Environmental Assessment
Appendix S

Public Information Meeting Documents

Public Notice

The Post and Courier

134 Columbus St., Charleston, SC 29403

Classified Ad to publish in	Post and Courier, Post & Courier Web

Customer Name	DAVIS & FLOYD ENG

Order	1521102
Account	103655
Name	
Phone	(843) 554-8602
Class	985
Start Date	11/24/2016
Stop Date	12/14/2016
Insertions	3
Lines	66.0
Payments	$0.00
Total Price	**$476.88**
Ad Rep	Ginger Harley

PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS TO US 78 PHASE 3
DORCHESTER COUNTY
PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING

Meeting:
Thursday, December 15, 2016, between 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m., in the Alston Middle School Cafeteria, 500 Bryan Street, Summerville, SC 29483 (enter through gate opposite Dorchester County EMS). The meeting will have a drop-in format with displays for viewing.

Purpose:
To provide information and solicit feedback to include gathering information from the public or any interested organization on historic or cultural resources in the area of the proposed improvements to US 78 Phase 3 from 0.68 miles northwest of Orangeburg Road (S-18-22) to 0.43 miles southeast of Berlin G. Myers Parkway (SC 165). Members of the Dorchester County Sales Tax Transportation Authority, its Consultant, and engineering personnel from the South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) will be available to discuss the project with interested citizens on an individual basis.

Public Documents:
The Public Information Meeting Exhibit is available for public viewing at the Summerville Chamber of Commerce located at 402 N. Main Street, Summerville, SC 29483 or www.dorchesterroadstax.org.

Contact:
Donnie Dukes, Program Manager – Davis & Floyd, Inc.,
(843) 554-8602 AD# 1521102

Public Meeting Information Booklet

South Carolina Department of Transportation

U.S. Department of Transportation
Federal Highway Administration

HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

DORCHESTER COUNTY SALES TAX TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

PROPOSED WIDENING AND IMPROVEMENTS TO U.S. ROUTE 78 FROM 0.68 MILES NORTHWEST OF ORANGEBURG ROAD (S-18-22) TO 0.43 MILES SOUTHEAST OF BERLIN G MYERS PARKWAY (SC RTE 165) IN DORCHESTER COUNTY

PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING
December 15, 2016 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

WELCOME

Thank you for attending this public information meeting on the proposed widening and improvements to U.S. Highway 78 from 0.68 miles northwest of Orangeburg Road (S-18-22) to 0.43 miles southeast of Berlin G. Myers Parkway (SC Route 165) for a total length of 7.18 miles. This meeting will have an informal format, which means that displays are set up and representatives of the project team are available to answer your questions and note your comments. Three large displays have been provided to better depict the proposed project that is shown on the attached map. This informal meeting format will give you the opportunity to better understand this project by interacting with the project team. You are also encouraged to make comments and suggestions about the project. Comments in regards to known cultural or historic sites are particularly appreciated and can be provided on the written comment forms. Please deposit written comments in the box located in the meeting room or mail them to the address on the comment form by **January 5, 2017.**

PURPOSE AND NEED

The purpose of the proposed project is to improve safety conditions along this section of US Route 78 and increase the traffic capacity between its intersection with Orangeburg Road and Summerville. A secondary purpose of this project is to add facilities to improve safety, mobility, and connectivity of alternate modes of non-motorized travel.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This project is being developed and advanced by the Dorchester County Sales Tax Transportation Authority and South Carolina Department of Transportation. Funding for the project will come jointly from the Dorchester County Transportation Sales Tax, State Transportation Infrastructure Bank, and Federal Highway Administration Funds. Due to funding constraints and scheduling, Phase 3 has been broken into two phases, Phase 3A and Phase 3B. In accordance with the 2004 Referendum authorizing the 1-cent sales tax for transportation improvements, Dorchester County Transportation Sales Tax funds can only be applied to Phase 3A. Phase 3B will be financed though State and Federal funds.

As seen on the attached map, Phase 3 is located along existing U.S. Highway 78 beginning near secondary road S-22 (Orangeburg Road/Dawson Branch Road) to just beyond SC 165 (Berlin G. Myers Parkway) in Summerville. Specific details of the proposed improvements include:

- Widen US 78 to 5 lanes from Orangeburg Road to Berlin G. Myers Parkway
- Intersection Improvements to Orangeburg Rd./ Dawson Branch Rd. Intersection
- Intersection Improvements to Jedburg Rd./ Mallard Rd. Intersection
- Intersection Improvements to West Richardson Ave. Intersection
- Intersection Improvements to North Maple Street Intersection
- Construct 6.27 miles of Sidewalks
- Construct 2.55 miles of Multi-use Path from Auburn Hills Road to Branch Creek Trail

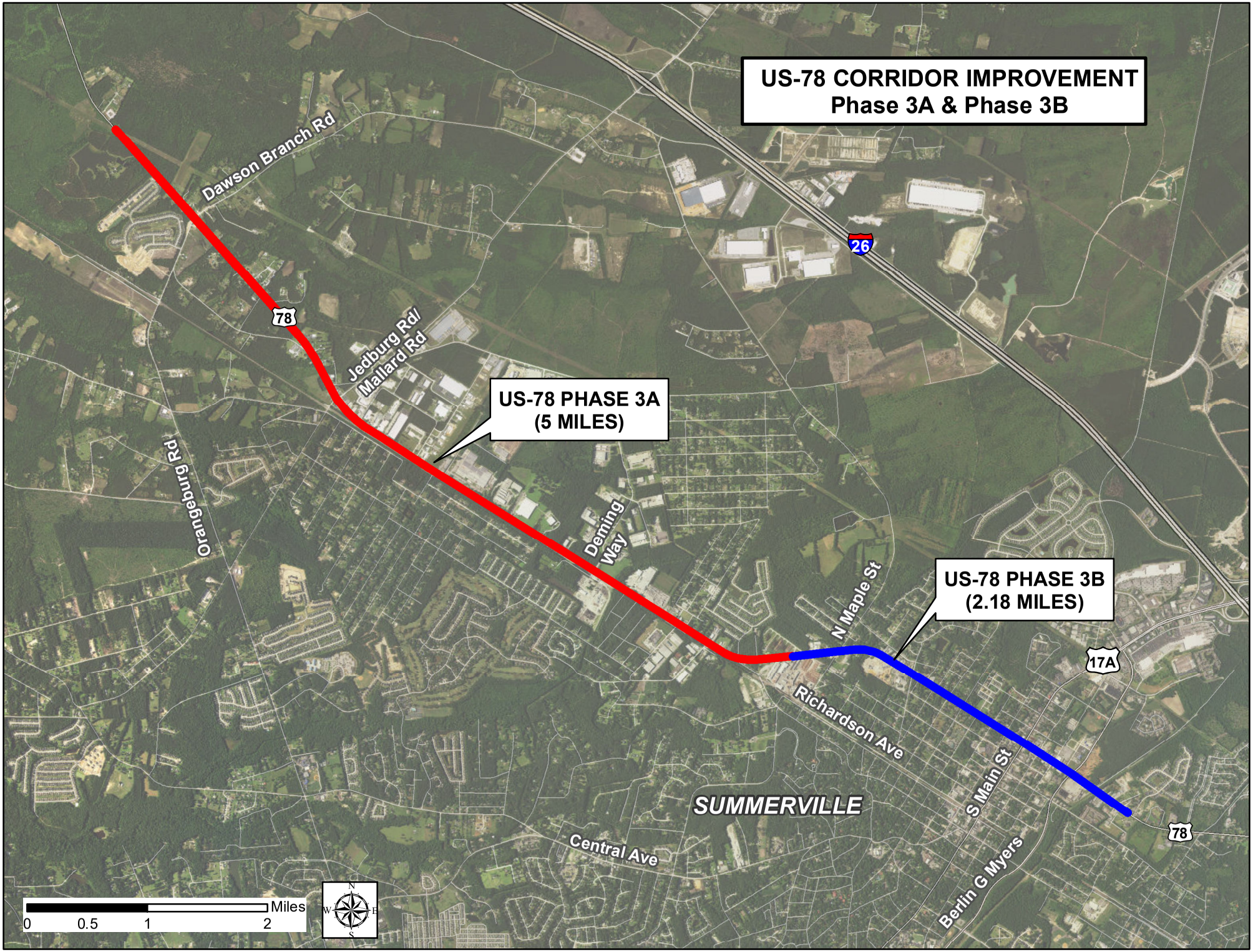
The environmental document is being prepared pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, and in accordance with Federal Highway Administration regulations (23 CFR Part 771).

PROJECT INFORMATION

If you would like to review materials from the meeting please go to www.dorchesterroadtax.org. The proposed project is expected to require right-of-way acquisition. Property owners impacted by the project would be compensated for acquired property and for any damages to remaining property, in accordance with SCDOT policy and the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended.

PROJECT SCHEDULE

Complete Environmental Assessment	2nd Quarter 2017
Public Hearing	3rd Quarter 2017
Begin Right of Way Acquisition	3rd Quarter 2017
Construction	TBA


US-78 CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENT
Phase 3A & Phase 3B
Dawson Branch Rd
78
Jedburg Rd/
Mallard Rd
Orangeburg Rd
US-78 PHASE 3A
(5 MILES)
Deming
Way
26
N Maple St
US-78 PHASE 3B
(2.18 MILES)
17A
Richardson Ave
S Main St
SUMMERVILLE
Central Ave
Berlin G Myers
78
Miles
0
0.5
1
2
N
W
E
S

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Thank you for taking this opportunity to participate in the project development process for the proposed widening and improvements to U.S. Highway 78 from near secondary road S-18-22 (Orangeburg Road) to just beyond SC RTE 165 (Berlin G. Myers Parkway) in Summerville. We encourage you to use the comment form provided so the project team can better understand individual concerns and suggestions. Please deposit written comments in the box located in the meeting room or mail them to the address given below by Thursday, January 5, 2017.

Tilley Bull
Project Manager
Davis & Floyd, Inc.
209 Church Street
Ridgeville, SC 29472
(843) 821-0801 or (843) 554-8602

US ROUTE 78 WIDENING AND IMPROVEMENTS
Public Information Meeting
December 15, 2016
COMMENTS
(Please Print)

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____
Street/Route **City** **State** **Zip Code** **Phone No.**

COMMENTS:

_____

_____

_____

_____

_____

_____

_____

_____

_____

_____

_____

_____

_____

_____

_____

Please mail in comments by January 5, 2017

NOTE: Information provided, including name and address, will be published and is subject to disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act.

Place first class postage

Tilley Bull
Project Manager
Davis & Floyd, Inc.
209 Church Street
Ridgeville, SC 29472

(fold along dotted line)

(fold along dotted line)

Meeting Sign In Sheets

South Carolina Department of Transportation

DORCHESTER COUNTY SALES TAX TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING
SIGN-IN SHEET
Thursday, December 15, 2016

PROPOSED US 78 PHASE 3 IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT
From 0.68 miles northwest of Orangeburg Road (S-18-22) to
0.43 miles southeast of Berlin G. Myers Parkway (SC 165)
DORCHESTER COUNTY

NAME *(please print)*	**ADDRESS** *(please print)*
TOM CLARK	308 MANDAHAW ST SUMMERVILLE
Marena Morton	111 Eastover Cir. S'ville South Pointe
Mike Taylor	509 West 2nd South ST
Cynthia Lucas	440 Brick Kiln Dr, 29483
Joseph Meehan	323 Prestwick Ct 29483
Darrell Taylor	717 W 5th. N. St Sville 29483
Kenneth Light	203 Dundee ST. South Pointe
Aaron Brown	PUB 925, S'ville 29483
Mary Ann Parell	1001 Diana Ct Summerville SC 29483
John Truluck	402 N. Main St. Summerville SC 29483
Steve Potts	2536 Hwy 78 W. Summerville
Bill Hearn	1712 Congressional Blvd. Summerville 29483

NOTE: Information provided, including name and address, will be published and is subject to disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act.

South Carolina Department of Transportation

DORCHESTER COUNTY SALES TAX TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING
SIGN-IN SHEET
Thursday, December 15, 2016

PROPOSED US 78 PHASE 3 IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT
From 0.68 miles northwest of Orangeburg Road (S-18-22) to
0.43 miles southeast of Berlin G. Myers Parkway (SC 165)
DORCHESTER COUNTY

NAME *(please print)*	**ADDRESS** *(please print)*
John Mott	244 Luden Dr Apt B Sville SC 29483
Christine Czarnik	406 S. Gum St Summerville SC 2548

NOTE: Information provided, including name and address, will be published and is subject to disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act.

DORCHESTER COUNTY SALES TAX TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING
SIGN-IN SHEET
Thursday, December 15, 2016

PROPOSED US 78 PHASE 3 IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT
From 0.68 miles northwest of Orangeburg Road (S-18-22) to
0.43 miles southeast of Berlin G. Myers Parkway (SC 165)
DORCHESTER COUNTY

NAME *(please print)*	ADDRESS *(please print)*
C. M. Murdaugh	DCTA
J.D. Allston	DCTA
T. Caballero	111 Hemlock St Summerville
Mark Pilgrim	123 E Johnston St. S'ville
[illegible]	128 [illegible] Joy Drive
Randy Patrick	112 Fairway Ct., St. George, SC

NOTE: Information provided, including name and address, will be published and is subject to disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act.

South Carolina Department of Transportation

DORCHESTER COUNTY SALES TAX TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING
SIGN-IN SHEET
Thursday, December 15, 2016

PROPOSED US 78 PHASE 3 IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT
From 0.68 miles northwest of Orangeburg Road (S-18-22) to
0.43 miles southeast of Berlin G. Myers Parkway (SC 165)
DORCHESTER COUNTY

NAME *(please print)*	ADDRESS *(please print)*
Dorothy Brown	
Jessi Shuler	200 S. Main St., Summerville, SC 29483
Rep. Katie Arrington	100 Turnerfield Dr, Summerville SC
Pat Martin	205 Branch Creek Trail Summerville
Tawana Muhammad	201 Violet Dr Summerville, SC 29483
Timothy Rivers	411 Branch Creek Tal Sville 29483
Lisa Klockenga	203 Branch Creek Trail 29483

NOTE: Information provided, including name and address, will be published and is subject to disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act.

South Carolina Department of Transportation

DORCHESTER COUNTY SALES TAX TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING
SIGN-IN SHEET
Thursday, December 15, 2016

PROPOSED US 78 PHASE 3 IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT
From 0.68 miles northwest of Orangeburg Road (S-18-22) to
0.43 miles southeast of Berlin G. Myers Parkway (SC 165)
DORCHESTER COUNTY

NAME *(please print)*	ADDRESS *(please print)*
David Briggs	10470 HWY 78 E
Mark Mohr	SCDOT 955 Park St. Columbia, SC
Michelle Hamm	73 Branch Creek Tr., Summerville, SC 29483
Bonnie Miley	Town of Summerville
Judy Duncan	202 Bamert St (So. Pt.) S'ville, SC 29483 South Pt. HOA
Robert Arrington	100 Turna Field Way S'ville
Jason Carraher	5073 Blair Rd S'ville
John Phillips	102 Eastover Cir. Summerville, SC 29483
Al Bradham	1403 E. 5th North St 29483
Matthew Taylor	717 W. 5th N. St. 29483
Deborah Light	203 Dundee St 29483
Bernie Mazyck	903 West 5th N. St. 29483
Robert Whitesell	110 Eastover Cir S'ville
Tim Schaefer	121 N. Birch St. S'ville
Carl Schaefer	300 Prestwick St. S'ville

NOTE: Information provided, including name and address, will be published and is subject to disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act.

South Carolina Department of Transportation

DORCHESTER COUNTY SALES TAX TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING
SIGN-IN SHEET
Thursday, December 15, 2016

PROPOSED US 78 PHASE 3 IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT
From 0.68 miles northwest of Orangeburg Road (S-18-22) to
0.43 miles southeast of Berlin G. Myers Parkway (SC 165)
DORCHESTER COUNTY

NAME *(please print)*	ADDRESS *(please print)*
MAYOR WILEY	TOWN OF SUMMERVILLE
CHRISTINE CZarnik	
DONNIE DUKES	D&F
TILLEY BULL	
SARAH COX	
LINDSEY KEZIAH	
JACOB EVERHART	
DEBBIE HADSOCK	
BRIAN TAYLOR	
MIKE SIMPSON	
EMILY CONSTANTINE	
CHERI TAPAGER	
REPORTER	SUMMERVILLE JOURNAL SCENE

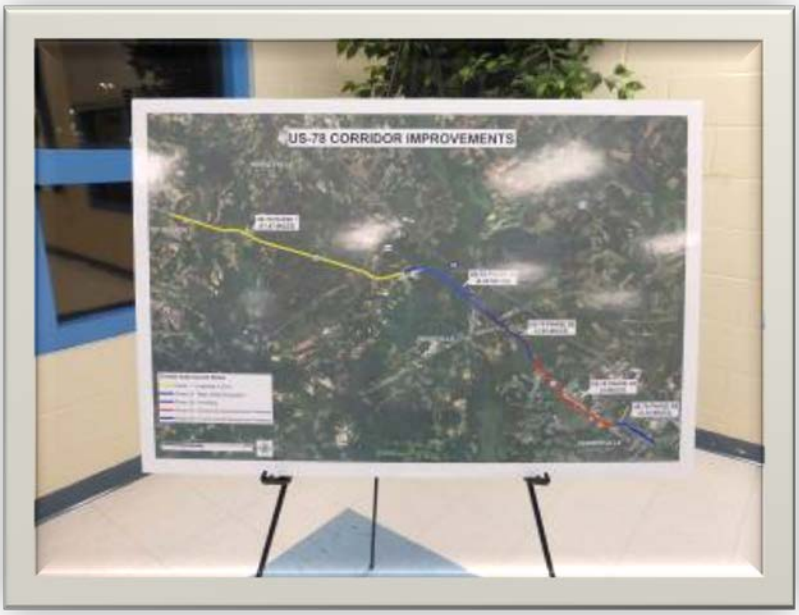
NOTE: Information provided, including name and address, will be published and is subject to disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act.

Meeting Exhibits

Meeting Photographs

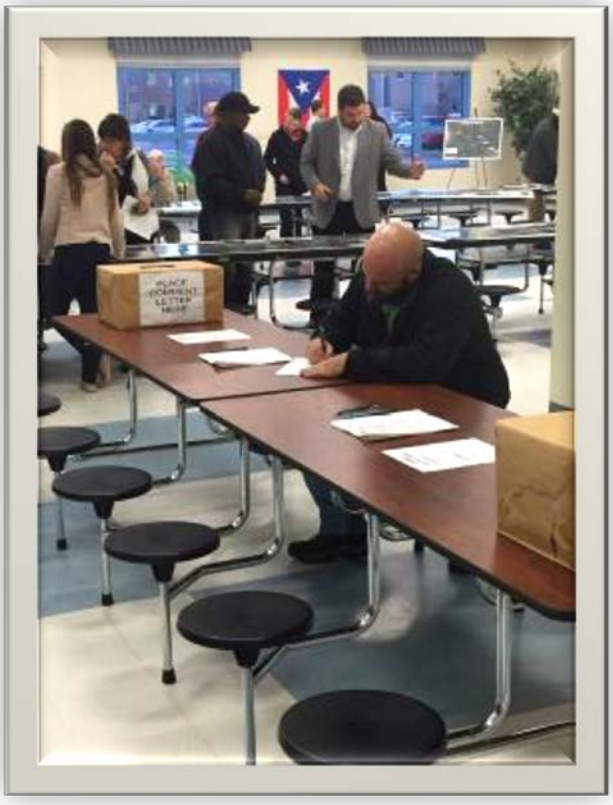
PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING
SCDOT

Current Owner
ROSA MAE RITTER
JOHNSON NORMAN LEE
MACK GERTIE
BOBBY WRIGHT JR
BRYANT SCOTT
DORCHESTER HABITAT FOR
HUMANITY
LAKEHOUSE THOMAS
CHURCH,TR C BAPTIST
CHURCH,TR C BAPTIST
CHURCH,NEW


US-78 CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS

PLACE COMMENT LETTER HERE

PLACE
COMMENT
LETTER
HERE



PLACE
COMMENT
LETTER
HERE

Welcome
to the
Tiger Den Cafe

PLACE
COMMENT
LETTER
HERE

PLACE
COMMENT
LETTER
HERE

Comments Received

US ROUTE 78 WIDENING AND IMPROVEMENTS
Public Information Meeting
December 15, 2016
COMMENTS
(Please Print)

NAME: Robert Whiteford

ADDRESS: 110 Eastover Cir (Street/Route) Siville (City) SC (State) 29483 (Zip Code) 8436934714 (Phone No.)

COMMENTS:

Feel like we need immediate help at Berlin G. Meyers & HYW 78. Traffic back ups extensive at rush hour. New 300 Unit apt complex due to open soon ~~ma~~ ~~with~~ ~~which~~ which will make traffic even worse.

Thank you.

Please mail in comments by January 5, 2017

NOTE: Information provided, including name and address, will be published and is subject to disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act.

US ROUTE 78 WIDENING AND IMPROVEMENTS
Public Information Meeting
December 15, 2016
COMMENTS
(Please Print)

NAME: Steve Potts Scout Boats Inc.

ADDRESS: 2531 Hwy 78W, Summerville S.C. 29483 843821-0065
Street/Route City State Zip Code Phone No.

COMMENTS:

Scout Boats employees 340 employees that enter Hwy 78 Monday - Saturday 4- times a day. Traffic has become a major hazard!

The widening of Hwy 78 will be critical to the continued growth of our emp Goyement which is planned to be to 680 by year 2020

Please mail in comments by January 5, 2017

NOTE: Information provided, including name and address, will be published and is subject to disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act.

US ROUTE 78 WIDENING AND IMPROVEMENTS
Public Information Meeting
December 15, 2016
COMMENTS
(Please Print)

NAME: Mary Ann Powell

ADDRESS: 1001 Dana Court Summerville SC 29483 843-906-7706
Street/Route City State Zip Code Phone No.

COMMENTS:

Safety Project addition
Residents living in Summer Pines Apt.
Have a difficult time crossing highway to
go east due to no median & traffic
back up going west. this is a
Serious safety issue. More residents,
more business, we could see lots of
accidents. Therefore we need a
Safety addition project to include
Median for Summer Pines & South Point.
Branch Creek & Willow Bay Apt have their
Median. Again for safety reasons
Summer Pines & South Point are in
need of a Median.

Please mail in comments by January 5, 2017

NOTE: Information provided, including name and address, will be published and is subject to disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act.

US ROUTE 78 WIDENING AND IMPROVEMENTS
Public Information Meeting
December 15, 2016
COMMENTS
(Please Print)

NAME: Judy Duncan Judy DUNCAN

ADDRESS: 202 Bamert St. S'ville, SC 29483 843-821-4281
Street/Route City State Zip Code Phone No.

COMMENTS:

Please make a right hand turn Lane on Hwy 78 West to Berlin G. Myers toward Main St. If a right hand lane available Hwy 78 would not back up for almost a mile & when it does - it blocks South Pt. Sub-Div. (about 300 homes) and we can not get out of the Sub. Div.

Please mail in comments by January 5, 2017

NOTE: Information provided, including name and address, will be published and is subject to disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act.

US ROUTE 78 WIDENING AND IMPROVEMENTS
Public Information Meeting
December 15, 2016
COMMENTS
(Please Print)

NAME: TIM SCHAEFER

ADDRESS: 121 N. BIRCH ST. SUMMERVILLE SC 29483 843-324-6689
Street/Route City State Zip Code Phone No.

COMMENTS:

CURIOUS ON PROPERTY BEING IMPACTED BY WIDENING.

Please mail in comments by January 5, 2017

NOTE: Information provided, including name and address, will be published and is subject to disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act.

US ROUTE 78 WIDENING AND IMPROVEMENTS
Public Information Meeting
December 15, 2016
COMMENTS
(Please Print)

NAME: Lisa Kluckenyan

ADDRESS: 203 Branch Creek Trail (Street/Route) Summerville (City) SC (State) 29483 (Zip Code) 843-860-1464 (Phone No.)

COMMENTS:

I live in Branch Creek, and am interested in widening Hwy 78 from Berlin G Myers down to Royal Rd. We have multiple developments coming in on Hwy 78. The traffic has already become an issue, and we don't have a lot of the new developments completed. I plead with you to make every effort to improve our traffic issues. I know this involves Charleston, Berkeley, and Dorchester counties, but we definitely need the issue resolved

Thank

Lisa Kluckenyan

Please mail in comments by January 5, 2017

NOTE: Information provided, including name and address, will be published and is subject to disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act.

US ROUTE 78 WIDENING AND IMPROVEMENTS
Public Information Meeting
December 15, 2016
COMMENTS
(Please Print)

NAME: JOHN PHILLIPS

ADDRESS: 102 EASTOVER CIR	SUMMERVILLE	SC	29483	843-607-1217
Street/Route	**City**	**State**	**Zip Code**	**Phone No.**

COMMENTS:

THERE NEEDS TO BE IMMEDIATE ATTENTION TO THE INTERSECT OF BERLIN G MYERS PKWY & HWY 78. HWY 78 BACKS UP PAST SOUTH POINTE BLVD. EVERY WEEKEND AND ALSO DURING THE WEEK AT HIGH TRAFFIC TIMES. AT A MINIMUM A RIGHT TURN LANE NEEDS TO BE INSTALLED SO DRIVERS CAN MAKE A RIGHT TURN ONTO BERLIN G. MYERS PKWY HEADING TOWARDS MAIN ST. THIS WOULD PROBABLY HELP TREMENDOUSLY. THAT INTERSECTION AS A WHOLE NEEDS TO BE TOP PRIORITY ESPECIALLY WITH 300 APARTMENTS GETTING READY TO OPEN ON HWY 78 IN THIS AREA.

Please mail in comments by January 5, 2017

NOTE: Information provided, including name and address, will be published and is subject to disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act.

Lindsey Keziah

From: knifeknut@gmail.com on behalf of John Mott <JohnMott.SC@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, January 06, 2017 5:59 PM
To: Lindsey Keziah
Subject: Rte. 78 Widening / Improvements Comments.

US Route 78 Widening and Improvements

Comments from Dec.15, 2016 Public information Meeting..

I am John Mott, the odd fellow with the hat and toolpouch on hip. Please forgive my tardiness in submitting my comments. I have sorted them by tier to show how strongly I feel about them and their importance to the project that they be properly implemented.

Tier 1: My Most Important Request:

There needs to be a Multiuse path that crosses under 78 @ Sawmill branch.

Design can be similar to those downstream. Currently there is no official paved bicycle and pedestrian pathway along this section of already existing right of way, but the maintenance shelf on the north side is already used for this purpose. Additionally, a multiuse path is proposed for the future using this maintenance shelf. BCDCOG is currently working on a map that will show this. http://wikimapping.com/wikimap/bcdcog.html It will be far less expensive for everyone concerned to proactively build this now, rather than waiting for the future.

Tier 2:

Retention Ponds Needed Near Berlin G. Myers and HWY 78 Intersection:

The Sawmill Branch drainage is already overwhelmed during heavy precipitation events; the situation may become even worse when the final phase of the Berlin G. Myers Bypass is created (it will greatly increase impervious surfaces draining into the Sawmill Branch Basin). Stormwater ponds need to be created in the area of unused high ground to the North of where HWY 78 crosses the Sawmill branch: (https://www.google.com/maps/place/33%C2%B001'24.0%22N+80%C2%B009'49.2%22W/@33.023332,-80.1658388,700m/data=!3m2!1e3!4b1!4m5!3m4!1s0x0:0x0!8m2!3d33.023332!4d-80.163656). This will best mitigate the not insignificant increase in runoff due to the widening.

Right Turn Lanes Needed In All Directions @ Berlin G. Myers Parkway

Where there is available unused land @ the intersection with Berlin G. Myers there should be right turn lanes going in every direction where there is not currently development. The proposal map did not show this. These are needed to keep traffic flowing smoothly in all directions, as this is an arterial nexus that will only see more traffic with future development. Double right turn lanes should be considered where there is available space, and ROW purchased to allow double right turn lanes in the future if only single lanes are built. For example, At Station 1472+50 have a right turn lane turning SW onto North Main / 78.

Rework Collins Square Entrance and Egress.

Currently the routes for entering and exiting Collins Square and the associated Spinx Fueling Station at the intersection with Berlin G Myers are suboptimal. It needs to be reworked if possible. Currently, and in the proposed design, U turns or detours are required if one desires to return in the direction from which one arrived. Additionally, U turns will be needed with the proposed design in order to enter the shopping center when coming from certain directions. The design does not seem to take this into account, as there is no space for vehicles to queue while waiting to make a U turn away from controlled intersections.

Tier 3: Bike and Pedestrian Accommodations.

Between Station 1480+20 to 1511+75, move the Multiuse path to the NNE side of the road, and widen the sidewalks on the Alston Schools side of the road. Shift the Centerline to Accommodate.

Extend Multiuse path from Station 1378 to 1327 to reach Deming way, in order to better accommodate future development, and encourage those that work and/or live in this area to walk or bicycle. Shift centerline as needed.

Station 1241+80 to 1376+40 Widen proposed sidewalk to multiuse path.

Tier 4: Things to keep traffic moving smoothly on the main travel lanes and intersections.

Keep Both Rail Crossings @ Industrial Rd. The map showed that the intersection that was not being improved would be closed. Closing this would be an impediment to the industrial developments that are dependent on this road.

A right turn lane off of Auburn Hills Rd onto HWY 78 needs to be integrated into the intersection. This lane would sit on an area where it is proposed that pavement be removed.

Right Turn Lane @ Station 1207+25 onto Brewer Rd. Needed for deceleration and to keep mainline traffic moving smoothly.

Right Turn Lane onto Pete Ewers Drive. Needed for deceleration and to keep mainline traffic moving smoothly.

Thank You.

US ROUTE 78 WIDENING AND IMPROVEMENTS
Public Information Meeting
December 15, 2016
COMMENTS
(Please Print)

NAME: THOMAS E CLARK

ADDRESS: 306 MENDENHALL St SUMMERVILLE, SC 29483 843 217 5509
Street/Route City State Zip Code Phone No.

Please consider extra attention to the intersection of RT 78 and the Berlin G Myers Parkway.

I am a resident of South Point, a subdivision of 315 families and their homes. South Pointe has a single access point to and from the "world" at the intersection where South Pointe Boulevard meets RT 78.

Having lived here for the past seven years, I can tell you that the traffic stoppages on RT 78 and South Point Boulevard are getting more and more frequent – as Westbound traffic backs up from the light at the intersection of RT 78 and the Berlin G Myers Parkway with increasing frequency. The folks in the Branch Creek subdivision have it even worse as their sole access is closer to the problem than ours.

From many many personal observations while sitting in Westbound RT 78 traffic approaching the Berlin G Myers Parkway, I can tell you that a large percentage, perhaps 30%, of the traffic turns RIGHT at the intersection. Due to the absence of a right turn lane, a single lane of cars approaches the intersection to either pass straight through or turn right.

I know there is a master plan to totally revamp this intersection – but currently with no surveys done and no funding. So it is likely 3-5 years before any action.

Merely putting in a 500 FT Right Turn lane for Westbound 78 at the Berlin G Myers intersection at this time will substantially reduce the traffic backups that are getting worse on a nearly daily basis.

Please consider the request Right Turn Lane in the NEAR TERM.

US ROUTE 78 WIDENING AND IMPROVEMENTS
Public Information Meeting
December 15, 2016
COMMENTS
(Please Print)

NAME: Kenneth Light

ADDRESS: 203 Dundee St. Summerville SC 29483
Street/Route City State Zip Code Phone No.

COMMENTS:

As a resident of South Pointe subdivision, I am highly concerned that no widening or upgrades are in the works for the section of Hwy 78 between B&M Pkwy and the Fairgrounds. Traffic is backed up everyday in this stretch of road. Far worse than the areas that are scheduled for upgrades. Everyday traffic backs up on Hwy 78 at the entrance to my neighborhood. There is only one way in and out of South Pointe. This is a safety & security issue.

Please mail in comments by January 5, 2017

NOTE: Information provided, including name and address, will be published and is subject to disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act.

US ROUTE 78 WIDENING AND IMPROVEMENTS
Public Information Meeting
December 15, 2016
COMMENTS
(Please Print)

NAME: Deborah Light

ADDRESS: 203 Dundee St Summerville, SC 29483
Street/Route City State Zip Code Phone No.

COMMENTS:

I am a resident in South Pointe subdivision. Our only entrance/exit to our subdivision is Hwy 78. In the past 3-4 years the traffic on Hwy 78 backs up 2-3 times a day to the point where I cannot get out of my neighborhood. It is also impossible for emergency vehicles to enter/exit our neighborhood. The upgrading of Rt 78 is way overdue as is the expansion of the intersection of Hwy 78 and BGM Pkwy. Why is the portion of Hwy 78 from Orangeburg Rd. getting upgrades before the section from College Pk Rd to BGM Pkwy? Way more traffic on this section of Hwy 78!

Please mail in comments by January 5, 2017

NOTE: Information provided, including name and address, will be published and is subject to disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act.

US ROUTE 78 WIDENING AND IMPROVEMENTS
Public Information Meeting
December 15, 2016
COMMENTS
(Please Print)

NAME: Marena Morton South Pointe Subdivision

ADDRESS: 111 Eastover Circle Summerville SC 29483 843-871-5733
Street/Route City State Zip Code Phone No.

COMMENTS:

Mr Buell,

I attended the meeting Dec 15th regarding the new changes proposed for a section of Hwy 78 in Summerville. I am forwarding to you a letter I wrote in Aug 2016 & sent to the Chas. District, Corps of Engineers, Varn Calcote Investment Group, SCDHEC, SCDOT, Russ Cornett (Town of S'ville Engineer) and the editorial page at S'ville Journal Scene. I am also forwarding to you my email to Russ Cornett and his response.

I hope the new design for the intersection of Hwy 78 & the Berlin G Myers Parkway includes right-turn-ONLY lanes at all four points of this intersection — not just three points or right/thru lanes. The right/thru lanes present now are FAILURES. This does NOT work here at this intersection!! Thank you for your time.

Marena W Morton
mmorton0202@sc.rr.com

Please mail in comments by January 5, 2017

NOTE: Information provided, including name and address, will be published and is subject to disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act.

111 Eastover Circle
Summerville, SC 29483

Charleston District, Corps of Engineers
ATTN: Regulatory Division
69A Hagood Avenue
Charleston, SC 29403-5107

August 30, 2016

Re: P/N SAC-2004-03854

To Whom It May Concern:

I am a resident of South Pointe Subdivision located off of Highway (Hwy) 78 in Dorchester County. I have recently learned of a plan to construct a commercial retail center, known as Parkway Town Center, in the southeast quadrant of the intersection of US Hwy 78 and Berlin G Myers Parkway (BGMP) in Summerville, Dorchester County, SC.

This intersection is about a mile or two up Hwy 78 from my subdivision and is the main thoroughfare to town for South Pointe residents. As an "interested" party, I would like to express some thoughts on the effects the proposed project may cause.

Hwy 78 and BGMP are *major* thoroughfares in the Summerville area. Thus, it would be ideal to expedite traffic by having it flow smoothly and efficiently. This intersection is far from that!
In my opinion, the Hwy 78/BGMP intersection is a **failed** intersection!

I have lived in South Pointe since November 1987. Over the years due to the influx of businesses in the tri-county area (thus more people) and the above mentioned intersection being a failed intersection, driving out of our subdivision (one egress point only) has become increasingly more difficult and dangerous. At any given time, especially at peak traffic times, traffic from this intersection can back up past our subdivision entrance!! To top off an already dire situation, there is an addition of 300+ apartments on Hwy 78 located between South Pointe and the Hwy78/BGMP intersection. Add THAT traffic to the already failed intersection!! (Also, there are rumors of more homes to be built in South Pointe!!!)

It has long been my suggestion (*as well as my question, <u>why not in the first place!</u>*) that right-hand turn lanes be included at this intersection (and at ALL major thoroughfare intersections). I think this would tremendously help alleviate the failed performance of the Hwy 78/BGMP intersection.

Without right-hand turn lanes, I foresee many people using the new proposed Parkway Town Center as an expedite "cut-thru" to the BGMP. If this happens, and I'm sure it will, I envision many safety and traffic issues for this proposed shopping area. I occasionally see "cut-thru" traffic already happening at the Heritage Square Shopping area. I would expect "cut-thru" traffic to be worse at the new Parkway Town Center due to it being on the side of the multiple popular shopping/eating/entertainment areas on North Main Street and that route being the access to Interstate 26.

renamed
Collins
Shopping
Center

While on this topic, another question is: when new developments are proposed, why is it not *mandated* for the developers to take majority or all monetary responsibility for traffic considerations their developments will impact?! I think this only fair.

I hope the "powers that be" will listen to the concerns and suggestions of the people who live and travel in this area ***daily***.

While I welcome the convenience, options and competitiveness new shopping provides, I detest the traffic it ultimately brings. After living in Summerville since 1970, I confess, I sometimes think of leaving...growth has not been handled efficiently at all.

Sincerely,

Marena Morton
111 Eastover Circle
Summerville, SC 29483

cc: Steve Varn; Varn Calcote Investment Group, LLC
SCDHEC; Water Quality Certification and Wetlands Section
SCDOT; Attn: Customer Service
Russ Cornette, Jr. PE; Town of Summerville, SC
Journal Scene Newspaper; editor@journalscene.com

Marena

From: "Marena" <mmorton002@sc.rr.com>
Date: Tuesday, August 30, 2016 4:36 PM
To: <RCornette@SummervilleSC.gov>
Attach: 78 BGMP COE.docx
Subject: Proposed Parkway Town Center

Mr. Cornette,

Attached is a letter I wrote and will mail tomorrow to the US Army Corps of Engineers regarding the newly proposed Parkway Town Center at the intersection of Highway 78 and the Berlin G Myers Parkway. As you see in the letter, I sent copies to the developers, Mr. Steve Varn at Varn Calcote Investment Group, SCDHEC, SCDOT and to the editor of the Summerville Journal Scene.

A year or so ago when the Heritage Square Shopping area was to be re-developed, via email, I voiced my concerns to the Summerville Town Council regarding this intersection's traffic problems and it's lack of right-hand turn lanes. While some responded with general agreement of the traffic wows at this intersection, noting concrete was offered. I do remember one stated he was forwarding my concerns/suggestions to you.

I'm not sure who is the end-all decision maker is on projects like these, but I hope "they" hear the citizens complaints/concerns and if "they" aren't able to correct the problems, at least explain why.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Marena Morton
111 Eastover Circle
Summerville, SC 29483
mmorton002@sc.rr.com

Marena

From: "Cornette, Russ" <RCornette@summervillesc.gov>
Date: Thursday, September 01, 2016 11:23 AM
To: "Marena" <mmorton002@sc.rr.com>
Cc: "Norton, Tiffany" <TNorton@summervillesc.gov>
Subject: RE: Proposed Parkway Town Center

Ms. Morton,
Thank you for your email earlier this week regarding the traffic issues we all deal with in Summerville, especially on US-78. The intersection of Berlin Myers Parkway (BMP) and US-78 will be undergoing some improvements very soon. There are plans for the developer at Heritage Square to build right turn lanes from US-78 onto BMP on both approaches. They will also be installing a double left turn lane from US-78 onto BMP in front of the Heritage Square shopping center. We will require this work be underway before Heritage Square will be given a full certificate of occupancy. These improvements will be a significant help to the intersection. We are also requiring the developer to purchase the adaptive signal software for the US-78 and East 3rd North Street intersections on BMP. This software will tie into the signal upgrades we implemented on Main Street last year. When the undeveloped tract across US-78 from Heritage Square moves forward, (Varn & Calcote) with development, we expect they will also be required to make additional improvements to the intersection and road frontage. They are currently completing a Traffic Impact Study for their development to determine what additional improvements are necessary.
There are plans to build additional houses in Southpoint Subdivision soon. Before the third phase of this project is allowed to move forward, the developer will be required to install turn lanes on US-78 at South Pointe Blvd. The Dorchester County Transportation Authority is developing the NEPA environmental document and right-of-way plans for improvements to US-78 all the way to the Sawmill Branch Canal. There currently is not funding identified for these improvements that I'm aware of, so not sure when they will be implemented.
Transportation improvements are in the works and will be underway very soon. Let me know of any additional questions.

Russell W. Cornette, Jr., PE
Town of Summerville
Director of Public Works &
Town Engineer
200 South Main Street
Summerville, SC 29483
843-851-4226

"I used to get things done by saying please. Now I just dynomite 'em outa my path"
-Huey P. Long

From: Marena [mailto:mmorton002@sc.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, August 30, 2016 4:37 PM
To: Cornette, Russ
Subject: Proposed Parkway Town Center
Importance: High

Mr. Cornette,

Attached is a letter I wrote and will mail tomorrow to the US Army Corps of Engineers regarding the newly proposed Parkway Town Center at the intersection of Highway 78 and the Berlin G Myers

US ROUTE 78 WIDENING AND IMPROVEMENTS
Public Information Meeting
December 15, 2016
COMMENTS
(Please Print)

NAME: Abigail A. Parks

ADDRESS: 405 Branch Creek Trl summerville SC 29483 706-224-3484
Street/Route City State Zip Code Phone No.

COMMENTS:

As a resident of Branch Creek, I beg you to consider continuing the widening project to College Park road where the four lanes also are available. I'd also like to ask you to please consider adding right hand turn lanes at the Berlin G/78 intersection. Traffic frequently backs up and prohibits access to the left hand turn lane, which further creates congestion. A right hand turn lane would give people an additional place to wait for the light change and increase traffic flow (especially from 78 turning right onto Berlin G towards Main St). Another turn lane is needed onto Marymeade for people going to the Walmart shopping center. Traffic can already back up well past Branch Creek and can take anywhere from 5-15 minutes to reach the Berlin G intersection, with all the new businesses & apartments I would think this is a must! It is also extremely dangerous turning left out of the neighborhood, furthering the need for the road expansion so we could go to the turn lane half way. I look forward to the road improvements and greatly thank you!

Please mail in comments by January 5, 2017

NOTE: Information provided, including name and address, will be published and is subject to disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act.