

June 18, 2019

Mr. Joseph E. Wilkinson
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RE: Phase I Cultural Resources Survey of the Proposed US 1 Bridge Replacement Over I-20 and Interchange Improvements, Lexington County, South Carolina.

Dear Mr. Wilkinson:

Please find attached a copy of the above-referenced report that describes cultural resources investigations conducted for the proposed US 1 bridge replacement over Interstate 20 and interchange improvements in **Lexington County**, South Carolina. The improvements will include alignment adjustments to service roads, utility relocations, drainage improvements, and the widening of the existing US 1 roadway. New right-of-way will be required to complete the project.

The study area encompasses the US 1/I-20 interchange, its service roads, and its surrounding environment within a 300-acre survey area. Included in the study area is a section of I-20 extending from one half mile north and to one half mile south of the US 1 interchange and a section of US 1 extending from 500 feet west of Stoneridge Drive to half a mile east of Cedar Road.

The survey identified seven newly recorded archaeological sites (38LX671 – 38LX674, 38LX676, and 38LX677), one newly recorded cemetery (38LX679, aboveground site 0994), five isolated finds, and revisited two previously recorded sites (38LX198 and 38LX644).

Site 38LX671 was the largest site recorded during the project. It consisted of a non-diagnostic lithic scatter of indeterminate age with a twentieth century component associated with a standing structure within the site boundary. Site 38LX672 consisted of a small non-diagnostic lithic component and a historic artifact scatter associated with twentieth century structural remains and a brick lined subterranean septic tank. Sites 38LX673 and 38LX677 consisted of non-diagnostic lithic scatters of indeterminate age. Sites 38LX674 and 38LX676 are mid-twentieth century house sites. Site 38LX678 is the remains of a borrow pit location, which provided sand for the façade of the Lexington County Courthouse, which was built in 1939. The location of previously recorded site 38LX198 was revisited but the site was found to now be beneath a commercial facility. Previously recorded site 38LX644 was revisited and produced a small amount of non-diagnostic lithic debris. All of the archaeological sites have been evaluated to lack data potential and are recommended **not eligible** for the NRHP under Criteria A, B, C, and D. No further work is recommended at these sites.

Site 38LX679 (aboveground site 0994) is a previously unrecorded historic period cemetery. The site consists of six graves, which were identified by clear depressions oriented in parallel rows. Background research indicated the cemetery was the burial place of a tenant family that worked the property for the prior landowner. The cemetery is recommended **not eligible** for the NRHP under Criteria A, B, or C. Regardless of eligibility, the cemetery is protected under state law. It is recommended that a



30-meter buffer be established around the resource and all impacts to the cemetery and the buffer should be avoided.

A total of 13 new aboveground historical resources were identified (0982 – 0994). These resources consisted of one vernacular Bungalow, five vernacular ranch houses, two vernacular colonial revival houses, one vernacular minimal traditional house, one vernacular side-gabled house, and two house of undefined type. The historic cemetery that was recorded as archaeological site 38LX679 was given aboveground resource number 0994. All of these resources have been recommended **not eligible** for inclusion in 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. Although not an eligible historic property, site 38LX679 (aboveground resource 0994), a historic cemetery, is protected under state law and impacts to this resource should be avoided.

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,



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

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