



**South Carolina Department of Transportation**  
On Behalf of the Federal Highway Administration - South Carolina Division Office



PROCESSING FORM FOR PROGRAMMATIC CATEGORICAL EXCLUSIONS  
NON MAJOR FEDERAL ACTIONS

State File #	DR-4241	Fed Project #	ER SC16-1	Project ID	P029343	Route	S-827	County	Richland
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**Programmatic Type: CE-B**

**Project Name/Description**

S-827 (Rock Bridge Rd) over Spring Lake experienced bridge damage and washout during the 2015 flood event. The existing bridge (pre-flood) was a 60-foot two-lane bridge.

The replacement bridge will be constructed with the following commitments:

- Bridge will be replaced on existing location.
- Bridge will be the same length or longer than existing bridge.
- Bridge will be the same height or higher than existing bridge.
- USACE 404 Permit will be the responsibility of the SCDOT Environmental Services Office.

**Categorical Exclusion Type B (Conditional Programmatic)**

Projects of the type listed below would not automatically fall under the same programmatic clearance as the CE Type A. The regulations in 23 CFR Part 771.117(d) list additional types of projects which can meet the CE criteria only after FHWA approval. Several of these projects have been approved to be processed programmatically by FHWA-SC if certain conditions are met. These types are listed below.

Check appropriate project type:

- Safety projects including but not limited to: placement of traffic barrier; energy attenuators; grading of slopes or gore areas to eliminate the need for guardrail, improve the clear zone, improve curves, or improve sight distance/removal of fixed objects such as boulders or trees; lighting; glare screens; delineators; and safety modification of drainage structures.
- Pavement resurfacing, restoration, rehabilitation, and reconstruction projects including related shoulder and ditch work.
- Traffic operation type projects including but not limited to: freeway surveillance and control systems; intersection channelization; turn lanes, acceleration or deceleration lanes; construction, modification or elimination of curbs, raised dividers or sidewalks; and widening less than a single lane width.
- Bridge and culvert rehabilitation work and bridge replacement at the same location.

CE-B Processing Form Continued:

To be processed as a Categorical Exclusion Type B (CE-B) the following conditions must be met in addition to the General Criteria (as outlined in the CE Programmatic Agreement (PA) between FHWA-SC and SCDOT). Place a "X" in the appropriate box below. If the answer is "Yes" to any of the below criteria, a Documented Categorical Exclusion (CE-C) must be prepared and forwarded to FHWA for approval.

1.	The acquisition of more than minor amounts of temporary or permanent strips of right-of-way and the acquisition will not require any residential or business relocations.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
2.	Use of Section 4(f) or 6(f) properties.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
3.	An adverse effect determination under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
4.	Individual U.S. Coast Guard Permits.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
5.	Individual Corps of Engineer Permits, or an impact greater than three (3) acres of wetlands.  a. Wetland impacts (acres): <input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
6.	Impacts to planned growth or land use, or significant impacts on travel patterns.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
7.	Work encroaching in a regulatory floodway, adversely affecting the base floodplain, or potentially adversely affecting a National Wild and Scenic River.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
8.	Changes in access control.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
9.	Any known or potential major hazardous waste sites within the right-of-way.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

The above described project has been reviewed based on the information contained in the engineer's Project Planning Report (PPR), and it has been determined that the project meets the criteria set forth in the Programmatic Categorical Exclusion Agreement signed by FHWA and SCDOT. It is understood that any additions/deletions to the project may void environmentally processing the project as presently classified; consequently, any engineering changes must be brought to the attention of SCDOT Environmental Services immediately. The project's CE classification should be shown in the remarks section on the Letter of Request for Authorization Form (PS Form 39) for right-of-way and/or construction for concurrence by FHWA. A copy of this form is included in the project file and one (1) copy has been provided to FHWA.

Prepared By:  *Heather M. Robbins* Date

Primavera:  Yes  No



# Cultural Resources Project Screening Form

File Number:  PIN:  Route:  County:

Project Name:

Type 1: Resurfacing, installation of fencing, signs, pavement markings, traffic signals, passenger shelters, railroad warning devices, construction of bicycle/ped lanes, installation of rumble strips, landscaping)

Project Type

Type 2: Off-system bridge replacement, intersection improvements that involve turn lanes and/or realignment of roads no greater than 300' in length)

Type 3: Projects that do not fall into Type 1 and Type 2 categories (e.g. road widening)

## Comments

Project consists of replacing a bridge damaged during the 2015 flood event. The bridge will be replaced on existing alignment. The surrounding land use is heavy residential. No previously recorded cultural resources are located in the project corridor. No field investigation is warranted due to the heavy development in the area.

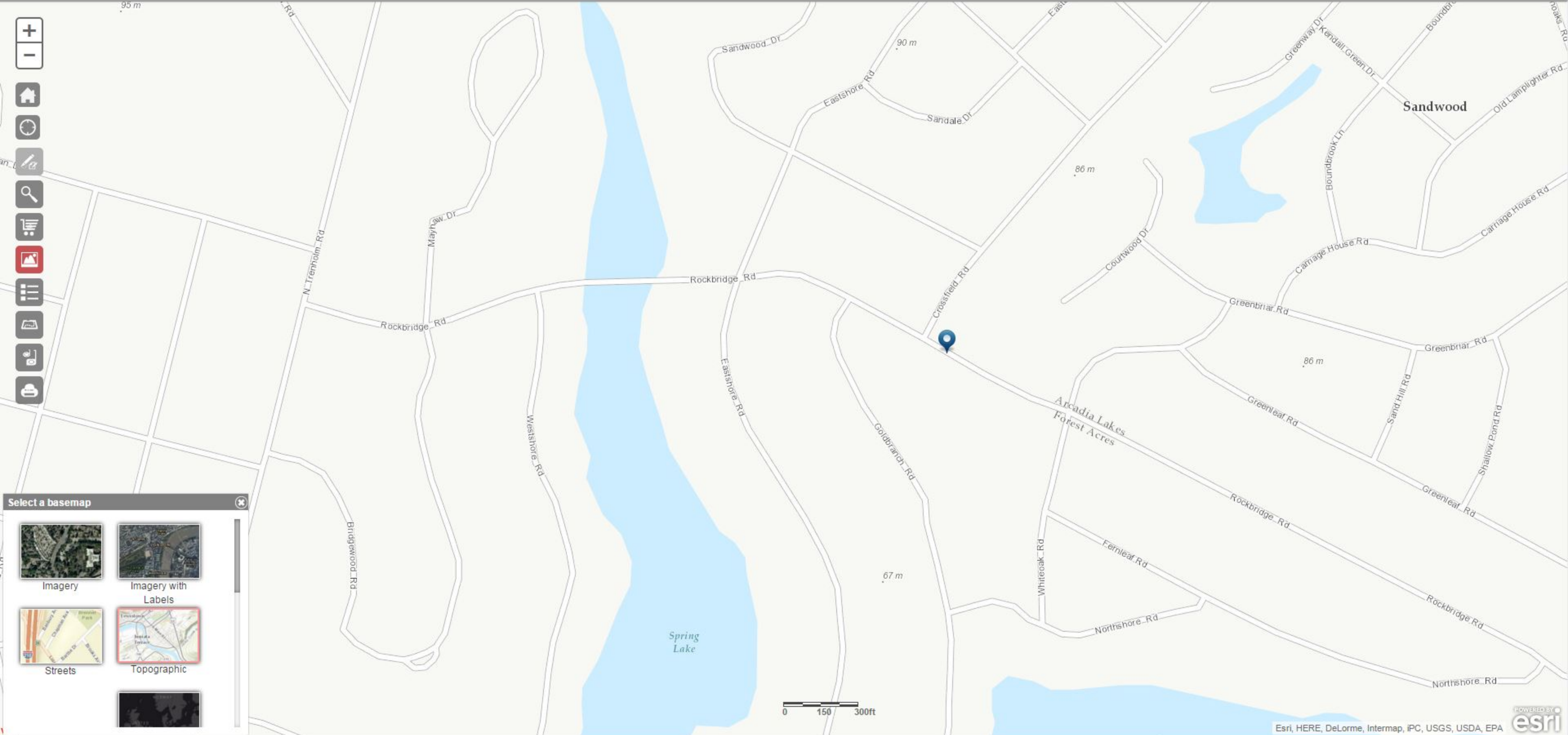
Effect Determination:

\*SHPO consultation is required for all Type 3 projects and any project with a No Adverse or Adverse Effect Determination.

This screening form was developed to satisfy documentation requirements for Type I and Type II projects under a Programmatic Agreement between the Federal Highway Administration, the South Carolina State Historic Preservation Office, and the South Carolina Department of Transportation. For Type I and Type II projects that have no effect on historic properties, the completion of this screening form with supporting documentation (e.g. ArchSite Map) provides evidence of FHWA and SCDOT's compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

Prepared by:

Review Date:



**Robbins, Heather M.**

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**Subject:** FW: Richland Cnty Design Build Package

**From:** Gordon, Siobhan  
**Sent:** Friday, November 13, 2015 2:55 PM  
**To:** Robbins, Heather M.  
**Cc:** Connolly, Sean; Frierson, Ed W  
**Subject:** RE: Richland Cnty Design Build Package

We determined we were using different data layers. I have updated the data accordingly.

S-827 (Rockbridge Rd) over Spring Lake – Red Cockaded woodpecker 1.90 miles from project. Rough-leaved loosestrife polygon encompasses project area, but center of polygon is 2.50 miles away and location description specifies the species is (was) in Fort Jackson. Since the project site is within an established neighborhood with maintained yards, there is not habitat present for either of these species. Fringe wetlands along the pond’s edge could serve as foraging habitat for the wood stork, but Ed has never seen any in the area. Since the bridge will be replaced on existing alignment, this potential foraging habitat will not be impacted so there will be no effect to the wood stork.

*Siobhan O. Gordon*

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**From:** Robbins, Heather M.  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 21, 2015 1:29 PM  
**To:** Gordon, Siobhan; Frierson, Ed W  
**Cc:** Connolly, Sean; Hawkins, W Jay  
**Subject:** FW: Richland Cnty Design Build Package

Ed/Siobhan:  
Could you please do a GIS search for T&E species for these 6 projects? All project information is in the Emergency Flood 2015 by county.

US 176 over Cannons Creek  
3 attached all in Richland County along with 1 below

1	40	Richland	S-	827		BOTH	All Lanes Blocked	08-Oct-15	06-Nov-15	0.18
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S-78 Haynes Road in Spartanburg County

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