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RE: Phase I Cultural Resources Survey for the Proposed Route of the Woodruff Road Parallel Project, Greenville County, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Wilkinson:

Please find attached a copy of the above-referenced report that describes cultural resources investigations conducted for the preferred route of the proposed Woodruff Road Parallel, a multilane, new location roadway with multi-use path projected to be constructed between Verdae Boulevard and Miller Road in the city of Greenville in **Greenville County**, South Carolina. During the investigations an approximately 115 acre area was examined for archaeological and above ground resources. The areas examined included sections of proposed new right of way as well as areas adjacent to existing roadways and intersections where improvements associated the project are anticipated.

The archaeological survey resulted in the discovery of no new sites or isolated finds. During the survey it was observed that a majority of the preferred alignment had been disturbed by previous and ongoing construction activities.

The above ground resources survey resulted in the identification of two new historic resources. These resources included a historic neighborhood, the Pine Forest neighborhood, and a historic railroad spur.

The Pine Forest neighborhood (Resource # 3 ) contains approximately 100 Ranch and Split-Level type houses dating to the 1960s and 1970s. A representative sample of structures was recorded in the neighborhood as part of the cultural resources investigation. As a whole, the neighborhood was evaluated as **not eligible** for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP).

The historic railroad spur (Resource # 3284) is a spur line that leads from the General Electric Gas Turbine Plant located near the project area to the nearby CSX rail line, passing through the Woodruff Road Parallel project area. The rail line was constructed in 1967, concurrently with the construction of the GE plant. The spur line was evaluated as **not eligible** for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP).

In addition to these resources, background research conducted for the project identified the location of a historic (ca 1880s – 1970s) cemetery and associated church, the Fair Forest church, adjacent to the project APE. The place where the church and cemetery were located is currently a mall parking lot. The cemetery is believed to have been moved sometime in the 1970s, although no documentation that this occurred was found. However, overlays of historic maps and aerial photos

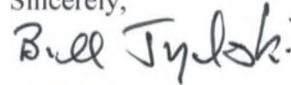


showing the church/cemetery location indicate that it is outside the area of potential ground disturbance associated with the Woodruff Road Parallel project.

Based on the results of the background research and field investigations, the Department has determined that **no historic properties will be 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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Enclosures: Cultural resources report

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

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