

July 16, 2019

Joseph E. Wilkinson
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Re: ***Brockington and Associates' 1.) Cultural Resource Survey of the I-526 Corridor Improvements Project & 2.) Cultural Resource Survey of the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor West Project—Addendum Report, Charleston County, SCDOT PIN P027507***

Dear Mr. Wilkinson:

The SCDOT proposes to improve I-526 from SC Route (SC-) 461 (Paul Cantrell Boulevard) to the SC-61 Spur (Glenn McConnell Parkway). Improvements along I-26 extend from West Montague Avenue west to Remount Road. The project may include adding a travel lane in each direction along I-526; interchange improvements at Leeds Avenue, SC-642 (Dorchester Road), West Montague Avenue, International Boulevard, and Paul Cantrell Boulevard; and the system-to-system connections at Glenn McConnell Parkway, I-26, and Rivers Avenue. Interchange improvements along I-26 may include West Montague Avenue. Improvements are also to be evaluated along Paul Cantrell Boulevard from S- 10-1373 (Tobias Gadson Boulevard) to Charlie Hall Boulevard. This segment of Paul Cantrell Boulevard includes the intersection of S-10-1863 (Magwood Drive), which will be evaluated for a grade separation to accommodate future traffic volumes.

The two cultural resources reports referenced above cover the full Area of Potential Effect (APE) for the proposed project. This correspondence addresses the combined results of those two reports and therefore the entirety of the project APE. The purpose of this correspondence is only to establish National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) eligibility for cultural resources documented as part of the subject surveys. Additional Section 106 coordination to determine project effects upon cultural resources will be initiated when a preferred alignment for the project is developed.

Archaeological investigations for the project revisited one (1) previously identified archaeological site (38CH17) and identified one new site (38CH2523). Neither of these sites is recommended eligible for the NRHP. Underwater archaeological survey was also conducted within the project APE, and two anomalies (006-1 and 010-1) were identified. Anomaly 006-1 is recommended for further analysis to determine eligibility if it is located within a refined APE generated later in the project design process. Anomaly 010-1 is recommended as not eligible for the NRHP.

The historic architectural survey identified several survey-eligible neighborhoods, individual resources, and landscape features within the APE (refer to attached reports for specifics). Only one (1) aboveground resource identified in the studies (site 7806, Bethune Elementary) is recommended eligible for the NRHP.



Site 7916.01 (hand excavated mines), site 7916.02 (mechanically excavated mines), and site 38CH2468 are recommended as not eligible for individual listing in the NRHP and as non-contributing to the eligibility of site 7916. These are the elements of eligible resource 7916 that fall within the I-526 West APE.

Please provide your concurrence with or comment on the eligibility findings of the two subject reports.

In accordance the memorandum of agreement approved by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), November 29, 2011, SCDOT is providing this information as agency official designee, as defined under 36 CFR 800.2, to ensure compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

It is requested that you review the enclosed material and, if appropriate, indicate your concurrence with SCDOT findings. Please respond within 30 days if you have any objections or if you have need of additional information.

Sincerely,



David P. Kelly
NEPA Coordinator, RPG 4

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Enclosures: Cultural resources reports, aboveground survey forms, photographs

I (~~do not~~) concur in the above determinations.

Signed: Joseph E. Wilkinson Date: 7/16/19

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