



South Carolina
Department of Transportation

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RE: Phase I Cultural Resource Survey of Proposed Intersection Improvements U.S. 29 at Pine Ridge Road, SC 358 (Holly Springs Road) at Pine Ridge Road, and SC 129 at Holly Springs Road and US 29 at SC 292, Spartanburg County, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Wilkinson:

Please find attached a copy of the above-referenced report that describes cultural resources investigations conducted for proposed improvements to the intersections of U.S. 29 at Pine Ridge Road, SC 358 (Holly Springs Road) at Pine Ridge Road, and SC 129 at Holly Springs Road and US 29 at SC 292 in **Spartanburg County**, South Carolina.

These intersection improvements are subsumed under three separate SCDOT project IDs:

- US 29 at Pine Ridge Road (P037182)
- SC 358 (Holly Springs Road) at Pine Ridge Road (P037181)
- SC 129 at Holly Springs Road and US 29 at SC 292 (P037184)

The archaeological survey of the Areas of Potential Effect (APE's) associated with the proposed intersection improvements resulted in the discovery of no new sites or isolated finds. In general, the project area was found to feature highly eroded soils and to have been heavily disturbed by commercial development and previous road improvements.

The historic architectural survey identified 57 previously unrecorded historic resources and revisited seven historic resources that had previously been identified. **None of the newly surveyed resources are recommended eligible for the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP). Of the previously identified resources, five were identified as contributing to the NRHP-eligible Pacific Mills District.** However, impacts due to the proposed intersection improvements are foreseen to be minimal given the current modernization of roadways and loss of historic viewshed.

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,

Bill Jurgelski

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Archaeologist

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

Signed: *Joseph E. Wilkinson* Date: 5/29/19

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