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August 25, 2021

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 starting the project development, environmental, and engineering studies for the proposed replacement of Bridge Nos. 82/85 over Black Creek and Bridge Nos. 100/101 over Neuse River on I-95 in Johnston County, North Carolina as STIP Project B-6044. 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 U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE). A project vicinity map is attached. The coordinates of this project are approximately 35.472297, -78.375109.

We would appreciate any information you might have that would be helpful in evaluating potential environmental impacts of the project including recommendation of alternates to be studied. Your comments may be used in the preparation of a National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Environmental Document.

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 September 10<sup>th</sup> so that your comments can be used in the scoping of this project. If you have any questions concerning this project, or would like any additional information, please contact me at [nagainy@ncdot.gov](mailto:nagainy@ncdot.gov) or 252-640-6427.

Thank you,

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A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Norwood A. Gainey III".

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