Memo: Revitalization of the Historic Core – Perimeter Security

To: Section 106 Consulting Parties

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This memo is to notify consulting parties of a change in scope for the Revitalization of the Historic Core (RoHC) project. At the Section 106 Consulting Parties Meeting #4 held on June 15, 2022, the Smithsonian Institution presented a perimeter security concept on Jefferson Drive from 12th Street to the Ripley Garden, east of the Arts & Industries Building.

Due to changes in the Federal Security requirements, the Smithsonian’s Office of Protection Services determined that protection is now required only at Smithsonian building entrances. This determination significantly reduces the required amount of protection from vehicle attacks to the required areas noted in the below site plan. The Smithsonian and the design team will present a revised perimeter security concept at an upcoming consulting parties meeting.

The public review and comment period after the RoHC Consulting Parties Meeting #4 is open until July 15th. The Smithsonian is notifying consulting parties of this change so that parties can focus comments on the remaining design actions presented at the meeting. Please visit the project webpage (https://www.sifacilities.si.edu/historic-core) to download the presentation material from Consulting Parties Meeting #4. Comments are welcome in writing until July 15th to BondC@si.edu. Please contact me with any questions or concerns.

Revitalization of the Historic Core Site Plan. Pink circles note locations where vehicular protection is required at building entrances.