This is not the standard template for Tribal Coordination and should only be used at the direction of NCDOT Environmental staff.

Tribal Coordination should be sent during Environmental Document development, as any comments should be a component of the Document.

**This version should only be used in the following conditions:**

* The project pre-dated the tribal coordination process, and letters were not sent.
* The Tribe was added to the list of Tribes to contact after the NEPA Document was completed.

August 4, 2024

Dr. Wenonah Haire

Catawba Indian Nation

Tribal Historic Preservation Office

1536 Tom Steven Road

Rock Hill, SC 29730

Dear Dr. Haire,

The North Carolina Department of Transportation is developing the engineering studies for the widening of I-40 from the I-40/85 interchange to the Durham County Line as project I-3306 A. The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) is the lead federal agency for compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) and a Permit is anticipated under the Section 404 Process with the USACE. A project vicinity map and archaeological survey report is attached.

The coordinates of this project are approximately:

west end: 36.06167, -79.13517, east end: 35.95098, -78.99899

We would appreciate any information you might have that would be helpful in evaluating potential environmental impacts of the project.

In accordance with Section 106 of the NHPA, we also request that you inform us of any historic properties of traditional religious or cultural importance that you are aware of that may be affected by the proposed project. Be assured that, in accordance with confidentiality and disclosure stipulations in Section 304 of the NHPA, we will maintain strict confidentiality about certain types of information regarding historic properties.

Please respond by (at least 30 days), so that your comments can be used in the evaluation of this project. If you have any questions concerning this project, or would like any additional information, please contact me at @ncdot.gov or (###) 7###-####.

Sincerely,

MUST be signed by NCDOT employee.

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Matt Wilkerson, NCDOT Archaeology Team Leader

, USACE Project Manager