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Mr. Adam Hazell, Planning Director Georgia Mountains Regional Commission PO Box 1720 Gainesville, GA 30503

Re: Early Coordination Request for PI#: 0015567, Union County, Bridge Replacement on State Route 60 at Suches Creek, 13.1 miles southwest of Blairsville

Dear Mr. Hazell,

The Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) is in the beginning stages of project development for the above noted project. The proposal consists of the replacement of the existing bridge located on State Route 60 over Suches Creek (Structure ID 291-0016-0). Please see the attached Project Location Map.

The design for the project is being developed concurrently with the Environmental Analysis and in compliance with applicable environmental laws and regulations. The purpose of this letter is to ask you to advise us of any known project area resources or conditions that should be considered during the environmental evaluation.

This evaluation process, developed by GDOT to make our projects responsive to social, economic, and environmental concerns, offers you the opportunity to identify site specific conditions to be addressed in the environmental evaluation. With your assistance, we can give these issues due consideration and integrate them into the development of the project alignment and design.

GDOT would especially appreciate your assistance in identifying communities in the project area—low income and minority communities in particular. If you are aware of community associations or community leaders who might serve as liaisons with neighborhoods, please bring these to our attention. We would like to be certain that communities are recognized and given the opportunity to fully participate and provide meaningful input in the project development process.

Your assistance is appreciated. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact the NEPA Analyst, Rachael Rosenstein (RRosenstein@dot.ga.gov), at 404-631-1803 or the project manager, Darrell Richardson, (DRichardson@dot.ga.gov), at 678-730-1448.

Sincerely,

Eric Duff

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State Environmental Administrator

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Attachments: Project Location Map

cc: Darrell Richardson, GDOT Project Manager (via email)

PDF for Project File

