

Appendix A

Agency Correspondence

April 6, 2012

Chad Long
South Carolina Department of Highways and Public Transportation
955 Park Street
Room 519
Columbia, SC 29201

RE: No Need for Archaeological or Historic Architectural Survey for the Proposed I-85 SBL-Southern Railroad Bridge Replacement Project, Cherokee County, South Carolina.

Dear Mr. Long:

Archaeologists with Brockington and Associates, Inc., have completed an archaeological review and background research for the above referenced project in Cherokee County, South Carolina. The South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) proposes to replace the Interstate 85 (I-85) north- and southbound bridges over the SBL-Southern Railroad. Figure 1 shows the location of the I-85 SBL-Southern Railroad Bridge Replacement Project on the 1971 Cherokee County Highway Map. Figure 2 shows the I-85 SBL-Southern Railroad Bridge Replacement Project on the USGS 1993 *Blacksburg North, SC* quadrangle. Figure 3 presents typical views of the project.

All new construction will occur within the present right-of-way (ROW). The bridges were previously determined to be not eligible for the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) (Lichtenstein Consulting Engineers 2004). There are no eligible archaeological sites or historic architectural resources within the project survey universe. Investigators with Brockington and Associates, Inc., initially visited the project on September 2, 2010. A recent design change resulted in a longer project area adjacent to both the north- and southbound bridges. Investigators with Brockington and Associates, Inc., returned to visit the project on March 30, 2012. Based on the project area's setting and the absence of any eligible or listed properties within the project survey universe, Brockington and Associates, Inc., believes intensive cultural resources survey is not necessary. No further work is recommended.

In accordance with the Memorandum of Agreement approved by the Federal Highway Administration, March 16, 1993, Brockington and Associates, Inc., is providing this information to the SCDOT, the agency official designee, as defined under 36 CFR 800.2, to ensure compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

Sincerely,



Joshua N. Fletcher
Senior Archaeologist

REFERENCE CITED

Lichtenstein Consulting Engineers

2004 *South Carolina Historic Bridge Survey Statewide*. Prepared for the South Carolina
Department of Transportation, Columbia.

LIST OF FIGURES

- Figure 1. Location of the I-85 SBL-Southern Railroad Bridge Replacement Project on the 1971 Cherokee County Highway Map.
- Figure 2. Location of the I-85 SBL-Southern Railroad Bridge Replacement Project on the USGS 1993 *Blacksburg North, SC* quadrangle.
- Figure 3. Typical views of the I-85 SBL-Southern Railroad Bridge Replacement Project: facing west (top); and facing east (bottom).

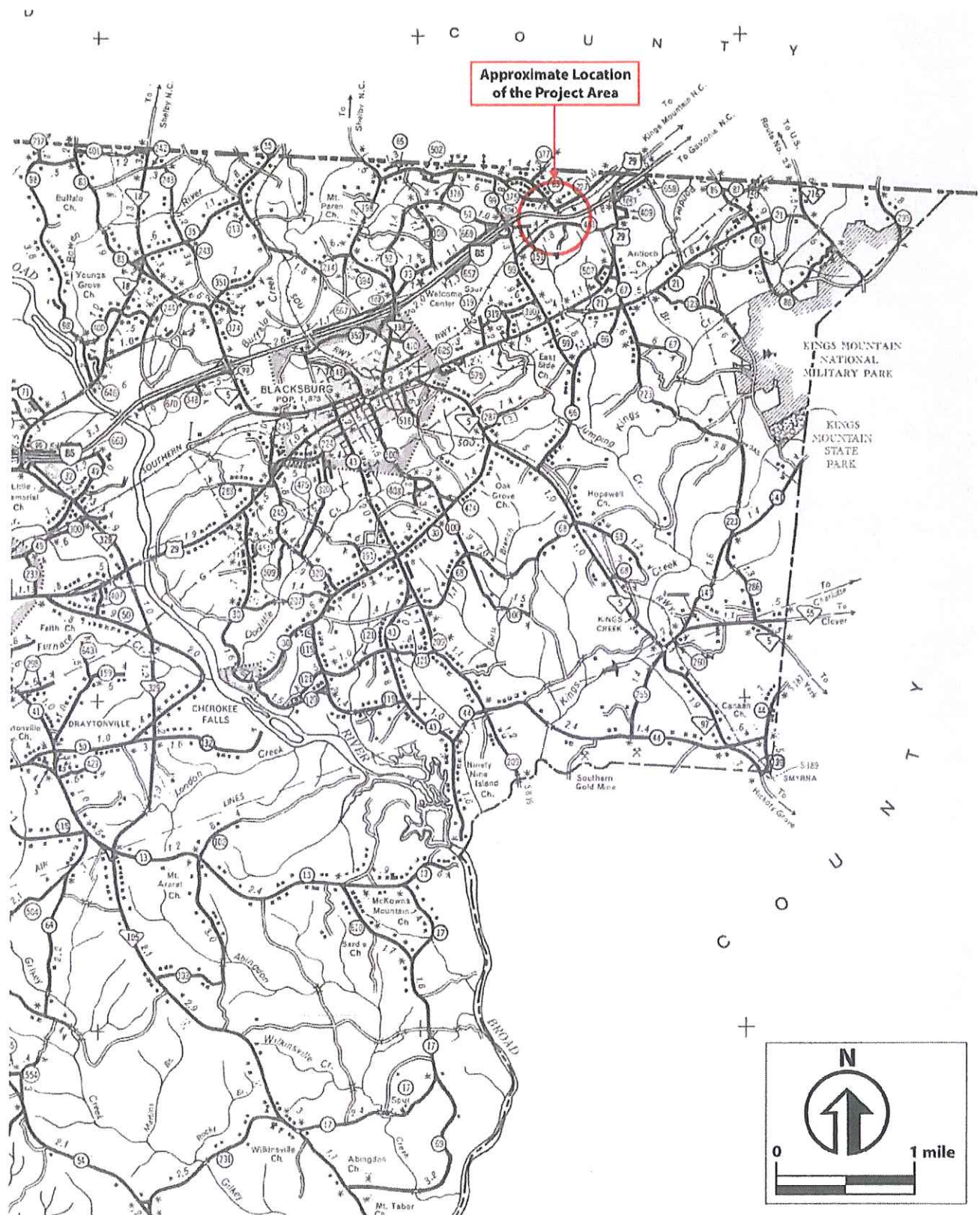


Figure 1. Location of the I-85 SBL-Southern Railroad Bridge Replacement Project on the 1971 Cherokee County Highway Map.

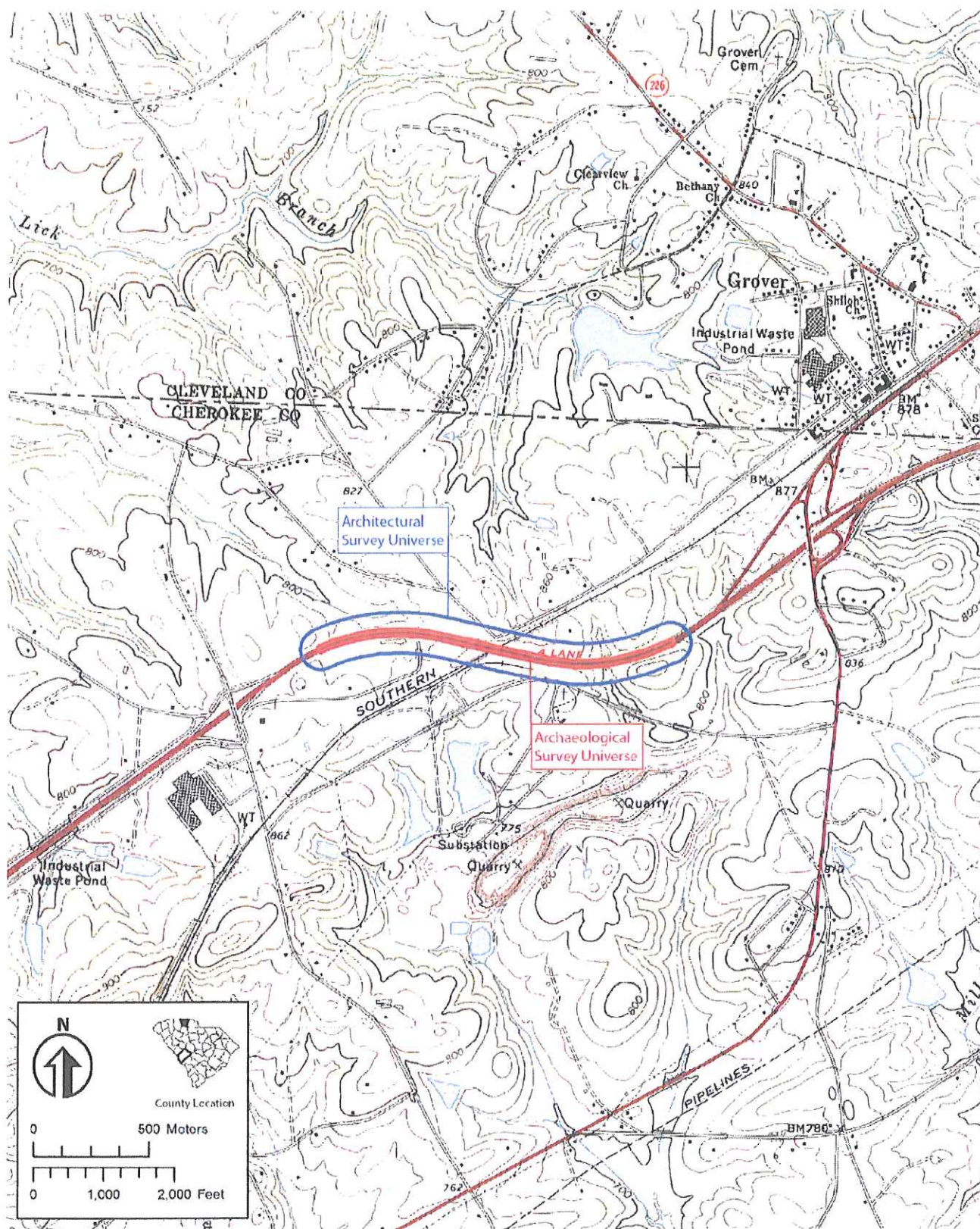


Figure 2. Location of the I-85 SBL-Southern Railroad Bridge Replacement Project on the USGS 1993 Blacksburg North, SC quadrangle.



Figure 3. Typical views of the I-85 SBL-Southern Railroad Bridge Replacement Project: facing west (top); and facing east (bottom).



South Carolina
Department of Transportation

February 7, 2011

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Archives & History

RE: Ten Design Build Bridge Replacement Projects

Dear Ms. Johnson:

The Department plans to hire a design build contractor to replace ten structurally deficient bridges in various counties throughout the state. Brockington and Associates conducted background research and/or field surveys for each of the proposed bridge replacement projects. Copies of the survey reports and letters recommending no need for survey are provided for your review and comment.

Based on the results of background research and field surveys, it is the Department's determination that **no historic properties will be affected** by the following undertakings:

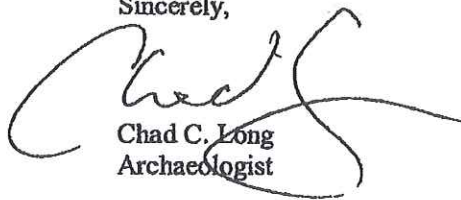
- 1) Proposed S-26-24 Pawleys Swamp Bridge Replacement Project, Horry County
File No. 26.040460.1 PCN: 40460_BR01
- 2) Cultural Resources Survey of the S-13-22 Thompson Creek Bridge Replacement Project, Chesterfield County, File No. 13.040460.3 PCN: 40460_BR03
- 3) Cultural Resources Survey of the SC 41 Marsh Creek Bridge Replacement Project, Marion County, File No. 34.040460.2 PCN: 40460_BR02
- 4) Cultural Resources Survey of the SC 9 Catawba River Bridge Replacement Project, Chester and Lancaster Counties, File No. 1229.039094 PCN: 39094_BR04
- 5) Proposed SC 72 Cane Creek Bridge Replacement Project, Union County,
File No. 44.039441.2 PCN: 39441_BR02
- 6) Cultural Resources Survey of the S-12-77 Fishing Creek Bridge Replacement Project, Chester County, File No. 12.039094.1 PCN: 39094_BR01
- 7) Cultural Resources Survey of the S-12-141 Rocky Creek Bridge Replacement Project, Chester County, File No. 12.039094.2 PCN: 39094_BR02
- 8) No Need for Archaeological or Historic Architectural Survey for the Proposed SC 200 Wateree Creek Bridge Replacement Project, Fairfield County
File No. 20.39094.3 PCN: 39094_BR03
- 9) Cultural Resources Survey of the SC 200 Cane Creek Bridge Replacement Project, Lancaster County, File No. 29.039094.5 PCN: 39094_BR05



10) No Need for Archaeological or Historic Architectural Survey for the Proposed I-85 SBL
Southern Railroad Bridge Replacement Project, Cherokee County
File No. 11.039094.11 PCN: 39094_BR11

In accordance with the memorandum of agreement approved by the Federal Highway Administration, March 16, 1993, the Department 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 in the Department's 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,



Chad C. Long
Archaeologist

Enclosures

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

Signed:



Date:

2/23/11

cc: Shane Belcher, FHWA
Russell Townsend, EBCI
Lisa LaRue-Stopp, United Keetowah
Dr. Wenonah Haire, CIN-THPO
Keith Derting, SCIAA

File: Env/CCL

Cultural Resources
Project Screening Form

SCDOT

State File # 11.039034.11	PIN 39034_BR11	Route I-85	County Cherokee
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Project Name/Description

"I-85 SBL-Southern Railroad Bridge Replacement Project." Replacement of the I-85 bridges over the SBL-Southern Railroad in Cherokee County on both the north- and southbound lanes of I-85. All project work within existing right-of-way.

Project Type

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

☐ **Type 2** (Off-system bridge replacement, intersection improvements that involve construction of 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)

IDENTIFICATION OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES

* Has ArchSite been reviewed? ☒ Yes ☐ No

* Has the project been reviewed in the field? ☒ Yes ☐ No

* Does the project require intensive survey? ☐ Yes ☒ No Date Surveyed 9/2/10 & 3/30/12

DESCRIBE SURVEY METHODS AND RESULTS

Project area was visited twice by SCDOT's cultural resource consultant (Brockington & Associates). All new construction will take place within existing right-of-way and the proposed project area was determined not to have potential for the presence of cultural resources. Additionally, the South Carolina Historic Bridge Survey (Lichtenstein Consulting Engineers, 2004) was utilized to determine that the bridges to be replaced were not historically significant. No further cultural resources investigations are recommended.

EFFECT DETERMINATION: ☒ No Historic Properties Affected If checked and the project falls into a Type 1 or 2 category, no further consultation with SHPO is necessary

☐ No Adverse Effect If checked, consultation with SHPO is required

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This screening form was developed to satisfy documentation requirements for Type I and Type II project under a Programmatic Agreement between the Federal Highway Administration, South Carolina State Historic Preservation Office, and the South Carolina Department of Transportation. For Type I and Type II projects that have no effect upon historic properties, the completion of the 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.

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Date: 4/18/2012



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DATE: April 6, 2011

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PROJECTS: Comments concerning:

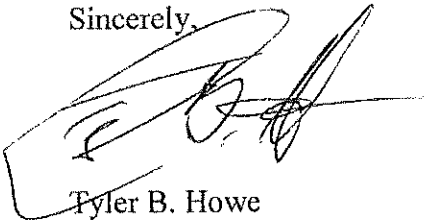
- 1.) (File # 40.039333A; Pin: 39333). Phase I Cultural Resources Survey of the Hardscrabble Road Widening Project, Richland County, SC.
- 2.) (File # 29.039094.5; PCN: .39094_BR05). Cultural Resources Survey of the SC 200 Cane Creek Bridge Replacement Project, Lancaster County, SC.
- 3.) (File # 20.39094.3 PCN: 39094_BR03). No Need for Archaeological or Historic Architectural Survey for Proposed SC 200 Wateree Creek Bridge Replacement Project, Fairfield County, SC.
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- 8.) Cultural Resources Survey of the Celriver/Red River Road Improvements Project, York County, SC. City of Rock Hill Project.

The Tribal Historic Preservation Office of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI THPO) would like to thank you for the opportunity to comment on this proposed section 106 activities under §36 C.F.R. 800.

The EBCI THPO concurs with the archeologist's recommendations that no sites eligible for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places were encountered during the recent phase I archaeological field surveys. As such, the EBCI THPO believes that the proposed projects may proceed as planned. In the event that project plans change, or cultural resources or human remains are discovered, all work should cease, and this office should be contacted to continue government to government consultation as defined under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended.

If we can be of further service, or if you have any comments or questions, please feel free to contact me at (828) 554-6852.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tyler B. Howe', is written over a large, stylized, handwritten 'X' or 'Z' mark.

Tyler B. Howe
Tribal Historical Preservation Specialist
Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians

C: Wayne D. Roberts