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## MANAGEMENT SUMMARY

The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) proposes improvements and upgrades (widening, grading, paving, and realignment of curves) to a 9.98-mile segment of US 70 (Burlington Road) between SR 3045 (Mount Hope Road) in Guilford County and SR 1309 (Westbrook Avenue) in Alamance County, North Carolina. The improvements may include a possible highway bypass to the north or south of the National Register of Historic Places (National Register or NRHP) -listed Palmer Memorial Institute (PMI) Historic District in Sedalia (a state-owned historic site) and the NRHP-listed Dr. Joseph A. McLean House at 6609 Burlington Road, Guilford County. The US 70 improvement project is state funded and requires a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) permit. This report represents the documentation of historic properties located within the Area of Potential Effects (APE) for architectural resources for US 70 (TIP Nos. U-2581B/R-2910).

NCDOT established an APE for architectural resources extending 1,000 feet from the outermost construction limits on each side of US 70. The APE also includes a study area north and south of the NRHP-listed PMI Historic District and the NRHP-listed Dr. Joseph A. McLean House for a possible bypass. In April 2012, TRC Environmental Corporation (TRC) architectural historian Geoffrey Henry and Cultural Resource Analysts (CRA) architectural historian Hallie Hearnes conducted an initial survey of architectural resources 50 years or older within the Project APE. Fifty-nine (59) resources were identified, mapped, and photographed during this initial survey. No potential NRHP-eligible rural historic landscapes were identified.

On June 12, 2012, TRC submitted the survey results in a presentation to the North Carolina Historic Preservation Office (NC HPO) and NCDOT. At that consultation meeting, 42 of the 59 identified resources were determined not worthy of further evaluation for the NRHP (Appendix A). Photographs of those 42 properties are included in Appendix B. NC HPO and NCDOT requested an intensive survey and NRHP evaluation of 15 properties (five of which were to be evaluated as a potential historic district), as well as updates to NRHP nominations for two properties.

An intensive survey and evaluation was requested of the following 10 individual properties:

- NCDOT Survey #9, Andrew Gibson Farm (GF-0585) (previously placed on the NC HPO Study List)
- NCDOT Survey #11, Joseph Bason Whitsett House (GF-2148)
- NCDOT Survey #24, Boon(e) House (GF-8186)
- NCDOT Survey #26, Hoffman House (GF-8187)
- NCDOT Survey #29, Cyrus Augustus Wharton House (GF-2121)
- NCDOT Survey #33, Midway Diner (GF-1545) (previously placed on the NC HPO Study List)
- NCDOT Survey #49, Huffines House (GF-8207)
- NCDOT Survey #51, Reece House (GF-8209)
- NCDOT Survey #56, DeGrom Triplex (GF-8214)
- NCDOT Survey #59, Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church and Cemetery (GF-8215)

In addition, NC HPO/NCDOT requested the evaluation of a group of five ca. 1933–1935 residences within the F.W. Haymore Farms Subdivision and located along the south side of Burlington Road in Whitsett, Guilford County as a possible NRHP-eligible historic district:

- NCDOT Survey #12, Ingle House, 7232 Burlington Road (GF-8174)
- NCDOT Survey #13, Friddle House, 7226 Burlington Road (GF-8175)
- NCDOT Survey #14, Foster House, 7216 Burlington Road (GF-8176)
- NCDOT Survey #15, Edwards House, 7210 Burlington Road (GF-8177)
- NCDOT Survey #16, Gaither House, 7206 Burlington Road (GF-8178)

Finally, NC HPO and NCDOT requested that TRC update the nominations for the NRHP-listed PMI Historic District (NCDOT Survey #41, GF-0180) and Dr. Joseph A. McLean House (NCDOT Survey #45, GF-1535). An intensive survey of these architectural resources was conducted by Geoffrey Henry (TRC) and Hallie Hearnes (CRA) in September 2012.

As a result of the intensive survey, TRC has made the following NRHP recommendations:

#### PROPERTIES LISTED IN THE NRHP

- NCDOT Survey #41, Palmer Memorial Institute Historic District (GF-0180), both sides US 70, Guilford County. The period of significance for the PMI Historic District should be extended to 1971 to reflect the last period of classroom building activity undertaken at the school between 1966 and the school's closing in 1971.
- NCDOT Survey #45, Dr. Joseph A. McLean House (GF-1535), 6069 Burlington Road, Guilford County

#### PROPERTIES PREVIOUSLY DETERMINED ELIGIBLE FOR LISTING IN THE NRHP

None

#### PROPERTIES EVALUATED BY TRC/NCDOT & RECOMMENDED ELIGIBLE FOR THE NRHP

- NCDOT Survey #9, Andrew Gibson Farm (GF-585), 7282 Burlington Road, Guilford County, Criteria B and C
- NCDOT Survey #33, Midway Diner (GF-1545) and associated NCDOT Survey #34, Luther Goodall Residence (GF-8194), 6270 Burlington Road, Guilford County, Criteria B and C
- NCDOT Survey #29, Cyrus Augustus Wharton House (GF-2121), 6709 Burlington Road, Guilford County, Criterion C
- NCDOT Survey #15, Edwards House (GF-8177), 7210 Burlington Road, Guilford County, Criterion C (see also below)
- NCDOT Survey #51, Reece House (GF-8209), 6021 Burlington Road, Guilford County, Criterion C

# PROPERTIES EVALUATED BY TRC/NCDOT & RECOMMENDED NOT ELIGIBLE FOR THE NRHP

- NCDOT Survey #11, Dr. Joseph Bason Whitsett House (GF-2148), 7241 Burlington Road, Guilford County
- NCDOT Survey #s 12 through 16, F.W. Haymore Farms Subdivision (7206, 7210, 7216, 7226 and 7232 Burlington Road) (GF-8512), Guilford County. The F.W. Haymore Farms Subdivision is not NRHP eligible as a historic district due to lack of historic/architectural significance and

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