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Atlanta Regional Commission
40 Courtland Street, NE
Atlanta, Georgia 30303
Attn: Brad Calvert

RE: Notification of Initiation of Section 106 Process for the Cole Drive Bridge Replacement and Queuing Lane Extension Project, Gwinnett County. Project Number: GF-0044-01

Dear Mr. Calvert:

The Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners has retained Moreland Altobelli Associates, Inc., (MAAI) to assist with the Section 404 permit application for the above referenced project. The project would be funded entirely with County money, but would require a US Army Corps of Engineers permit. As required by the "Notification" general conditions, and to meet the regulations of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, it has been determined that the proposed project has the potential to cause effects to historic properties if any such properties exist in the project area. We are 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 along Cole Drive beginning north of Five Forks Trickum Road and extending approximately 2100 feet north. The proposed project replaces the existing bridge over Garner Creek with a double, double 10X7 box culvert, extends the existing deceleration lane to Parkview High School to 50 feet north of Garner Creek, and adds curb and gutter sidewalk along the west side of Cole Drive from Parkview High School to Miller Road. The existing right-of-way is 80 feet and will remain 80 feet after the project is completed except in the area of the bridge. The proposed project is approximately 0.48 miles (see attached Project Location Map).

Because of the nature and scope of the undertaking, the APE is limited to the existing right-of-way and viewshed (except for in the area of the bridge), within which all construction and ground-disturbing activity would be confined (refer to attached location map). No potential for





indirect effects outside of the existing right-of-way exists, except for in the area of the bridge. No potential for indirect effects outside this corridor is anticipated as a result of implementation of the proposed project. No change in traffic patterns would result from project implementation. No additional access to the existing facility would be provided, and no existing access to the facility would be removed.

Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act requires that, through consultation with the Georgia State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO), potential consulting parties are identified and invited to participate in the Section 106 process. This Notification letter is one of several methods used 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 this project should be directed to:

Elizabeth Porterfield, Historian
Moreland Altobelli Associates, Inc.
2211 Beaver Ruin Road, Suite 190
Norcross, Georgia 30071

Responses would be appreciated within thirty (30) days of receipt of this Notification letter. Please refer to the project number that is at the top of this letter in your response (**GF-0044-01**). In addition to the Georgia SHPO, the potential consulting parties identified and invited to participate in the Section 106 process for this project are the Atlanta Regional Commission, the Gwinnett Historical Society, the Gwinnett History Museum, and the Gwinnett County Public Library. 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 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 property 50 years old or older was identified within the proposed project's APE in the 1978 Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Gwinnett County Survey. 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 the Notification letter at this time. In





accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, the County 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, if necessary. 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 Elizabeth Porterfield, (770) 263-5945, or eporterfield@maai.net; archaeological resource concerns, including cemetery and other human burials, can be addressed to Linda Cooks, (770) 263-5945, or lcooks@maai.net; questions concerning general design or location issues may be addressed to Pat Smeeton at (770) 263-5945, or psmeeton@maai.net, of this office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Elizabeth Porterfield'. The script is cursive and fluid, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Elizabeth Porterfield, Historian
Moreland Altobelli Associates, Inc.



Project Location Map **Cole Drive Bridge Replacement and Queuing Lane Extension, Gwinnett County** **Project Number: GF-0044-01**

