



CITY OF ST. LOUIS  
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**Date:** January 22, 2007  
**To:** City of St. Louis Preservation Board  
**From:** Andrea Gagen, Preservation Planner, Cultural Resources Office  
**Subject:** Nomination to the National Register for the Wellston Station  
**Address:** 6111 Dr. Martin Luther King Dr. **Ward:** 22



**Owner:**

Land Reutilization Authority

**Preparer:**

Landmarks Association of St. Louis

**Purpose:**

To review a single-site nomination to the National Register of Historic Places.

**Recommendation:**

The Preservation Board should direct the staff to prepare a report for the State Historic Preservation Office that the Building meets the requirements of National Register Criterion A in the area of Transportation.



## **1.0 Proposal**

To nominate the Wellston Station to the National Register of Historic Places .

## **2.0 Background**

On December 12, 2006 the Director of the Cultural Resources Office received a request from the Missouri State Historic Preservation Office (MO-SHPO) for the Preservation Board to review a National Register nomination prepared at the request of the building owner.

## **3.0 Site and Surrounding Area:**

The building is located at 6111 Dr. Martin Luther King Dr. between Hodiament and the City Limits. It is located in the Wells/Goodfellow neighborhood and the surrounding buildings along Dr. Martin Luther King Dr. are primarily commercial structures.

## **4.0 Reasons for Application:**

The State Historic Preservation Office is required under the National Historic Preservation Act to submit all nominations for buildings within the City to the Preservation Board for review and comment, prior to presenting them before the Missouri Advisory Council and the Department of the Interior.

## **5.0 Relevant Legislation**

### **Section 101(c)(2)(A) of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1996 (amended)**

Before a property within the jurisdiction of the certified local government may be considered by the State to be nominated to the Secretary for inclusion on the National Register, the State Historic Preservation Officer shall notify the owner, the applicable chief local elected official and the local historic preservation commission. The commission, after reasonable opportunity for public comment, shall prepare a report as to whether or not such property, in its opinion, meets the criteria of the National Register.

## **6.0 Community Consultation**

As of this date, the Cultural Resources Office has received no comment concerning the nomination from local organizations, community groups or Alderman Boyd.

## **7.0 Comments**

The Wellston Station is clearly eligible for the National Register under Criterion A in the area of Transportation. The Arts and Crafts style building was constructed in 1909 as part of the new Easton (now Dr. Martin Luther King Dr.) streetcar line. The station served the so-called Wellston Loop, which by 1940 had become one of the busiest streetcar transfer points in the nation. The station was also the termination point for the last operating streetcar line in St. Louis.

## **8.0 Conclusion**

The Preservation Board should direct the staff to prepare a report to the State Historic Preservation Office that the Building clearly meets the Criteria for the National Register.

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