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MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: Addendum to Historic Structures Survey Report, Complete 540/Triangle Southeast
Extension Project, R-2721, R-2828 and R-2829, Wake & Johnston Counties, CH 98-0457

Thank you for your October 23, 2014 response to the comments offered in our October 16, 2014, memorandum, concerning the National Register-eligibility of multiple properties and raising questions about three in particular. Staff has reviewed your reply and is pleased that your agency agrees with our recommendations for:

Property 35 - George Williams Farm remains eligible under Criteria A for Agriculture and C for Architecture, with the boundaries outlined in the 2012 report.

Property 144 - Baucom-Stallings House's boundaries will be drawn as recommended in our October 16th memorandum.

Property 184 - Gerald Cochran House is eligible for listing in the National Register under Criterion C with the house tax parcel constituting the appropriate boundaries.

While we look forward to receipt of a corrected final version of the report, we are very willing to receive only the pages that warrant correction/revision plus a corrected CD of the entire report. This should save each of our agencies time and funds and provide what is needed for our as well as the environmental record.

The above comments are made pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation's Regulations for Compliance with Section 106 codified at 36 CFR Part 800.

Thank you for your cooperation and consideration. If you have questions concerning the above comment, contact Renee Gledhill-Earley, environmental review coordinator, at 919-807-6579 or environmental.review@ncdcr.gov. In all future communication concerning this project, please cite the above referenced tracking number.

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MEMORANDUM

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Re: HPO Comment Memo (October 16, 2014)
Historic Architectural Resources Survey Report
North Carolina Department of Transportation: STIP R-2721, R-2828, and R-2829
Complete 540 – Triangle Expressway Southeast Extension Project
Wake and Johnston Counties, CH 98-0457

This memo is in response to your memo, dated October 16, 2014, regarding the Historic Architectural Resources Survey Report for the Complete 540 – Triangle Expressway Southeast Extension project. We are pleased that the HPO concurs with the evaluations of National Register eligibility for all but three of the 339 properties covered in the report. All three properties had determinations of eligibility made in 2012 as a result of the initial survey for this project. Both the George Williams Farm and the Baucom-Stallings House were determined eligible, and the Gerald Cochran House was determined not eligible.

The **George Williams Farm** was determined eligible by the HPO in 2012 under Criterion A for agriculture, due to the farm complex's sufficient integrity and the fact that it still retains a significant number of outbuildings. While recent changes to the historic fabric of the house appeared to degrade the historic integrity of the property, we will follow your office's eligibility recommendations and include the previously determined historic boundary on the design plans.

For the **Baucom-Stallings House**, the National Register boundary is described as "proposed", but the boundary in the report is the same as the one defined in the 2012 determination of eligibility and shown on the HPOWEB. According to the 2012 determination, the property is eligible only under Criterion C for its architecture and not under Criterion A for agriculture. The roughly 3-acre Determination of Eligibility (DOE) boundary includes the house, two domestic outbuildings, and their setting, which is defined by surrounding woodland. Much of the former farm has reverted to woodland, and no agricultural outbuildings survive. However, if the HPO would prefer a larger boundary, the final Report will be revised to include the boundary your office suggests.

The **Gerald Cochran House** was determined not eligible in 2012 because it did not have the architectural significance for individual eligibility. In fact, Ruth Little's study of suburban architecture and subdivisions in Wake County concludes that there are entire, substantially intact subdivisions of tract houses outside the Raleigh city limits with versions of the rambler ranch design. In addition, your office asked about the influence of the Adams Concrete Products on the design and construction of the dwelling. The current owner, who is the son of the original owners, did not indicate there was any known association with Adams Concrete. He stated that the house was either designed by his father or modeled on a Standard Homes plan. The Cochran House is not a rare surviving example of the 1950s and 1960s tract house nor known to be associated with Adams Concrete, however, if the HPO considers the house eligible under Criterion C, we request that it please define the eligible boundary so that we may revise the report and include the boundaries on the design plans

We are requesting your feedback on the above points and concurrence with our findings. If you have questions regarding the project, or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact Kiersten Bass at (919) 424-0457.

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