



South Carolina  
Department of Transportation

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Re: **New South Associates' Phase I Cultural Resources Survey of the US 321 over Crane Creek Bridge Replacement, Richland County, SCDOT PIN P037047**

Dear Mr. Wilkinson:

The South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) proposes to replace the existing bridge along US 321 over Crane Creek in Richland County. The proposed project includes replacing the existing structure, realigning the roadway approaches, and otherwise improving those approaches to meet current design criteria. The project area encompasses a 300-foot corridor centered along US 321 for 1,500 feet to both sides of the 170-foot-long existing bridge. The Area of Potential Effects consists of a 300-foot viewshed buffer from the edge of existing right of way.

Archaeological investigations covered in the report identified no archaeological resources or isolated finds. The historic architectural survey identified four (4) previously unrecorded historic resources (site #s 7658, 7659, 7660 and 7662), which are recommended as ineligible for the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) under Criteria A, B, C, and D. The existing US 321 Bridge was not documented due to extensive alterations undertaken in 1974, which diminished the integrity of the resource to such an extent that it was considered ineligible for the current survey. The bridge was evaluated in the 2015 South Carolina Statewide Bridge Survey and was determined not eligible for the NRHP. No further work is recommended. **It is therefore recommended that the proposed project will not affect historic resources.**

In accordance with the memorandum of agreement approved by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), November 29, 2011, SCDOT is providing this information as agency official designee, as defined under 36 CFR 800.2, to ensure compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act

It is requested that you review the enclosed material and, if appropriate, indicate your concurrence with SCDOT findings. Please respond within 30 days if you have any objections or if you have need of additional information.

Sincerely,

David P. Kelly  
SCDOT Architectural Historian

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Enclosures: Cultural resources report, survey forms, TIFF photo files

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

Signed: Joseph E. Wilkinson Date: 12/3/2019

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