



South Carolina
Department of Transportation

February 28, 2019

Mr. Joseph E. Wilkinson
Review Coordinator for Transportation Projects
State Historic Preservation Office
SC Department of Archives & History
8301 Parklane Road
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***RE: Phase I Cultural Resources Survey for Black River Road (S-22-82) Road
Widening, Georgetown 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 Black River Road (S-22-82) in **Georgetown County**, South Carolina. The improvements consist of widening portions of Black River Road and installing new sidewalks. New right of way will be required to complete the project.

The proposed improvements extend for approximately 2,500 feet from Palmetto Street to approximately 200 feet north of Landgrave Street. The Area of Potential Effects (APE) for archaeological resources for the project consists of land that will be acquired as new right of way as well as those areas within the existing right of way that might be affected by the undertaking. The APE for architectural resources consists of a 300 foot buffer around the archaeological APE.

The archaeological survey resulted in the discovery of one new site. Site 38GE679 (Bethel AME Church Cemetery) dates from the early to mid-twentieth and is still in use today. The site has been assessed as **not eligible** for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP).

A total of 40 new aboveground historical resources were identified (1101 – 1138). These resources consist of Bethel AME Church Cemetery (1104 corresponding to 38GE679), Georgetown Memorial Hospital (1105), Georgetown Presbyterian Church (1106), and 35 residential structures. Stand-alone garages were recorded in association with two of the residential structures. All of these aboveground resources have been assessed as **not eligible** for inclusion in the NRHP.

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

Signed:



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