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Ms. Elizabeth Johnson
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer
South Carolina Department of Archives and History
8301 Parklane Road
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RE: Phase I Cultural Resources Survey for US 278 at SC 3 and SC 300 Intersection Improvements, Barnwell County, South Carolina.

Dear Ms. Johnson:

Please find enclosed the above-referenced report that describes cultural resources investigations conducted for proposed improvements to the intersections of US 278 and SC 3 and US 278 and SC 300 in **Barnwell County**, South Carolina. The intersections will be altered so that SC and SC 300 enter US 278 at a right angles, rather than the current oblique angles.

A small amount of new right of way will be required to complete the improvements. 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 38BR1427 consists of a light scatter of prehistoric debitage located on the west side of SC 3 near the northern end of the project area. The site was defined by 10 positive shovel-tests that yielded a total of 58 artifacts, including 56 chert flakes or flake fragments, a chert biface fragment, and a wire nail. The site has been heavily disturbed by road construction, development, and erosion and was assessed as **not eligible** for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP).

Two newly identified above-ground resources were also recorded during the cultural resources investigation. These resources include Site # 0494, a circa 1940 store building, and Site # 0495, a circa 1960 residence. Both of these sites were assessed as **not eligible** for 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,

Bill Jurgelski

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Archaeologist

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I ~~(3/21/18)~~ concur in the above determination.

Signed: *Elizabeth M. John* Date: 6/18/18

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