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NOTIFICATION

Initiation of Section 106 Process for

GDOT Project CSSFT-0008-00 (295), Fulton County

P.I. #0008295

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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 improvements to the North Point Parkway and SR 120/Old Milton Parkway intersection (see attached location map). Proposed improvements would include widening SR 120/Old Milton Parkway to include right-turn lanes to southbound and northbound North Point Parkway. In addition, the left turn lanes to North Point Parkway would be extended and the right and left turn lanes along North Point Parkway to eastbound SR 120/Old Milton Parkway would be extended as well. Project implementation would also result in the widening of the existing bridges east of the intersection in order to accommodate the longer turn lanes. While no additional right-of-way would be acquired, approximately 10,810 square for permanent easement would be needed for project implementation.

Because of the nature and scope of the undertaking, the APE is limited to the existing 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 of the existing right-of-way and viewshed of the proposed project exists.

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: Lauren M. Thompson

Responses would be appreciated within thirty (30) days of receipt of this Notification letter. Please refer to the project identification number (P.I. #0008295) 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, the Alpharetta Historical Society, Georgia SHPO and the Fulton 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.

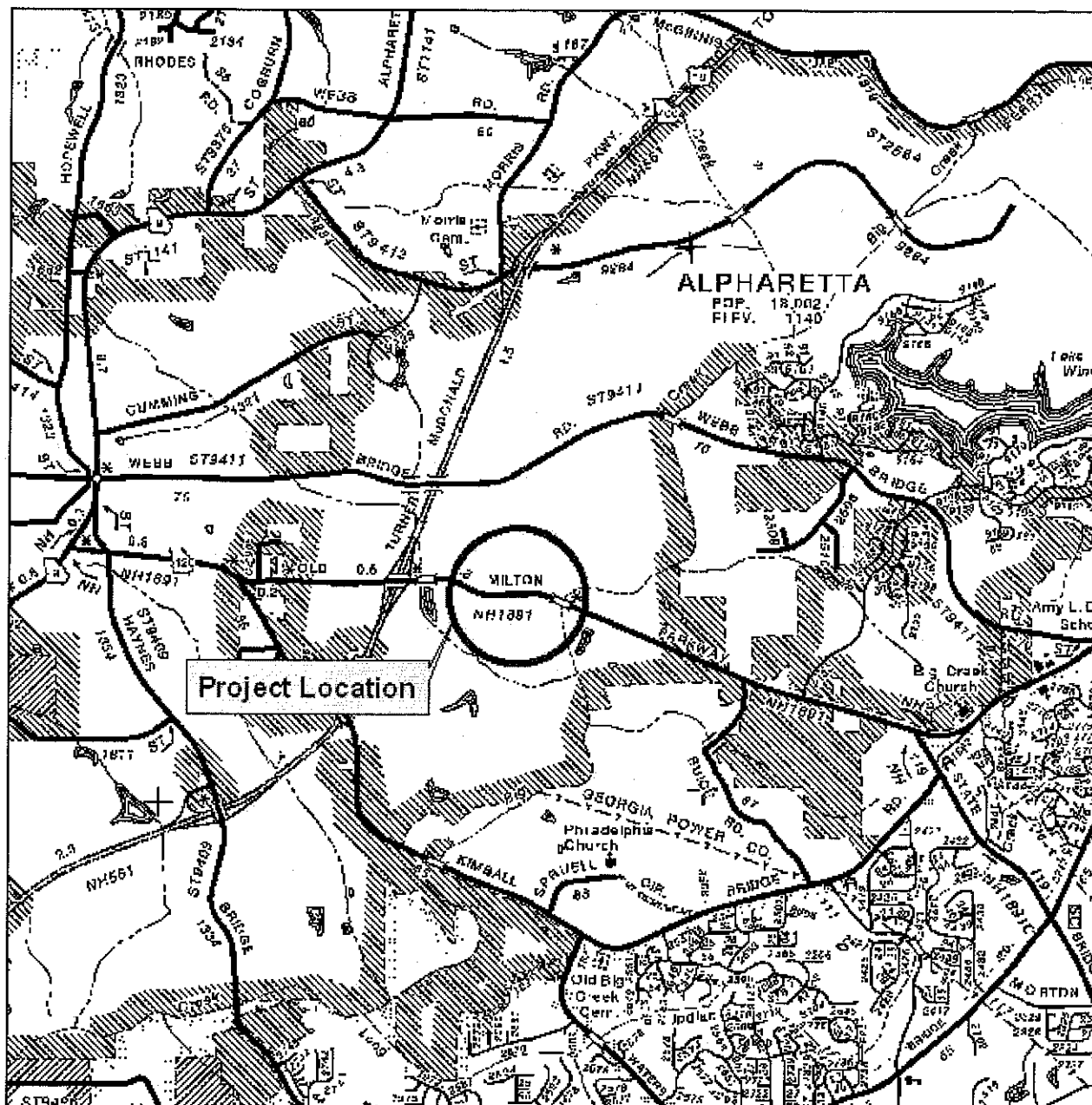
Existing information on previously identified historic properties has been checked to determine if any are located within the APE of this undertaking. This review of existing information revealed that no properties listed in or nominated for listing in the National Register, no National Historic Landmarks 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. The bridges along SR 120/Old Milton Parkway were constructed in 1979 (121-0077-0) and 1995 (121-5272-0). No properties 50 years old or older were identified within the proposed project's APE in the 1995 Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Fulton County Survey.

Because of the relatively recent date of completion of the DNR survey for Fulton County dated 1995 and because aerial photography and photo-revised topographic maps indicate that the project area is composed entirely of modern residential subdivision or commercial development, the DNR survey finding of no properties 50 years old or older identified within the APE was considered reliable. Therefore, a field survey for historic buildings and structures will not be conducted. 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 Lauren Thompson (404-699-4431 or Lauren.Thompson@dot.state.ga.us), archaeological resource concerns, including cemetery and other human burials, can be addressed to Eric Anthony Duff (404-699-4406 Eric.Duff@dot.state.ga.us) of this office. Questions concerning general design or location issues may be addressed to Bryant Poole (404-463-4947 or Bryant.Poole@dot.state.ga.us) of the Department's Chamblee (District #7) Office.



PROJECT LOCATION MAP

GDOT PROJECT CSSFT-0008-00 (295), FULTON COUNTY
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SR 120/Old Milton Parkway and North Point Parkway
Intersection Improvements

Image Not to Scale

