



South Carolina
Department of Transportation

October 09, 2018

Ms. Elizabeth Johnson
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer
South Carolina Department of Archives and History
8301 Parklane Road
Columbia, SC 29223-4905

***RE: Cultural Resources Survey for Intersection Improvements at US 301 and SC 403,
Florence County, South Carolina.***

Dear Ms. Johnson:

Please find enclosed the above-referenced report that describes cultural resources investigations conducted for proposed improvements to the intersections of US 301 and SC 403 in Florence County, South Carolina. The intersections will be converted from a four-way intersection to a roundabout.

The project will require new right of way to complete the improvements. The Area of Potential Effects (APE) for archaeological resources for the project consists of land that will be acquired as new right of way as well as those areas within the existing right of way that might be affected by the undertaking. The APE for architectural resources consists of a 300 foot buffer around the archaeological APE.

The archaeological survey resulted in the discovery of one new site. Site 38FL501 consists prehistoric component dating to the Middle to Late Woodland Period and a historic component dating to the 19th – 20th centuries. The site boundary is based on the observed distribution of artifacts on the surface. However, based on the disturbance from plowing, road construction, and drainage ditch excavations, and the limited quantity of artifacts observed, it is unlikely that the site holds significant information about the prehistoric and historic occupation of the region.

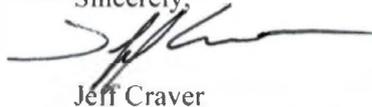
Five newly identified above-ground resources were also recorded during the cultural resources investigation. These resources include Site # 0501, a motel, Site # 0497, a country crossroads store, and Sites # 0498-0500, one church complex composed of three separate resources. All of these sites were assessed as **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.

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,



Jeff Craver
NEPA Coordinator/ Archaeologist

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

Signed: Joseph E. W. Alkinson Date: 10-18-2018

cc: Shane Belcher, FHWA
LeeAnne Wendt, Muscogee (Creek) Nation

cc: Wenonah G. Haire, Catawba Nation
Keith Derting, SCIAA

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