

REGIONAL REVIEW NOTIFICATION

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DATE: Mar 24 2008 **ARC REVIEW CODE:** N803241

TO: Potentially Affected Local Governments and Other Interested Parties

FROM: Charles Krautler, Director

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The Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) has received the following proposal and is initiating a regional review to seek comments from potentially impacted jurisdictions and agencies. The ARC requests your comments related to the proposal not addressed by the Commission's regional plans and policies.

Name of Proposal: Initiation of Section 106 Process for GDOT Project NH-0085-02(153) SR400 and I-85

Interchange Improvement

Review Type: Section 106 Historic Preservation

<u>Description:</u> The Georgia Department of Transportation is in the beginning stages of project development for this proposed transportation project and is attempting to indentify historic properties already listed in the National Register of Historic Places and any properties not listed that are located within the area of potential effects of the proposed project.

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The 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 are determined to be eligible.

This project has ARC ID # AT-AR 212A and AT-AR 212B

Submitting Local Government: Georgia Department of Transportation

Date Opened: Mar 24 2008

Deadline for Comments: Apr 23 2008

Earliest the Regional Review can be Completed: Apr 23 2008

THE FOLLOWING LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND AGENCIES ARE RECEIVING NOTICE OF THIS REVIEW:

ARC LAND USE PLANNING
ARC DATA RESEARCH
GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
FULTON COUNTY

ARC TRANSPORTATION PLANNING
ARC AGING DIVISION
GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
DEKALB COUNTY

ARC ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING
GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS
CITY OF ATLANTA
GEORGIA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

Attached is information concerning this review.

If you have any questions regarding this review, Please call Haley Fleming, Review Coordinator, at (404) 463-3311. If the ARC staff does not receive comments from you by Apr 23 2008, we will assume that your agency has no additional comments and we will close the review. Comments by email are strongly encouraged.

The ARC review website is located at: http://www.atlantaregional.com/landuse.

ARC STAFF NOTICE OF REGIONAL REVIEW AND COMMENT FORM

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TO: ARC Land Use, Environmental, Transportation, Research, and Aging Division Chiefs

FROM: Haley Fleming, Review Coordinator, Extension: 3-3311

Reviewing staff by Jurisdiction:

<u>Land Use:</u> Rice, LeVar <u>Transportation:</u> Hammond, Regan

Environmental: Santo, Jim **Research:** Skinner, Jim

Aging: N/A

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Response:

- 1) □ Proposal is CONSISTENT with the following regional development guide listed in the comment section.

- 4) □ The proposal is INCONSISTENT with the following regional development guide listed in the comment section.
- 5)

 The proposal does NOT relate to any development guide for which this division is responsible.
- 6) □Staff wishes to confer with the applicant for the reasons listed in the comment section.

COMMENTS:



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NOTIFICATION

Initiation of Section 106 Process for

GDOT Project NH-0085-02(153), Fulton and Dekalb Counties

P.I. # 762380

March 18, 2008

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 Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) Project NH-85-2(153) proposes to improve the State Route 400 (SR 400) Interchange with Interstate 85 (I-85) to add connector ramps from I-85 Southbound to SR 400 Northbound, and from SR 400 Southbound to I-85 Northbound in Fulton County, Georgia. The proposed project would begin along I-85 approximately 9,700 feet south of Lindberg Drive. The proposed project continues toward the existing SR 400/I-85 Interchange and extends north along both SR 400 and I-85. The proposed project ends along SR 400 approximately 3,300 feet north of Sidney Marcus Boulevard, and would end along I-85 at the North Druid Hills Interchange (see attached location map).

The APE for the proposed project will include a large corridor including but not limited to the existing right-of-way and the viewshed of the proposed project (refer to attached graphic). The APE will be refined as the project develops. Because there is the potential for the creation of new intersections on this roadway, the potential for indirect effects outside the project corridor exists. This potential for indirect effects will be further evaluated as projected data becomes available and a clearer picture of possible changes in traffic patterns and development pressures emerge.

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:

Terracon 2855 Premiere Parkway Suite C Duluth, Georgia 30097

Attn: Nancy E-K McReynolds

Responses would be appreciated within thirty (30) days of receipt of this Notification letter. Please refer to the project identification number P.I.762380 in your response. The potential consulting parties identified and invited to participate in the Section 106 process for this project are the Atlanta History Center, Atlanta Regional Commission, Georgia SHPO, the Fulton County Commission, the Dekalb County Commission and the Dekalb History Center. 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: Chickasaw Nation, Muscogee (Creek) Nation, Poarch Band of Creek Indians, Seminole Tribe 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 properties 50 years old or older were identified within the proposed project's APE in the 1976 Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Fulton County Survey or the 1976 Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Dekalb 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 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 Nancy E- K McReynolds, (770) 623-0755 or nkmcreynolds@terracon.com; archaeological resource concerns, including cemetery and other human burials, can be addressed to Lorraine Norwood (770) 623-0755 or slnorwood@terracon.com. Questions concerning general design or location issues may be addressed to Keith Strickland of HNTB (404) 946-5700 or kstrickland@hntb.com

One Copy to

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Department of Natural Resources Historic Preservation Division 34 Peachtree Street, N.W. Suite 1600 Atlanta, Georgia 30303

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