



South Carolina
Department of Transportation

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Ms. Elizabeth Johnson
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer
South Carolina Department of Archives and History
8301 Parklane Road
Columbia, SC 29223-4905

***RE: Phase I Archaeological Survey of the Proposed S-51 Over Gills Creek Bridge
Replacement, Lancaster County, South Carolina***

Dear Ms. Johnson:

Please find attached a copy of the above-referenced report that describes cultural resources investigations conducted for the proposed replacement of a bridge that carries S-51 over Gills Creek in **Lancaster County**, South Carolina. The bridge will be replaced on existing alignment, but a small amount new right of way will be required to complete the project.

The area of potential effect (APE) for the proposed project includes the existing and proposed new right-of-way within the project area. The archeological resources APE measures 0.73-kilometer or 0.45-mile long and has a width of 60 meters or 200 feet. The architectural resources APE includes the archeological resources APE and expands to include all architectural resources located within the viewshed of the proposed project, which is about 500 feet for this project.

The archaeological survey resulted in the discovery of no new sites or isolated finds.

The architectural resources survey resulted in the documentation of three previously unidentified structures 50 years of age or older. Resources # 1178, 1179, and 1180 are all unidentified residences that were constructed between the late 1940s and the late 1950s. All of these resources were assessed as **not eligible** for the National Register of Historic Places.

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,

Bill Jurgelski

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Archaeologist

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

Signed: *Keely Lewis* Date: 08/22/2018

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