

August 22, 2024 Q&A.

1. In determining the extent of the Section 106 and NEPA reviews what is the anticipated width of the construction (ie: roadway, drainage and utilities)? The survey section of the RFP notes that data collection should include everything within 500 feet of the corridor but not a specific call out for proposed roadway section.

As described in the RFP, the project is to develop a preliminary design engineering project package including proposed road layout and sidewalk/path based on constraints. The intent of the proposed roadway is to establish a connection from Reno Drive, located to the north, to 130th Avenue, to the south. This new roadway will function as a service-oriented, corridor collector road, parallel to US Hwy 131 in support of the broader development goals of the Future Mixed-Use Development Corridor. This strategic placement should avoid bisecting the future development area, allowing for the continued planning of the development corridor without further encumbering its design.

2. Based upon the Q&A provided are we to assume that the Tribal Historian will be available to assist with SHPO, etc. reviews?

From the Gun Lake Tribe THPO:

The Gun Lake Tribal Historic Preservation Office (THPO) can assist contractors with desktop research inquiries for undertakings occurring on Tribal Lands. Since the THPO assumes the duties of the SHPO on Tribal Lands, we are the lead reviewer of all Section 106 materials. We are unable to serve as the writer(s) of the SHPO's Section 106 application (when applicable), but we can provide technical assistance to ensure the necessary information is included and fully captured in all Section 106 materials. The same standards apply for undertakings that are subject to Section 106 reviews on fee lands or when the Area of Potential Effect (APE) may cross two or more jurisdictions (e.g., Tribal, State ROW, private lands owned by individuals, etc.). For further background information, Tribal Historic Preservation Officers are officially designated by a federally recognized Indian tribe to direct a program approved by the National Park Service and the THPO must have assumed some or all the functions of State Historic Preservation Officers on Tribal lands. This program was made possible by the provisions of Section 101(d)(2) of the National Historic Preservation Act.

3. The location sketch seems to indicate that there should be several roundabouts or traffic circles included in the design phase. Is there study data available from previous work that will be available to review and make a determination on what is necessary to complete the associated analysis?

Please utilize the amended graphic.