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NOTIFICATION

Initiation of Section 106 Process for

GDOT Project STP-186-1(22), Douglas/Fulton Counties

P.I. # 721770

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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 would consist of the widening of SR 92/SR 166 beginning at SR 70/Fulton Industrial Boulevard in Fulton County and extending northerly to Old Lower River Road in Douglas County for an approximate distance of 2.91 miles (see attached location map). The proposed typical section would consist of four 12-foot travel lanes in each direction divided by a 24-foot raised median. The existing 48-foot bridge would be widened 48 feet to accommodate four 12-foot travel lanes and a 24-foot raised median. The required additional right-of-way would vary from approximately 88 to 115 feet. The additional right-of-way would be acquired on both sides of the existing alignment.

Because of the nature and scope of the undertaking, the APE is limited to the proposed right-of-way and viewshed 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 this corridor is anticipated as a result of implementation of the proposed project. No additional access to the existing facility would be provided, and existing access to the facility would either be maintained or modified. The project would only increase the capacity of the existing roadway to meet anticipated future demand.

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: Monica D. Hayden

Responses would be appreciated within thirty (30) days of receipt of this Notification letter. Please refer to the project identification number (P.I.#721770) 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, the Fulton County Commission and the Douglas County Commission. 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, 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 no properties listed in or nominated for listing in the National Register, no National Historic Landmarks and no bridges determined eligible for inclusion in the National Register in the updated Georgia Historic Bridge Survey (GHBS) are located within the proposed project's APE. No other properties 50 years old or older were identified within the proposed project's APE in the 1994 Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Fulton County survey or in the 1997 DNR Douglas County survey.

Even though no properties 50 years old or older were identified within the APE in the 1994 DNR Fulton County survey or in the 1997 DNR Douglas County survey, because buildings or structures were identified within the APE by consulting aerial photography and topographic maps, the proposed project will be field surveyed for both historic properties and archaeological sites, and the Criteria of Eligibility will be applied to any identified properties in consultation with the Georgia SHPO and other consulting parties to determine if any of those properties are eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places. A Department archaeologist will conduct an archaeological site field survey.

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 Monica D. Hayden (404-699-3474 or monica.hayden@dot.state.ga.us); archaeological resource concerns, including cemetery and other human burials, can be addressed to Eric Anthony Duff (404-699-4437 Eric.Duff@dot.state.ga.us) of this office. Questions concerning general design or location issues may be addressed to Joe Wheeler (404-657-9759 or joe.wheeler@dot.state.ga.us) of the Department's Office of Consultant Design.

