

July 3, 2019

Mr. Joseph E. Wilkinson
Review Coordinator for Transportation Projects
State Historic Preservation Office
SC Department of Archives & History
8301 Parklane Road
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RE: Phase I Cultural Resources Survey of the US 21 over Congaree Creek Bridge Replacement, Lexington County, South Carolina.

Dear Mr. Wilkinson:

Please find attached a copy of the above-referenced report that describes cultural resources investigations conducted for proposed bridge replacement of US 21 over Congaree Creek in **Lexington County**, South Carolina.

The proposed project area is along US 21 between Old Dunbar Road and Interstate 26. The area for archaeological survey measures 0.6 mile in length and includes 150 feet on either side of the road centerline. The area of architectural interest measured as a 300 foot buffer around the archaeological survey area.

The cultural resources survey did not identify any new archeological sites or isolated finds. Six new historic resources were identified within the architectural survey area (0970, 0970.01, 0971, 0972, 0973, and 0973.01). Sites 0970 and 0970.01 are commercial structures built ca. 1960 and are recommended **not eligible** for the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP). Sites 0971 and 0972 are residential structures built in 1940 and 1950, respectively, and are recommended **not eligible** for the NRHP.

Sites 0973 and 0973.01 are commercial structures built around 1965. The resources, a gas station and an associated storage building, retain a high amount of integrity of construction materials and are representative of a mid-century modern type of gas station, designed as an amalgamation of 1960s modern commercial and residential architecture. Both resources are assessed as **eligible** for the NRHP. The two resources are within the architectural survey area but not within the area of direct effects. Per project plans, the bridge replacement would not adversely affect either resource. It is predicted that any impacts to these two resources will be indirect and will likely be no more than what has already been compromised by heavy traffic and the modernization of the roadways.

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. Wilkinson Date: 7/5/19

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