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## NOTIFICATION

Initiation of Section 106 Process for  
GDOT Project CSBRG-0006-00(325), Cobb County

P.I. #0006325

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The Georgia Department of Transportation is in the beginning stages of project development for this proposed transportation project. In compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, the Department has determined that because of the nature and the scope of this undertaking, the proposed project has the potential to cause effects to historic properties if any such properties exist in the project area. The Department is attempting to identify historic properties already listed in the National Register of Historic Places and any properties not already listed that would be considered eligible for listing that are located within the geographic area of potential effects (APE) of the proposed project.

The proposed project is located on Concord Road from MP 6.79 to MP 7.19 in Cobb County and about a half mile southwest of the City of Smyrna. The project would consist of the replacement of the structurally deficient one-lane timber stringer bridge on Concord Road over the Silver Comet Trail with a two-lane concrete bridge. The project would also widen the approaching roadway to match the bridge. Traffic would be detoured around the project location onto a five-mile detour. The existing typical section consists of two 11-foot lanes with 6-foot rural shoulders that taper to one 12-foot lane on the existing bridge. The proposed typical section would consist of two 11-foot lanes with 6-foot rural shoulders and a two-lane bridge. The proposed length of the project is approximately 0.40 mile. Existing right-of-way is approximately 80 feet. The amount of required additional right-of-way has not been determined at this time.

Because of the nature and scope of the undertaking, the APE is limited to the viewshed and proposed right-of-way and easements of the proposed project, within which all construction and ground disturbing activity would be confined (refer to attached location map). No potential for indirect effects outside of the proposed right-of-way, easements, and viewshed of the proposed project exists. The project would only replace a narrow and structurally deficient bridge.

Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act requires the Federal Highway Administration and the Georgia Department of Transportation, in consultation with the Georgia

State Historic Preservation Officer, to identify potential consulting parties and to invite them to participate in the Section 106 process. This Notification letter is one of several methods the Department uses to encourage public participation in this process and it serves as your invitation to participate as a consulting party in the Section 106 process for this project.

A written request to become a consulting party for cultural resources for this project should be directed to:

Harvey D. Keepler  
Department of Transportation  
Office of Environment/Location  
3993 Aviation Circle  
Atlanta, Georgia 30336-1593

Attn: Jeff Carr

Responses would be appreciated within thirty (30) days of receipt of this Notification letter. Please refer to the project identification number (P.I. #0006325) in your response. The potential consulting parties identified and invited to participate in the Section 106 process for this project are the Atlanta Regional Commission, Georgia SHPO, Cobb County Commission, Cobb County Historic Preservation Commission, and Cobb Landmarks and Historical Society. If you are aware of other organizations or individuals interested in cultural resources in the project area not already identified, please forward their names to the Department.

Also, on behalf of the Federal Highway Administration Georgia Division (FHWA), in keeping with a government-to-government relationship and in compliance with 36CFR800, the following tribal governments are invited to participate in the Section 106 process for this project: Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas, Chickasaw Nation, Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians of North Carolina, Muscogee (Creek) Nation, Poarch Band of Creek Indians, Seminole Nation of Florida, Thlopthlocco Tribal Town, and the United Keetoowah Band of Indians. Responses to this Notification regarding tribal concerns should be addressed to the attention of Mr. Eric Duff, the Department's Native American liaison, at the above address.

Existing information on previously identified historic properties has been checked to determine if any are located within the APE of this undertaking. This review of existing information revealed that two properties listed in or previously recommended eligible for listing in the National Register are located within the proposed project's APE. The listed property is Ruff's Mill and Concord Covered Bridge. The property recommended eligible is the proposed Concord Bridge/Ruff's Mill Historic District, which was recommended eligible by the Jaeger Company in consultation with the Georgia SHPO in a Historic Resources Survey Report prepared for the Cobb County Board of Commissioners in advance of the East-West Connector project. One bridge determined potentially eligible for inclusion in the National Register in the updated Georgia Historic Bridge Survey (GHBS) is located within the proposed project's APE: GDOT Bridge 067-5082-0. A recent Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Cobb County Survey has not been conducted and could not be checked.

Because a recent Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Cobb County Survey has not been conducted, field surveys for both historic properties and archaeological sites will be conducted and the Criteria of Eligibility will be applied in consultation with the Georgia SHPO and other

consulting parties to determine if any of these sites are eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places.

Consulting parties are also invited to provide information concerning any historic or archaeological properties already listed in the National Register or that could be eligible for listing in the National Register that are not identified in this Notification letter. In accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, the Department will assess project effects to any identified historic properties as preliminary project plans become available, endeavor to minimize harm to all identified historic properties and produce an Assessment of Effects report. This document will be provided to all consulting parties for comment when completed.

Individuals and organizations that do not wish to become a consulting party, but would still like to comment on the proposed project will also have that opportunity throughout the plan development process. Historic resource concerns can be addressed to Jeff Carr (404-699-4419 or [Jeffrey.Carr@dot.state.ga.us](mailto:Jeffrey.Carr@dot.state.ga.us)); archaeological resource concerns, including cemetery and other human burials, can be addressed to Eric Anthony Duff (404-699-4437 or [Eric.Duff@dot.state.ga.us](mailto:Eric.Duff@dot.state.ga.us)) of this office. Questions concerning general design or location issues may be addressed to Mike Lobdell (404-463-4947 or [Mike.Lobdell@dot.state.ga.us](mailto:Mike.Lobdell@dot.state.ga.us)) of the Department's District 7 Office.

