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RE: Draft Report, Cultural Resources Survey of Intersection Improvements at S-41 (Senator Gasque Road), SC-41-A (Jones Avenue), S-51 (Metal Street) and S-626 (Vera Court), Marion County, South Carolina.

Dear Dr. Daggett:

The Department's cultural resources staff has completed an intensive cultural resources survey of the Area of Potential Effect (APE) of the proposed improvements to the intersection of S-41 (Senator Gasque Road), SC-41A (Jones Avenue), S-51 (Metal Street) and S-626 (Vera Court) in Marion County, South Carolina. Two copies of the report are enclosed for your review and comment.

The proposed improvements consist of transforming the intersection of S-41, SC-41A, S-51, and S-26 into a roundabout. The approach from the east along Senator Gasque Road and Jones Avenue will also be enhanced to create a better entrance into the roundabout. A small amount of new right of way will be required to complete the project. The intersection improvement project area extends approximately 860 feet east and 790 feet west from the intersection along Jones Ave, 830 feet along Senator Gasque Rd, and 435 feet along Metal St. The project area varies in width, but it is typically between 60 and 120 feet wide.

The APE for archaeological resources consisted of those lands that will be acquired as new right of way for the project, as well as those lands within the existing right of way that may be impacted by the project. The APE for architectural resources consisted of a 300 feet buffer around the archaeological APE.

No previously recorded archaeological sites or historic resources were located within or within a quarter mile of the project area.

The cultural resources survey identified one new archaeological site (38MA243). This site consists of the remains of the Bell Lumber Mill, which dates to the early 20th century. The site is situated between Senator Gasque Rd and Jones Ave and is about 425 feet east of the intersection of Metal St and Senator Gasque Rd. Structural remnants from the mill are visible throughout the neighborhood that currently occupies this area. These remnants include several brick and mortar wall sections and one brick and mortar or concrete reservoir. The site has no integrity left and additional work is not recommended. Site 38MA243 is recommended as not eligible for the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP).

A total of 21 newly-identified historic resources (site #s 2119 – 2138) were recorded within the architectural APE. These sites consist of 19 houses, one garage apartment, and one church. All 21 resources were assessed under NRHP Criteria A, B, and C. All of the resources lack any known historical significance and do not possess architectural significance meriting eligibility for the NRHP. It is



therefore recommended that all of the aboveground resources documented during investigations for the proposed project are 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.

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,

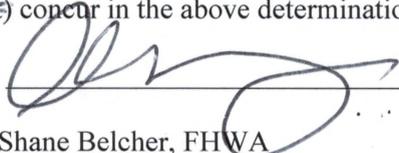


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Enclosures: Cultural resources survey report; survey forms

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

Signed: 

Date: 19 July 2017

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