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April 12, 2019

Reference: Route 28 Widening Project, Prince William County Line to Route 29
Centreville, Fairfax County, Virginia
Determination of No Adverse Effect Pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic
Preservation Act
FCDOT Project 2G40-100-000
DHR File # 2017-0622

Marc Holma
Project Review Architectural Historian
Virginia Department of Historic Resources
2801 Kensington Avenue
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Dear Mr. Holma:

Pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and its implementing regulations (36 Code of Federal Regulations [CFR] Part 800), we respectfully request concurrence from the Virginia Department of Historic Resources (DHR) on a No Adverse Effect determination for the Virginia Route 28 Widening Project (Project).

No adverse effect requires *de minimis* Section 4(f) approval. If VDHR concurs with the No Adverse Effect Determination, it is FHWA's intention to approve a *de minimis* Section 4(f) finding for the project.

The Project consists of widening Virginia Route 28 (Centreville Road) between the Prince William County line (Bull Run Bridge) and the Old Centreville Road/Upperridge Drive intersection from four to up to eight lanes, and would include improvements to intersections and pedestrian/bicycle facilities. Additional right-of-way for the Project would exclusively or largely be needed for the intersection improvements and stormwater management facilities. The additional lanes would be provided within the existing right-of-way in previously disturbed areas. We anticipate that Federal funds administered by the Federal Highway Administration will be used for the Project.

The Project has the potential to affect historic resources due to four Civil War battlefields previously identified as eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places (NHRP). They are partially located within the project's Area of Potential Effects (APE), and include Blackburn's Ford Battlefield (029-5117), Bristoe Station Battlefield (076-5036), First Battle of Manassas (076-5335), and Second Battle of Manassas (076-5190). After applying the criteria for adverse effect as found in 36 CFR 800.5(a)(1), it was determined that the Project will have No Adverse Effect on these historic properties. In a letter dated August 8, 2018 (see enclosed), DHR

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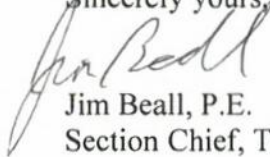


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agreed with our assessment that the "portions of these (Civil War battlefield) resources located within the APE do not contribute to the larger overall properties due to a loss of historic integrity in these areas." DHR further agreed with our assessment that structures at least 45 years of age and five cemetery sites within the APE "are not eligible for listing in the NRHP." Also, in a letter dated August 24, 2018 (see enclosed), DHR stated that "no additional archaeological investigation is recommended to support this Project."

You may contact Jim Beall at 703-877-5673 or email at james.beall@fairfaxcounty.gov if you have any questions or require additional information.

Sincerely yours,



Jim Beall, P.E.
Section Chief, Transportation Design Division,

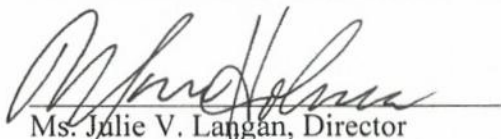
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Enclosures: Letter from the DHR dated August 8, 2018
Letter from the DHR dated August 24, 2018

The Virginia Department of Historic Resources (VDHR) concurs with the Fairfax County Department of Transportation's (FCDOT) recommendation regarding the Route 28 Widening, Prince William County Line to Route 29, Centreville, Virginia (Project 2G40-100-000, DHR File 2017-0622) that the project will not have an adverse effect on the following properties:

- Blackburn's Ford Battlefield (029-5117),
- Bristoe Station Battlefield (076-5036),
- First Battle of Manassas (076-5335), and
- Second Battle of Manassas (076-5190)

The VDHR concurs with the FCDOT recommendation that Fairfax County Project 2G40-100-000 will have no adverse effect on historic properties. *



Ms. Julie V. Langan, Director
Virginia Department of Historic Resources
Virginia State Historic Preservation Officer

23 April 19
Date

* DHR concurs w/ FHWA use of
de minimis Section 4(f) finding