

Section 106 Success Story

Midland M-20 Bridge Replacement Project

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The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) began construction in February 2018 to replace the existing M-20 Bridge over the Tittabawassee River in Midland. Replacement of the bridge is a federally assisted action subject to the requirements of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended. To ensure completion of Section 106 compliance within the construction schedule, MDOT retained an archaeological consultant in 2013 to evaluate the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) eligibility of archaeological site 20MD38, which is located within the construction zone for the bridge project. At the completion of the archaeological evaluation, MDOT, in consultation with the State Historic Preservation Office, agreed that site 20MD38 is eligible for listing in the NRHP. In addition, MDOT consulted with Michigan's 12 federally recognized Indian Tribes, which led to the development of a Tribal Involvement Plan to guide consultation through the duration of the project. In the spring of 2017 archaeological data recovery excavations were conducted to mitigate adverse effects to the site that would result from bridge construction work. The investigation, which recovered important information about precontact Native American life in the region, successfully completed Section 106 requirements nearly a year in advance of scheduled project construction.

LOCATION

Midland, Midland County

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

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FEDERAL AGENCY

Federal Highway Administration

PROJECT DATE

2017