

backup system in place. Accordingly, the Emergency Response Plan would identify a list of site personnel with cellular phones, email addresses, and/or two-way radios.

Another means to mitigate impacts is to sequence construction activities such as road or ramp closures, so that local access is maintained at all times. However, in areas where sequencing of work cannot be instituted, temporary access routes for emergency routing during construction activities may be required. These locations would be identified with input from emergency responders in the area.

3.6 Agriculture

The project corridor does not have any property with agricultural use. Further, the project corridor is located within the Chicago, Illinois-Indiana urbanized area, as defined by the U.S. Bureau of the Census (U.S. Bureau of the Census, 2000⁶). Per the cooperative agreements between IDOT and the IDOA, coordination with IDOA and the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) is not required.

3.7 Cultural Resources

Cultural resources include archaeological sites and standing structures with architectural integrity that adequately represent American history and culture. The National Historic Preservation Act and its implementing regulations require that federal agencies consider the impact that their actions have on such resources and allow the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation an opportunity to comment on such undertakings. Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation Act of 1966 also protects historic properties.

No cultural resources subject to the provisions of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, or of Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation Act of 1966 were found in the project corridor. Where field surveys were conducted, the Illinois State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) has concurred in this finding (see Appendix B). Elsewhere, the professional IDOT cultural resources staff, under the provisions of an agreement between the Illinois SHPO, FHWA, and IDOT, made the determination without field surveys (see Appendix B).

Each of the eight Tribal governments (see subsection 5.1.3 of the Tier One Final EIS for the list) with an interest in Cook and DuPage Counties was invited to be a participating agency and Section 106 consulting party. The Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma was the only respondent (see Appendix B). The Peoria indicated they are unaware of any link between Indian Religious Sites and the proposed project and have no objection to construction of the proposed project. According to SAFETEA-LU Section 6002, Tribal agencies that did not respond are considered to have declined the invitation to be NEPA participating agencies. However, they will be contacted immediately if human remains are uncovered during construction.



⁶ Urbanized areas determined for the 2000 Census is the most recent available information. The urbanized areas have not yet been published for the 2010 Census.