

November 15, 2019

Mr. Joseph E. Wilkinson
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SC Department of Archives & History
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RE: Cultural Resources Survey for US 176 (Main Street) at SC 357 (Depot Street/Holly Springs Road) Intersection Improvements, Spartanburg County, South Carolina.

Dear Mr. Wilkinson:

Please find attached a copy of the above-referenced report that describes cultural resources investigations conducted for the proposed intersection improvements at US 176 and SC 357 in **Spartanburg County**, South Carolina. The project involves moving SC 357 slightly east in order to improve the skew of the intersection, allow for additional clearance for turns onto Holly Springs Road, and provide additional sight distance at the intersection. New right-of-way (ROW) will be required to complete the project.

The archaeological area of potential effect (APE) runs approximately 400 feet along Holly Springs Road south of the intersection with Main Street and approximately 100 feet along the south side of Main Street on the east side of Holly Springs Road. The APE for archaeological resources for the project consists of land that will be acquired as new ROW as well as those areas within the existing ROW that might be affected by the undertaking. The APE for architectural resources consists of a 200 foot buffer around the archaeological APE.

The cultural resources survey did not identify any new archeological sites or isolated finds. Sixteen new historic resources were identified within the architectural survey area (site numbers 1470 – 1482). These resources consist of six commercial buildings built between 1900 and 1955 (site numbers 1470, 1478, 1478.01, 1479, 1480, and 1481), one utility building built circa 1955 (site number 1471), seven early to mid-twentieth century residential structures (site numbers 1472, 1473, 1474, 1475, 1476, 1477, and 1482), and two garages (site numbers 1473.01 and 1482.01).

Two resources, a 1900 commercial building (1470) and a 1936 residence (1474) are recommended eligible for the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) under Criterion C for architecture embodying distinctive characteristics of a type or time period. The remaining resources are recommended as not eligible for the NRHP under Criteria A, B, or C.

The project will require a small amount of new ROW (.01 acres) be taken from the NRHP-eligible resource 1470. However, the necessary ROW will be on the edge of the property and will not result in impacts to any structure, and will not significantly change the characteristics contributing to site number 1470's eligibility. SCDOT recommends that the proposed project would have no adverse effect upon resource number 1470 with the following conditions observed:

1. SCDOT will erect a barrier between an existing drop inlet and site number 1470's southern corner (join of eastern-facing side façade and southern-facing rear façade) to prevent construction activities from impacting site number 1470 during project work.



2. SCDOT will leave existing pavement in place on S-357 adjacent to the southern corner of site number 1470. The pavement in this section will be paved over with a new layer of paving surface, but will not be removed.
3. Hand-held tamping tools will be used to compact soils surrounding the new section of pipe that will direct flow away (in a southwestern direction) from the southern corner of site number 1470 in order to decrease potential for vibrational impacts to site number 1470.
4. SCDOT will use a static roller (as opposed to vibrational roller) to finish the paving surface adjacent to site number 1470 in order to decrease potential for vibrational impacts to site number 1470.

Based on SHPO concurrence with the proposed project's effect determination the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) intends to make a de minimis finding regarding impacts to this site, thus satisfying the requirements of Section 4(f).

Assuming compliance with the provisions outlined above, based on the results of the background research and field investigations the Department has determined that **no historic properties will be adversely affected** by the proposed undertaking.

Per the terms of the Section 106 Programmatic Agreement executed on October 6, 2017, the Department is providing this information on behalf of the Federal Highway Administration. It is requested that you review the enclosed material, and, if appropriate, indicate your concurrence in the Department's findings. Please respond within 30 days if you have any objections or if you have need of additional information.

Sincerely,



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Archaeologist

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

Signed: Joseph E. Wilkinson Date: 11/19/2019

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