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From: Lewis, Keely <KLewis@scdah.sc.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, October 04, 2017 3:48 PM
To: Wood, Diana
Subject: Camp Hall Rail Project, CRS - SHPO Project No. 16EJ0087, SAC-2016-01395, STB Docket No. FD36095

Dear Ms. Wood:

Thank you for your email regarding the Palmetto Railways Camp Hall Rail Project (SAC-2016-01395/STB Docket No. FD 36095). We also received the preliminary consultation letter entitled "STB Finance Docket No. 36095, Palmetto Railways—Construction and Operation Exemption-In Berkeley County, South Carolina" as supporting documentation for this undertaking. The State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) is providing comments to the Surface Transportation Board (STB) and Corps of Engineers (Corps) pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and its implementing regulations, 36 CFR 800. Consultation with the SHPO is not a substitution for consultation with Tribal Historic Preservation Offices, other Native American tribes, local governments, or the public.

Thank you for your email acknowledging that you received our comments letter regarding the cultural resources survey and updating our office on the status of the project. We look forward to working with you on this project as it moves forward in the Section 106 process.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. If you have any questions, please contact me at (803) 896-6181 or KLewis@scdah.sc.gov.

Sincerely,
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Sent: Thursday, September 28, 2017 12:15 PM
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Subject: Camp Hall Rail Project, Cultural Resources Survey - SHPO Project No. 16EJ0087, SAC-2016-01395
Attachments: EI-25366 SC SHPO.pdf

Dear Ms. Johnson:

The Surface Transportation Board's (STB) Office of Environmental Analysis (OEA) recently sent you an agency preliminary consultation letter, dated September 8, 2017, regarding the above referenced proposed rail line project entitled "STB Finance Docket No. 36095, Palmetto Railways—Construction and Operation Exemption—In Berkeley County, South Carolina." As the letter states, STB and the Corps of Engineers (Corps) are acting as joint-lead agencies in the NEPA review, and are seeking early agency input into the process. After sending the agency consultation letter, however, T Ravenel of Palmetto Railways sent the attached letter from your office, dated August 28, 2017, regarding the cultural resources survey. As we received your letter after the preliminary consultation letter was sent out, this email acknowledges your comments and concerns, and informs you that they will be considered as we move forward.

Specifically, you note that Palmetto Railway's proposed rail crossing of the Lakes Marion and Moultrie Diversion Canal and the Bulltown Ditch could have adverse effects on these National Register-eligible properties and District. To that end, we understand the importance of early project planning to avoid where possible, and/or minimize/mitigate potential harms the project could have on these resources. We are currently in the process of assessing Palmetto's various alternatives from the Tier studies discussed in the environmental report prepared by HDR (referenced in the September 8th letter and available to viewing on the project web site at www.camphallnepa.com) and have just sent Palmetto an information request to clarify certain aspects of the report's findings and conclusions. Palmetto's response to the information request, as well other responses from agencies and a site visit to the project area, possibly in the end of October, will help determine what alternatives, both proposed by Palmetto and possibly new ones created by STB and the Corps, will move forward in the NEPA and Section 106 process.

We look forward to working with you on this project.

Sincerely,

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