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Ms. Elizabeth Johnson  
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**RE:** Cultural Resources Survey for SC 72 (Saluda Road) and S-329 (McCandless Road) Intersection Improvement, Chester County, South Carolina (Second Addendum - Additional Research)

Dear Ms. Johnson:

Please find attached a copy of the above referenced report that describes additional cultural resources investigations conducted for improvements to the intersection of SC 72 (Saluda Road) and S-329 (McCandless Road) in Chester County, South Carolina. The report describes efforts by South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) archaeologists and consultants to locate and record an unmarked grave and historic home site on the NW side of SC 72. The possible presence of the grave and home site was reported to SCDOT right of way agents by a landowner who owned land that was being acquired for the project. Prior to the landowner notification SCDOT had conducted two previous cultural resources investigations in conjunction with the project. The reports associated with those investigations are appended to the current document, as is a report compiled by New South Associates describing the results of a December 2018 GPR survey and January 2019 backhoe testing at the unmarked grave location.

The additional cultural resources investigations confirmed the landowner's account and resulted in the identification of the archaeological remains of one historic home site (38CS417) and one grave site (assigned above-ground resource # 0303 and archaeological site # 38CS420).

Archaeological site 38CS417 is located at the northeastern end of the SC 72 and S-329 project area, with the majority of the site located outside of the project area. For this reason, testing to precisely define the boundaries of the site was not conducted, and as an individual resource the NRHP status of the site as a whole should be considered **unevaluated**. However, the portion of the site that extends into the SC 72 and S-329 project area, which was denoted by a single positive shovel test yielding one nail fragment found in a disturbed (power line corridor/road margin) context does not have qualities that would contribute to the eligibility of the site under any of the NRHP criteria. Therefore, this portion of the site is recommended as **not eligible** for the NRHP.

Archaeological site 38CS420 (above-ground resource # 0303) is not known to be associated with any notable historical events (National Register of Historic Places [NRHP] Criterion A), and, while the individual presumably buried in the grave, William McCandless, may have been locally prominent, his prominence does not appear to have risen to the level that would make his final resting place eligible under NRHP Criterion B. There are no monuments, funerary art, or designed landscapes associated with the site that would make it eligible under NRHP Criterion C, and as a single grave reportedly dating to the 1880s the site is not likely to yield substantial important historical information that would make it eligible under NRHP Criterion D. Therefore, site 38CS420/0303 is recommended **not eligible** for the NRHP. However, as a grave, the site is protected from disturbance or desecration by South Carolina State Law, e.g. South Carolina Code of Laws Section 16-17-600.

Although site 38CS420/0303 and the portion of site 38CS417 that extends into the SC 72 and S-329 project area are recommended as not individually eligible, per SHPO guidance both sites will be incorporated as contributing resources into the expanded boundaries of previously recorded



site 0294, the McCandless House and associated landscape, which was recommended NRHP eligible under Criteria A and C when it was recorded during the initial SCDOT survey of the SC 72 and S-329 project area, as originally defined. Therefore, project impacts to the newly recorded sites as contributing elements of site 0294 were considered.

In order to avoid impacts to the McCandless grave, SCDOT engineers revised the limits of the SC 72 and S-329 intersection improvement project so that right of way acquisition in the grave vicinity would be avoided, and established a protective buffer around the grave to avoid construction-related impacts. As noted above, project impacts to site 38CS417 are limited to a small portion of the southwestern portion of the site that has already been heavily disturbed by road and power line construction. The effects of the project to the newly expanded portion of site 0294 outside the limits of newly recorded sites 38CS420/0303 and 38CS417 are also limited to the already disturbed roadside margin. As such, the project will not diminish the character, feel, setting, or association of the site. Taking all this into account, it is therefore recommended that the proposed project will have **no effect** on the expanded boundaries of site 0294.

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 in the areas covered by the additional investigations documented in the attached report.

Sincerely,

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Archaeologist

Enclosures: Cultural resources survey report

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

Signed:

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