October 15, 2024

Dr. Wenonah Haire

Catawba Indian Nation

Tribal Historic Preservation Office

1536 Ton Steven Road

Rock Hill, SC 29730

Dear Dr. Haire,

The North Carolina Department of Transportation is seeking a permit renewal/ reissuance from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for the subject project, which is currently under construction and the permit will expire prior to the end of construction.

Original project permitting pre-dated our current Tribal Coordination Process. However, these projects were reviewed for Archaeological and Historic Architecture and Landscapes. Those screening reports are included in this letter.

The project is the (e.g., replacement of Bridge No. ## over Y stream on (Road Common Name and S.R.) in Z County)] as project X-1234. The [Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) or US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE)] is the lead federal agency for compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA). A project vicinity map is attached. The coordinates of this project are approximately 35.186947, -78.375345.

We would appreciate any information you might have that would be helpful in evaluating potential environmental impacts. 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. In addition, current and future NCDOT projects will adhere to the current Tribal Coordination Process with the intent of requesting the above information at the pre-determination stage of the project.

Please respond by (date no less than 30 days from this letter) so that your comments can be used in the permitting evaluation of this project.

If you have any questions concerning this project, or would like any additional information, please contact me at email@ncdot.gov or () -.

Thank you,

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| Enclosures (2):  Project Vicinity Map  Archaeology Screening Report | ec:  Matt Wilkerson, NCDOT Archaeology Team Leader  USACE Project Manager |

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