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Ms. Elizabeth Hughes
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Documentation of No Effect Determination
(under the Programmatic Agreement for Minor Projects)

Project: IS 070 at Mile 0.61 (West of I-695)

Funding Source: Federal

Project Number: AX693A29

Description of work proposed:

The Maryland Department of Transportation's State Highway Administration (SHA) proposes to relocate an existing "Congested Area Ahead" flashing beacon sign and supports on EB I-70 to new location near I-695 and install a new concrete foundation. Approximately five cubic yards of ground disturbance is proposed.

County: Baltimore

7.5" Topographic Map Name: Ellicott City

Project Type: 12

Actions Taken:

MDOT/SHA Consultant Architectural Historian Rebecca Crew reviewed the SHA-GIS Cultural Resources Database and aerial and street-view photography.

Due to the minor scope of work, the Area of Potential Effects (APE) is defined as the limits of direct construction impacts and confined to the existing MDOT/SHA right-of-way. IS-70 is part of the Interstate Highway System and meets the requirements of the ACHP/FHWA Interstate Exemption (FR11928-11931, March 10, 2005).

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The APE contains no historic standing structures, and the proposed signal relocation has no potential to impact historic standing structures. No further architectural investigations are recommended.

MDOT/SHA Consultant Archaeologist Lisa Kraus assessed the archaeological potential of the project area based on review of the SHA-GIS Cultural Resources Database, as-built plans, soil survey data, and aerial photography. The archaeology survey area consists of the limits of direct construction impacts for the proposed work.

No archaeological investigations have included the survey area, and no sites are recorded there. Historic maps (Sidney 1850; Hopkins 1878; USGS 1896, 1899, 1902, 1908) show no structures within the survey area. As-built construction plans (1956, 1957, 1965, 1971, 1987) show that prior ground disturbance has occurred as a result of cutting, grading, excavation for subterranean drainage and utility placements, and other roadwork. The SSURGO Soil Survey for Baltimore County describes soils at this location as human transported highway materials and urban land, both of which are unlikely to contain intact archaeological remains. Given the evidence for prior ground disturbance, it is unlikely any intact or potentially significant archaeological resources will be impacted by the proposed work. No further archaeological investigation is recommended.

Very truly yours,

Julie M. Schablitsky
Assistant Division Chief
Environmental Planning Division

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Attachments

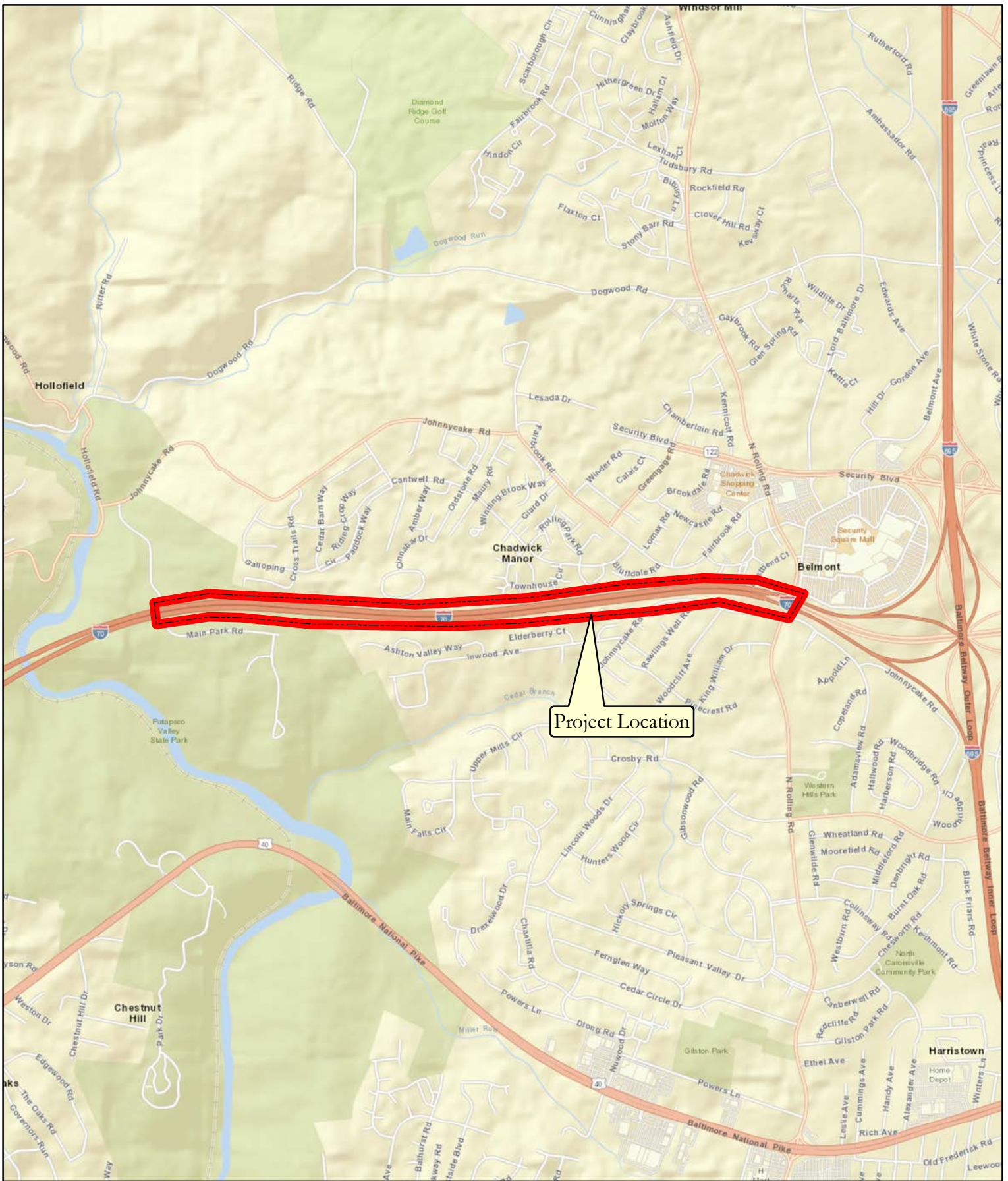
cc: Ms. Deborah Sward

Ms. Lisa Kraus

Ms. Rebecca Crew

Ms. Patricia Bentz, Preservation Alliance of Baltimore County, Inc. (w/ Attachments)

Ms. Teri Rising, Baltimore County Landmarks Preservation Commission (w/ Attachments)



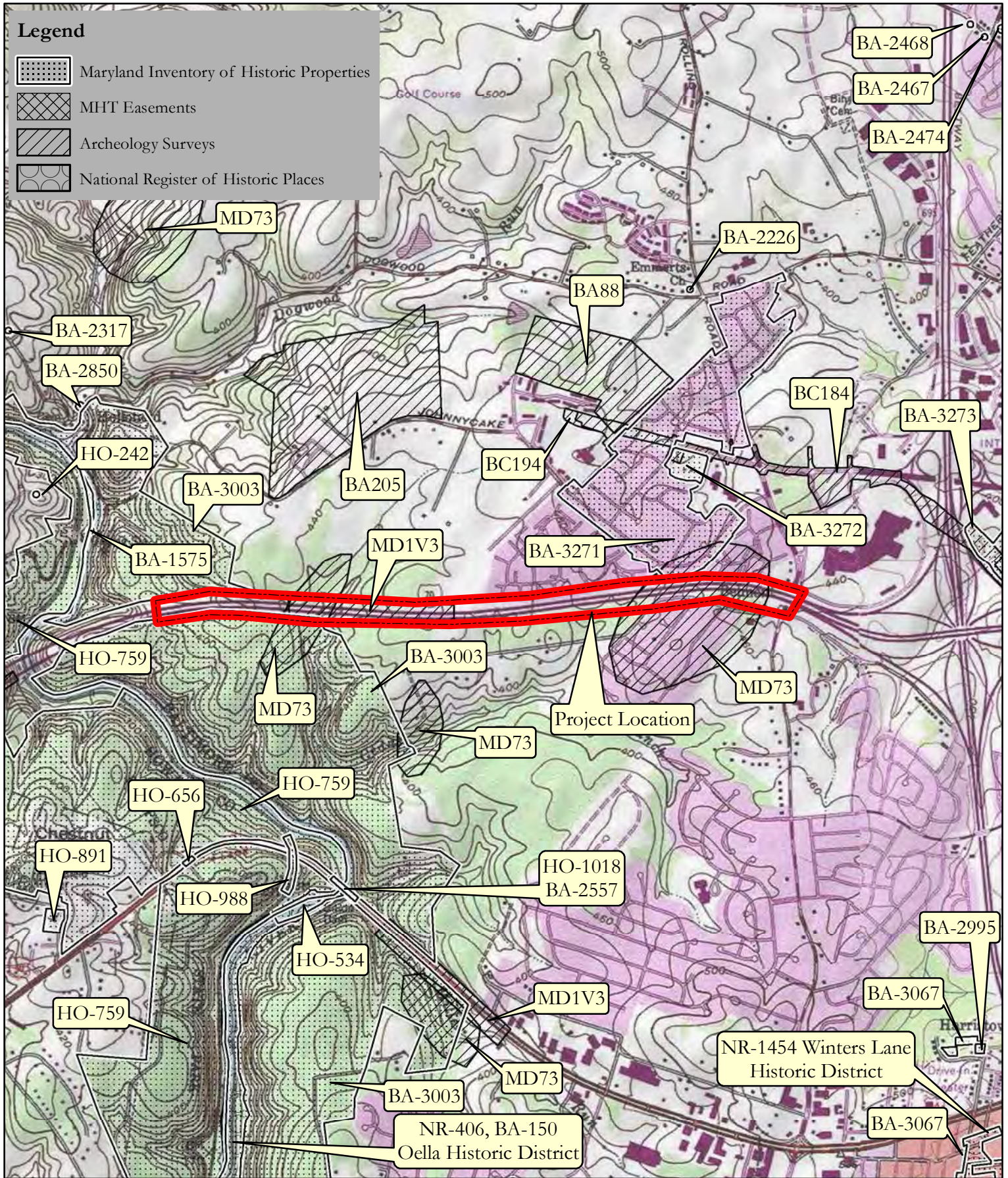
Location Map

I-70 EB at Mile 0.61 (West of I-695)
 Relocation of Flashing Congestion Warning Sign
 FMIS No. AX693A29
 Baltimore County

Ellicott City Topo Quad(s)
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Cultural Map

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