

July 3, 2019

Mr. Joseph E. Wilkinson
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State Historic Preservation Office
SC Department of Archives & History
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RE: Phase I Cultural Resources Survey for the Proposed Replacement of the US 301 Southbound Bridge over the South Edisto and the Bobcat Landing Road Bridge, Bamberg and Orangeburg Counties, South Carolina.

Dear Mr. Wilkinson:

Please find attached a copy of the above-referenced report that describes cultural resources investigations conducted for the replacement of the existing US 301 southbound bridge over the South Edisto River and the adjacent Bobcat Landing Road bridge and approach and access improvements. This project is located in **Bamberg and Orangeburg Counties**, South Carolina.

The proposed project will replace the US 301 southbound bridge on existing alignment and the Bobcat Landing Road bridge with a new single span bridge on a new alignment. The new alignment for Bobcat Landing Road south of the existing location will align with the US 301 access road. The project area is centered on the South Edisto river crossing and is approximately 2.6 miles long along US 301, spanning from the intersection of US 301 and S-5-432 in the southwest to about .25 miles south of the intersection of US 301 at S-38-193 in the northeast. The architectural survey boundary was a 300 foot buffer surrounding the project area.

The cultural resources survey did not identify any new archeological sites. However, one isolated find consisting of two pre-contact sand tempered sherds was identified. A total of 12 new historic resources were identified within the architectural survey. Resources 0253, 0254, and 0344 are bridges over 50 years of age. Two residential structures, 0255 and 0255.01, date to 1965 and 1940. Site 0255.02 is a barn built ca. 1940. Five commercial resources were recorded (0256, 0257, 0257.01, 0258, and 0259). All of these aboveground resources have been assessed as **not eligible** for inclusion in 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,



Tracy Martin
Archaeologist

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

Signed: Joseph E. W. Alkinson Date: 7/3/19

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