

Section 106 and the Historic Route 66 Meramec River Bridge at Times Beach

During the planning stages for a federally-funded project, a systematic process is undertaken to identify cultural resources within the project area, analyze the project's potential to impact them, and determine what action will be taken to eliminate or mitigate any identified impacts. This process is commonly referred to as "Section 106," after the portion of the National Historic Preservation Act (1966), which requires agencies to take into account the effects of their actions on historic properties. How this process relates to the Route 66 Meramec River Bridge is outlined below.

1.) Identify all historic properties within the project area:

The Meramec River Bridge is considered a historic property since it is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

2.) Consider the potential effects of the project upon identified historic properties:

Demolition of the Route 66 Meramec River Bridge would represent an adverse effect.

3.) Consider options to "avoid, minimize, or mitigate" the effects of the project on any historic properties:

MoDOT will coordinate with the public and consulting parties in order to identify the best solution for the future of the Route 66 Meramec River Bridge. One option for the bridge could include its transfer to a new owner. If a plan for the transfer of the bridge is not in place by February 2012, MoDOT will seek to remove the bridge for public safety reasons.

