

Sarah Mildred Long Bridge Replacement

In 2011, MaineDOT engaged Kleinfelder to provide strategic direction and undertake Section 106 and Section 4(f) compliance for its Sarah Mildred Long Bridge project. The National Register-eligible bridge, built in 1940, spans between Kittery, Maine, and Portsmouth, New Hampshire. The area is home to National Historic Landmarks, National Register-listed sites, and several National Register-eligible sites and historic districts.

PROJECT RESULTS

MaineDOT now has significant documentation related to Section 106 and Section 4(f) compliance. Kleinfelder provided the department with well-researched and thoughtful determinations of eligibility and effect, as well as full Section 4(f) documentation. Our work has contributed to the maintenance of the project's schedule, which is imperative for MaineDOT to meet long-term goals and deadlines.



SIGNIFICANT LEVEL OF EVALUATION

The first challenge was the project change from rehabilitation to replacement after compliance had begun. The large, bi-state project area is composed of a wide variety of historical resources, ranging in age from the 17th century to the 20th century and in use from residential and commercial to transportation, all of which required a significant level of evaluation. In addition, there is a heightened awareness of the project at the local, state, and national levels.

A LONG-TERM STRATEGY

Kleinfelder provided consultation on the project's complicated Area of Potential Effect boundaries. Anticipating the level of effort required by New Hampshire's State Historic Preservation Office, Kleinfelder adopted a research strategy that anticipated where additional information on certain historical resources could be requested. Furthermore, we provided MaineDOT and the Maine Division of the Federal Highway Administration strategic direction for and attended consulting parties meetings.

Location:

Kittery, Maine &
Portsmouth, New Hampshire

Owner:

Maine Department of
Transportation (MaineDOT)



Portsmouth Athenaeum



Post-WWII House, Portsmouth, NH

