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Cultural Relic Resource

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EVALUATION REPORT OF THE CULTURAL RELICS ALONG MEICUN-LONGBU SECTION UNDER LRIP

The Meicun-Longbu section begins at Meicun, Hanfang, Gan County, and ends at Shangcun, Longbu, Anyuan County. The upgrading project follows the existing alignment, with a total length of 34.749 km.

Commissioned by the Hongtai Expressway Construction Company, Ganzhou City, the Jiangxi Provincial Archaeological Institute conducted an evaluation on local cultural relic resources along the upgrading project. The evaluation consists of cultural relics archive reference and field surveys. Areas investigated include Hanfang, Gan County, Ganzhou City; Shuangyuan, Anyuan County; and Longbu. A summary of sites of cultural relics near the upgrading project is given below.

1. Qing dynasty neighborhood bulletin boards at Yushi: Located at Xiaobenyu, Hanfang. The two bulletin boards are dated to the 47th and the 52nd year of the Qianlong reign (1782 and 1787). The bulletin boards are inscribed with accords for maintaining security in the neighborhood. The site is about 1 km from the construction.

2. Fengshugang: A Bronze Age site (Shang and Zhou period); located 1 km east of Dakengcun, Longbu. The known area of the site is about 9,000 m², with a cultural deposit of 0.8 to 2.5 m. Collected artifacts include: lithics, including perforated spades and adzes; and pottery, which includes jars and stamp-patterned potsherds with sand temper. Decorations on pottery include * patterns and thin cord marks. The site is about 4 km from the widening project.

3. Neighborhood landmarks at Chongqingdi and Dexingdi: Located 0.7 km east of the Baimaoxie village, Longbu. Cultural relics of county-level protection. Both landmarks were built during the reign of Qianling, Qing dynasty and consist of three gateways. They are located about 5 km from the widening project.

The current report confirms that the upgrading project (including earth borrow pits and disposal pits), will not pose any threats to the local sites of cultural relics and that the upgrading project conforms to the requirements of the Cultural Relics Protection Law of P. R. China.

The results listed in the current report are, nonetheless, not comprehensive, due to the fact that the current investigation was based on the preliminary design provided by the Hongtai Expressway Construction Company, Ganzhou City, and that the evaluation was conducted by referring to cultural relics archives and conducting field survey. The Jiangxi Provincial Institute of Archaeology wishes to make the following recommendations:

1. If, for reasons related to technical or geological issues, shift is made to the alignment of the Congyi-Fengzhou section, the Hongtai Expressway Construction Company should immediately inform the Jiangxi Provincial Cultural Relics and Archeology Research Institute in order to revise and adjust the relevant datum in the report.
2. Due to the limited means of cultural relics survey, there is a possibility that there are some cultural relic sites not discovered underground along the alignment. Therefore, if the cultural relic sites are discovered during construction, the Hongtai Expressway Construction Company should immediately cease construction and report to the Jiangxi Provincial Institute of Archaeology. Construction shall resume after proper protective measures are conducted by the Institute.

Figure 1: Distribution of Cultural Relics in Gan County along the Upgrading Project (Meicun-Longbu section)

Figure 2: Distribution of Cultural Relics in Anyuan County along the Upgrading Project (Meicun-Longbu section)
Distribution of Cultural Relics in Gan County along the Alignment of Meicun-Longbu Section under LRIP

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Section of Expressway for the Widening Project

Site of Cultural Relics
Distribution of Cultural Relics in Anyuan County along the Alignment of Meicun-Longbu Section under LRIP