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**NOTIFICATION: Initiation of Section 106 Process for
GDOT SR 58 @ Squirrel Town Creek, Dade County
PI #0015541**

The Georgia Department of Transportation (Department) 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 (NRHP) 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.

Project PI #0015541 is a part of the Department's statewide bridge replacement effort and proposes to replace the bridge located on State Route (SR) 58 over Squirrel Town Creek in Dade County, Georgia. The existing bridge (083-0007-0) was constructed in its current location in 1960 and is located approximately four miles northeast of Trenton. The existing typical section for SR 58 consists of two 12-foot travel lanes with approximately 2-foot rural shoulders and a posted speed limit of 55 miles per hour (mph). The existing steel and concrete bridge structure is 33.5 feet wide (gutter to gutter) and approximately 120 feet long, consisting of two 14-foot travel lanes and approximately 2-foot combined curb and shoulders. The bridge would be replaced with a new bridge that meets current AASHTO specifications with regard to lane width, shoulder width, live load capacity, and crash worthy railing system. The total project length is approximately 0.4 mile. The current right-of-way (ROW) is 80 feet, and the proposed ROW would be determined as project plans develop.

The APE for the proposed project would include the areas within the proposed ROW and the viewshed of the proposed project. No potential for indirect effects outside this corridor is anticipated as a result of implementation of the proposed project.

Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act requires the Federal Highway Administration and the Department, in consultation with the Georgia State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO), 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:

George Rounds
VHB
1355 Peachtree Street NE
Suite 100
Atlanta, GA 30309

Responses would be appreciated within thirty (30) days of receipt of this Notification letter. Please refer to the project identification number (**PI #0015541**) in your response. The potential consulting parties identified and invited to participate in the Section 106 process for this project are the Northwest Georgia Regional Commission, Georgia SHPO, Chickamauga-Chattanooga National Battlefield Park, National Park Service Intermountain Trail Office, Dade County Historical Society, and the Dade County Board of

Commissioners. 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.

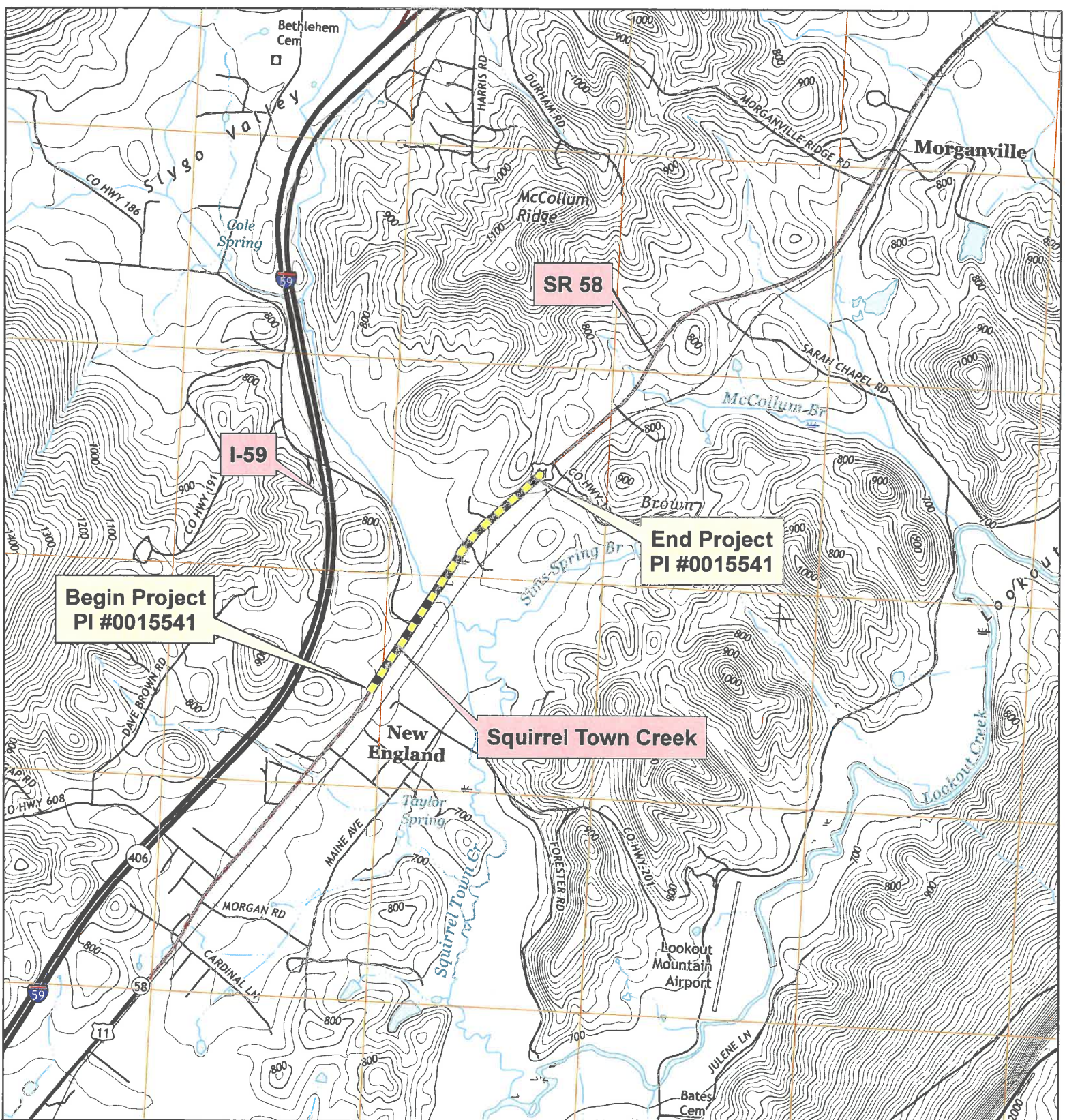
Also, on behalf of the Federal Highway Administration Georgia Division (FHWA), in keeping with a government-to-government relationship and in compliance with 36CFR800, the following tribal governments are invited to participate in the Section 106 process for this project: Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians, Cherokee Nation, Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas, Alabama-Quassarte Tribal Town, Muscogee (Creek) Nation, Muscogee (Creek) National Council, Poarch Band of Creek Indians, Seminole Nation of Oklahoma, and the Thlopthlocco Tribal Town. Responses to this Notification regarding tribal concerns should be addressed to the attention of Heather Mustonen, the Department's American Indian liaison.

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 the Trail of Tears National Historic Trail is located within the proposed project's APE; however, no properties listed in or nominated for listing in the NRHP, 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. GDOT Bridge 083-0007-0 was identified in the GHBS but was determined ineligible (see attached GHBS form). No properties 50 years old or older were identified within the proposed project's APE in the 1975 Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Dade County Survey.

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 NRHP.

Consulting parties are also invited to provide information concerning any historic or archaeological properties already listed in the NRHP or that could be eligible for listing in the NRHP 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. The Department also wishes to know of any past, present or future local developments or zoning plans which may result in indirect or cumulative impacts to archaeological sites and historic structures as they relate to the proposed project.

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 George Rounds (404-417-4090 or grounds@vhb.com). Archaeological resource concerns, including cemetery and other human burials, can be addressed to Heather Mustonen (404-631-1166 or hmustonen@dot.ga.gov) of the Department's Office of Environmental Services. Questions concerning general design or location issues may be addressed to Stephen Mosher (678-518-3691 or steve.mosher@greshamsmith.com) of the design firm Gresham, Smith and Partners.



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SR 58 @ Squirrel Town Creek
 GDOT PI #0015541
 Dade County, Georgia

Figure 1: Project Location Map



Project Location



GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
HISTORIC BRIDGE INVENTORY REPORT

Serial #: 083-0007-0



County: DADE Municipality: GDOT District 6 Owner: STATE

Location: IN NEW ENGLAND

Bridge Name: UTM: 16 657373 3825298

Facility Carried: US 11

Feature Intersected: SQUIRREL TOWN CREEK

Type: STRINGER Design: # Spans: 3 Length: 120 Width: 33.5 # Lanes: 2

Railing Type: STANDARD CONCRETE 2 RAIL HIGH

Date of Construction: 1936 Alteration: 1960 Source: GDOT BRIDGE INSPECTION FILE

Designer/Builder: STATE HWY DEPT BRIDGE DEPT

Current National Register Status of Bridge: Not Eligible. 1993 Agreement

Local, Determined Eligible, or NR Historic District/Status:

Inventory NR Recommendation: Not Eligible

Setting/Context:

The bridge carries a 2 lane road over a stream in a sparsely developed, forested setting.

Physical Description:

The 3 span, 120'-long steel stringer bridge is supported on concrete bents and abutments. The main span is 50' long, and the shallower approach spans are 40' long. It has cantilevered deck sections and is finished with standard design open railings. It was widened to both sides in kind in 1960.

Summary of Significance:

The stringer bridge originally placed in 1936 has been significantly widened. It now has the appearance of a modern bridge, and it does not maintain the aspects of integrity. It is not historically or technologically significant. The altered bridge was determined not eligible as part of a 1993 interagency agreement.

Bibliography:

GADOT. Bridge Inspection File & Plans.

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HISTORIC BRIDGE INVENTORY REPORT

Serial #: 083-0007-0

County: DADE

District 6 **City:**

Reviewed By/ Date: MEM

Notes/Comments

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