

REGIONAL REVIEW NOTIFICATION

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DATE: May 7 2008 **ARC REVIEW CODE:** N805071

TO: Potentially Affected Local Governments and Other Interested Parties

FROM: Charles Krautler, Director

NOTE: This is digital signature.

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: Early Coordination Request for Project STP 00-0006-00(857) and 0006-00(866)

Review Type: Section 106 Historic Preservation

<u>Description:</u> An early coordination request from the Georgia Department of Transportation the proposed SR 92 widening from Cedar Crest Rd to Cobb Parkway. The proposed typical cross section would me four 12 foot travel lanes with 16 foot shoulders with curb, gutter and sidewalks on both sides of SR 92. A twenty foot raised median would be constructed to separate traffic traveling in the opposite direction.

Submitting Local Government: Georgia Department of Transportation

Date Opened: May 7 2008

Deadline for Comments: May 31 2008

Earliest the Regional Review can be Completed: May 31 2008

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

ARC LAND USE PLANNING ARC DATA RESEARCH

ARC TRANSPORTATION PLANNING

ARC ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING

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 May 31 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> Trudell, Talya

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

Aging: N/A

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	Response:
1)	$\hfill \square$ Proposal is CONSISTENT with the following regional development guide listed in the comment section.
2)	□ While neither specifically consistent nor inconsistent, the proposal relates to the following regional development
	guide listed in the comment section.
3)	□ While neither specifically consistent nor inconsistent, the proposal relates to the following regional development

- guide listed in the comment section.
- 4) \Box The proposal is INCONSISTENT with the following regional development guide listed in the comment section.
- \Box 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:	

URS

May 10, 2008

Atlanta Regional Commission 40 Courtland Street N.E. Atlanta, GA 30303

Subject: GDOT Projects CSSTP -0006-00(857) and CSSTP-0006-00(866), Cobb and

Paulding Counties, P.I. #'s 0006857 and 0006866

To Whom It May Concern:

URS Corporation (URS), on behalf of the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT), is preparing an environmental document for the widening of SR 92/Dallas Acworth Highway from Hiram Acworth Highway/Cedar Crest Road to US 41/SR 3/Cobb Parkway in Cobb and Paulding Counties.

Your comments regarding the potential for the proposed projects to adversely impact historic, archaeological, or traditional cultural resources would be greatly appreciated and will be incorporated into the environmental document. The GDOT's official notification document, including more specific information about the project, has been included with this letter. Thank you for your assistance with this project. Please contact me or the other contacts listed in the notification should you have questions or comments.

Sincerely,

URS Corporation

Erin Williams

Architectural Historian

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NOTIFICATION

Initiation of Section 106 Process for
GDOT Project CSSTP -0006-00(857) and CSSTP-0006-00(866),
Cobb and Paulding Counties
P.I. #'s 0006857 and 0006866
May 1, 2008

The Georgia Department of Transportation is in the beginning stages of project development for these proposed transportation projects. 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 projects have 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 projects.

The proposed projects would consist of the widening of SR 92/Dallas Acworth Highway from Hiram Acworth Highway/Cedar Crest Road to US 41/SR 3/Cobb Parkway (see attached location map). The proposed typical section for the widened roadway would be four traffic lanes with a standard width of twelve (12) feet. There would be two lanes in each direction with sixteen (16) foot shoulders with curb and gutter and sidewalk on both sides of SR 92/Dallas Acworth Highway in the project area. A twenty (20) foot raised median would be constructed to separate traffic traveling in opposite directions. The proposed posted speed limit is 45 mph. Total project length is approximately four (4) miles. Existing right-of-way is 100 feet. Proposed right-of-way would vary from 100 to 135 feet.

Because of the nature and scope of the undertaking, the APE is limited to the proposed right-ofway and viewshed of the proposed projects, 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 and viewshed of the proposed projects 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 these projects.

A written request to become a consulting party for cultural resources for these projects should be directed to:

URS Corporation 400 Northpark Town Center 1000 Abernathy Road, NE Suite 900 Atlanta, GA 30328

Attn: Erin Williams or Patrick Smith

Responses would be appreciated within thirty (30) days of receipt of this Notification letter. Please refer to the project identification numbers (P.I. 0006857 and 0006866) in your response. The potential consulting parties identified and invited to participate in the Section 106 process for these projects are the Atlanta Regional Commission, Coosa Valley Regional Development Center, Georgia SHPO, the Cobb County Commission, the Paulding County Commission, the Cobb County Historic Preservation Commission, Cobb Landmarks and Historical Society, and the Paulding County 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 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 projects' APE.

Two (2) properties 50 years old or older were identified within the proposed projects' APE in the 2005 and 2006 Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Cobb County Surveys. These properties are Resource ID 204890 located at 4017 Dallas-Acworth Highway and Resource ID 204893 located at 4205 Dallas-Acworth Highway. Two (2) properties were identified within the proposed project's APE in the 2006 DNR Paulding County Survey. These properties are Resource ID 201867 and Resource ID 201869 both located at the intersection of SR 92 and Cedar Crest Road.

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 projects will also have that opportunity throughout the plan development process. Historic resource concerns can be addressed to Erin Williams of URS Corporation at 678.808.8948 or Erin_Williams@urscorp.com; archaeological resource concerns, including cemetery and other human burials, can be addressed to Patrick Smith of URS Corporation 678.808.8876 or Patrick_Smith@urscorp.com. Questions concerning general design or location issues may be addressed to Sean Pharr of URS Corporation at 678.808.8839 or Sean_Pharr@urscorp.com.

