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Date

RE: GDOT Project PI No. xxxxxxx, Xxxxxxx County

Project Description: TIA Project Name– TIA

Project Right of Entry Letter – Environmental Surveys

Dear Property Owner:

We are requesting your cooperation in our continuing effort to provide a safe and efficient transportation system for the people of Georgia.

The Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) is currently preparing to conduct environmental surveys for the above referenced project. GDOT has contracted with the Consultant firms listed below to provide professional services for this project. This project is in the early stages of development and several alternative alignments are under consideration. A larger area of potential effect (APE) is being considered for preliminary engineering purposes. The proposed alignment will be developed within the APE to minimize harm to the natural, cultural, and built environment based on the location of sensitive ecological, archaeological, and historic resources. These field surveys may require access to your property for the purposes of identifying ecological resources (protected species, wetlands, streams, etc.), which may involve small auger tests and flagging of vegetation; identifying historic buildings by evaluating properties 50 years of age or older and documenting them photographically and with site plan and floor plan sketches; and identifying archaeological resources, which may require the excavation of small, temporary shovel or auger tests. These tests, usually no more than one to two feet in diameter and one to three feet deep, will be backfilled upon completion. These surveys may also require the collection of samples for analysis; these samples may include ecological specimens, archaeological collections, and soil samples, along with readings regarding air quality and noise levels. If more extensive work is required (i.e., excavation of larger test units, removal of large areas of vegetation, etc.), you will be personally contacted by GDOT or GDOT’s consultant.

During the course of our work, it may be necessary for personnel to enter upon your property as provided for by Georgia Law, Code 32-2-2(a)(9) which states: The Department and its authorized agents and employees shall have authority to enter upon any lands in the State for the purpose of making such surveys, soundings, drillings and examinations as the Department may deem necessary or desirable to accomplish the purpose of this title, and such entry shall not be deemed a trespass, nor shall it be deemed an entry which would constitute a taking in a condemnation proceeding, provided that reasonable notice is given the owner or occupant of the property to be entered and that such entry shall be done in a reasonable manner with as little inconvenience as possible to the owner or occupant of the property. Please be assured that this work will be done in a professional manner with as little inconvenience to you as possible.

The identifying information for this project is as follows:

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The following contact information should be used regarding any questions you have about the project or the work to be performed.

1. GDOT TIA Regional Coordinator: Name, phone number
2. GDOT TIA Project Manager: Name, phone number
3. Prime Consultant: Name, contact, phone number
4. Environmental Consultant: Name, contact, phone number
5. GDOT TIA Environmental Coordinator: Laura Dawood, (770) 548-9904

I sincerely appreciate your cooperation and regret any inconvenience this work may cause.

Sincerely,

Kenneth Franks

GDOT State TIA Administrator

KKF:EW:RC:PM

cc: Xxxxxxxx, GDOT Transportation Board Member – Congressional District x

Eric Wilkinson, GDOT Assistant State TIA Administrator

Xxxxxxxx, GDOT District X Engineer

Xxxxxxxx, GDOT District X Preconstruction Engineer

Xxxxxxxx, GDOT District X Area X Manager

Xxxxxxxx, GDOT TIA Regional Coordinator

Nona Guilford, GDOT TIA Deputy Program Manager

Xxxxxxxx, GDOT TIA Project Manager