



September 17, 2018

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Re: CSXT Bridge Replacement Milepost 448.6
Jasper County, South Carolina
SHPO Project No. 18-KL0257

Dear Robin Collier-Socha:

Thank you for your letter of August 10, 2018, which we received on August 15, 2018, regarding the above-referenced undertaking. We also received the permit application and drawings, the *Section 106-Area of Potential Effects, National Register Evaluation of Bridge, Assessment of Effects (Assessment of Effects)*, and the Statewide Survey of Historic Properties Survey Form for the Yemassee Railroad Bridge as supporting documentation for this undertaking. The State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) is providing comments to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and its implementing regulations, 36 CFR 800. Consultation with the SHPO is not a substitution for consultation with Tribal Historic Preservation Offices, other Native American tribes, local governments, or the public.

The proposed undertaking is defined as the rehabilitation of an existing out of service railroad bridge over Tulifiny Creek for temporary use and then replacement of the deteriorating mainline bridge. The Area of Potential Effect (APE) for the undertaking is defined as the footprint of the proposed work and the immediately adjacent uplands, approximately 0.59 acres.

As noted in the *Assessment of Effects*, our office knows of no documented historic properties that are eligible for listing or listed in the National Register of Historic Places in the proposed APE. The APE has not been previously surveyed for cultural resources. The APE was previously surveyed for historic properties during the *Architectural and Historical Survey of Jasper County* (B. Harvey 1995-6). The railroad bridge proposed for rehabilitation, the Yemassee Railroad Bridge, was identified as a historic resource 50 years of age or older. The eligibility of the bridge for listing in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) was evaluated in the *Assessment of Effects*. Our office has assigned the Yemassee Railroad Bridge as SHPO Site No. 0459. The Yemassee Railroad Bridge (SHPO Site No. 0459) is recommended as not eligible for listing in the NRHP. Our office concurs with this recommendation.

Based on the description of the APE and the identification of historic properties within the APE, our office believes that no properties listed in or eligible for listing in the NRHP will be affected by this project.

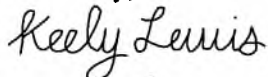
If archaeological materials are encountered during construction, the procedures codified at 36 CFR 800.13(b) will apply. Archaeological materials consist of any items, fifty years old or older, which were made or used by man. These items include, but are not limited to, stone projectile points (arrowheads), ceramic sherds, bricks, worked wood, bone and stone, metal and glass objects, and human skeletal materials. The federal agency or the applicant receiving federal assistance should contact our office immediately.

To complete the reporting process, please provide a pdf copy of the survey form, including the assigned SHPO Site Number, and the digital photographs. Please submit photographs as TIFF images, at a minimum of 300 DPI. JPEG images are an allowable substitute if TIFF images are unavailable. For additional information, please see our Electronic Submission Requirements online at: https://scdah.sc.gov/sites/default/files/Documents/Images/Electronic_Submission_Requirements_2017.pdf.

Please provide a GIS shapefile for the historic resource. Shapefiles should be compatible with ArcGIS (.shp file format) and should be sent as a bundle in .zip format. Please see our GIS Data Submission Requirements available on our website at: <https://scdah.sc.gov/historic-preservation/historic-properties-research/archsitegis>. SHPO recommends e-mailing the shapefiles to the address link on the noted webpage or using a File Transfer Protocol website such as WeTransfer.com to send large files.

Please refer to SHPO Project Number 18-KL0257 in any future correspondence regarding this project. If you have any questions, please contact me at (803) 896-6181 or KLewis@scdah.sc.gov.

Sincerely,



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