zone Management
- Wildlife
- Special Status Species
- Geology, Topography, and Soils
POTENTIAL CUMULATIVE IMPACT PROJECTS

- NPS Constitution Gardens
- NPS National Mall Plan
- Martin Building Rehabilitation
- Kennedy Center Expansion
- Lincoln Memorial Rehabilitation
- Vietnam Memorial Visitor Center
Section 106 of NHPA
• Requires federal agencies to consider the effects of their actions on historic properties

Requires consultation to:
• Identify historic properties
• Assess adverse effects
• Resolve adverse effects through
  » avoidance
  » minimization
  » mitigation
INDIVIDUAL LANDMARKS

1. Old Naval Observatory (NHL & DC) 23rd & E Streets NW
2. US General Services Administration (NR) 1800 F St NW
3. The Octagon House (NR & DC) 1741 New York Ave NW
4. US Civil Service Commission (NR & DC) 1724 F St NW
5. Corcoran Gallery of Art (NR & DC) 500 17th St NW
6. American National Red Cross (NR & DC) 430 17th St NW
7. American Red Cross (NR & DC) 340 17th St NW
8. Memorial Continental Hall (NR & DC) 1776 D St NW
9. Constitution Hall (NR & DC) 1776 D St NW
10. Pan American Union (NR & DC) 200 17th St NW
11. Department of the Interior (NR & DC) 1849 C St NW
12. US Public Health Service Building (NR & DC) 1951 Constitution Ave NW
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14. National Mall Historic District
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**PROJECT GOALS**

- Respect the character-defining features while modernizing the buildings
- Provide modern, efficient workspace with amenities
- Make the buildings more energy efficient
- Increase the capacity of the Eccles Building
- Provide quality office space on the lower (concourse) levels of the Eccles Building
- Provide a multi-story addition to the FRB-East Building that contains above-grade and back of house services and increases the capacity
- Provide underground parking
- Provide a tunnel for utility and pedestrian use that connects to the Eccles building and accommodates backup mechanical systems capable of supporting the Eccles building
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TODAY:
Write your comments on the comment cards provided

SUBMIT COMMENTS ELECTRONICALLY:
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