

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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JAMES H. TROGDON, III Secretary

U. S. Army Corps of Engineers Regulatory Field Office 151 Patton Avenue, Room 208 Asheville, NC 28801-5006

- Attention: Mr. Steve Kichefski NCDOT Coordinator
- Subject: Application for Section 404 Individual Permit and Section 401 Water Quality Certification for the proposed widening along NC 105 from SR 1136 (Clark's Creek Road) to SR 1107 (NC 105 Bypass) including the replacement of Bridge No. 5 over the Watauga River, Watauga County. TIP No. R-2566B and R-2566BA. Debit \$570 from WBS 37512.1.1

Dear Sir:

The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) proposes to improve 5.5 miles of NC 105 from SR 1136 (Clark's Creek Road) to SR 1107 (NC 105 Bypass) in Boone, Watauga County (R-2566B). Additionally, NCDOT proposes to replace Bridge 5 over the Watauga River (R-2566BA).

The purpose of this letter is to request approval for a Section 404 Individual Permit and Section 401 Water Quality Certification. In addition to this cover letter, this application package includes the following for R-2566: ENG Form 4345, USFWS concurrence letter, DMS acceptance letter for both sections, 4B Meeting Minutes, stormwater management plan, final permit drawings for Section BA, preliminary permit drawings for Section B, roadway plans for Section BA.

Purpose and Need

This project has two primary purposes and one secondary purpose. A primary purpose of the project is to reduce congestion on NC 105 in order to achieve level of service (LOS) D or better in the design year (2040) during the average highest week day, and to achieve LOS E or better in the design year during the average highest weekend day. One segment on NC 105 between Foscoe and Boone currently operates at LOS E, and several segments and intersections are anticipated to operate at LOS E and F in the design year. Another primary purpose is to reduce rear-end and run-off-road crashes on NC 105. Crash types and rates on NC 105 have indicated a pattern of crashes related to terrain, geometry, congestion, and development. A secondary purpose is to improve bicycle facilities on NC 105 in areas where capacity or safety improvements are proposed.

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Project Description

The project corridor is 5.5 miles long. No improvements are recommended on the 1-mile section between Clark's Creek Road and the southern intersection of NC 105 and Old Shull's Mill Road. The following improvements are recommended:

Section BA

• Replacement of Bridge 5 over the Watauga River along with the realignment of SR1112 (Broadstone Road) and Old Tweetsie Road.

Section B

- The section between Old Shull's Mill Road and Broadstone Road will consist of two 12-foot lanes (one in each direction) with 6-foot wide paved shoulders on both sides. The current design proposes to extend the existing climbing lane (located near Old Shull's Mill Road) to Broadstone Road.
- The section between Broadstone Road and NC 105 Bypass will consist of four 12-foot lanes, a 23-foot wide raised median and 6-foot wide paved shoulders.
- The intersection of NC 105/Old Shull's Mill Road (south) will be realigned and the NC 105/Old Shull's Mill Road (north) will be closed.

Summary of Impacts

Section BA (Final)

Proposed permanent impacts to jurisdictional areas total 203 linear feet of permanent impacts and 0.15 acre of temporary impacts to jurisdictional streams. There are no impacts to jurisdictional wetlands. There will be no impacts to jurisdictional resources due to utilities for Section BA.

Section B (Preliminary)

Proposed preliminary impacts to jurisdictional areas total 0.54 acre to riparian wetlands, 3,995 linear feet to jurisdictional steams and 0.01 acre to open water. Potential impacts due to utility relocation will be addressed prior to Letting of Section B.

Summary of Mitigation

The NCDOT has avoided and minimized impacts to jurisdictional resources to the greatest extent possible. The Department has acquired the compensatory mitigation for these unavoidable impacts from the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality (NCDEQ)-Division of Mitigation Services (DMS) for both the BA section and the preliminary impacts presented for Section B.

Project Schedule

Currently, R-2566BA is scheduled to Let September 17, 2019, however this project may be accelerated if funding becomes available. R-2566B is scheduled to Let on October 18, 2022.

NEPA Document Status

The Environmental Assessment (EA) was approved in September 2016. A Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) was completed in June 2018. These documents are available at https://xfer.services.ncdot.gov/pdea/EnvironmentalDocs/Documents/.

NEPA Merger Process

R-2566 was originally proposed as a 16.4-mile project from US 221 in Linville to SR 1107 (NC 105 Bypass) in Boone. Concurrence Points (CP) 1 and 2 were completed in August 2010 and March 2012, respectively for the originally proposed project. The project was shortened removing the A section between Linville and Foscoe. The remaining 5.5-mile, Section B was carried forward and CP 1 and 2 were revisited in August 2014 with the new information. Meetings for CP 3 and 4A were held in March 2017. Subsequent meetings for CP 4A were held in July 2017 and March 2018 to address concerns from the merger team. An informal CP 4B for Section BA was held in August 2018. It was determined at that time that a CP 4C meeting was not necessary if issues with the design were addressed at an on-site meeting. This on-site meeting occurred on in late August 2018. CP 4B and 4C for Section B will occur once that section reaches preliminary design.

Resource Status

The project is located in Watauga River Basin and lies within Hydrologic Unit 06010103. The Watauga River and its tributaries in the project area is rated as Class B, Tr, HQW. Laurel Fork and its tributaries is rated as Class C, Tr. No streams impacted are listed in the Final 2014 303(d) report. This is within the northern mountain physiographic region.

A jurisdictional wetland and stream verification was conducted on April 19, 2016. Written verification has not been issued.

Impacts to Jurisdictional Resources

Wetlands

Wetland impacts occur in the Watauga River Basin in HUC 06010103. Wetland impacts for R-2566B/BA total 0.54 acre. Table 1 lists the impacts to wetlands for this project. Impacts are based upon final design for R-2566BA and preliminary impacts for R-2566B.

Section BA – Wetland Impacts (Final)

There are no impacts to jurisdictional wetlands associated with Section BA.

Permit Drawing Site Number	JD Map Label	Туре	Permanent Impacts (ac.)
2	WBZ	Riparian	0.02
3	WBZ	Riparian	0.03
7	WCC	Riparian	0.02
10	WCD	Riparian	0.01
11	WCF	Riparian	0.02

Table 1. R-2566B Wetland Impacts (Preliminary)

Permit Drawing Site Number	JD Map Label	Туре	Permanent Impacts (ac.)
13	WCG	Riparian	0.03
17	WCI	Riparian	0.08
20	WCK	Riparian	0.06
27	WCQ	Riparian	0.03
32	WCU	Riparian	0.03
33	WCV	Non-riparian	<0.01
35	WCX	Riparian	0.02
40	WDA	Riparian	<0.01
Additional Impact*			0.17
Total:			0.54

*Preliminary impacts were calculated as the slope stake +25 feet. However, it has been determined that in some areas of severe slopes, the true impact may exceed +25 feet.

Streams

Surface water impacts occur in the Watauga River Basin in HUC 06010103. Permanent stream impacts for R-2566B/BA totals 4,198 linear feet. Tables 2-4 list the site number, reference number, stream name and amount of impact.

Permit Drawing Site Number	JD Map Label	Stream Name	Perennial/Intermittent
1	SGS	UT to Watauga River	Perennial
2	Watauga River	Watauga River	Perennial
3	Laurel Fork	Laurel Fork	Perennial
4	SGT	UT to Laurel Fork	Perennial
5	SGU	UT to Laurel Fork	Perennial

Table 2. R-2566BA Streams Impacted and Description (Final)

Permit Drawing Site Number	Impact Type	Permanent Stream Impacts (ft)	Temporary Stream Impacts (ft)
1	24" CSP/Fill	100	10
2	Workpad/Biofiltration conveyance	0	274
3	60" SSP/Dewatering	0	70
4	60" SSP/Fill	73	22
5	60" SSP/Fill	30	21
	Total	203	397

Table 3. R-2566BA Stream Impacts (Final)

Table 4. R-2566B Streams Impacted and Description (Preliminary)

Permit Drawing Site Number	JD Map Label	Stream Name	Perennial/Intermittent	Permanent Impact (Preliminary)
1	SFU	UT to Watauga River	Perennial	65
4/6/8	SFV	UT to Watauga River	Perennial	479
5/7	SFW	UT to Watauga River	Perennial	169
9	Big Branch	Big Branch	Perennial	163
10	SGB	UT to Watauga River	Perennial	77
11	SGD	UT to Watauga River	Perennial	132
12	SGE	UT to Watauga River	Perennial	93
14/15	SGF	UT to Watauga River	Perennial	66
16	SGH	UT to Watauga River	Perennial	135
18	SGG	UT to Watauga River	Perennial	42
19	SGJ	UT to Watauga River	Perennial	90
20	SGO	UT to Watauga River	Perennial	42
21	SGO/SGP	UTs to Watauga River	Perennial	242
25	SGZ	UT to Laurel Fork	Perennial	217
26	SHB	UT to Laurel Fork	Perennial	152
27	SHC	UT to Laurel Fork	Perennial	248
28	SHD	UT to Laurel Fork	Perennial	50
29	SHE	UT to Laurel Fork	Perennial	54
30	SHF*	UT to Laurel Fork	Perennial	73
31	SHH	UT to Laurel Fork	Perennial	52
32	SHK	UT to Laurel Fork	Perennial	130
34	SHO	UT to Laurel Fork	Perennial	115
35	SHW	UT to Laurel Fork	Perennial	268
36/37	SHZ	UT to Laurel Fork	Perennial	150
38	SIC	UT to Laurel Fork	Perennial	59
39	SID	UT to Laurel Fork	Perennial	40

Permit Drawing Site Number	JD Map Label	Stream Name	Perennial/Intermittent	Permanent Impact (Preliminary)
42	Laurel Fork	Laurel Fork	Perennial	131
	461			
		Total		3,995

*Stream was not included in the JD package but was covered under the NRTR.

** Preliminary impacts were calculated as the slope stake +25 feet. However, it has been determined that in some areas of severe slopes, the true impact may exceed +25 feet.

Open Water

There are no permanent open water impacts associated with Section BA. There is a proposed permanent open water impact associated with Section B. Site 41 is estimated to have <0.01 acre of impact due to fill in a pond.

Protected Species

As of June 27, 2018, the United State Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) lists eleven (11) federally protected species for Watauga County (Table 5).

Common Name	Scientific Name	Status	Habitat Presence	Biological Conclusion
Bog turtle	Glyptemys muhlenbergii	T(S/A)	No	Not Required
Carolina northern flying squirrel	Glaucomys sabrinus coloratus	E	No	No Effect
Gray bat	Myotis grisescens	E	Yes	MANLAA
Northern long-eared bat	Myotis septentrionalis	Т	Yes	*
Virginia big-eared bat	Corynorhinus townsendii virginianus	Е	Yes	MANLAA
Rusty-patched bumble bee	Bombus affinis	E	NA	**
Spruce-fir moss spider	Microhexura montivaga	Е	No	No Effect
BlueRidge goldenrod	Solidago spithamaea	Т	No	No Effect
Heller's blazing star	Liatris helleri	Т	No	No Effect
Roan mountain bluet	Hedyotis purpurea var. montana	Е	No	No Effect
Spreading avens	Geum radiatum	E	No	No Effect

Table 5. Federally protected species listed for Watauga County

MANLAA- May Affect, Not Likely to Adversely Affect

*May Affect – NLEB is compliant with the 4(d) rule.

**The Service does not require surveys for rusty-patched bumble bee in North Carolina because FWS assumes the state is unoccupied by the species.

USFWS Concurrence

Informal concurrence for biological conclusions of May Affect, Not Likely to Adversely Affect was requested for gray bat and Virginia big-eared bat from the USFWS on June 22, 2018. Concurrence was received on June 28, 2018 agreeing with NCDOT's biological conclusion. The Northern long-eared bat is considered to be compliant with the 4(d) rule. All other species listed for Watauga County received biological conclusions of No Effect and did not require concurrence.

Hellbender

The hellbender has been proposed for listing as an endangered species by the USFWS. However, there is currently no date as to when it would receive protected status. NCDOT is coordinating with the USFWS and NCWRC about conservation measures for the species in the event the species receives its official listing during this project's construction. Surveys have been conducted within the project area, identifying areas in which the hellbender is present. Proposed protective measures have been recommended by the NC Wildlife Resources Commission (NCWRC). These measures are the following:

- In-water work moratorium from April 1 to November 1, to protect the early life stages and spawning activities of the hellbender
- Rescue and relocation right before the causeway installation if possible NCDOT will assist NCWRC with personnel and equipment if the river conditions are acceptable for staff to enter.

Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act (BGPA)

A desktop-GIS assessment of the project study area, as well as the area within a 1.13-mile radius (1.0 mile plus 660 feet) of the project limits, was performed on March 5, 2019. The Watauga River is large enough and sufficiently open to be considered potential feeding source. A review of the NCNHP database updated January 2019 revealed the presence of an eagle nest along Old Shulls Mill Road at River Pointe Lane. This nest was confirmed to be active as of April 2018. The location of this nest is well outside 660 feet of the construction area of this project and will not be affected.

Moratoria

There is a trout moratorium for all streams in the project area from October 15th through April 15th prohibiting in-water work and land disturbance within 25 feet of the stream. The NCWRC has indicated that this moratorium will be waived in place of the longer moratorium mentioned above for the hellbender.

Cultural Resources

It has been determined that two properties were recommended eligible for listing with the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP); the Prout-Atkins House and Ed & Falah Hollars House. However, the Best-Fit Alternative will not require any right-of-way from these properties. Archaeological surveys were conducted at potential historical sites along the corridor in April 2017. It was determined that potential sites were deemed ineligible for the NRHP.

FEMA Compliance

The project has been coordinated with appropriate state and local officials and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to assure compliance with FEMA, state, and local floodway regulations.

Indirect and Cumulative Effects

NCDOT prepared an Indirect and Cumulative Effects Screening Report in January 2011 which assessed the original proposed project length of 16.4 miles. Project length has since been reduced to approximately 5 miles, comprised of the northernmost portion of the original length. The ICE screening matrix was reevaluated in 2019 given the revised project criteria, rendering a determination of Indirect Scenario Assessment Not Likely. No Land Use Scenario Assessment appears to be warranted for the project as currently proposed. The reduced scope of the project and associated time savings, along with the limited regional population growth, indicate a low probability that the project will affect regional land use patterns over the long term, beyond that which would occur under the No-Build scenario.

Wild and Scenic Rivers

There have been no waterbodies within the study area that have been designated under the National Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1968.

Mitigation Options

The NCDOT is committed to incorporating all reasonable and practicable design features to avoid and minimize jurisdictional impacts, and to provide full compensatory mitigation of all remaining, unavoidable jurisdictional impacts. Avoidance measures were taken during planning and NEPA compliance stages; minimization measures were incorporated as part of the project design.

Avoidance and Minimization

All jurisdictional features were delineated, field verified and surveyed within the corridor for R-2566B/BA. Using these features, preliminary designs were adjusted to avoid and/or minimize impacts to jurisdictional areas. NCDOT employs many strategies to avoid and minimize impacts to jurisdictional areas in all of its designs. Many of these strategies have been incorporated into BMP documents that have been reviewed and approved by the resource agencies and which will be followed throughout construction. All wetland areas not affected by the project will be protected from unnecessary encroachment. Individual avoidance and minimization items are as follows:

- The Best-Fit Alternative uses the fewest improvements that would result in meeting the purpose of the project. This alternative also allows to avoid or minimize impacts to the Watauga River and Laurel Fork.
- NCDOT Design Standards in Sensitive Watersheds will be employed throughout the project.
- Minimizing roadway side slopes to the maximum extent possible, including the use of retaining walls in the vicinity of the Watauga River.
- Roadway was shifted away from the Watauga River to minimize impacts.
- Roadway adjacent to the Watauga River will be a three-lane road, as opposed to a 4-lane divided to reduce impacts.
- Roadway and bridge runoff in the vicinity of the Watauga River will be routed to a biofiltration conveyance.

Compensation

The NCDOT has avoided and minimized impacts to jurisdictional resources to the greatest extent possible as described above. The unavoidable permanent stream impacts of 307 linear feet and wetland impacts of 0.02 acre will be offset by compensatory mitigation provided by the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality (NCDEQ)-Division of Mitigation Services (DMS). Compensation for the preliminary impacts to Section B are covered by DMS. Acceptance letters from DMS are attached.

Regulatory Approvals

<u>Section 404</u>: Application is hereby made for a USACE Individual 404 Permit as required for the above-described activities.

<u>Section 401</u>: We are requesting a Section 401 Water Quality Certification from NCDWR. We are providing this application to NCDEQ, for their approval. Authorization to debit the \$570 Permit Application Fee from WBS Element 45449.1.1 is hereby given.

A copy of this permit request and its distribution list will be posted on the NCDOT website at: <u>https://connect.ncdot.gov/resources/Environmental/Pages/default.aspx.</u>

Thank you for your assistance with this project. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Jason Dilday at jldilday@ncdot.gov or (919) 707-6111.

Sincerely,

Carla Dagnino

for Philip S. Harris III, P.E., C.P.M. Environmental Analysis Unit Head

cc:

NCDOT Permit Application Standard Distribution List

U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS **APPLICATION FOR DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY PERMIT** 33 CFR 325. The proponent agency is CECW-CO-R.

Public reporting for this collection of information is estimated to average 11 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of the collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to Department of Defense, Washington Headquarters, Executive Services and Communications Directorate, Information Management Division and to the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reduction Project (0710-0003). Respondents should be aware that notwithstanding any other provision of law, no person shall be subject to any penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information if it does not display a currently valid OMB control number. Please DO NOT RETURN your form to either of those addresses. Completed applications must be submitted to the District Engineer having jurisdiction over the location of the proposed activity.

PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT

Authorities: Rivers and Harbors Act, Section 10, 33 USC 403; Clean Water Act, Section 404, 33 USC 1344; Marine Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries Act, Section 103, 33 USC 1413; Regulatory Programs of the Corps of Engineers; Final Rule 33 CFR 320-332. Principal Purpose: Information provided on this form will be used in evaluating the application for a permit. Routine Uses: This information may be shared with the Department of Justice and other federal, state, and local government agencies, and the public and may be made available as part of a public notice as required by Federal law. Submission of requested information is voluntary, however, if information is not provided the permit application cannot be evaluated nor can a permit be issued. One set of original drawings or good reproducible copies which show the location and character of the proposed activity must be attached to this application (see sample drawings and/or instructions) and be submitted to the District Engineer having jurisdiction over the location of the proposed activity. An application that is not completed in full will be returned.

	(ITEMS 1 THRU 4 TO BE	FILLED BY THE CORPS)			
1. APPLICATION NO.	2. FIELD OFFICE CODE	3. DATE RECEIVED		4. DATE APPLICATIO	ON COMPLETE
	(ITEMS BELOW TO BE	FILLED BY APPLICANT)			
5. APPLICANT'S NAME		8. AUTHORIZED AGENT'S	NAME A	ND TITLE (agent is not	t required)
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Company - NCDOT-EAU		Company -			
E-mail Address - pharris@ncdot.gov	r	E-mail Address -			
6. APPLICANT'S ADDRESS:		9. AGENT'S ADDRESS:			
Address- 1598 Mail Service Cente	r	Address-			
City - Raleigh State - N	C Zip - 27699 Country - USA	City -	State -	Zip -	Country -
7. APPLICANT'S PHONE NOs. w/ARI	10. AGENTS PHONE NOs.	w/AREA	CODE		
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	STATEMENT OF	AUTHORIZATION			
11. I hereby authorize,	to act in my behalf as this permit application.	my agent in the processing o	of this app	lication and to furnish,	upon request,
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	instructions)				
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13. NAME OF WATERBODY, IF KNO	WN (if applicable)	14. PROJECT STREET ADDRESS (if applicable)			
Watauga River and UTs, Laurel Fo	ork and UTs	Address			
15. LOCATION OF PROJECT Latitude: •N 36.194317	Longitude: •W -81.745241	City -	S	itate-	Zip-
16. OTHER LOCATION DESCRIPTIO	NS, IF KNOWN (see instructions)				
State Tax Parcel ID	Municipality				
Section - Tov	vnship -	Range -			

18. Nature of Activity (Description of project, include all features)

R-3421B proposes to widen a 5.5 mile section of NC 105 from Clark's Creek Road (SR1136) to the NC 105 Bypass (NC 1107), which includes the replacement of Bridge 5 over the Watauga River.

19. Project Purpose (Describe the reason or purpose of the project, see instructions)

This project has two primary purposes and one secondary purpose. A primary purpose of the project is to reduce congestion on NC 105 in order to achieve level of service (LOS) D or better in the design year (2040) during the average highest week day, and to achieve LOS E or better in the design year during the average highest weekend day. One segment on NC 105 between Foscoe and Boone currently operates at LOS E, and several segments and intersections are anticipated to operate at LOS E and F in the design year. Another primary purpose is to reduce rear-end and run-off-road crashes on NC 105. Crash types and rates on NC 105 have indicated a pattern of crashes related to terrain, geometry, congestion, and development. A secondary purpose is to improve bicycle facilities on NC 105 in areas where capacity or safety improvements are proposed.

USE BLOCKS 20-23 IF DREDGED AND/OR FILL MATERIAL IS TO BE DISCHARGED

20. Reason(s) for Discharge

Impacts will result from widening the roadway, shoulders, and replacement of bridge components.

21. Type(s) of Material Being Discharged and the Amount of Each Type in Cubic Yards:

Type

Amount in Cubic Yards

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See attached cover letter.

22. Surface Area in Acres of Wetlands or Other Waters Filled (see instructions)

Acres See attached cover letter.

or

Linear Feet See attached cover letter.

23. Description of Avoidance, Minimization, and Compensation (see instructions) See attached cover letter.

24. Is Any Portion of the Work Already Complete? Yes XNo IF YES, DESCRIBE THE COMPLETED WORK							
25. Addresses of Adjoini	ng Property Owners, Lesse	es, Etc., Whose Property A	djoins the Waterbody (if more	e than can be entered here, please	attach a supplemental list).		
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26. List of Other Certifica	tes or Approvals/Denials re	ceived from other Federal,	State, or Local Agencies fo	r Work Described in This A	pplication.		
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27. Application is hereby complete and accurate. I applicant.	made for permit or permits further certify that I posses	to authorize the work desc s the authority to undertake	ribed in this application. I c the work described herein	ertify that this information i or am acting as the duly a	n this application is uthorized agent of the		
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SIGNATURE	OF APPLICANT	DATE	SIGNATU	JRE OF AGENT	DATE		
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June 28, 2018

Mr. Phil Harris North Carolina Department of Transportation Project Development and Environmental Analysis Unit 1598 Mail Service Center Raleigh, NC 27699-1598

Subject: Endangered Species Concurrence for the Proposed Improvements to NC 105 From SR 1136 to SR 1107, Including Replacing Bridge No. 5 Over the Watauga River, Watauga County, North Carolina, TIP Project Nos. R-2566B and R-2566BA.

Dear Mr. Harris:

We have reviewed your concurrence request and supporting documentation regarding potential impacts to the federally endangered Virginia big-eared bat (*Corynorhinus townsendsii virginianus*) and gray bat (*Myotis grisescens*) from implementation of the subject project. We provide the following comments in accordance with the provisions of section 7 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531-1543) (Act).

The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) proposes to widen NC 105 from the NC 105 By-pass in Boone to Clark's Creek Road near Foscoe in Watauga County. The project length is about 5.5 miles and includes widening the existing roadway and replacing the bridge over the Watauga River.

At the time this project was originally proposed, there was a known Virginia big-eared bat (VBEB) hibernaculum near the project but there was little to no information about where those bats went in the summer and if a maternity colony was present in the area. In an effort to address these questions regarding VBEBs and potential project impacts, an extensive two year monitoring project, led by Indiana State University (ISU), was conducted from 2013 through 2014. ISU scientists captured 42 female and 2 male VBEBs, fitted them with radio transmitters and tracked them to 35 roost sites including the first known maternity roost site for this species in North Carolina.

All of the summer roosts, with the exception of one, are located in Avery County well to the north and west of the project area. One maternity roost is located in Watauga County near Beech Mountain (~11km northwest of the project). While foraging at night, most bats foraged inside and away from the boundaries of NC 105 in Avery County, near their summer roost sites. The widening for R-2566B and BA, is in an area where Virginia big-eared bats are not known to forage.

Because gray bats are known to use bridges and culverts as roosts, all existing structures impacted by the project that could provide suitable roost habitat for bats were examined for evidence of bat use and none was found. In addition no gray bats are documented from hibernacula in the area and none were seen in summer roost sites occupied by VBEB.

Based on the results of the VBEB monitoring and movement data in the project area, negative structure checks, and a commitment by NCDOT to inspect the existing bridge over the Watauga River for bats prior to bridge demolition, we agree that implementation of this project is "not likely to adversely affect" Virginia big-eared and gray bats. Therefore, the requirements under section 7(c) of the Act are fulfilled. However, obligations under section 7 of the Act must be reconsidered if: (1) new information reveals impacts of this identified action that may affect listed species or critical habitat in a manner not previously considered, (2) this action is subsequently modified in a manner that was not considered in this review, or (3) a new species is listed or critical habitat is determined that may be affected by the identified action.

If you have questions about these comments please contact Ms. Marella Buncick of our staff at 828/258-3939, Ext. 237. In any future correspondence concerning these projects, please reference our Log Number 10-244.

Sincerely Janet Mizzi

Field Supervisor

cc (electronic): Felix Davila, FHWA Marissa Cox, NCDOT



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March 12, 2019

Mr. Philip S. Harris, III, P.E. Environmental Analysis Unit North Carolina Department of Transportation 1598 Mail Service Center Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-1598

Dear Mr. Harris:

Subject: Mitigation Acceptance Letter:

R-2566B, NC 105 Improvements from SR 1136 in Watauga County to SR 1107 in Boone, Watauga County

The purpose of this letter is to notify you that the Division of Mitigation Services (DMS) will provide the compensatory stream and wetland mitigation for the subject project. Based on the information supplied by you on February 28, 2019, the impacts are located in CU 06010103 of the Watauga River basin in the Northern Mountains (NM) Eco-Region, and are as follows:

Watauga Stream		Stream		Wetlands			Buffer (Sq. Ft.)	
06010103 NM	Cold	Cool	Warm	Riparian	Non- Riparian	Coastal Marsh	Zone 1	Zone 2
Impacts (feet/acres)	3.995.0	0	0	0.54	0	0	0	0

*Some of the stream and/or wetland impacts may be proposed to be mitigated at a 1:1 mitigation ratio. See permit application for details.

The impacts and associated mitigation needs were under projected by the NCDOT in the 2019 impact data. DMS will commit to implement sufficient compensatory stream and wetland mitigation credits to offset the impacts associated with this project as determined by the regulatory agencies using the delivery timeline listed in Section F.3.c.iii of the In-Lieu Fee Instrument dated July 28, 2010. If the above referenced impact amounts are revised, then this mitigation acceptance letter will no longer be valid and a new mitigation acceptance letter will be required from DMS.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Beth Harmon at 919-707-8420.

Sincerely,

James B. Stanfill DMS Asset Management Supervisor

cc: Mr. Monte Matthews, USACE – Raleigh Regulatory Field Office Ms. Amy Chapman, NCDWR File: R-2566B



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March 12, 2019

Mr. Philip S. Harris, III, P.E. Environmental Analysis Unit North Carolina Department of Transportation 1598 Mail Service Center Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-1598

Dear Mr. Harris:

Subject: Mitigation Acceptance Letter:

R-2566BA, NC 105 Improvements from US 221 to SR 1136, Watauga County

The purpose of this letter is to notify you that the Division of Mitigation Services (DMS) will provide the compensatory stream mitigation for the subject project. Based on the information supplied by you on February 28, 2019, the impacts are located in CU 06010103 of the Watauga River basin in the Northern Mountains (NM) Eco-Region, and are as follows:

Watauga	Stream				Wetlands			Buffer (Sq. Ft.)	
NM	Cold	Cool	Warm	Riparian	Non- Riparian	Coastal Marsh	Zone 1	Zone 2	
Impacts (feet/acres)	203.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

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North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality | Division of Mitigation Services 217 W. Jones Street | 1652 Mail Service Center | Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-1652 919.707.8976 Subject:Minutes from Watauga River Bridge Replacement Discussion held on
August 8, 2018 for R-2566BA in Watauga County.

Location: NCDOT Century Center Complex – Hydraulics Unit Conference Room

Team Members:

Steve Kichefski – USACE	(present)
Marella Buncick – USFWS	(present)
Claire Ellwanger – USFWS	(present)
– FHWA	(absent)
Christopher Militscher – USEPA	(absent)
Marla Chambers – NCWRC	(present)
Dave Wanucha – NCDWR	(phone)
Robert Patterson, NCDWR	(present)

Date of Minutes: August 20, 2018

The project involves the replacement of Watauga #5, the NC 105 bridge over the Watauga River. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss anticipated temporary and permanent impacts associated with the bridge replacement and roadway approach work.

The meeting began at 8:00 am.

General Notes / Comments

• Nathan Adima (NCDOT PMU) opened the meeting and handled introductions.

Additional Participants:

Nathan Adima, NCDOT PMU Bill Zerman, NCDOT PMU Beverly Robinson, NCDOT PMU Brenda Moore, NCDOT Roadway Craig Lee, NCDOT Hydraulics Bill Elam, NCDOT Hydraulics (absent) Jason Dilday, NCDOT EAU Carla Dagnino, NCDOT EAU Marissa Cox, NCDOT EAU-BSG Jared Gray, NCDOT EAU-BSG (absent) John Jamison, NCDOT EPU Brian Lipscomb, NCDOT Stormwater Mark Staley, NCDOT REU (phone) David Harris, NCDOT REU (absent) Amber Lee, NCDOT SMU Keith Pascal, NCDOT SMU Greg Sealy, NCDOT Utilities (absent) Cameron Cochran, NCDOT Constr. Unit Trent Beaver, Div 11 Construction (phone) Heath Slaughter, Div 11 DEO (absent) Bob May, Wetherill Engineering Zach Richard, TGS Engineers David Petty, TGS Engineers (Minutes)

- Craig Lee (NCDOT Hydraulics) mentioned this project, R-2566BA (BA section), is contained within a larger future R-2566B (B section) project. The BA section was spilt out due to the bridge needing replacement before the full B section can be ready for Letting due to a bridge inspection giving a low sufficiency rating.
- There was discussion as to whether another meeting would be needed for the BA section and if so, to be referred to as 4C or other. A follow up meeting at the bridge site was requested to discuss constructability issues and related impacts (at which time it can be discussed as to whether an additional meeting is necessary). Subsequent to this meeting, email correspondence from NCDOT PMU indicated a meeting will be held onsite August 22, 2018 at 9:30 am, prior to the field inspection currently scheduled for that afternoon.
- David Petty (TGS Engineers, Hydraulics Engineer) discussed redline drainage planset sheet by sheet. TGS noted the proposed right of way shown on the redline drainage plans (the plans posted on the PDEA Merger site in preparation for this meeting) has been superseded. The intent now is for proposed right of way for the BA section to be

sufficient to cover the future B section. In areas where proposed drainage causes jurisdictional impacts, effort has and will be made to design drainage to work for both the current BA section and future B section.

Sheet 4

- TGS mentioned 3 pipe outlets (Str# 402, 405, 409) which substantially carry offsite drainage and discharge on east side of NC 105 and are then dissipated with Class I riprap. These are within the transition from existing to full 4-lane divided typical and are within the area that will be further widened in the future B section. Per inquiry, it was noted that the pipe systems have been designed substantially to work for the B section also. While the inlet structures (2GI's & CB's) may have to be moved out and pipe extended upstream, the proposed pipe and outlets should work for the B section and remain in place.
- TGS noted impacts to UT to Watauga River (SGS) have been minimized with a Berm Ditch Outlet (BDO) being proposed (Str# 406) at the top of the 0.75:1 rock cut slope. Per comment, following field inspection, coordination with the B section designers will take place to confirm BDO is located sufficiently upstream to work for the wider B section (and will be adjusted slightly upstream if necessary).
- Per inquiry, it was noted that there are no longer any proposed retaining walls on the -Lline as these were eliminated with the previous alignment shift.
- Per inquiry regarding UT (SGS) only shown upstream of the existing pipe, Jason Dilday (NCDOT EAU) indicated it discharges from the pipe down the bank with no discernable channel.

Sheet 5

- TGS noted 3 additional pipe outlets (Str# 505,511,516) which are very similar to the 3 on sheet 4 as they substantially carry offsite drainage and are dissipated with either Class B or Class I riprap.
- NCWRC expressed concerns about disturbance to salamanders and hopes to meet onsite to evaluate best places to outlet drainage to avoid disturbances.
- It was noted that the Hellbender Salamander may be proposed by USFWS for listing in September 2018. If it is proposed, it could then be listed as threatened or endangered next fall. NCDOT EAU-BSG is coordinating with Lori Williams (NCWRC) to acquire Hellbender point data from the last Hellbender survey in this area (2011). EAU-BSG is doing a passive Hellbender survey around Labor Day (September 3rd). Current estimation is over a dozen Hellbenders in this area.
- Bridge:
 - TGS noted that the proposed 3 span bridge with a total length of 270' has been laid out to minimize both temporary and permanent impacts to the Watauga River.

- Proposed end bent excavation has been minimized. It is proposed at the maximum practical elevations to allow for bridge inspection and to avoid riprap slope extending down in the river at the upstream end of end bent 1.
- Runoff on the existing bridge discharges directly to the Watauga River, however; runoff from the proposed bridge is collected and routed to a BMP in the east quadrant. A Base Grassed Swale is currently shown. Brian Lipscomb (NCDOT Stormwater) noted, due to anticipated subsurface conditions and likely difficulty in establishing grass cover, this may be changed to a Biofiltration Conveyance consisting of step pools with rock at surface and filter media underneath.
- TGS provided a hardcopy of a preliminary sketch of Class II rip rap temporary 0 workpads proposed at elevation 2729' on each side of the river which are necessary for removal of the existing cast-in-place concrete piers and spread footings. Cameron Cochran (NCDOT Construction Unit) discussed construction issues and the need to extend temporary workpads upstream to the upstream face of the proposed bridge. He expressed concerns about equipment access under the existing bridge with respect to the current layout of proposed interior bents and said he will evaluate further. Cameron indicated the likelihood of temporary workpads remaining in place for a substantial portion of the construction duration to build the upstream portion of the bridge, then to demolish the existing bridge and complete construction of the bridge. Cameron anticipates the workpads will need to be in on both sides of the river at the same time to set the center spans, which may block more than 50% of the stream. *Per request*, following this meeting, TGS sent preliminary sketch of temporary workpad area to Cameron for his markups and further consideration prior to the onsite meeting anticipated in late August.
- It was noted that giant boulders in area may also pose construction issues.
- It was noted the upstream wingwall of end bent 1 is shown to catch the localized shoulder fill and prevent the need for a riprap lined slope normal to the wing spilling down in the river.

<u>Sheet 6</u>

- TGS noted the proposed system (Str # 601,602,603,604) to replace the existing 60" CMP and 36" CMP has been designed to accommodate both the BA section and future B section as well as to minimize impacts to the UT's to Laurel Fork (SGT &SGU) and Laurel Fork.
 - Class I riprap is proposed in base of channel at the proposed 72" RCP outfall (Str# 604) to diffuse flow and provide a stable transition to Laurel Fork.
 Concerns were expressed about the outlet channel and making sure it will be stable and have the lowest possible velocities. TGS to evaluate outfall channel stability.
 - TGS noted there are no proposed drops throughout the system or at the outlet an improvement over existing conditions as the 60" CMP outlet is perched 2'. After discussion and in consideration of minimizing outlet velocities and stability given the topographic constraints, Steve Kichefski (USACE) noted that aquatic

passage could be waived in favor of more stability since existing pipe outlet is perched 2' and not currently providing wildlife passage. TGS to evaluate revising system to possibly include a drop at the 10' diameter manhole to reduce outlet pipe slope.

- TGS noted both inlets are currently proposed to be buried an improvement over existing conditions as the existing 60" CMP is not buried. NCDOT Hydraulics noted that, if the inlets were to be buried, the steep stream would likely wash out any sediment and therefore, recommend the inlets not be buried. TGS to revise plans adding a note that reads "No burial at inlet" and a waiver is to be included in the permit drawing submittal.
- TGS noted the plan is to add a stream plug detail at the outlet of the existing 60" CMP.
- TGS noted 10' of temporary impacts for a pump-around outside the trout moratorium are anticipated upstream of each inlet.
- Per inquiry, it was noted that drainage system construction techniques would be discussed at the field inspection with the Division currently scheduled for August 22, 2018. Preliminary assumption is an open cut as bore and jack is very likely not feasible due to proximity to Laurel Fork and topographic constraints.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 am.

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NCDOT Contact:		Craig J. Lee, PE	(Hydraulics Unit)			Contractor / Desig	iner:	TGS Engin	eers (David B. Pe	etty, PE)		
	Address:	1590 Mail Servic	e Center				Address:	706 Hillsbo	rough St			
Raleigh, NC 27699-1590							Suite 200 Raleigh, NO	C 27603				
	Phone:	919-707-6708					Phone:	919-773-88	87			
	Email:	cilee@ncdot.gov					Email:	dpetty@tas	engineers.com			
City/Town:			Boo	one		County(ies):	Wata	auga				
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			Additional Waterbo	dy Information				
Surface Water Body (2):	Laure	el Fork	NCDWR Stream Index No.:	8-10				
NCDWP Surface Water Classification for Water Redu			Primary Classification:	Class C				
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Impairments:								
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			Other E	Best Management Prac	ctices					
Sheet No.	Station & Coordinates (Road and Non Road Projects)	Surface Water Body	BMP Type	Drainage Area (ac)	New Built-Upon Area (ac)	Volume Treated (ac-ft)	Precipitation Depth Treated over NBUA (in)	BMP Associated w/ Buffer Rules?		
5	-L- 164+60 RT 36.1942, -81.7450	(1)Watauga River	Biofiltration Conveyance	3.3	1.2	n/a	#VALUE!	No		
				Additional Comments						





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				WETLAND IMPACTS					SURFACE WATER IMPACTS				
Site No.	Station (From/To)	Structure Size / Type	Permanent Fill In Wetlands	Temp. Fill In Wetlands	Excavation in Wetlands	Mechanized Clearing in Wetlands	Hand Clearing in Wetlands	Permanent SW impacts	Temp. SW impacts	Existing Channel Impacts Permanent	Existing Channel Impacts Temp.	Natural Stream Design	
1	158+60/158+72 LT	24" CSP	(ac)	(80)	(ac)	(ac)	(ac)	< 0.01	< 0.01	100	10	(11)	
2	162+93/165+13 164+12/164+70 RT	Temporary Workpad Biofiltration conveyance							0.12		274		
3	171+33/172+10	60" SSP							< 0.01		70		
4	171+39/171+72	60" SSP						0.01	< 0.01	73	22		
5	172+30/172+63 RT	60" SSP						< 0.01	< 0.01	30	21		
TOTAL	S*:							0.02	0.15	203	397	0	

*Rounded totals are sum of actual impacts

NOTES:

<0.01 acres of Permanent SW impacts for bridge interior bent (drilled shafts) at 164+14.

Site2:Limit streamflow blockage to 50% at one time;Biofiltration conveyance linear impacts accounted for in workpad impacts

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R-2566B Prelimary Permit Impact Summary Table								
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Plan Sneet Number	Station (10/FIOIN)	site identifier	Stakes +25' (Acres)	+25' (Linear Feet)	+25' (Acres)			
4	76+47/76+63 -L- RT	1		36				
4	76+68/76+83 -L- RT	1		29				
4	12+29/13+27 -Y1- LT	2	0.02					
4	12+83/14+60 -Y1- RT	3	0.03					
5	86+77/87+09 -L- LT	4		62				
5	85+79/86+50 -I - RT	4		81				
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5	17+97/18+08 -¥1- I T	6		38				
5	17+99/18+48 -Y1- RT	6		57				
5	10+95/11+16 -Y2-1T	7		47				
5	10+74/11-42 V2 PT	7	0.02					
5	21:46/24:05 V1 PT	0	0.02	20				
5	105.99/106.72 L IT	0		101				
0	103+66/108+/2 -L- L1	9		101				
6	108+09/107+23 -L- R1	9		62				
0	108+13/108+34 -L- LI	10	0.01	50				
7	110+43/111+03 -L- R1	10	0.01	21				
/	117+20/118+98 -L- LI	11	0.02	100				
1	118+51/119+34 -L- LT	11		132				
8	124+80/124+97 -L- LT	12		46				
8	124+48/124+85 -L- RT	12		47				
8	125+03/127+06 -L- LT	13	0.03					
8	126+68/126+87 -L- LT	14		26				
8	127+02/127+22 -L- LT	15		40				
8	129+76/130+23 -L- LT	16		76				
8	129+98/130+23 -L- RT	16		59				
8	130+64/130+97 -L- LT	17	< 0.01					
8	131+23/133+13 -L- LT	17	0.08					
8	131+90/132+08 -L- RT	18		42				
8	133+78/133+97 -L- LT	19		16				
8	133+88/134+02 -L- LT	19		19				
8	134+01/134+49 -L- RT	19		55				
9	144+93/146+67 -L- LT	20	0.06	42				
9	147+75/148+53 -L- LT	21		130				
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12	171+84/172+10 -L-LT	24	Impacts	s Previously Accounted for on R-2566	BA Project			
12	172+30/172+63 -L-RT	24	Impacts	s Previously Accounted for on R-2566	BA Project			
12	190+05/190+36 -L-LT	25		72				
13	100+40/100+90 -L - PT	25		145				
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17	239+13/239+81 -L- LT	32	0.03					
17	240+31/241+00 -L- RT	32		110				
17	240+48/240+94 -L- RT	32	< 0.01					
17	241+12/241+31 -L- RT	32		20				
17	242+69/243+37 -L- RT	33	< 0.01					
17/18	244+91/245+12 -L- LT	34		50				
18	244+99/245+63 -L- RT	34		65				
18	248+96/251+04 -L- RT	35		268				
18	249+79/250+59 -L- RT	35	0.02					
18	253+30/253+54 -L- LT	36		45				
18	254+09/254+25 -L- RT	37		105				
19	260+62/260+78 -L- LT	38		59				
19	263+85/263+97 -L- LT	39		40				
20	271+85/271+97 -L- LT	40	< 0.01					
20	274+19/274+63 -L- LT	41			< 0.01			
21	287+86/288+13 -L- RT	42		60				
21	287+89/288+09 -L- LT	42		71				
Additional (*)			0.17	461				
TOTAL			0.54	3995	0.01			

* = Additional stream impacts included to account for potential new outfall locations into Watauga River and Laurel Fork and also for some additional impacts due to the potential realignment of Old Shulls Mill Road (-Y1-) at the beginning of the project that would result in extending the project tie-in to Station 69+00 -L-. Additional wetland impacts included to account for potential realignment of -Y1- and other minor potential impacts throughout the corridor.