



ASSESSMENT OF ACTIONS HAVING AN EFFECT ON HISTORIC PROPERTIES

A. DESCRIPTION OF UNDERTAKING

1. **Park:** National Mall & Memorial Parks

2. **Project Description:**

Project Name: Install parking meters

Prepared by: Eliza Voigt **Date Prepared:** 12/11/2013 **Telephone:** 202 245-4694

PEPC Project Number: 50026

Locations:

Describe project:

The National Mall and Memorial Parks (NAMA) is proposing to install parking meters. The proposed locations include Madison Drive between 3rd and 14th Streets, Jefferson Drive between 3rd and 14th Streets, the north and south sides of Constitution Avenue from 15th to 22nd Streets, Ohio Drive from Inlet Bridge to 23rd Street, Parkway Drive, West Basin Drive, the Tidal Basin parking lot, and south of the Thomas Jefferson Memorial in parking lots A, B, and C. The current parking scheme is inadequate for a large urban park.

Metering public parking will accomplish the following three goals for NAMA: • Manage the public parking turnover and discourage commuter parking in visitor spaces. • Encourage visitors and commuters to use mass transit and other transportation alternatives. • Allow NAMA to use parking revenue for visitor transportation-related activities.

This project will require approximately 80-90 multi-space meters (for over 1000 parking spaces) similar to those used elsewhere in the City.

Area of potential effects (as defined in 36 CFR 800.16[d])

see attached below

3. **Has the area of potential effects been surveyed to identify historic properties?**

No
 Yes

Source or reference:

4. **Potentially Affected Resource(s):**

Historical Structures/Resources Notes: Meters will be located within the boundaries of the

following districts/properties: National Mall Historic District, Washington Monument and Grounds, and East and West Potomac Parks Historic District

Cultural Landscapes Notes: Meters will be located within the boundaries of the following landscapes: The Mall, Washington Monument and Grounds, Constitution Gardens, and Lincoln Memorial grounds

5. The proposed action will: (check as many as apply)

- Destroy, remove, or alter features/elements from a historic structure**
- Replace historic features/elements in kind**
- Add non-historic features/elements to a historic structure**
- Alter or remove features/elements of a historic setting or environment (inc. terrain)**
Add non-historic features/elements (inc. visual, audible, or atmospheric) to a historic setting or cultural landscape
- Disturb, destroy, or make archeological resources inaccessible**
- Disturb, destroy, or make ethnographic resources inaccessible**
- Potentially affect presently unidentified cultural resources**
Begin or contribute to deterioration of historic features, terrain, setting, landscape elements, or archeological or ethnographic resources
- Involve a real property transaction (exchange, sale, or lease of land or structures)**
- Other (please specify):** _____

6. Supporting Study Data:

(Attach if feasible; if action is in a plan, EA or EIS, give name and project or page number.)

B. REVIEWS BY CULTURAL RESOURCE SPECIALISTS

The park 106 coordinator requested review by the park's cultural resource specialist/advisors as indicated by check-off boxes or as follows:

Historical Landscape Architect

Name: Michael Commisso

Date: 01/21/2014

Comments: Maureen Joseph, Regional Landscape Architect, and I concur with the park's determination that the project titled "Install Parking Meters" at National Mall and Memorial Parks will have a no adverse effect and qualifies for a standard 4-step process.

Check if project does not involve ground disturbance

Assessment of Effect: **No Potential to Cause Effect** **No Historic Properties**

Affected **No Adverse Effect** **Adverse Effect** **Streamlined Review**

Recommendations for conditions or stipulations: Although meters will not be placed adjacent to memorials, additional efforts should be taken to minimize visual clutter by reducing the numbers of meters needed for the projected number of parking spaces. Additionally, the proposed undertaking is reversible and the meters can be removed at anytime without adversely impacting historic resources.

Doc Method: Standard 4-Step Process

No Reviews From: Curator, Archeologist, Historical Architect, Historian, 106 Advisor, Other Advisor, Anthropologist

C. PARK SECTION 106 COORDINATOR'S REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Assessment of Effect:

- No Potential to Cause Effects
- No Historic Properties Affected
- No Adverse Effect
- Adverse Effect

2. Documentation Method:

A. STANDARD 36 CFR PART 800 CONSULTATION
Further consultation under 36 CFR Part 800 is needed.

B. STREAMLINED REVIEW UNDER THE 2008 SERVICEWIDE PROGRAMMATIC AGREEMENT (PA)

The above action meets all conditions for a streamlined review under section III of the 2008 Servicewide PA for Section 106 compliance.

APPLICABLE STREAMLINED REVIEW Criteria
(Specify 1-16 of the list of streamlined review criteria.)

10. Erection of Signs, Wayside Exhibits, and Memorial Plaques .

Explanation: The proposed meters will be located within historic districts and cultural landscapes (see above lists). There will be visual impacts to these properties through placement of non-historic objects within the landscape. Impacts will be minor because the meters: (1) are limited in number as each will serve multiple spaces; (2) will be located close to the curb line and outside of contributing viewsheds and significant sight lines (e.g., the east-west views along the National Mall and the sight line between the White House and the Jefferson Memorial); and (3) subtle in appearance (color and signage) and comparable to other streetscape features and parking meters throughout the District. Lastly, these meters, like any signage, are reversible.

C. PLAN-RELATED UNDERTAKING

Consultation and review of the proposed undertaking were completed in the context of a plan review process, in accordance with the 2008 Servicewide PA and 36 CFR Part 800.
Specify plan/EA/EIS:

D. UNDERTAKING RELATED TO ANOTHER AGREEMENT

The proposed undertaking is covered for Section 106 purposes under another document such as a statewide agreement established in accord with 36 CFR 800.7 or counterpart regulations. Specify: _____

E. COMBINED NEPA/NHPA Document

Documentation is required for the preparation of an EA/FONSI or an EIS/ROD has been developed and used so as also to meet the requirements of 36 CFR 800.3 through 800.6

G. Memo to SHPO/THPO

H. Memo to ACHP

3. Additional Consulting Parties Information:

Additional Consulting Parties: No

4. Stipulations and Conditions:

Following are listed any stipulations or conditions necessary to ensure that the assessment of effect above is consistent with 36 CFR Part 800 criteria of effect or to avoid or reduce potential adverse effects.

5. Mitigations/Treatment Measures:

Measures to prevent or minimize loss or impairment of historic/prehistoric properties: (Remember that setting, location, and use may be relevant.)

No Assessment of Effect mitigations identified.

D. RECOMMENDED BY PARK SECTION 106 COORDINATOR:

Compliance Specialist:

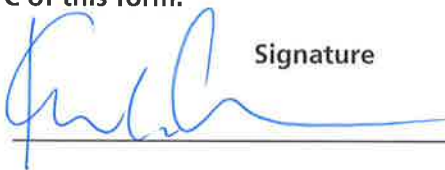
NHPA Specialist

Kristen Hamilton

note reviewed + approved by Maureen Joseph via PEPC
Date: _____

E. SUPERINTENDENT'S APPROVAL

The proposed work conforms to the NPS *Management Policies* and *Cultural Resource Management Guideline*, and I have reviewed and approve the recommendations, stipulations, or conditions noted in Section C of this form.

Signature




Superintendent: _____

Date: 4/23/2014

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE



DC STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE
FEDERAL AGENCY SECTION 106 REVIEW FORM

TO: Ms. Eliza Voigt, National Park Service

ADDRESS: Via email to eliza.voigt@nps.gov

PROJECT NAME/DESCRIPTION: Proposed Installation of Parking Meters

PROJECT ADDRESS/LOCATION DESCRIPTION: Various Locations around the National Mall

DC SHPO PROJECT NUMBER: 14-035

The DC State Historic Preservation Office (DC SHPO) has reviewed the above-referenced federal undertaking(s) in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and has determined that:

This project will have **no effect** on historic properties. No further DC SHPO review or comment will be necessary.

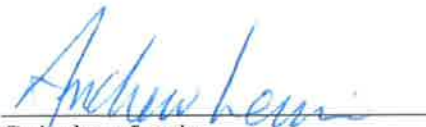
There are **no historic properties** that will be affected by this project. No further DC SHPO review or comment will be necessary.

This project will have **no adverse effect** on historic properties. No further DC SHPO review or comment will be necessary.

This project will have **no adverse effect** on historic properties **conditioned upon** fulfillment of the measures stipulated below.

Other Comments / Additional Comments (see below):

Thank you for providing the additional information requested in our letter dated March 11, 2014 regarding the above-referenced undertaking. Based upon our review, we understand that the parking meters will be comparable in size and scale to the existing pedestrian wayfinding pylons; that they will be clad in a compatible color palette; and that they will be similar in design to parking meters that are found throughout the region. No concerns about potential effects on historic properties were included among the public comments that were submitted. Therefore, we concur with the NPS determination that this undertaking will have "no adverse effect" on historic properties, including archaeological resources.

BY: 
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DC State Historic Preservation Office

DATE: April 21, 2014