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Attention: Shane Belcher  
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Re: THPO #	Reference #	Project description / location
2006-133-21	HAD-SC	Project Update: Reasonable Alternatives for the Proposed Northern Leg of I-73 in SC

Dear Shane,

Thank you for the update on the alternatives for the proposed northern leg of the Interstate-73 project in South Carolina. The Catawba have no immediate concerns with regard to traditional cultural properties, sacred sites or Native American archaeological sites within the boundaries of the proposed project areas. However, we will require shovel testing before there is any ground disturbance.

If you have questions, please contact Sandra Reinhardt at \_\_\_\_\_ or e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Sincerely,

*Sandra Reinhardt for*  
Wenonah G. Haire  
Tribal Historic Preservation Officer



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Date: September 20, 2006

In Reply Refer To:  
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Subject:: Project Update: Reasonable Alternatives for the Proposed **Northern Leg**  
of Interstate 73 (I-73) in South Carolina.

Dear Dr. Haire:

As a consulting party in our project development process for the proposed I-73 project in South Carolina we are committed to keeping the Catawba Indian Nation informed during the major steps of project development for the project. In our last correspondence dated October 7, 2005 we requested knowledge you may have regarding any Native American archaeological sites or burials within the project area. We understand this may be sensitive information and you may be hesitant to provide specifics on any known site but would like to know up front if there are certain areas we need to avoid when developing potential alternatives for I-73. We do thank you for your November 14, 2005 response to our scoping letter.

Just as a refresher for you on the project. The proposed I-73 project in South Carolina is currently being developed as two separate projects, a southern project and a northern project. The southern project will begin at I-95 and end near the Myrtle Beach/Conway, South Carolina area. The northern project will begin in the Hamlet/Rockingham, North Carolina area and end at some point on I-95 in South Carolina. Both sections will be developed under separate Environmental Impact Statements (EIS). A Draft EIS has been completed for the southern leg of I-73 and a preferred alternative was recommended. Your comments dated August 18, 2006 were received on the Draft EIS and will be incorporated into the Final EIS. Once a detailed cultural report on the preferred alternative for the southern leg is complete it will be forwarded to your office. I have included a project location map for both projects for your reference.

The October 7, 2005 correspondence sent to you contained a blank location map for the northern leg in which we asked for any areas that needed to be avoided prior to developing reasonable alternatives. We are now at the point where reasonable alternatives have been developed to be carried forward in the Draft EIS for the northern