

Exhibit FF. Breaux Bridge I-10 Site LA SHPO Letter of Site Recommendation







March 28, 2023

Mr. Emile Lege One Acadiana 804 East St. Mary Street Lafayette, LA 70503

RE: Breaux Bridge I-10 Site Cultural Findings Memo CSRS Project No 214002

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Dear Mr. Lege,

As part of the Louisiana Economic Development (LED) Certified Site Program, the Breaux Bridge I-10 Site located in St. Martins Parish, Louisiana was subjected to a Phase I Cultural Resources Survey on November 4th, 2022. The results of the survey identified an unknown brick feature and a rectangular concrete slab resembling a septic tank lid cover or possibly a crypt. The concrete feature was assigned site number 16SM137 and the Phase I Cultural Resource Survey was submitted to the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) for review and issuance of a concurrence letter. On February 28th, 2023, SHPO issued a concurrence letter stating, "In our Office's opinion, site 16SM137 is not eligible. However, the possible grave should be treated as a mortuary facility until further investigation determine whether it is a tomb or not."

On March 24th, 2023, CSRS, LLC. (CSRS) discussed the path forward with SHPO to understand what steps would be required with respect to the future development of the property. Based on this discussion, SHPO suggested two (2) different options outlined below. If the site does not have to be impacted for future development, Option 1 is the appropriate path forward. If future development of the site will require impacting the site, Option 2 will likely be required.

- 1. <u>Avoid Site 16SM137</u>: If development of the site can be completed without impacting the site, no further investigation is required. A 25-ft buffer can be placed around the site with the assumption the site consists of an isolated tomb/grave. The site and associated buffer will not require maintenance, but installation of a fence around the buffer area is suggested.
- 2. Impacting Site 16SM137: If the proposed development will require impacting Site 16SM137, further investigation will be required to determine if the site is in fact a tomb. SHPO will issue a permit in accordance with the Louisiana Unmarked Human Burial Site Act (LUHBA). The permit outlines the required scope to determine the status of the site which typically entails utilizing Ground Penetration Radar (GPR) or shallow probing to investigate the subsurface infrastructure. Community outreach may also be required to determine if the public is aware of the site. If the GBR and public outreach determines Site 16SM137 is not a grave, no further action is required once SHPO approves of the findings. The contents of the site can be removed and the site can be developed as needed. If it is determined that Site 16SM137 is a grave, the site can either be avoided based on Option 1 or can be removed and relocated. If the site needs to be removed, further coordination with SHPO in accordance with LUHBA will be required. The contents of the site can be removed after documentation and the materials can be relocated to a cemetery for internment.

Thank you for the opportunity to assist you in this project. Should you have any questions or require additional information, feel free to contact me.

Respectfully,

Elliott Boudreaux Project Manager



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28 February 2023

Jon Glass All Phases Archaeology 257 Pinehill Drive Mobile, AL 36606 Breaux Bridge I-10 Site LA SHPO Letter of Site Recommendation

Re: Draft Report La Division of Archaeology Report No. 22-7198 Phase I Cultural Resources Survey for the Proposed Breaux Bridge I-10 Site, St. Martin Parish, Louisiana

Dear Jon Glass:

We acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 12 January 2023 and one copy of the above referenced report. The submittal is considered Due Diligence. Our response is for preliminary, informational purposes only. The opinion stated below could change once the responsible federal and/or state agency initiates consultation with our Office and provides their determination of effects.

The submittal of this information is not a substitution for consultation under the National Historic Preservation Act and the National Environmental Policy Act.

We have completed our review of this report based on the information submitted and have the following comments to offer.

In our Office's opinion, site 16SM137 is not eligible. However, the possible grave should be treated as a mortuary facility until further investigations determine whether it is a tomb or not. These investigations hould proceed under a permit from the Division of Archaeology per the Louisiana Unmarked Human Burial Sites Preservation Act (R.S. 8:671-681).

The federal agency is responsible for determining the eligibility of archaeological sites and the built environment. Our Office's opinion may change when the federal agency initiates consultation on this project.

We are accepting the report as final; no further submissions are necessary. If you have any questions, please contact Chip McGimsey at <u>cmcgimsey@crt.la.gov</u> or 225-219-4598.

Sincerely,

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Chip McGimsey State Archaeologist