

February 7, 2019

Joseph E. Wilkinson
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Re: *New South Associates' "Phase I Architectural Survey of Bishopville Bypass Alternatives", Lee County, South Carolina (SCDOT PIN # 33261)*

Dear Mr. Wilkinson:

The South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) is studying alternatives for a proposed Bishopville Bypass around the city of Bishopville in Lee County. The subject survey investigated and documented aboveground resources on several potential project alignment corridors. Archaeological investigations for the proposed project will not occur until a specific project alternative has been identified. The purpose of this correspondence is only to establish National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) eligibility for aboveground resources documented as part of the subject survey.

The Phase I Architectural Survey identified 20 previously recorded and 60 newly surveyed aboveground resources within the project study area. **None of these resources are recommended as eligible for the NRHP.** Additional survey of aboveground resources will occur in the event that study areas not included in the scope of the current survey are considered for the project.

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, thus completing the Section 106 consultation process. Please respond within 30 days if you have any objections or if you have need of additional information.

Sincerely,



David P. Kelly
Architectural Historian/NEPA Coordinator, RPG 1

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Enclosures: aboveground resources report; survey cards and photos

I (do not) concur in the above determination.

Signed: Joseph E. Wilkinson Date: 2/20/2019

cc: Shane Belcher, FHWA

