### **Supplemental Supporting Information for a Finding of Effect**

Project: Portland 18865.00

Scope: Multiuse Trail and Sidewalk Construction

Finding of Effect: No Adverse Effect

### **Purpose and Need**

The purpose of the action is to improve pedestrian and bicyclist connectivity along West Commercial Street in downtown Portland.

The need for this project is because the existing pedestrian infrastructure at the project location is not ADA compliant and does not provide adequate space for both pedestrians and bicyclists within a heavily trafficked corridor.

### **Proposed Action**

The proposed action includes the construction of a 9' bituminous multi-use path and the reconstruction of the existing 5'- 6' brick sidewalk along the frontage of the Star Match Building on West Commercial Street in downtown Portland. Path and sidewalk improvements are planned to meet ADA standards and existing obstructions would be relocated. A 2' brick buffer strip will be provided between the multi-use path and sidewalk, delineating the areas dedicated for pathway users vs. pedestrians accessing business fronts. On street parking and a buffered bike lane are also provided within the limits of work. Curb extensions will be implemented to shadow areas of parking and to provide an esplanade where utility poles can be relocated.

### **Federal Action**

Federal funding.

### **Definition of Area of Potential Effect (APE)**

The proposed project is located in Portland. The map below shows the APE.

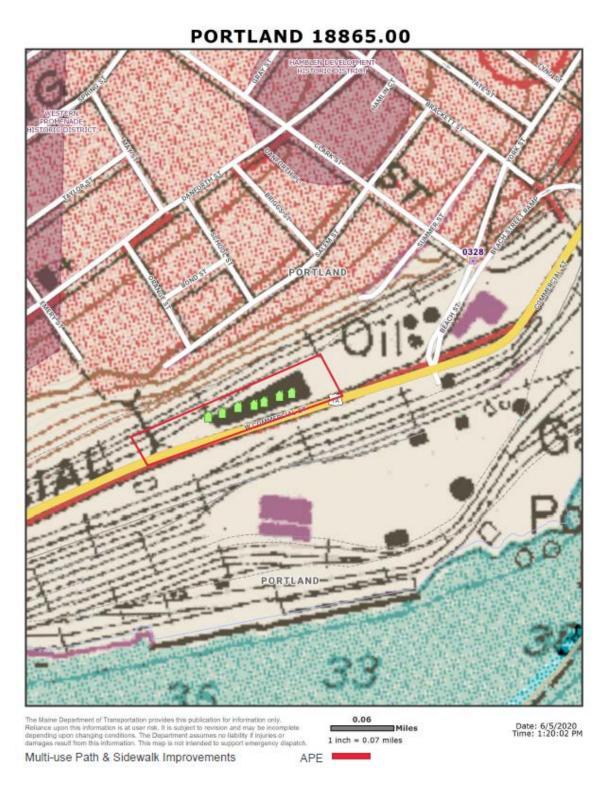


Figure 1. Portland 18865.00 Area of Potential Effect

### **Historic Properties**

The proposed project is located in Portland. The following descriptions of historic properties found within the project area are based on Maine Historic Preservation Commission (MHPC) survey forms and National Register of Historic Places nomination forms.

Portland Star Match Company Building (65-89 West Commercial Street, J. B. Brown & Sons, Sta. 127+50L – 131+15L)



National Register-eligible

Criterion A Industry

Period of Significance c. 1870- 1907

The Portland Star Match Company Buildings are eligible for listing in the National Register under Criterion A, Industry, on the local level. The seven buildings were built over a period of 30 years. The company was organized in September 1866 and was originally located in the Back Bay (in Clapp's building) before a fire led the owners to build a new factory on West Commercial Street. It was constructed to be fireproof, with brick walls, an iron roof, and concrete floors. The interior was divided into 6 rooms that could be closed off in case of fire. The business experienced such success that in 1873 an addition measuring 40 by 60 feet was constructed. By 1875 they employed 75 workers, mostly women. Four additional buildings were added c.1895 and the seventh was built c.1905. The Portland Match Company had their own lumber mill behind the factory adjacent to the Boston & Maine Railroad tracks. Raw timber was off-loaded from the train and turned into thin sheets at the yard before it was sent up to the factory. Portland Star matches were sold primarily in New England but were also shipped overseas. By 1891 the company employed 150 people. They were purchased by Diamond Match in 1907. There has been some loss of integrity of design and materials due to the installation of vinyl replacement windows, some of which are undersized for their openings. Other openings have been filled in. Despite these alterations, the Portland Star Match Company Building is a largely intact representation of one of the industries that existed along Portland's waterfront in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries and is one of the few remaining structures from this time.

### Archeological Resources

There are no archaeological resources in the project area.

### **Impacts to Property**

The following addresses potential impacts to properties as a result of the proposed action.

Portland Star Match Company Building (65-89 West Commercial Street, J. B. Brown & Sons, Sta. 127+50L – 131+15L

National Register-eligible

Criterion A, Industry

The proposed action would result in **No Adverse Effect** to the Portland Star Match Company Buildings. The proposed action would include the in-kind reconstruction of the existing brick sidewalk. The existing granite curb would be reinstalled, and the existing granite steps and granite garage entrances would be maintained and/or reinstalled. The proposed 9' bituminous multi-use path would be separated from the sidewalk by a 2' brick buffer strip that would delineate the areas dedicated for pedestrians and pathway users. The two existing utility poles would be relocated to narrow bump-outs at Sta. 128+00L and Sta. 130+15L in order to achieve ADA compliance. The addition of the two new bump-outs would not significantly impact the setting, as existing bump-outs of similar design and materials already exist within this travel corridor. These actions would not significantly diminish the resource's aspects of integrity.

### Archaeological Resources

No archaeological properties would be affected by the proposed undertaking.

### **Avoidance and Minimization Efforts**

The proposed action avoids any physical impacts to National Register-eligible buildings. Minimization efforts were made by maintaining and reconstructing existing granite steps and garage entrances, while also replacing existing sidewalk and curb materials in-kind. The addition of the 2' brick buffer between the sidewalk and new multiuse path minimizes visual impacts by using materials that are present at the location.

### **Dismissed Alternatives**

No Build

The No Build alternative takes no action and does not meet the purpose and need of the project and was therefore removed from further consideration.

### **Proposed Materials**

HMA, granite curbing, granite threshold, brick.

### **Public Involvement**

MaineDOT hosted a virtual public meeting on January 13, 2021. There were no concerns regarding historic resources reported at that time.

MaineDOT contacted the four federally recognized Maine Native American Tribes. The Houlton Band of Maliseets and the Penobscot Nation replied with no concern.

Public involvement is ongoing.

### Plans

Portland, Cumberland County, West Commercial Street Multi-Use Path and Sidewalk Improvements, WIN 18865.00, January 28, 2021.

### Attachments

Art Spiess, MHPC, to Julie Senk, MaineDOT, March 16, 2018. Kirk F. Mohney, MHPC, to Julie Senk, MaineDOT, August 11, 2020.



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## MAINE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION 55 CAPITOL STREET 65 STATE HOUSE STATION AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333

KIRK F. MOHNEY
DIRECTOR

March 16, 2018

To: Ms. Julie Senk, MDOT/ESD

From: Arthur Spiess, Senior Archaeologist

Subject: WIN 18865.00, bicycle/pedestrian path connecting to existing Fore River Parkway trail, Portland (MHPC 0323-18)

After reviewing our archaeological survey records and maps, including historic maps and surficial geology maps, and comparing this information with a predictive model of archaeological site locations, we find that no archaeological fieldwork is necessary for this project, based on the project location and general project description information received with your memo of March 5, 2018. It is extremely unlikely that an archaeological site would be affected by this project, in our opinion.

In following the procedures specified in the Federal Highway/MHPC/MDOT programmatic agreement, we recommend a finding "that there will be no archaeological properties affected by the proposed undertaking."

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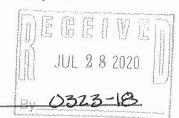
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### Memorandum

Date: July 27, 2020

To: Kirk F. Mohney, MHPC From: Julie Senk, Maine DOT/ENV

Subject: Section 106 request for concurrence Project: Portland 18865.00, MHPC #0323-18 Scope: Multiuse Trail and Sidewalk Construction



The Maine DOT has reviewed this project pursuant to the Maine Programmatic Agreement (PA) and Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended.

The proposed project is construction of a multiuse trail and sidewalk along Commercial Street in Portland.

In accordance with 36 CFR Part 800.4, the following identification efforts of historic properties were made:

800.4(a) (1) — The Area of Potential Effect (APE) includes properties/structures adjacent to the bridge and within the project limits. The project limits are defined by the structure and the immediately adjacent area. Properties/structures adjacent to this project limit are considered to be within the APE. The APE is shown as a red polygon on the attached map.

800.4(a) (2) - Review of existing information consisted of researching the National Register and MHPC survey databases. The Maine Historic Preservation Commission Archaeological staff has reviewed this undertaking.

800.4(a) (3) – The City of Portland was contacted via letter and asked to comment on knowledge of, or concerns with, historic properties in the area, and any issues with the undertaking's effect on historic properties. The city was also requested to provide information regarding local historic societies or groups. No replies have been received to date.

800.4(a) (4) – Letters outlining project location and scope were sent to the 4 federally recognized Tribes in Maine. The Penobscot and Houlton Band of Maliseets replied with no concern.

800.4(c) – The Maine DOT conducted historic architectural surveys within the APE to determine if properties met National Register criteria. Maine Historic Preservation Commission Archaeological staff has reviewed the undertaking and recommended "a finding that there will be no archaeological properties affected by the proposed undertaking." The MaineDOT has determined that 7 architectural properties are eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

In accordance with the PA and 36 CFR Part 800, please reply with your concurrence or objection to the determination of eligibility for listing in the National Register of Historic Places within 30 days. If more information is deemed necessary, please supply a list of the specific resources in question.

Please contact me at Julie.Senk@maine.gov or 592-3486 if you have any questions. Thank you.

cc: CPD e-file

enc: Architectural survey package

CONCUR

| Concur | 8/11/2020
| Kirk F. Mohney, Date
| State Historic Preservation Officer | Date

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## PORTLAND

### **CUMBERLAND COUNTY**

WEST COMMERCIAL STREET MULTI-USE PATH AND SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS

WIN 18865.00

PROJECT LENGTH : 0.13± MILES

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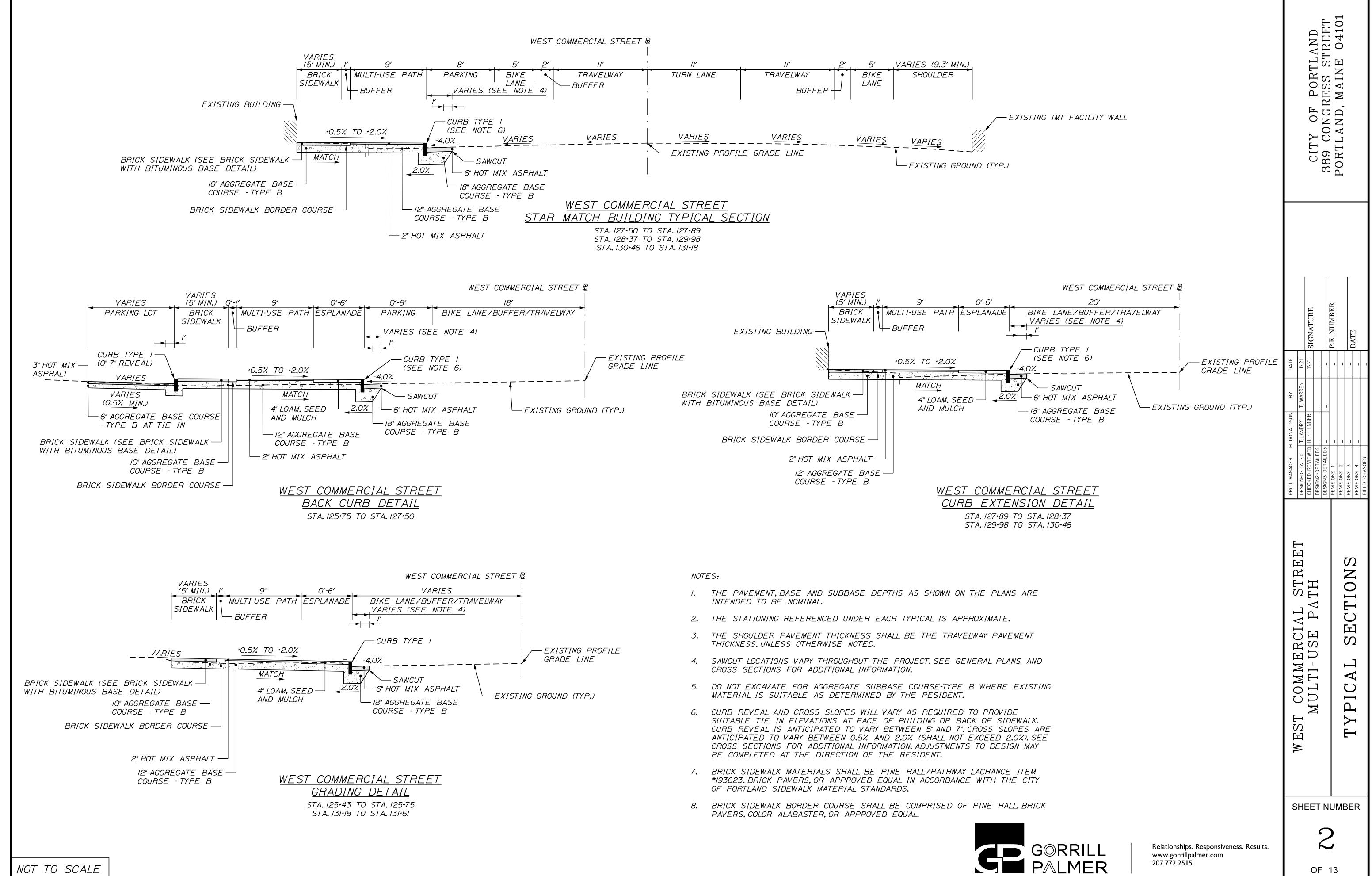
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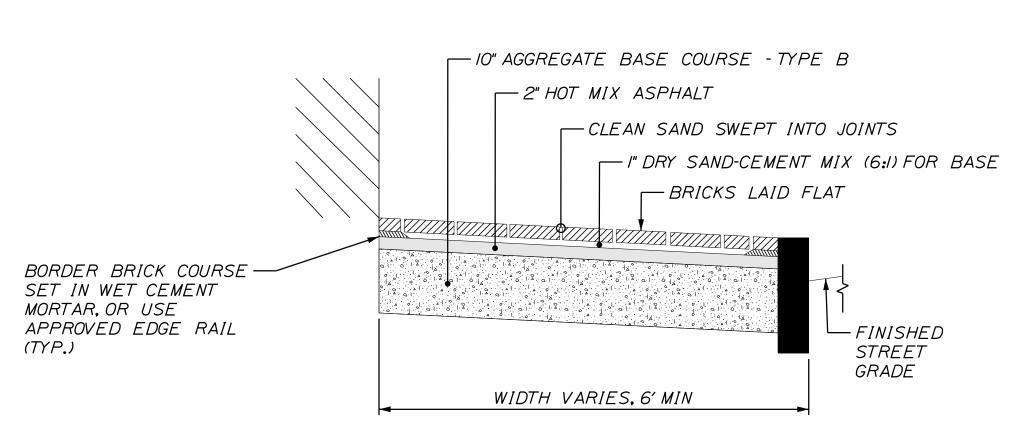
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