



South Carolina
Department of Transportation

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Dr. Adrienne Daggett
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Re: ***Cultural Resources Reconnaissance for the US Route 278 (Barnwell Road/Kings Avenue) Shoulder Improvement from S-3-518 (Bells Road) to S-6-39 (Boiling Springs Road), Allendale and Barnwell Counties. SCDOT PIN P028047***

Dear Dr. Daggett:

The South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) proposes shoulder improvements to US Route 278 (Barnwell Road/Kings Avenue) from S-3-518 (Bells Road) to S-6-39 (Boiling Springs Road) in Allendale and Barnwell counties. The length of the proposed project area is approximately 7.4 miles. The majority of impacts from the project will occur within the existing disturbed right of way (ROW) and consist of adding approximately two feet of pavement to the existing paved shoulder on each side of the road within the project area to create a four foot wide shoulder adjacent to both the north and south bound lanes. However, in some locations cutting, filling, or drainage improvements will extend a short distance beyond the existing ROW.

The attached report details the cultural resource investigations and findings relative to the proposed project. No significant archaeological resources were identified during the investigations. Thirty-four (34) aboveground resources (Allendale County site #s 0044—0060 and Barnwell County site #s 0476—0493) were documented during project investigations. Four of the documented sites (site #s 0048, 0058, 0060, and 0492) are recommended as individually eligible for the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) under Criteria A and C. Seventeen (17) sites (site #s 0477—0493) are recommended as contributing elements to a proposed Kline Historic District, which would itself be eligible for the NRHP under Criteria A and C.

This project does not propose the acquisition of new ROW on parcels containing any of the sites recommended as eligible for the NRHP or contributing to a NRHP-eligible district. Additionally, the proposed project will not change the view, setting, or character of any eligible or contributing resources. Therefore, there will be no historic properties affected by the proposed project. No further cultural resource investigations are recommended.

In accordance with the memorandum of agreement approved by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), August 18, 2014, 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,



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Enclosures: Cultural Resources Report

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

Signed:  Date: 5 January 2018

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