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Ms. Katherine Looney
Tennessee Department of Transportation
Environmental Division, Suite 900, James K. Polk Building
505 Deaderick Street
Nashville, TN 37243

RE: FHWA / Federal Highway Administration, Historic/Architectural Assessment for proposed replacement of SR 40 bridge over the Ocoee River, Log Mile 3.12, Polk County, TN

Dear Ms. Looney:

In response to your request, we have reviewed the documents you submitted regarding your proposed undertaking. Our review of and comment on your proposed undertaking are among the requirements of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. This Act requires federal agencies or applicants for federal assistance to consult with the appropriate State Historic Preservation Office before they carry out their proposed undertakings. The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation has codified procedures for carrying out Section 106 review in 36 CFR 800 (Federal Register, December 12, 2000, 77698-77739).

After considering the documentation submitted, it is our opinion that there are no National Register of Historic Places listed or eligible properties affected by this undertaking. We have made this determination because either: no National Register listed or eligible Historic Properties exist within the undertaking's area of potential effects; the specific location, size, scope and/or nature of the undertaking and its area of potential effects precluded affects to Historic Properties; the undertaking will not alter any characteristics of an identified eligible or listed Historic Property that qualify the property for listing in the National Register; or it will not alter an eligible Historic Property's location, setting or use. We have no objections to your proceeding with your undertaking.

If your agency proposes any modifications in current project plans please contact this office to determine what further action, if any, will be necessary to comply with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. If you are applying for federal funds, license or permit, you should submit this letter as evidence of consultation under Section 106 to the appropriate federal agency, which, in turn, should contact us as required by 36 CFR 800. If you represent a federal agency, you should submit a formal determination of eligibility and effect to us for comment. You may direct questions or comments to Justin Heske at (615) 770-1092.

Sincerely,

E. Patrick McIntyre, Jr.
Executive Director and
State Historic Preservation Officer

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