

September 16, 2019

Mr. Joseph E. Wilkinson
Review Coordinator for Transportation Projects
State Historic Preservation Office
SC Department of Archives & History
8301 Parklane Road
Columbia, SC 29223

***RE: Phase I Cultural Resources Survey of the Tabernacle Road (S-83) Improvements,
Lancaster County, South Carolina.***

Dear Mr. Wilkinson:

Please find attached a copy of the above-referenced report that describes cultural resources investigations conducted for the improvements to be made on Tabernacle Road (S-83), in **Lancaster County**, South Carolina. This project will widen it from a two-lane road to a three-lane road and provide for separate turning lanes for new driveways to Buford Middle School and Buford High School. The project area is approximately 160-feet wide along Tabernacle Road between North Rocky River Road (SC Route 522) and Smokey Starnes Road (S-29-302) and is about 2,370 feet in length. The architectural area of potential effects was a 300-foot buffer from Tabernacle Road.

The cultural resources survey did not identify any new archeological resources. One previously recorded historic resource was identified and re-evaluated (Site number 0492). The resource was a circa 1941 residential structure. A sub-resource number was assigned to a barn (0492.01) located nearby. Site 0492 was first recorded in 1983 as part of a county-wide survey and was re-evaluated in 2007 by staff from the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO). The resource was found not eligible for the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) during both evaluations. The current investigation has assessed resource 0492 as **not eligible** for inclusion in the NRHP under Criteria A, B, or C.

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: 9/16/2019

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