

To: Gordon County Board of Commissioners

From: Gordon County Historic Preservation Commission

Reference: GDOT Project P.I. # 0013994

Date: June 2, 2018

A request was forwarded for review by Gordon County Historic Preservation Commission on June 6th, 2018 by the Georgia Department of Transportation for comments regarding the replacement of two existing bridges across the Coosawattee River located on GA Hwy. 136 being 11 miles east of the Town of Resaca between U.S. Hwy. 225 and U.S. Hwy 411..

On June 2, 2018 a review of said property indicated that there were no impact to historical sites listed, and none known to be eligible for the National Register of Historic Places at the time of request.

A special concern was noted to as to the historical and cultural nature of the area in respect to the Coosawattee River as a historic major trade route for Native Americans, pioneer settlers, and stream boats.

On June 2, 2018 the HPC made the recommendation by a majority vote in favor of the Board of Commissioners to consider approval this request.

Respectfully submitted,

Ken Padgett

Chair, Gordon County Historic Preservation Commission

Russell R. McMurry, P.E., Commissioner



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GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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NOTIFICATION

Initiation of Section 106 Process for
GDOT Project P.I. # 0013994, Gordon County

May 31, 2018

The Georgia Department of Transportation (Department) is in the beginning stages of project development for this proposed transportation project. In compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, the Department has determined that because of the nature and the scope of this undertaking, the proposed project has the potential to cause effects to historic properties if any such properties exist in the project area. The Department is attempting to identify historic properties already listed in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) and any properties not already listed that would be considered eligible for listing that are located within the geographic area of potential effects (APE) of the proposed project.

The proposed project would replace the two existing structurally deficient bridges carrying Nickelsville Road over Coosawattee River and a tributary to Coosawattee River (constructed in 1966 and 1965 respectively). The project is located approximately 11 miles east of the City of Resaca in Gordon County, Ga. The proposed project would begin approximately 1,100 feet west of the existing bridge over Coosawattee River close to the intersection of Davis Road Northeast/Nesbit Loop Northeast and extends approximately 1,100 feet east of the existing bridge over a tributary to Coosawattee River close to the intersection of Montgomery Bridge Road Northeast/ Hook Rd Northeast for a total approximate proposed project length of 2,800 feet. The proposed mainline would consist of two 12' travel lanes, and 10' shoulders (2' paved). Right-of-way (ROW) is unknown for the proposed project at this time. It is anticipated that the proposed structures would be offset from the existing bridge locations to maintain traffic throughout construction and eliminate the need for an offsite detour. The design speed would be 55 mph.

The APE for the proposed project would include the areas within the proposed ROW and the viewshed of the proposed project. No potential for indirect effects outside this corridor is anticipated as a result of implementation of the proposed project.

Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act requires the Federal Highway Administration and the Department, in consultation with the Georgia State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO), to identify potential consulting parties and to invite them to participate in the Section 106 process. This Notification letter is one of several methods the Department uses to encourage public participation in this process and it serves as your invitation to participate as a consulting party in the Section 106 process for this project.

A written request to become a consulting party for cultural resources for this project should be directed to:

Elizabeth Clappin, Historian
Moreland Altobelli Associates, LLC.
2450 Commerce Avenue, Suite 100
Duluth, Georgia 30096
(770) 263-5945

Responses would be appreciated within thirty (30) days of receipt of this Notification letter. Please refer to the project identification number (P.I. 0013994) in your response. The potential consulting parties identified and invited to participate in the Section 106 process for this project are the Georgia SHPO, Northwest Georgia Regional Commission, the Gordon County Board of Commissioners, and the Gordon County Historical Society. If you are aware of other organizations or individuals interested in cultural resources in the project area not already identified, please forward their names to the Department.

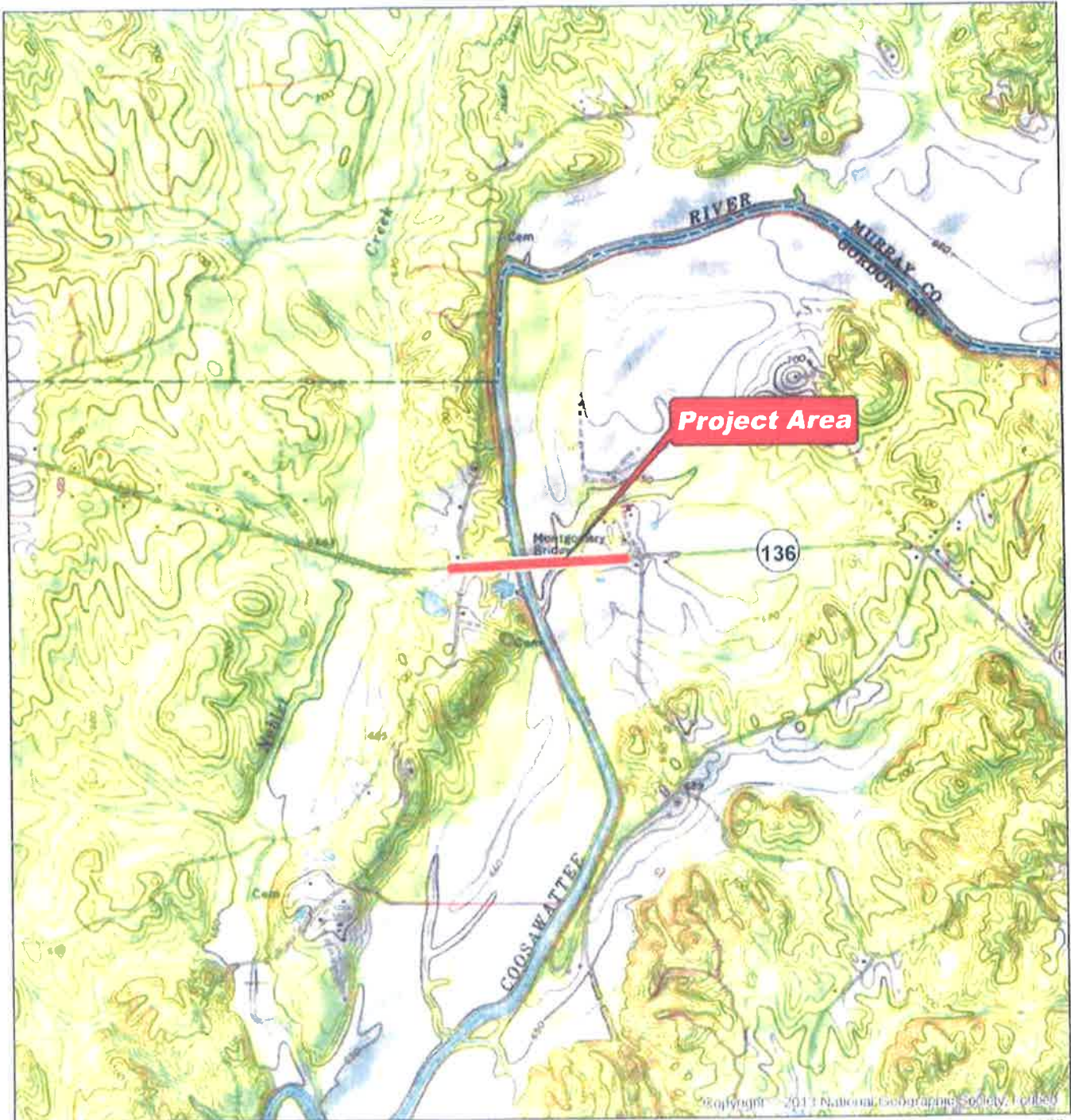
Also, on behalf of the Federal Highway Administration Georgia Division (FHWA), in keeping with a government-to-government relationship and in compliance with 36CFR800, the following tribal governments are invited to participate in the Section 106 process for this project: Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians, Cherokee Nation, Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas, Alabama-Quassarte Tribal Town, Muscogee (Creek) Nation, Muscogee (Creek) National Council, Poarch Band of Creek Indians, Seminole Nation of Oklahoma, and the Thlopthlocco Tribal Town. Responses to this Notification regarding tribal concerns should be addressed to the attention of Heather Mustonen, the Department's American Indian liaison.

Existing information on previously identified historic properties has been checked to determine if any are located within the APE of this undertaking. This review of existing information revealed that no properties listed in or nominated for listing in the NRHP, no National Historic Landmarks and no bridges determined eligible for inclusion in the National Register in the updated Georgia Historic Bridge Survey (GHBS) are located within the proposed project's APE. One bridge, GDOT Bridge 129-0038-0, was identified within the APE; however the bridge was determined to be ineligible in the GHBS (see attached GHBS form). Gordon County has not been surveyed recently by the Department of Natural Resources.

The proposed project will be field surveyed for both historic properties and archaeological sites and the Criteria of Eligibility will be applied to any identified properties in consultation with the Georgia SHPO and other consulting parties to determine if any of those properties are eligible for inclusion in the NRHP.

Consulting parties are also invited to provide information concerning any historic or archaeological properties already listed in the NRHP or that could be eligible for listing in the NRHP that are not identified in this Notification letter. In accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, the Department will assess project effects to any identified historic properties as preliminary project plans become available, endeavor to minimize harm to all identified historic properties and produce an Assessment of Effects report. This document will be provided to all consulting parties for comment when completed. The Department also wishes to know of any past, present or future local developments or zoning plans which may result in indirect or cumulative impacts to archaeological sites and historic structures as they relate to the proposed project.

Individuals and organizations that do not wish to become a consulting party, but would still like to comment on the proposed project will also have that opportunity throughout the plan development process. Historic resource concerns can be addressed to Elizabeth Clappin (770- 263-5945 or eclappin@maai.net); archaeological resource concerns, including cemetery and other human burials, can be addressed to Heather Mustonen (404-631-1166 or hmustonen@dot.ga.gov) of this office. Questions concerning general design or location issues may be addressed to Anthony Kamburis (770-951-2495 or akamburis@longeng.com)



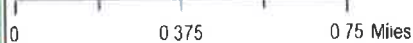
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Project Location Map

 Project Area



SR 136 over
Coosawattee River
PI# 0013994

Gordon County, GA



**GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
HISTORIC BRIDGE INVENTORY REPORT**

Serial #: 129-0038-0

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County: GORDON **Municipality:** **GDOT District:** 6 **Owner:** STATE

Location: 5.5 MI E OF NICKLESVILLE

Bridge Name:

UTM: 16 732880 3805449

Facility Carried: SR 136

Feature Intersected: COOSAWATTEE RIVER OVERFLOW

Type: T BEAM

Design:

Material: REINFORCED CONCRETE **# Spans:** 5 **Length:** 150 **Width:** 32 **# Lanes:** 2

Railing Type: STANDARD CONCRETE 2 RAIL HIGH

Date of Construction: 1965 **Alteration:** **Source:** GDOT BRIDGE INSPECTION FILE

Designer/Builder: STATE HWY DEPT BRIDGE DEPT

Current National Register Status of Bridge: Not Previously Evaluated

Local, Determined Eligible, or NR Historic District/Status:

Inventory NR Recommendation: Not Eligible

Setting/Context:

The bridge carries a 2 lane road over a stream in a rural area of active farms.

Physical Description:

The skewed, 3 span, 150'-long steel stringer bridge is supported on H pile and concrete cap beam bents and abutments. It has cantilevered deck sections and is finished with standard design open railings.

Summary of Significance:

The steel stringer bridge built in 1965 by the state highway department has no innovative or distinctive details. Steel stringer bridges were favored for their economies of initial cost, construction and maintenance, and they dominated pre-1966 bridge construction in the state and nation. This example is typical of the hundreds of nearly identical replacement stringer bridges built by the state highway department from the 1920s to 1966 as part of their improvement of the state highway system. The bridge is not historically or technologically significant. Over 2,000 1910s to 1966 steel stringer bridges remain.

Bibliography:

GADOT. Bridge Inspection File & Plans.

**GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
HISTORIC BRIDGE INVENTORY REPORT**

Serial #: 129-0038-0 **County:** GORDON **District** 6 **City:**

Reviewed By/ Date: MEM

Notes/Comments

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