

**SOUTH CAROLINA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

Columbia, South Carolina

Project No.: 27114

Road: Interstate 85 MM 80-96

Project ID: P27114

CERTIFICATE OF COMBINED LOCATION PUBLIC HEARING

This is to certify that on Tuesday, December 1, 2015, between 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m., a public hearing was held in the auditorium of the Gaffney High School located at 149 Twin Lake Road in the City of Gaffney, Cherokee County, South Carolina, as provided by 23 CFR 771.111(h). Economic and social effects of the project's location, its impact on the environment, and its consistency with the goals and objectives of area planning, as promulgated by the community, have been considered by the South Carolina Department of Transportation.



Environmental Project Manager

April 21, 2016

**Public Hearing for the Proposed Widening and Improvements to
Interstate 85 Mile Marker 80 – 96 in Spartanburg and Cherokee Counties**

- Location:** The auditorium at Gaffney High School, located at 149 Twin Lake Road in the City of Gaffney, was selected for the Public Hearing due to its proximity to the project area and its convenient location. Space for displays along with areas to accommodate sign-in, distribution of handouts, preparation and submission of written and verbal comments, and discussions between those attending and the Project Team regarding the project were also available.
- Time:** The public hearing was held on Tuesday, December 1, 2015, from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.
- Handouts:** A handout (see Appendix A) was presented to each attendee at the hearing. The document included a project description as well as an appeal to those in attendance to comment.
- Displays:** Wall-mounted displays of the widening and improvements to the project area were presented in the hallways surrounding the auditorium. The preferred alternatives for interchanges were also exhibited on easels to provide a more detailed description of those regions of the project. An area with tables and seating was designated for preparing and submitting completed comment forms. Additionally, an area was arranged with recording equipment for verbal comments. Copies of the Environmental Assessment were available for review.
- Personnel:** Those actively participating in the Public Hearing from the SCDOT included Heather Robbins – Public Hearing Officer from the Environmental Services Office (ESO) and Brad Reynolds, P.E. – Program Manager from the Design-Build Office (DBO). Also participating from SCDOT were David Kelly (ESO), Nicole Riddle (ESO), Michael Hood (DBO), Robbie Camp (ROW), Chris Gaskins, Bihn Nguyen, Shane Parris, Jae Mattox, Tyke Redfearn, Jim Walden and Brooks Bickley. The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) was represented by Shane Belcher.
- Process:** Attendees were greeted at the sign-in station and provided handouts and an explanation of the informal and formal hearing format. Greeters at the sign-in table notified attendees that there were three ways to comment: (1) place completed comment forms in the designated boxes; (2) have comments recorded; and (3) mail comments to SCDOT. Attendees were also provided the opportunity to sign in to speak during the formal comment period of the Hearing. They were then directed to the displays that were staffed by the appropriate person(s) to have their questions answered. Wall-mounted displays and easel exhibits were constantly staffed. SCDOT personnel were easily identified by nametags. Staff addressed any questions or comments, or directed them to someone who could answer their questions. As everyone left, they were asked if they had any additional questions or concerns and were urged to comment. They were also thanked for attending.
- The formal portion of the Hearing began in the Auditorium at 6:00 p.m. Heather Robbins served as the Public Hearing Officer. Elected officials were offered the opportunity to comment. None had any comments. Comments were then received from the public and transcribed by a court reporter to become part of the project record. The formal portion of the Hearing lasted until all the people that signed up had the opportunity to comment.
- Attendance:** Approximately 194 people were in attendance at the public hearing; and of this number, 5 were black males, 72 were white females, and 12 were other minority. Copies of the

sign-in sheets are included as Appendix B. State and Local elected officials, as well two members of the SCDOT Commission, were present.

Comments: None of the attendees requested recorded comments. Nine citizens provided comments during the formal portion of the hearing and sixteen written comments were received at the hearing. Forty-eight comments were received through regular and electronic mail during the 15-day comment period, along with a petition signed by 459 citizens who requested no changes to the exit/entrance ramps and access roads at Exit 87. Businesses located at several interchanges (Builders FirstSource and Weststar Travel Plaza at Exit 83; Diamond Day Care, Lemmons Farms Peaches and Cream, AmbuStar and several businesses at Orchard Place at Exit 87; Hamrick's at Exit 90; and UPS & Shamrock Inn at Exit 95) expressed strong concerns with the short- and long-term impacts of the preferred alternatives to their operations. The Mountain View Baptist Church requested a wall be used for the ramp on Church property to minimize impacts to their property. Others requested improvements to Phillips Drive to accommodate truck traffic that would be routed that way by the proposed alternative. Numerous businesses, residents and property owners at Exit 87 requested no changes be made at that interchange to avoid impacts. Others urged the alignment of Webber Road be modified to avoid taking the Orchard Place building. Some requested that the Sunny Slope Drive bridge be either rebuilt in its existing location or removed and not rebuilt. The Gaffney Fire Department asked for more crossovers between the exits for emergency vehicles to facilitate quick responses. Many asked for consideration of their individual property, either some type of noise or physical barrier between them and I-85 or realignment to prevent encroachment onto their property or the relocation of their homes. The comments and the Program Manager's responses are attached as Appendix C.

Appendix A

Public Hearing Handout



Public Hearing
Interstate 85 Widening and Improvements
Mile Marker 80-96
Spartanburg and Cherokee Counties
December 1, 2015



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Federal Highway Administration

Purpose of the Public Hearing

This Public Hearing is to provide you with a chance to review the proposed changes to I-85, as described in the Project Description to the right. You will also have the opportunity to ask questions and discuss the project with members of the project team.

Graphics that show the proposed improvements will be on display and project team members will be available to answer questions about the project and the process.

The formal portion of the Hearing will start at 6:00 p.m. in the auditorium. The Project Manager will give a briefing on the project, its current status, and the schedule for project completion. This will be followed by individuals who wish to make statements for the record. The informal portion of the Hearing will continue during this time.

Individuals need to sign up by 5:55 p.m. in order to speak during the formal portion of the hearing.

Written comments will be received at the Hearing and will be accepted up to 15 days after the Hearing (December 16, 2015).

Purpose of the Project

These improvements are intended to add capacity to the interstate and to correct roadway operational deficiencies at the interchanges. The capacity will be expanded by adding a lane in each direction to the interstate and the deficiencies will be addressed by bringing the interchanges and the Sunny Slope Drive overpass bridge up to current design standards.

Project Description

The South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) proposes improvements along approximately 17 miles of I-85 in Spartanburg and Cherokee Counties. It includes widening Interstate 85 (I-85) from four lanes to six lanes between Gossett Road (Exit 80) and Shelby Highway (Exit 96).



The project also includes improving five interchanges and replacement of the bridge over I-85 at Sunny Slope Drive (S-11-131). Major improvements are to be made at the following interchanges: Battleground Road (Exit 83); Green River Road (Exit 87); Pleasant School Road (Exit 95); and Shelby Road (Exit 96). Minor improvements to the frontage roads are proposed at the Hyatt Street interchange (Exit 90).

Please note that the graphics on display tonight and the Environmental Assessment can be found online at:

http://www.scdot.org/inside/public_hearings.aspx

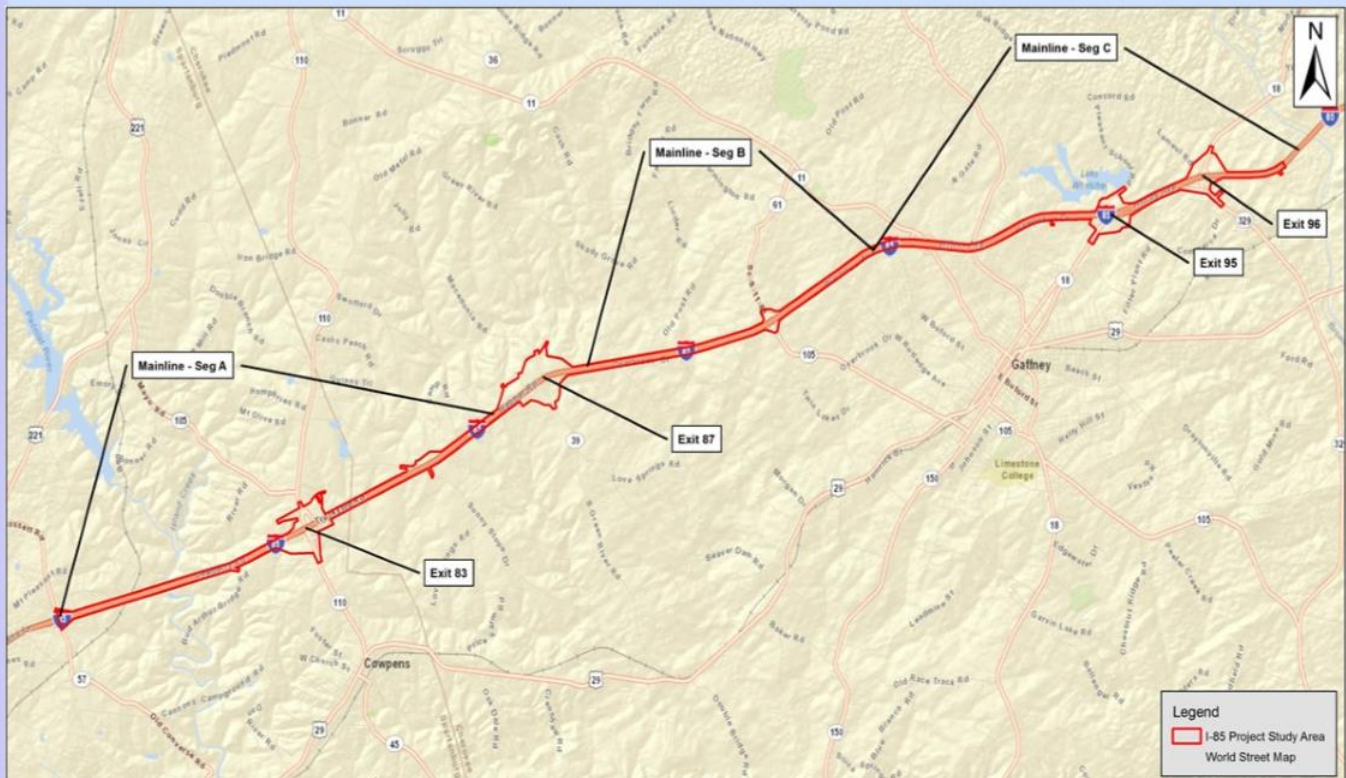


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PROJECT STUDY AREA



PROJECT SCHEDULE

Public Hearing	December 1, 2015
Signed FONSI / Design Completion	Winter 2015
Advertise for Design/Build Construction	Early 2016
Select Design/Build Contractor	Fall 2016
Complete Construction	Winter 2020—2021

If you wish to send comments after this meeting, you can mail them to the
SCDOT Project Manager at:

Mr. Brad Reynolds, P.E.
South Carolina Department of Transportation
P.O. Box 191
Columbia, SC 29202-0191

Or send them via email to ReynoldsBS@scdot.org

Appendix B

Public Hearing Sign-in Sheets



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SCDOT PUBLIC HEARING SIGN IN SHEET

Tuesday, December 1, 2015

PROPOSED I-85 WIDENING AND IMPROVEMENTS MILE MARKER 80 - 96
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NAME (please print)

ADDRESS (please print)

GLENN & ANN Fuller	P.O. Box 1724 Gaffney SC 29342
Joey & Denise Turner	1905 N. Limestone St. Gaffney SC 29340
CINDY DEATON	121 HARRY RD CONWENS SC 29330
Cam Holcombe	1944.5 Green River Rd Gaffney SC 29341
Danny Stacy	PO Box 2268 Gaffney SC 29342
Dorey Smith	6125 Pleasant School Road GAF SC 29342
Charles Wagner	2020 Wagner Rd Conwens SC 29330
Derrick Davidson	104 Stacy Dr Gaffney SC 29341
Phillip Gibson	117 Camelot Dr Gaffney 29341
Quanta Truitt	149 Old Post Rd Gaffney SC 29341
David Thrift	252 Phillips Drive Conwens SC 29330
Arthur Panther	
Trusella (L)	313 Old Post Rd Gaffney 29341
Jeerson Peter	864-293-1760 Gaffney 29341
Charles & Jan Humphries	211 OLD POST ROAD GAFFNEY, S.C. 29341

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HC Parker & Alice	190 Love Springs Rd., Campers, SC
Andrew Smith	613 Beacon Knoll Lane, Fort Mill, SC
Deanna L. Blanton	2247 Overbrook Dr. Gaffney, SC
Josie Poling & Judy Poling	3015 Overbrook Dr. Gaffney, SC
Daisy Simmons	703 S. Limestone St.
Helga Meppin / Rudi	1037 Grassy Pond Rd.
Lynn & Shida Wilbur	274 Swofford Dr. Campers SC
Art Hyatt	1507 Old Metcalfe Rd. 29341
Steve Henderson	1201 Fish Camp Rd. Chester 29323
Mark & Geni Medley	128 Chambers Rd. Gaffney
Dia Thao	1806 S. Green River Rd, Campers SC 29322
Paul D. Abbott, Jr.	1271 Sharon DR Sptly SC 29301
BEN A. Yon & Dianne	6216 Cannon Camp Ground Rd Gaffney 29340
Reggie Petty	110 Railroad Ave Gaffney SC 29340
Byron Samuel	106 7th in China Rd Campers SC 29322

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RON HAIRE	500 PEACHOID RD GAFFNEY, SC 29341
Barbara Tshlin	172 Tram Rd, Cowpens 29330
Corey Greene	252 peachtree rd., Shelby, NC
Alice Thomas	354 Quinn Trail, Cowpens SC 29330
Duane Thomas	354 Quinn Trail Cowpens SC 29330
Barbara Mobley	1107 Wilcox Ave. Gaffney, SC 29341
Tracy Watson	172 Stone Rd Cowpens SC 29330
Larry Spencer	621 Edgefield Rd. Cowpens 29330
TERRY DUVAL	212 WEBER ROAD, GAFFNEY SC 29341
ENRIQUE SOLINAS	FOX CAROLINA
Sam Whitesides	21313 Catawba Ave Cornelius NC 28031
Jack Coffey	249 Old Post
Ken C. Moss	306 Silver Cir. Gaffney SC 29341
Bill Smith	200 Iwike Rd. Gaffney SC 29341
Robert & Vernie Vipperman	518 TRIBAL RD Blacksburg SC 29102

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Jimmy Randolph	18 HAMPTON COURT GAFFNEY SC 29341
STEVE JEWELL KOA	160 SARRATT SCHOOL RD 29341
Sara Jewell KOA	160 Sarratt School Rd 29341
Kevin Hunter	203 S. Limestone 29615
Kim Hunter	L
Chuck & Ruth Guest	1316 Swafford Dr. Compens S.C.
Jim + Anita Ness	324 Webber Rd Compens SC 29330
Justin Ness	11
Ed Turner	138 BYARS FARM RD
Jack Lysmonke	Compens S.C. 29330
Eric Hill	11
Blanca Wayne Bailey	
CHUCK GALLANT	CHARLOTTE, NC
Todd Feltner	GAFFNEY, SC
DARREY BROCK	265-275-255 Bud Arthur Bridge Rd

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Roy Wylie

125 Springs Valley Rd. 29341

Bruce Spurlin

210 Old Pro's Dr Gaffney 29341

Zonnie Batchler

108 Anna Leath Dr. Gaffney 29341

Chad Rogers

13850 Ballantyne Corporate Pl, Charlotte, NC 28277

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101 Peachoid Rd Gaffney 29341

Pastor Steven Griffith

652 Battleground Rd. Compens, 29330

Mike Spencer

1759 S. Green River Rd Compens 29330

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207 W. MEADOW ST. Gaffney, S.C. 29341

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Dhan Shah	
Ansu Shah	
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Dennis Galdier	1471 Macdonald Rd GREENEY SC
Bobby Green	
Patti Green	
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Stephen LaHiff (DUKE ENERGY) N/A (UTILITY)

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KEP MOORE CHEROKEE COUNTY DEV BOARD

Jim Cook

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Ricky Welch	126 Boiling Springs Hwy P.O. Box 2035 Gaffney SC 29342
THOMAS + THERESA RATHBONE	P.O. Box 2008 Gaffney SC
Karl Dodman	29 Bluebonnet Lane Carlisle Ontario Canada
hoki DAVIS	1353 Wilcox Ave Gaffney
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Frank Hall	P.O. Box 606, Sert 29304
Bill Thoni	160 Sarah H School Rd.
HOLLAND BELUE	CHEROKEE COUNTY
Joe H. H. H.	Gaffney S.C.
Paul Green	224 Swafford Dr. Cowpens S.C.

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Wayne Brown	150 Garvia Lake Rd. Gaffney SC
William + Brenda Cook	456 Battleground Rd Coopers SC
Jim Keller	434 Boiling Springs Hwy Gaffney 29341
Luis Torres	55 GLENVIEW, PLUM, GA 30328
JOHN BROWN	811 Hamrick St. Gaffney 29346
SHANNON TYLER	123 OLD POST ROAD 29341
Danyelle Goode	1420 Macedonia Rd. Gaffney, SC 29341
Scotty Mullinax	771 Lowrys Rd. Gaffney SC 29340
James L. Cooke	710 River Rd Coopers SC 29330
Charles Jay Stone	1435 Wilcox Ave Gaffney SC 29341
W.B. Cook	Commissioner
Fred Motlocks	153 Lewis Ln Coopers, SC 29330
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Tony & Sherry Bracken	155 Old Post Rd. Gaffney SC 29341
BARRY MacDowell	1932 N. Limestone St. Gaffney, SC 29340
Deirdre Sign	608 Hiramshire DR. Gaffney
John Roberts	129 Pleasant School Rd Gaffney, SC
Woody Willard	SCDOT COMMISSION
Lynn Hinchliffe	154 Allison Rd Cowpens SC 29330
MARK HILL	117 MAPLE DR, GAFFNEY, SC 29341
Joey Lemmon	1000 College Dr. Gaffney SC 29340
Joe Wilson	1387 Wilcox Ave 29341
Jason White	153 White Woods Dr. Cowpens S.C. 29330
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Ann Baker	566 Cook Rd Gray, SC 29645
Joe Babb	, ,

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Johnny Campbell	134 Macedonia Rd Gaffney, SC 29341
Gregory Cook	1422 Macedonia Rd Gaffney S.C.
Shirley Durrant	1786 South Green River Rd Gaffney
JP + MARCELLE Elm	230 Webber Rd Gaffney SC 29341
Winfred + Brenda Blanton	304 Cresthaven Dr Gaffney SC 29341
David L Peeler	137 Cranford Rd. Blackberry SC, 29702
Randy Williamson	16 Wellington Ave, Greenville SC 29609
Lisa Bollinger	SPATS MPO 366 N. Church St. Suite 700 SC 29303
Cynthia Nardi	162 Stone Rd Compens SC 29330
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Scott Powell	1604 Floyd Baker Blvd Gaffney
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PLEASE REFER TO THE RULES FOR MAKING FORMAL COMMENTS

NAME (please print)

ADDRESS (please print)

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• Garry Humes	Charlottesville, VA
• GEORGE ABRAHAM	
pass Willie Jean Humphries	1288 Love Springs Road Cowpens, SC
✓ Bruce Humphries	759 WILLOW AVE. GAFFNEY SC
STEVE JEWELL	160 SARANT SCHOOL RD GAFFNEY SC 29341
✓ Bobby Green	919 Keller Rd Cowpens SC 29330
✓ Kim Hunter	9 Whaling Way Greenville, SC 29615
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Mukesh Bhandari	756 Hampshire Drive
✓ Deana L Blanton	2247 Overbrook Dr Gaffney SC 29341
pass Daisy L Lemmons	703 S. Limestone St Gaffney SC 29340
✓ Mike Spencer	1759 S. Green River Rd Cowpens 29330
Daisy L Blanton	1932 N. Limestone St, Gaffney SC 29340

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NAME (please print)

ADDRESS (please print)

✓ SHANNON TYLER

123 OLD POST ROAD 29341

pass Pat Hyatt

1507 Old Metal Rd. 29341

✓ ~~pass~~ Joey Lemmons

1000 College Drive Gaffney SC 29340

✓ Angie Moore

742 Peachoid Rd. Gaffney

pass Kevin Hunter

9 Whaling Way Greenville SC 29615

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Appendix C

Public Hearing Comments and Responses

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NAME (please print)

Mr., Mrs., Ms., Mr. & Mrs.
(Please choose one)

Mrs.
Brenda Y. Larter

MAILING ADDRESS

304 Closthaven Dr Gaffney SC 29341
Street/Route City State Zip Code

PHONE NUMBER

864-489-8961

EMAIL

COMMENTS

My concern is with the concrete barrier in front of our home. It is not very high now and will present more of a problem when the ^{highway} road is widened, not only for noise, but the main concern is the danger of vehicles wrecking or just "jumping" the barrier. Also fires from tractor-trailer trucks knocking down the barrier or just "flying over" the barrier. We feel we would need a taller barrier and a more stable barrier, as the one now is in section and not very stable.

How would you like a response to your comment?

(Please choose one)

No response required

Email response (address above)

Written response (address above)

Mail Comments to:



Mr. Brad Reynolds, P.E.
Program Manager, Design Build RPG
SCDOT
PO Box 191, Room 421
Columbia, SC 29202-0191
E-mail: ReynoldsBS@scdot.org

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February 17, 2016

Mrs. Brenda Blanton
304 Cresthaven Drive
Gaffney, SC 29341

Re: I-85 Widening and Improvements Mile Marker 80-96
Spartanburg and Cherokee Counties

Dear Mrs. Blanton:

The South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) appreciates your participation in the public involvement process for the proposed widening and improvements to Interstate 85 (I-85) Mile Marker 80-96. Thank you for your comments, as provided during the Public Hearing on Tuesday, December 1, 2015 at Gaffney High School, which are part of the official project record. SCDOT will consider all concerns that have been raised before a final project decision is made.

Included in your comment was a request for a tall, stable barrier that would prevent traffic and accident debris from entering your yard, which is along the frontage road southeast of Exit 92. A barrier is to be constructed between the entrance ramp to the interstate and Cresthaven Drive. The barrier is designed to prevent vehicles from crossing between the entrance ramp and Cresthaven Drive. It will meet current design standards and will be approximately as high as the wall that is currently in place. The barriers are designed to be stable and to prevent vehicles from "jumping" the barrier.

Thank you again for your participation. If you should have additional questions regarding this project, please do not hesitate to contact me at (803) 737-1440 or reynoldsbs@scdot.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Bradley S. Reynolds".

Bradley S. Reynolds, P.E.
Program Manager

cc: David Kelly – Environmental Services Office
File: PC/BSR



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NAME (please print)

Mr., Mrs., Ms., Mr. & Mrs.
(Please choose one)

Winfred R. Barton

MAILING ADDRESS

304 N. Cresthaven Dr. 29340
Street/Route City State Zip Code

PHONE NUMBER

864-489 8961

EMAIL

COMMENTS

I live on frontage Rte of I-85, I would like to see a high enough concrete wall to keep wild deer out of my yard and possible my house

How would you like a response to your comment?

(Please choose one)

No response required

Email response (address above)

Written response (address above)

Mail Comments to:



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E-mail: ReynoldsBS@scdot.org

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South Carolina
Department of Transportation

February 17, 2016

Mr. Winfred R. Blanton
304 Cresthaven Drive
Gaffney, SC 29341

Re: I-85 Widening and Improvements Mile Marker 80-96
Spartanburg and Cherokee Counties

Dear Mr. Blanton:

The South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) appreciates your participation in the public involvement process for the proposed widening and improvements to Interstate 85 (I-85) Mile Marker 80-96. Thank you for your comments, as provided during the Public Hearing on Tuesday, December 1, 2015 at Gaffney High School, which are part of the official project record. SCDOT will consider all concerns that have been raised before a final project decision is made.

Included in your comment was a request for a concrete wall that would be high enough to prevent traffic and accidents from entering your yard, which is along the frontage road northeast of Exit 92. A barrier is to be constructed between the entrance ramp to the interstate and Cresthaven Drive. The barrier is designed to prevent vehicles from crossing between the entrance ramp and Cresthaven Drive. It will meet current design standards and will be approximately as high as the current wall.

Thank you again for your participation. If you should have additional questions regarding this project, please do not hesitate to contact me at (803) 737-1440 or reynoldsbs@scdot.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Bradley S. Reynolds".

Bradley S. Reynolds, P.E.
Program Manager

cc: David Kelly – Environmental Services Office
File: PC/BSR



SCDOT PUBLIC HEARING COMMENT SHEET

Tuesday, December 1, 2015

PROPOSED I-85 WIDENING AND IMPROVEMENTS MILE MARKER 80 - 96 SPARTANBURG AND CHEROKEE COUNTIES

NAME (please print)

Mr., Mrs., Ms., Mr. & Mrs.
(Please choose one)

Wayne Brown-Gaffney Fire Dept

MAILING ADDRESS

150 Garvin Lake Rd Gaffney SC 29340

Street/Route

City

State

Zip Code

PHONE NUMBER

864-490-9333

EMAIL

shift6@charter.net

COMMENTS

I appreciate the new on off ramps we are getting but at the bridges with no access or between exits the emergency vehicles need a way to crossover so we dont have to go so far to turn around to respond to emergencies. Most calls come from people from out of town and they dont know where they are so we have to compensate for their ignorance. Time makes a difference and we need away to cut times.

How would you like a response to your comment?

(Please choose one)

No response required

Email response (address above)

Written response (address above)

Mail Comments to:



Mr. Brad Reynolds, P.E.
Program Manager, Design Build RPG
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February 17, 2016

Mr. Wayne Brown
Gaffney Fire Department
150 Garvin Lake Road
Gaffney, SC 29340

Re: I-85 Widening and Improvements Mile Marker 80-96
Spartanburg and Cherokee Counties

Dear Mr. Brown:

The South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) appreciates your participation in the public involvement process for the proposed widening and improvements to Interstate 85 (I-85) Mile Marker 80-96. Thank you for your comments, as provided during the Public Hearing on Tuesday, December 1, 2015 at Gaffney High School, which are part of the official project record. SCDOT will consider all concerns that have been raised before a final project decision is made.

As part of your comment, you shared the concern that emergency responders need a way to cross over the highway between interchanges to reduce response times. Because the additional lanes to widen I-85 are being added to the median, the inside shoulder would be reduced to 4.75 feet. This relatively narrow shoulder requires a barrier between the opposing travel directions to prevent head-on collisions since there is not sufficient distance for vehicles to recover safely should they depart their lanes. The median barrier must be continuous. Openings in the barrier create the potential for vehicles to hit the ends of the barriers.

The design of this segment of I-85 conforms to the design and construction guidance provided by the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO). AASHTO's *Policy on Geometric Design of Highways and Streets*, which recommends emergency crossovers on rural freeways where interchange spacing exceeds five miles. There are six interchanges within the project area, at Exits 83, 87, 90, 92, 95 and 96, and the greatest distance between any two is approximately four miles.

In accordance with this guidance and the need to maintain the continuity of the median barrier, the proposed design for the project area does not include crossovers. Thank you again for your participation. If you should have additional questions regarding this project, please do not hesitate to contact me at (803) 737-1440 or reynoldsbs@scdot.org.

Sincerely,



Bradley S. Reynolds, P.E.
Program Manager

cc: David Kelly – Environmental Services Office
File: PC/BSR



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PROPOSED I-85 WIDENING AND IMPROVEMENTS MILE MARKER 80 – 96 SPARTANBURG AND CHEROKEE COUNTIES

NAME (please print)

Mr., Mrs., Ms., Mr. & Mrs.
(Please choose one)

Hilda Enarquez / Westar Travel Plaza

MAILING ADDRESS

175 Truck Stop Rd. Cowpens SC 29330

Street/Route

City

State

Zip Code

PHONE NUMBER

(305) 409-6000 (864) 463-6464

EMAIL

HGENARQUEZ@aol.com

COMMENTS

The challenger proposed to exit -83 impacts our property heavily. Our truck stop is not a destination, it's another truck stop off ant-85 exit. This will affect our land use as well as property value. Truck stop has to have easy access to customers. I have no words to express how much impact to our business and our future this detour represent to our truck stop.
Hilda.

How would you like a response to your comment?

(Please choose one)

No response required

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Written response (address above)

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LaTonya Derrick

From: Hilda Enriquez <hgenriquez@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 8, 2015 9:53 AM
To: Reynolds, Brad S; westaroil@hotmail.com; gonzi15@aol.com;
rcalderon@kinetikgroupllc.com
Subject: WESTAR TRAVEL PLAZA, EXIT 83 SOUTH, I-85

Good morning Brad,

We hope you and your team are doing great. We were present at the last meeting in Gaffney Dec. 1, 2015. We had the chance of taking to you and the other gentlemen from DOT for a little time but not enough to really emphasize how much this change at Exit 83 will impact our property, land use and business use in the very near future. It is clear to all parties involve the cost of land and build out of a Truck Stop. We have made significant improvement to our property during the last two years. It is clear to all parties involve that with the proposed changes to Exit 83, our property will loose most of its value as a truck stop. We don't want to stand on the way of progress and future growth but we don't want to be hurt in the process of it either. Our property currently offers employment and economic stability in the area. There is a Huddle House that just recently open at our property as well. Our Truck Stop and The Huddle House are not a destination like a amusement park, we need to have easy access for customers to come in. We are not the only Truck Stop or Restaurant in the area. If we don't have an easy access, customers/Drivers/Truckers will keep going and stop at the next facility down or up I-85.

We know we have expressed our deepest concern to you and your department already at the previous meeting and also via filling up the forms at the meetings. We would like to request a meeting with your department at your offices at your convenient time. We understand this time of the year is not the best for scheduling but we can prepare for the beginning of the year. Please read below our meeting purpose:

- . After examining the proposed widening project , I, Westar Travel Plaza Inc., would like to request that the entrance for Exit 83, going Southbound, to remain open just for the Travel Plaza as an entrance from I-85. Our customers will utilize the proposed new road/entrance-exit to Exit the property. That would keep No two way traffic going against the entrance/Exit 83, South Bound of I-85 as that being expressed as a concern by the DOT in our prior conversations.

This solution would at least allow us to have a direct traffic access as now but/and our customer would have to exit our property via your proposed two/way new road. DOT could continue doing the new widening project as planed at Exit 83. This request would not change anything on the proposed new road to provide access to our property. It does not stop any DOT plans. Again, Its only leaving that exit open just for the Truck Stop (only One Way) and connecting to the new Road for exiting the property. This minor change will alleviate the huge impact this widening project would do to our property and use of it, in the very near future.

We will be eager to hear from you and your department. Please feel to contact us if you can not understand what I am trying to reflect on this email. My background is not engineering so I might be confusing you a little in the way I am explaining it. Thanks again for your understanding and prompt attention to this matter.

Westar Travel Plaza, Inc.
Hilda Enriquez
(305)409-6000.



South Carolina
Department of Transportation

February 16, 2016

Hilda Enriquez
175 Truck Stop Road
Cowpens, SC 29330

Re: I-85 Widening and Improvements Mile Marker 80-96
Spartanburg and Cherokee Counties

Dear Ms. Enriquez:

The South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) appreciates your participation in the public involvement process for the proposed widening and improvements to Interstate 85 (I-85) Mile Marker 80-96. Your comments, provided during and after the Public Hearing on Tuesday, December 1, 2015 at Gaffney High School, are part of the official project record. SCDOT will consider all concerns that have been raised before a final project decision is made.

Your comment included a request that Exit 83 southbound remain open solely as an entrance to Westar Travel Plaza. This request is inconsistent with FHWA policy regarding the control of access on interstate highways. One of the primary purposes of the project is addressing the issue of geometric and design deficiencies at the interchanges. It is required that while correcting these deficiencies, which include inadequate merging and sight distances, the changes be brought into compliance with Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) policy regarding control of access. FHWA's policy stated in the *Federal Register Volume 74, Number 165 (Thursday, August 27, 2009)* is that:

It is in the national interest to preserve and enhance the Interstate System to meet the needs of the 21st Century by assuring that it provides the highest level of service in terms of safety and mobility. Full control of access along the Interstate mainline and ramps, along with control of access on the crossroad at interchanges, is critical to providing such service. Therefore, FHWA's decision to approve new or revised access points to the Interstate System must be supported by substantiated information justifying and documenting that decision. The FHWA's decision to approve a request is dependent on the proposal satisfying and documenting the following requirements.

Full control of access along the Interstate requires that vehicles can only enter and exit the interstate at public roadways, and that vehicles cannot enter the interstate from private property or exit onto private property. While the current access situation has existed at Exit 83 for some time, it is out of compliance with the aforementioned policy and, as stated earlier, one of the primary purposes of this project is to bring the interstate access into compliance with current



Ms. Hilda Enriquez
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requirements. Therefore, SCDOT has the responsibility to ensure that the upgrade of the I-85 corridor is consistent with these requirements and must make the changes shown at the public hearing. Access to the public and I-85 will be provided via the new connector road, upgraded Phillips Drive, and Battleground Road (SC 110), which is in accordance with standards and requirements is the SCDOT Access and Roadside Management Standards (ARMS) and Highway Design Manual (HDM).

Thank you again for your participation. If you should have additional questions regarding this project, please do not hesitate to contact me at (803) 737-1440 or reynoldsbs@scdot.org.

Sincerely,



Bradley S. Reynolds, P.E.
Program Manager

cc: David Kelly – Environmental Services Office
File: PC/BSR

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Tuesday, December 1, 2015

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NAME (please print)

Mr., Mrs., Ms., Mr. & Mrs.

(Please choose one)

Ruben F. Gonzalez

MAILING ADDRESS

11820 SW 92 AVE. Miami FL 33176

Street/Route

City

State

Zip Code

PHONE NUMBER

7863441919 / 305 633 6030

EMAIL

GONZ15@AOL.COM

COMMENTS

The proposed exit will make our property unused for its purpose of a travel plaza/gas station. Commercial, Eighteen wheeler trucks will not be able to maneuver easily thru residential roadways. Travel Plaza/ Gas station need and must have easy direct access. At no time will we have any traffic flow, due to the distance and inconvenience to get to our plaza. By saying that our land will not serve the current purpose of a service plaza, gas station, motel, service bay and restaurant. This taking will impact all of the business in connection with our property. A service plaza is not a planned destination, it is business which needs easy, ample, quick access. To build a plaza with all these amenities ~~is not~~ along with land is proper land use.

How would you like a response to your comment?

(Please choose one)

No response required

Email response (address above)

Written response (address above)

Mail Comments to:



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Program Manager, Design Build RPG

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Ruben Gonzalez
11820 SW 92 Avenue
Miami, FL 33176

Re: I-85 Widening and Improvements Mile Marker 80-96
Spartanburg and Cherokee Counties

Dear Mr. Gonzalez:

The South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) appreciates your participation in the public involvement process for the proposed widening and improvements to Interstate 85 (I-85) Mile Marker 80-96. Your comments, as provided during the Public Hearing on Tuesday, December 1, 2015, at Gaffney High School, are part of the official project record. SCDOT will consider all concerns that have been raised before a final project decision is made.

Your comment is that the Westar Travel Plaza and associated businesses would be negatively impacted by the change in access from the revised design of the interchange. The issue of addressing geometric and design deficiencies at the interchanges is one of the primary purposes of the project. Addressing these deficiencies, which include inadequate merging and sight distances, requires that the changes be brought into compliance with Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) policy regarding control of access. FHWA's policy stated in the *Federal Register Volume 74, Number 165 (Thursday, August 27, 2009)* is that:

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Mr. Ruben Gonzalez
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Thank you again for your participation. If you should have additional questions regarding this project, please do not hesitate to contact me at (803) 737-1440 or reynoldsbs@scdot.org.

Sincerely,



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Program Manager

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PROPOSED I-85 WIDENING AND IMPROVEMENTS MILE MARKER 80 – 96 SPARTANBURG AND CHEROKEE COUNTIES

NAME (please print)

Mr., Mrs., Ms., Mr. & Mrs.
(Please choose one)

Pastor Steven Griffith

MAILING ADDRESS

652 Battleground Campers, SC 29330
Street/Route City State Zip Code

PHONE NUMBER

463-6170

EMAIL

mvbc-p@charter.net

COMMENTS

Please consider a stone or concrete wall erected off the south exit ramp of Exit 83 - The property which borders Mountain View Baptist Church - this would take away a long steep grass bank that we will have to maintain.

Thank you!

Pastor Steven Griffith
266-0920

How would you like a response to your comment?

(Please choose one)

No response required

Email response (address above)

Written response (address above)

Mail Comments to:



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Department of Transportation

February 16, 2016

Pastor Steven Griffith
652 Battleground Road
Cowpens, SC 29330

Re: I-85 Widening and Improvements Mile Marker 80-96
Spartanburg and Cherokee Counties

Dear Pastor Griffith:

The South Carolina Department of Transportation (Department) appreciates your participation in the public involvement process for the proposed widening and improvements to Interstate 85 (I-85) Mile Marker 80-96. Your comments, as provided during the Public Hearing on Tuesday, December 1, 2015 at Gaffney High School, are part of the official project record.

In your comment, you requested construction of a wall be considered along the southbound exit ramp at Exit 83 bordering the Mountain View Baptist Church (the Church). The Department evaluated your request; however, the initial expense of the construction of the wall and the long-term maintenance costs of a wall would be excessive, especially in view of the alternatives. We are sensitive to your concerns about maintaining this area and are developing an option with a more gradual slope (4:1, versus 2:1) that would make the site easier to maintain; however, this slope would encroach farther onto the church's property. It is our intention that the potential slope options will be discussed with the Church during the right-of-way negotiations with the hope that a mutually satisfactory arrangement can be developed.

Thank you again for your participation. If you should have additional questions regarding this project, please do not hesitate to contact me at (803) 737-1440 or reynoldsbs@scdot.org.

Sincerely,

Bradley S. Reynolds, P.E.
Program Manager

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Tuesday, December 1, 2015

Dec. 1, 2015

PROPOSED I-85 WIDENING AND IMPROVEMENTS MILE MARKER 80 – 96 SPARTANBURG AND CHEROKEE COUNTIES

NAME (please print)

Mr., Mrs., Ms., Mr. & Mrs.
(Please choose one)

Pat Hyatt

MAILING ADDRESS

1507 Old Metal Rd. Gaffney 29341

Street/Route

City

State

Zip Code

PHONE NUMBER

EMAIL

hyatt1942@aol.com

COMMENTS

Exit 95: The plan presented is not acceptable. This plan will cost you much much more than Alternative 1.
Please consider going back to Alternative 1

How would you like a response to your comment?

(Please choose one)

No response required

Email response (address above)

Written response (address above)

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LaTonya Derrick

From: hyatt1942@aol.com
Sent: Wednesday, December 16, 2015 6:29 PM
To: Reynolds, Brad S
Subject: Re: I-85 Widening MM 80-96 - Public Hearing Invitation

I 85 Exit 95

I am not happy with current design. The economic impact would be disasterpus for Cherokee county.
PLEASE consider going back to Alternative design 1 from the previous meeting in March.

Pat Hyatt

Sent from my Verizon 4G LTE Smartphone

----- Original message-----

From: Reynolds, Brad S
Date: Mon, Nov 16, 2015 6:08 PM
To: Undisclosed recipients;;
Subject:I-85 Widening MM 80-96 - Public Hearing Invitation



Interstate 85 Widening and Improvements Spartanburg and Cherokee Counties

A Public Hearing for this project will provide you with the opportunity to review and discuss individually, with representatives from SCDOT, preliminary plans for the proposed widening of I-85 from Mile Marker 80 to 96. The project also includes proposed improvements to Exits 83, 87, 95, and 96. Graphic displays of the project will be available for viewing.

A brief formal presentation will be made by SCDOT starting at 6:00 PM. Citizens may provide written and/or spoken comments for the project record.

PUBLIC HEARING

**Tuesday,
December 1, 2015
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM**

**Gaffney High School
149 Twin Lake Road
Gaffney, SC 29341**



A copy of the Environmental Assessment can be
found online at
http://www.scdot.org/inside/public_hearings.aspx





South Carolina
Department of Transportation

February 16, 2016

Pat Hyatt
1507 Old Metal Road
Gaffney, SC 29341

Re: I-85 Widening and Improvements Mile Marker 80-96
Spartanburg and Cherokee Counties

Dear Ms. Hyatt:

The South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) appreciates your participation in the public involvement process for the proposed widening and improvements to Interstate 85 (I-85) Mile Marker 80-96. Your comments, as presented during the Public Hearing on Tuesday, December 1, 2015 at Gaffney High School, are part of the official project record. SCDOT will consider all concerns that have been raised before a final project decision is made.

Included in your comment was a request for SCDOT to reconsider Alternative 1 for Exit 95 as it was presented during the March 2015 Public Information Meeting. While we appreciate your comment, SCDOT is required to look for the alternative that addresses the Purpose and Need of the project while reducing the impacts to the human and natural environment.

Alternative 2 was selected because it would have substantially less impact to streams (399 linear feet versus 1,613 linear feet), it would impact two fewer businesses and four fewer residences, and has less noise impact. Less stream impact is important to satisfy requirements of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers during the permitting process to select the "least environmentally damaging practicable alternative." While you are right that this project would cost more than Alternative 1, the cost difference (estimated at \$500,000, is less than 2 percent of the cost of the interchange. Lastly, public comments indicated a preference for the alternative presented due to its simple, more direct access to the interstate. Given these factors, we are not able to accommodate your request to utilize Alternative 1 for Exit 95.

Thank you again for your participation. If you should have additional questions regarding this project, please do not hesitate to contact me at (803) 737-1440 or reynoldsbs@scdot.org.

Sincerely,

Bradley S. Reynolds, P.E.
Program Manager

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Tuesday, December 1, 2015

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NAME (please print)

Mr., Mrs., Ms., Mr. & Mrs.
(Please choose one)

PRISCILLA A. HOFFER

MAILING ADDRESS

313 Old Post Rd Gaffney SC 29341

Street/Route

City

State

Zip Code

PHONE NUMBER

864-219-7960

EMAIL

COMMENTS

land - hse.
mm - sect 547-549 - ~~extending~~ talked with
Brad about my area etc - Hopefully he will be
true to his word and be in touch with me
soon -

How would you like a response to your comment?

(Please choose one)

No response required

Email response (address above)

Written response (address above)

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South Carolina
Department of Transportation

February 26, 2016

Ms. Priscilla A. Hoffer
313 Old Post Road
Gaffney, SC 29341

Re: I-85 Widening and Improvements Mile Marker 80-96
Spartanburg and Cherokee Counties

Dear Ms. Hoffer:

The South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) appreciates your participation in the public involvement process for the proposed widening and improvements to Interstate 85 (I-85) Mile Marker 80-96. Thank you for your comments, as provided during the Public Hearing on Tuesday, December 1, 2015 at Gaffney High School, which are part of the official project record. SCDOT will consider all concerns that have been raised before a final project decision is made.

Your comment addressed concern regarding the proposed curb and gutter section in front of your property as well as the adjacent land west of your property. We have evaluated this situation and determined that the use of curb and gutter minimizes the impacts to your residence and the property both west and east of you. This will avoid relocating your residence and the residence to the east of you. If we are to eliminate it in front of your house it will also cause a relocation to this property. Therefore, in order reduce our overall impact on residences we are leaving the curb and gutter in place.

Thank you again for your participation. If you should have additional questions regarding this project, please do not hesitate to contact me at (803) 737-1440 or reynoldsbs@scdot.org.

Sincerely,

Bradley S. Reynolds, P.E.
Program Manager

cc: David Kelly –Environmental Services Office
File: PC/BSR



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Tuesday, December 1, 2015

PROPOSED I-85 WIDENING AND IMPROVEMENTS MILE MARKER 80 - 96 SPARTANBURG AND CHEROKEE COUNTIES

NAME (please print)

Mr., (Mrs.) Ms., Mr. & Mrs.
(Please choose one)

Angela Moore (on behalf of Hamricks Inc.)

MAILING ADDRESS

742 Peachoid Rd. Gaffney SC

29341

Street/Route

City

State

Zip Code

PHONE NUMBER

864 487-7505 ext. 1206

EMAIL

amoore@hamricks.com

COMMENTS

My name is Angie Moore and I'm here on behalf of Hamrick's Inc. located at 742 Peachoid Rd. (Exit 90) in Gaffney, SC 29341. I would like to start by saying Hamrick's is in favor of widening the I-85 freeway in the upstate. The freeway expansion will ease the congestion that often occurs in this area. However, Hamrick's is not in favor of SCDOT's preliminary drawing of the intersection at Hyatt Street and Peachoid Rd. depicting a large portion of Hamrick's out parcel land and vital parking spaces being used to reconfigure the frontage road (Peachoid Rd.) in front of Hamrick's building. This past week every available parking space was used. This land is vital to Hamrick's business and growth. Thank you for your time.

How would you like a response to your comment?

(Please choose one)

No response required

Email response (address above)

Written response (address above)

Mail Comments to:



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HAMPTON

EXIT 90

1410

589

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165 feet

340 feet

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South Carolina
Department of Transportation

February 17, 2016

Angela Moore
742 Peachoid Road
Gaffney, SC 29341

Re: I-85 Widening and Improvements Mile Marker 80-96
Spartanburg and Cherokee Counties

Dear Mrs. Moore:

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You specifically requested that SCDOT reconsider the realignment of Peachoid Rd. in front of the Hamrick's store. SCDOT has reconsidered the realignment and decided since we are making only minimal improvements to the Interchange we would not extend the project limits to make the improvement at the intersection of Hyatt St. & Peachoid Rd. /Wilcox Avenue. Based on our future traffic analysis, this intersections operation will be similar to what it is now in our future condition.

Thank you again for your participation. If you should have additional questions regarding this project, please do not hesitate to contact me at (803) 737-1440 or reynoldsbs@scdot.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Bradley S. Reynolds".

Bradley S. Reynolds, P.E.
Program Manager

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File:PC/BSR



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Tuesday, December 1, 2015

PROPOSED I-85 WIDENING AND IMPROVEMENTS MILE MARKER 80 – 96 SPARTANBURG AND CHEROKEE COUNTIES

NAME (please print)

Mr. ☒ Mrs. ☐ Ms. ☐ Mr. & Mrs. ☐

(Please choose one)

Angela Moore (Barry L. Hamrick)

MAILING ADDRESS

742 Peachoid Rd., Gaffney, SC 29341

Street/Route

City

State

Zip Code

PHONE NUMBER

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EMAIL

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COMMENTS

Angie Moore
Corporate Coordinator

Hamrick's, Inc.
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See attached letter from
Mr. Barry L. Hamrick



ashions and more!

How would you like a response to your comment?

(Please choose one)

No response required

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Written response (address above)

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742 PEACHOID ROAD
GAFFNEY, SOUTH CAROLINA 29341
PHONE: (864) 487-7505

INTERSTATE 85
EXIT 90

November 24, 2015

SC Department of Transportation
955 Park Street, Room 216
P.O. Box 191
Columbia, S.C. 29202

Re: SC I-85 Expansion Project, Exit 90 in Gaffney, Reconfiguration of Peachoid Rd. in front of Hamrick's Inc.

Dear Mr. Reynolds,

It has been brought to my attention there is a preliminary plan to re-configure a portion of Peachoid Road in front of Hamrick's Inc. located at 742 Peachoid Road in Gaffney, SC. The proposed drawing indicates the frontage road cutting through a large portion of land designated as parking as well as future outparcel land owned by Hamrick's Inc. This land is extremely valuable to Hamrick's and I would like the SCDOT to recognize Hamrick's Inc. is opposed to this proposed plan.

In the preliminary drawing, there are an approximately 70 parking spaces and a large portion of land to be taken for the proposed road configuration. The parking spaces taken would greatly inconvenience customers and diminish the access to our retail store that has been a benefit to the community and South Carolina at this location for almost 30 years. The land in front of our parking area is designated as outparcel land and is an asset to the company for future development. We also have an electronic signboard located on the property that would interfere with the proposed road.

In addition to the loss of signage, parking spaces, and land, the proposed road would have to be built at an elevation to join at Hyatt Street. The higher elevation closer to our building would greatly obstruct the visibility of our building from the interstate and Hyatt Street. Losing this visibility, outparcel land, signage, and/or parking spaces would cause irreparable harm to Hamrick's Inc. and it would be difficult or impossible to establish the full monetary value of such loss.

I would respectfully like SCDOT to reconsider their actions in this proposal. I see little value for using a large expenditure of state funds in re-configuring the frontage road. The frontage road, as is, has worked well. Gaffney has been the home of Hamrick's Inc. for 70 years. I appreciate your consideration in this matter. Please contact my office with any questions or to discuss further.

Sincerely,

Barry L. Hamrick
President

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- EASLEY, S.C.
- COLUMBIA, S.C.
- SPARTANBURG, S.C.
- FLORENCE, S.C.
- S. MYRTLE BEACH, S.C.

- ANDERSON, S.C.
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- N. AUGUSTA, S.C.
- FAYETTEVILLE, N.C.
- GASTONIA, N.C.

- GAFFNEY, S.C.
- WINSTON-SALEM, N.C.
- HICKORY, N.C.
- ASHEVILLE, N.C.
- RALEIGH, N.C.

- GREENSBORO, N.C.
- ROANOKE, V.A.
- FORT OGLETHORPE, G.A.
- KINGSPORT, TN.

Preliminary

EXIT 90

1410

589

1400

165 feet

300 feet

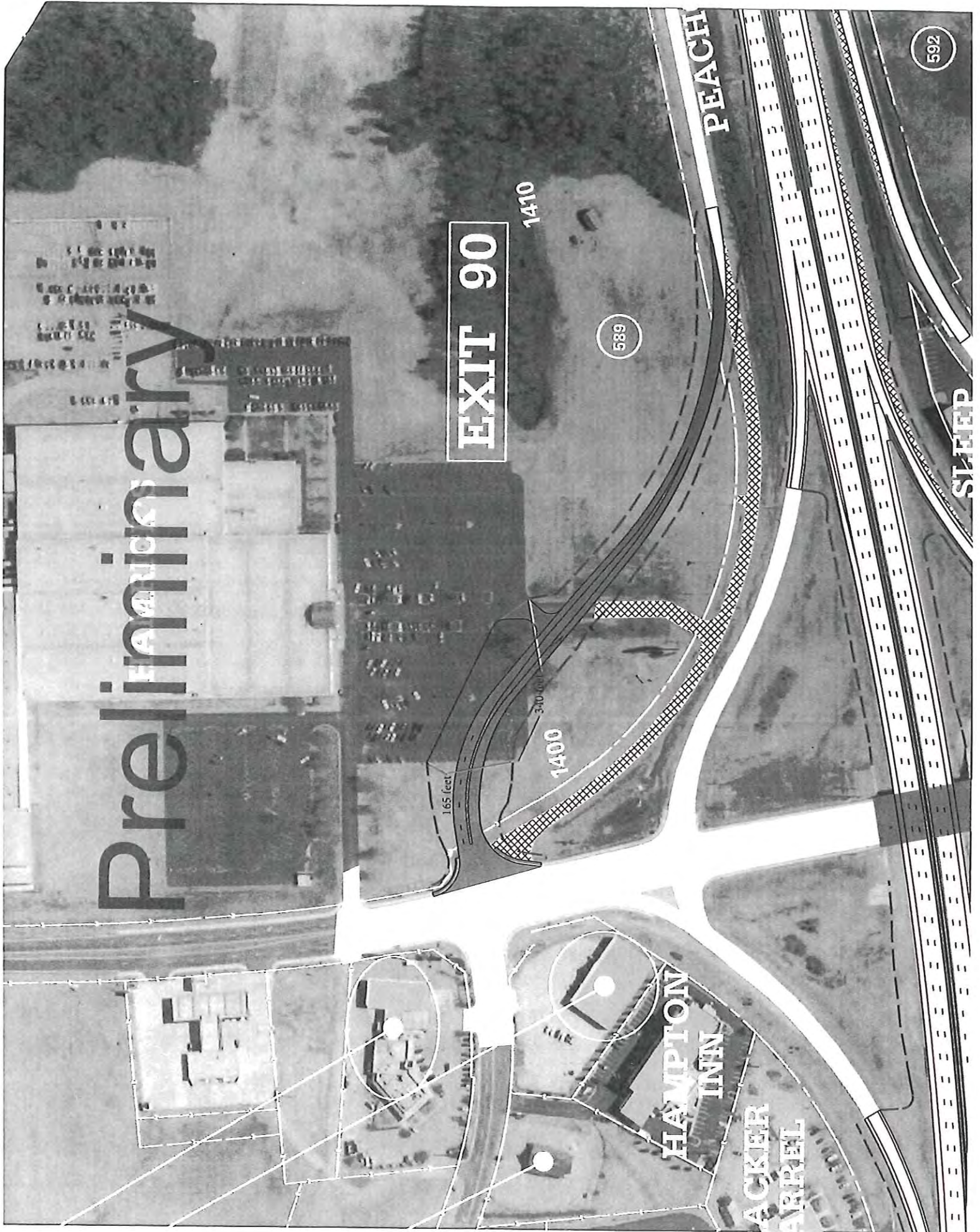
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592

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HAMPTON
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ACKER
ARREL





South Carolina
Department of Transportation

February 16, 2016

Barry Hamrick
742 Peachoid Road
Gaffney, SC 29341

Re: I-85 Widening and Improvements Mile Marker 80-96
Spartanburg and Cherokee Counties

Dear Mr. Hamrick:

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NAME (please print)

Mr., Mrs., Ms., Mr. & Mrs.
(Please choose one)

Cynthia Nardi

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Street/Route City State Zip Code

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EMAIL

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COMMENTS

① Is there a possibility that truck lane restrictions could be put in place now between exit 80 & 90?

② Are there plans to close the church parking access off battleground road? It is dangerous..

③ The Frontage Rd at Phillips drive shows "improvement" but not full replacement. It is a one lane road, no shoulder, and blind hill until it becomes Cherokee County. Will this be replaced?

④ How is truck traffic going to be handled at the new Dollar Tree? Are we going to have to endure this traffic on Webber thru to exit 87? This road was resurfaced this summer, but underlying issues with the road bed

How would you like a response to your comment?

(Please choose one)

No response required

Email response (address above)

Written response (address above)

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NAME (please print)

Mr., Mrs., Ms., Mr. & Mrs.
(Please choose one)

Cynthia Nardi

MAILING ADDRESS

Street/Route

City

State

Zip Code

PHONE NUMBER

EMAIL

Yondr 4567 @ gmail. com

COMMENTS

Will there be some signage or enforcement
that prevents trucks from exiting @ 87 South and using
frontage road to access the truck stop @ ext 83?
What are the laws preventing this type of driving
pattern?

How would you like a response to your comment?

(Please choose one)

No response required

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Written response (address above)

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February 18, 2016

Cynthia Nardi
162 Stone Road
Cowpens, SC 29330

Re: I-85 Widening and Improvements Mile Marker 80-96
Spartanburg and Cherokee Counties

Dear Ms. Nardi:

The South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) appreciates your participation in the public involvement process for the proposed widening and improvements to Interstate 85 (I-85) Mile Marker 80-96. Your comments, as presented during the Public Hearing on Tuesday, December 1, 2015 at Gaffney High School, are part of the official project record. SCDOT will consider all concerns that have been raised before a final project decision is made.

Your comment included several questions regarding 1) truck lane restrictions on Interstate 85 (I-85), 2) access to Mt. View Baptist Church, 3) improvements to Phillips Drive and 4) truck traffic to and from the Dollar Tree Distribution Center. First, truck lane restrictions will be evaluated upon completion of the project to see if they are needed.

You also asked about the access between Battleground Road and Mountain View Baptist Church. The driveway currently off of Battleground Rd. will not be a full access drive upon project completion. The drive will remain in place but traffic will have to make a right turn in to and a right turn out of the driveway on Battleground road. The traffic wanting to turn left from Battleground Road into the Church will have to use Phillips Drive to access the Church. Traffic wanting to turn left onto Battleground Road leaving the Church will also have to use Phillips Drive to access Battleground Road.

As part of your comment, you asked if Phillips Drive would be upgraded beyond the improvements shown at the Public Hearing. For this project, the modifications to Phillips Drive are limited to improvements between Battleground Road and the proposed new access road from Phillips Drive to the businesses along existing Truck Stop Road.

Truck traffic to and from the new Dollar Tree facility is presumed to use Exit 83 for access. Currently there are no restrictions on truck traffic using the existing frontage roads. A road can be signed for no through trucks but this is done on a case by case basis. There would have to be an analysis completed by our traffic engineering office before we restricted trucks and this would only be on State Highway system roads. Some of the roads around the Dollar Tree facility are owned by the county. You would need to contact Spartanburg and Cherokee Counties to pursue a limitation on truck traffic on Phillips Drive.



Ms. Cynthia Nardi
February 18, 2016
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Thank you again for your participation. If you should have additional questions regarding this project, please do not hesitate to contact me at (803) 737-1440 or reynoldsbs@scdot.org.

Sincerely,



Bradley S. Reynolds, P.E.
Program Manager

cc: David Kelly – Environmental Services Office
File: PC/BSR

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NAME (please print)

Mr., Mrs., Ms., Mr. & Mrs.
(Please choose one)

Steve Howard Deaton

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COMMENTS

- ① Lot #132 - When Harry Rd goes away, will state right-of-way go away? IF so, will the current property lines go to center line of old Harry Road?
- ② How will property owners get involved in the final detail design, which includes driveways.
- ③ Lot #165, ~~will~~ it possible to access this property from Hwy 110? B/c

How would you like a response to your comment?

(Please choose one)

No response required

Email response (address above)

Written response (address above)

Mail Comments to:



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Steve Howard Deaton
121 Horry Road
Cowpens, SC 29330

Re: I-85 Widening and Improvements Mile Marker 80-96
Spartanburg and Cherokee Counties

Dear Mr. Deaton:

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You requested information regarding right-of-way and changes to property lines after closure of the northern portion of Horry Road. Existing property lines do not change upon completion of a project. When SCDOT determines that property is no longer needed for the proper operation of highway systems, it will be considered "surplus property" managed by the Right of Way Office, which is responsible for the sale and disposition of surplus real property. A property owner should submit a request to SCDOT. This is something that can be discussed during right-of-way negotiations also.

You also requested information on how property owners could get involved in the final design, including driveway placement. The location of driveways can be discussed during right-of-way negotiations. SCDOT's Traffic Engineering Division utilizes *Access and Roadside Management Standards* (ARMS Manual) as guidance for encroachments onto the right-of-way. Once a right-of-way agent has been assigned to the project, affected property owners will be contacted and provided an explanation of how the project will impact their property.

Additionally, you asked if it would be possible to gain access to the parcel identified at the Public Hearing as #165 from Highway 110. SCDOT would look to try and reestablish any access that is currently in place. Each property will be looked at on a case by case basis and if you currently have access to the state system we will look to provide an access point as best we can. Access across another property owner's parcel would be the responsibility of the land owner.



Mr. Steve Howard Deaton

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Thank you again for your participation. If you should have additional questions regarding this project, please do not hesitate to contact me at (803) 737-1440 or reynoldsbs@scdot.org.

Sincerely,



Bradley S. Reynolds, P.E.
Program Manager

cc: David Kelly – Environmental Services Office
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NAME (please print)

Mr., Mrs., Ms., Mr. & Mrs.
(Please choose one)

Randy Spencer

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EMAIL

RANDY@SPENCERINSULATION.NET

COMMENTS

WE would like to have A
WALL RAISING the EXIT RAMP Southbound
at Exit 83 INSTEAD of building up
A hill here, if possible. This would
RESULT in losing less of the front
AND side campus of our Church property.

How would you like a response to your comment?

(Please choose one)

No response required

Email response (address above)

Written response (address above)

Mail Comments to:



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February 16, 2016

Randy Spencer
Post Office Box 1053
Cowpens, SC 29330

Re: I-85 Widening and Improvements Mile Marker 80-96
Spartanburg and Cherokee Counties

Dear Mr. Spencer:

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In your comment, you requested construction of a wall instead of a hill so that less of the front and side of Mountain View Baptist Church (the Church) would be lost. The Department evaluated this request; however, the initial expense of the construction of the wall and the long-term maintenance costs of a wall would be excessive, especially in view of the alternatives. It is our intention that the slope options will be discussed with the Church during the right-of-way negotiations with the hope that a mutually satisfactory arrangement can be developed.

Thank you again for your participation. If you should have additional questions regarding this project, please do not hesitate to contact me at (803) 737-1440 or reynoldsbs@scdot.org.

Sincerely,



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NAME (please print)

Mr., Mrs., Ms., Mr. & Mrs.

(Please choose one)

Bruce Spurlin

MAILING ADDRESS

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COMMENTS

Please send me a copy of Exit 96 Project my mom + Dad are 80 and 76 years old. And I need to try and explain what's going to happen. Please

How would you like a response to your comment?

(Please choose one)

No response required

Email response (address above)

Written response (address above)

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February 17, 2016

Bruce Spurlin
210 Old Pro's Drive
Gaffney, SC 29341

Re: I-85 Widening and Improvements Mile Marker 80-96
Spartanburg and Cherokee Counties

Dear Mr. Spurlin:

The South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) appreciates your participation in the public involvement process for the proposed widening and improvements to Interstate 85 (I-85) Mile Marker 80-96. Your comments, as presented during the Public Hearing on Tuesday, December 1, 2015 at Gaffney High School, are part of the official project record. SCDOT will consider all concerns that have been raised before a final project decision is made.

Your comment included a request for a copy of the design proposed for Exit 96 for your parents. Enclosed is a copy of a graphic showing the preferred alternative for Exit 96 as presented in the Environmental Assessment and the Public Hearing for the project.

Thank you again for your participation. If you should have additional questions regarding this project, please do not hesitate to contact me at (803) 737-1440 or reynoldsbs@scdot.org.

Sincerely,



Bradley S. Reynolds, P.E.
Program Manager

Enclosure

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Existing Frontage Road

CHEEKEE COUNTY
LANDFILL TRANSFER
STATION
(COUNTY GOVERNMENT)

SILVER DOLLAR
PRIVATE CLUB

MCENTIRE CONCRETE

N'S AUTO & REPAIR/
PRIDE KART SHOP/
TRUCTION/
EQUIPMENT REPAIR/
ONS
MACHINE SHOP

VACANT

EXIT 96

SHELBY HWY

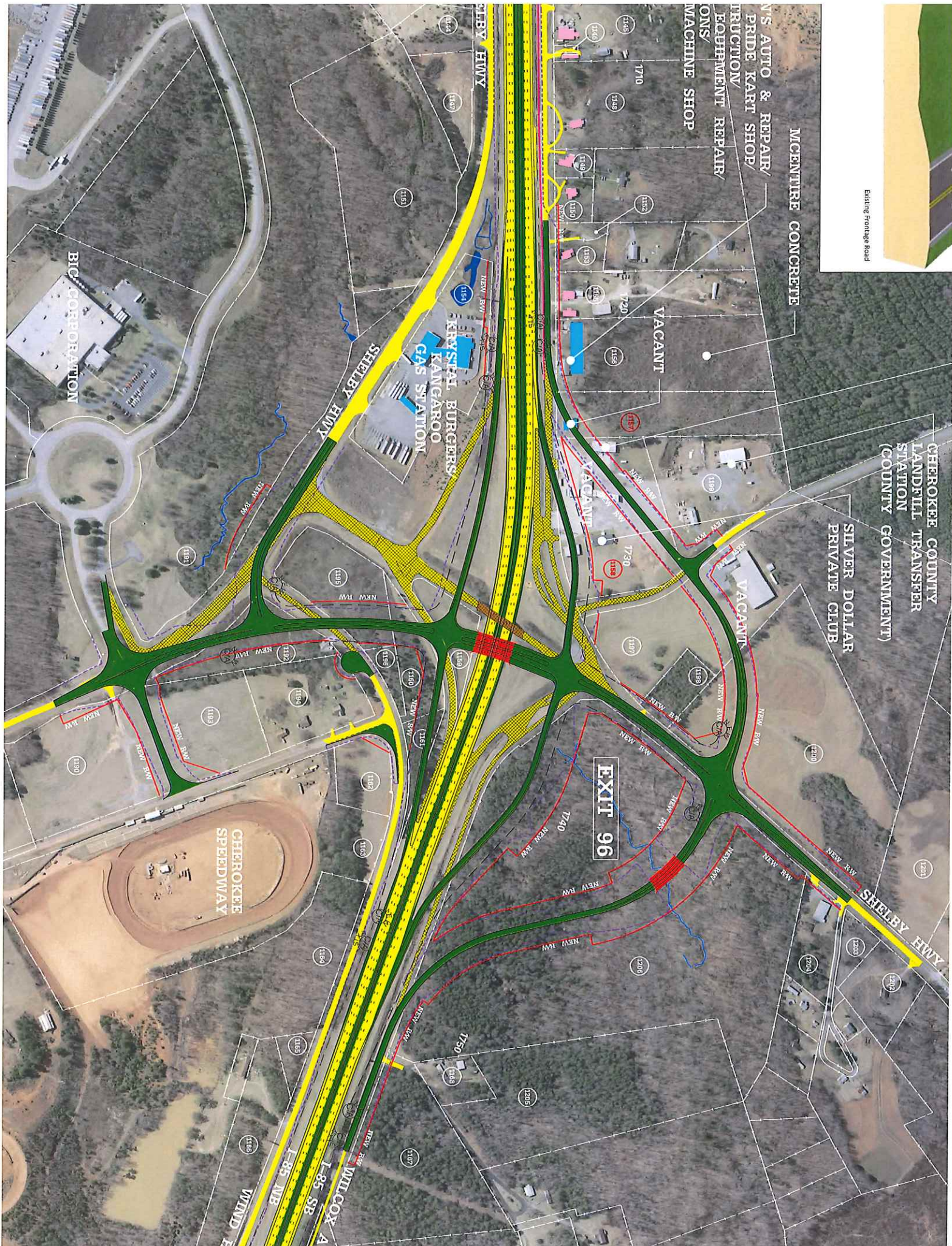
KRYSTAL BURGERS
KANGAROO
GAS STATION

SHELBY HWY

CHEEKEE
SPEEDWAY

BIC CORPORATION

WILCOX A
I-85 SB
WIND H



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NAME (please print)

Mr., Mrs., Ms., Mr. & Mrs.
(Please choose one)

Dia Thao

MAILING ADDRESS

1806 S. Green River Rd., Campers SC 29330

Street/Route

City

State

Zip Code

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diauv711@gmail.com

COMMENTS

I'm at exit 87 and it's going through
to my property. There is wet land back there. My
70 year mother-in-law ~~was~~ cleared it because there
a natural spring that never ~~dry~~ dry up. After
rice goes on it without watering it. It will
be going through my goat pen and chicken
coop. That means that my ~~no~~ elder mother-in-law
have to cross a busy road at least twice a day
to feed/water her pets. She sometimes will go out
at night to check on her pets. It is very ~~unsafe~~
unsafe if she have to do this. The noise level
will increase! My property is # 624 on the map.

Did the survey see the wet land in the back? Did they
see the water that ~~run~~ that never ~~dry~~ dry up? Half of stream ~~stream~~
How would you like a response to your comment? (Please choose one) never dries
up & water
is always
flowing
through it.

No response required

Email response (address above)

Written response (address above)

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South Carolina
Department of Transportation

February 26, 2016

Ms. Dia Thao
1806 S. Green River Road
Cowpens, SC 29330

Re: I-85 Widening and Improvements Mile Marker 80-96
Spartanburg and Cherokee Counties

Dear Ms. Thao:

The South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) appreciates your participation in the public involvement process for the proposed widening and improvements to Interstate 85 (I-85) Mile Marker 80-96. Thank you for your comments, as provided after the Public Hearing on Tuesday, December 1, 2015 at Gaffney High School, which are part of the official project record. SCDOT will consider all concerns that have been raised before a final project decision is made.

Your comment described the impact of the proposed realignment of Exit 87 to your mother-in-law's and your property. We have modified the proposed interchange design in response to many of the comments received, which also addresses the concerns that you expressed. Attached is a graphic showing the modified interchange.

Thank you again for your participation. If you should have additional questions regarding this project, please do not hesitate to contact me at (803) 737-1440 or reynoldsbs@scdot.org.

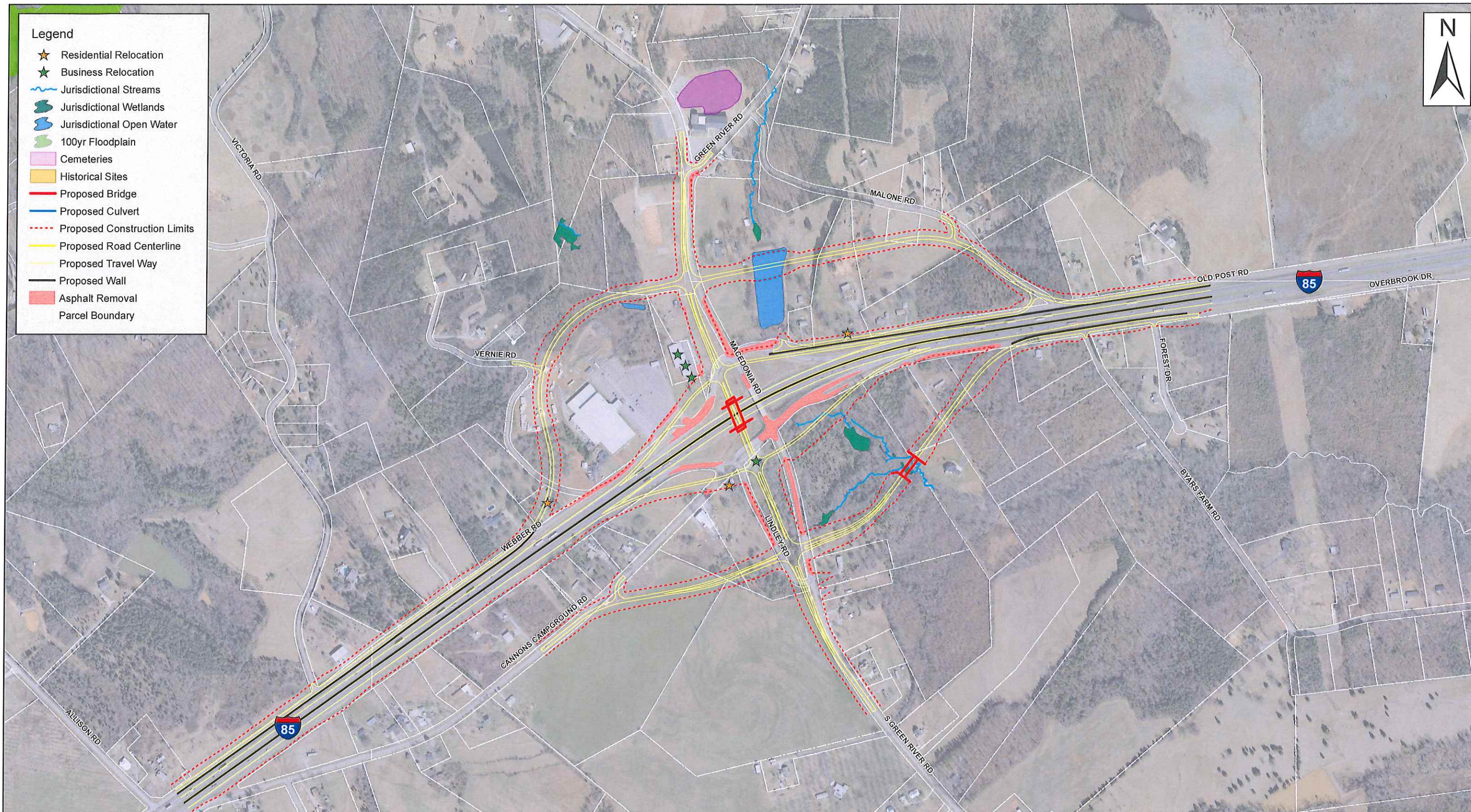
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NAME (please print)

Mr., Mrs., Ms., Mr. & Mrs.
(Please choose one)

Charles Wagner

MAILING ADDRESS

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Street/Route City State Zip Code

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COMMENTS

Property at 759 Battle Ground rd. would be
close to Hwy. would be willing to lose building

How would you like a response to your comment?

(Please choose one)

No response required

Email response (address above)

Written response (address above)

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Department of Transportation

February 16, 2016

Charles Wagner
2020 Wagner-Culbreth Road
Cowpens, SC 29330

Re: I-85 Widening and Improvements Mile Marker 80-96
Spartanburg and Cherokee Counties

Dear Mr. Wagner:

The South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) appreciates your participation in the public involvement process for the proposed widening and improvements to Interstate 85 (I-85) Mile Marker 80-96. Your comments, as provided during the Public Hearing on Tuesday, December 1, 2015 at Gaffney High School, are part of the official project record. SCDOT will consider all concerns that have been raised before a final project decision is made.

Your comment stated that you would not be opposed to losing the building located at 759 Battleground Road in Cowpens, SC if needed for the realigned road. At this time, the plans indicate that the preferred alternative at Exit 83 will not require relocation of any buildings located at 759 Battleground Road in Cowpens, SC. However, this may change once the design has been completed and right-of-way plans are approved. If right-of-way will be required from this parcel, a right-of-way agent will contact you to provide an explanation of how the project will affect the property and to negotiate a right-of-way agreement.

Thank you again for your participation. If you should have additional questions regarding this project, please do not hesitate to contact me at (803) 737-1440 or reynoldsbs@scdot.org.

Sincerely,

Bradley S. Reynolds, P.E.
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NAME (please print)
Mr., Mrs., Ms., Mr. & Mrs.
(Please choose one)

PATTI GREEN

MAILING ADDRESS 914 WEBBERD COWPENS SC 29330
Street/Route City State Zip Code

PHONE NUMBER 425-0884

EMAIL NONE

COMMENTS PARTLY-
REMOVAL & DRIVE-WAY TO OUR FRONT YARD
HAVE REALLY WORRIED US BUT OUR NEIGHBOR (MR. LARRY BAILEY)
HAS REALLY MADE US FEEL LIKE THERE'S SURELY SOME OTHER
WAY HIS SITUATION COULD BE HANDLED. HE IS UP IN YEARS
(AS WE ARE) & ACCORDING TO YOUR PLAN WILL LOSE EVERYTHING
HE HAS & COULD CAUSE HIM HEALTH PROBLEMS.
HE WILL BE STARTING ALL OVER AGAIN - LIKE HE
NEVER HAS ANYTHING - AT AN OLD AGE. HOW WOULD
ANY OF YOU LIKE TO DO THAT? I'M SURE YOU WOULD NOT.
THE SAME THING GOES FOR DAISY LEMMONS - YOU ARE
TAKING EVERYTHING SHE HAS WORKED FOR ALL HER LIFE.
THERE'S GOT TO BE ANOTHER WAY - BESIDES TAKING HOMES
& BUSINESS PROPERTY. THESE THINGS HAVE NO PRICE. IS NOT
EVERYTHING

How would you like a response to your comment?

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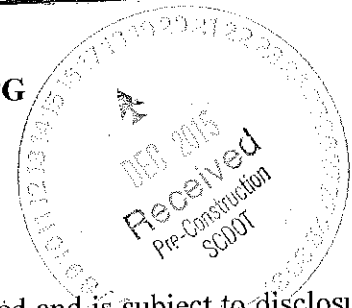
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South Carolina
Department of Transportation

February 26, 2016

Mrs. Patti Green
914 Webber Road
Cowpens, SC 29330

Re: I-85 Widening and Improvements Mile Marker 80-96
Spartanburg and Cherokee Counties

Dear Mrs. Green:

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Your described the impact that the proposed realignment of Exit 87 to your property as well as that of neighboring residential and commercial properties at Exit 87. We have modified the proposed interchange design in response to many of the comments received that addresses some of the other concerns that you expressed. Attached is a graphic showing the modified interchange.

Thank you again for your participation. If you should have additional questions regarding this project, please do not hesitate to contact me at (803) 737-1440 or reynoldsbs@scdot.org.

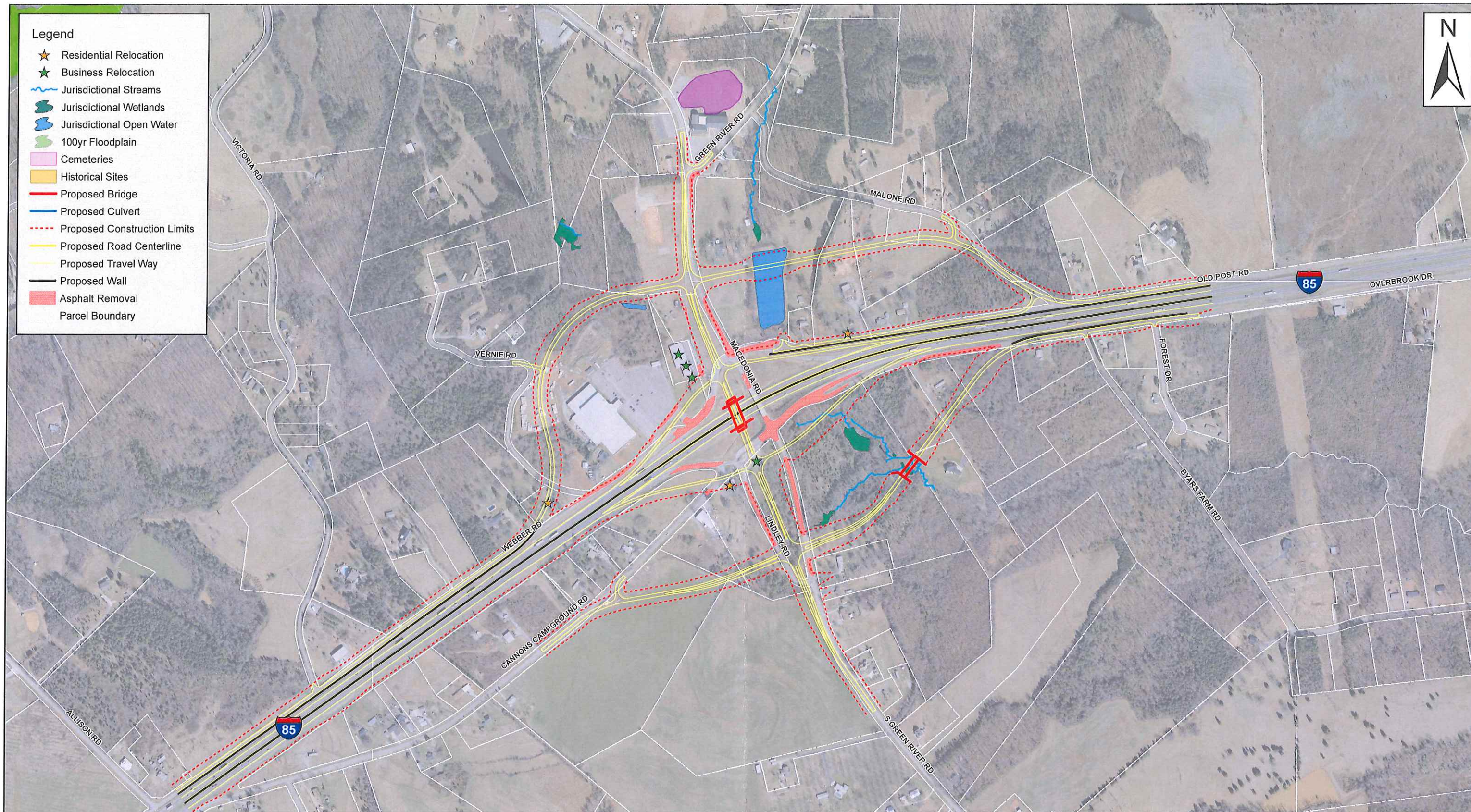
Sincerely,

Bradley S. Reynolds, P.E.
Program Manager

Enclosure

cc: David Kelly –Environmental Services Office
File: PC/BSR





SCDOT PUBLIC HEARING COMMENT SHEET

Tuesday, December 1, 2015

PROPOSED I-85 WIDENING AND IMPROVEMENTS MILE MARKER 80 - 96 SPARTANBURG AND CHEROKEE COUNTIES

NAME (please print)
Mr., Mrs., Ms., Mr. & (Mrs.)
(Please choose one)

Jan B. Petty (Daughter) for Resident, Pearl I. Byan

MAILING ADDRESS 1727 S. Green River Rd., Cowpens, SC 29330
Street/Route City State Zip Code

PHONE NUMBER (864) 489-8926

EMAIL janpetty@gmail.com

COMMENTS

Please see
attached comments!
Thank you!

How would you like a response to your comment? (Please choose one)

No response required

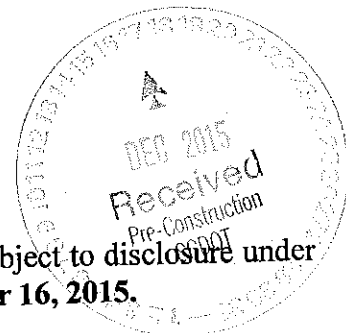
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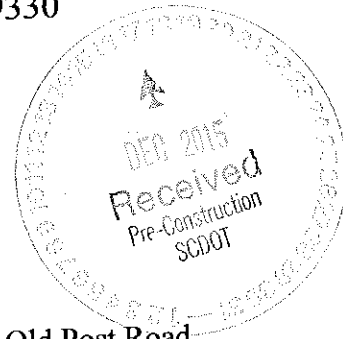
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NAME: Jan B. Petty (Daughter) for Resident, Pearl I. Byars
MAILING ADDRESS: 1727 S. Green River Road, Cowpens, SC 29330
PHONE NUMBER: 864-489-8926
EMAIL: janpetty@gmail.com



COMMENTS:

I am writing on behalf of my 92-year-old mother, Pearl I. Byars, who lives at 139 Old Post Road, Gaffney, SC 29341 (the southbound-side frontage road) at Exit 87 (Green River Road) in Cherokee County.

Our concern is that due to the widening and consequent changing of the interchange ramps at Exit 87, my mother, age 92, may lose her home of 64 years rather than being able to spend the remainder of her days there as she had expected.

On December 1, 2015, at the public hearing at Gaffney High School, we spoke with five representatives of various aspects of this project. Each of these very informative and concerned gentlemen assured us that every consideration had been given to the preservation of homes and properties of those residents affected by this I-85 widening project in the development of this most-likely option. They also pointed out that my mother's home appeared to be a house that would need to be moved or abandoned due to its proximity to the exit and the nearness to the frontage road. They further suggested that options **might** exist including possible moving of her home farther back on her property or removing the section of Old Post Road presently in front of her house.

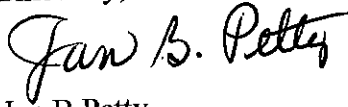
Of course our sincere hope is for her home to remain "**safely, aesthetically, and with ease of accessibility**" exactly where it is. No mention was made to us of the possibility of through a petition process leaving Exit 87 exactly as it is. However, presently the Lemmons/Lindley family, residential and business property owners at Exit 87, are conducting a petition drive stating the possibility exists to leave Exit 87 exactly as is.

Our question is, if this is a possibility why was it not mentioned to us by at least one of the five representatives we spoke with on December 1? Also, since indeed I-85 **will** be widened and the bridge **will** be moved and replaced with a new bridge south of the present bridge, how is it

possible to leave the exit "As Is?" Of course we will be thrilled if my mother's house is left as is if that can be done at a safe distance without I-85 being in her front door.

We will appreciate your response and some clarification of these questions. We appreciate your every effort in a safe option at Exit 87 which does not require our mother to relocate.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jan B. Petty". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Jan B Petty

February 26, 2016

Mrs. Jan B. Petty
1727 S. Green River Road
Cowpens, SC 29330

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Spartanburg and Cherokee Counties

Dear Mrs. Petty:

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You specifically requested that Old Post Road remain as it is, in relation to your mother's home at 139 Old Post Road, and why no one at the hearing told you that Exit 87 could remain as it is. We have worked, since speaking to you and your mother at the first public information meeting, to try to avoid impacting your mother's home. However, design standards require a minimum distance between the intersections of the ramps at an interchange. While the I-85 southbound exit ramp has been placed as far south as it can be, in part to try to avoid impacting your mother's residence, the need to maintain access to all the residences along Old Post Road resulted in the relocated frontage road that encroaches into your mother's property.

As far as your question about why no one told you about the possibility of petitioning to keep the exit as it is, part of the purpose of the project is to bring the existing interchanges into compliance with federal and state requirements for interstate design. The upgrade of this interchange is one element of that purpose, and therefore cannot be left as it is.

Thank you again for your participation. If you should have additional questions regarding this project, please do not hesitate to contact me at (803) 737-1440 or reynoldsbs@scdot.org.

Sincerely,



Bradley S. Reynolds, P.E.
Program Manager

cc: David Kelly –Environmental Services Office
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Mr., Mrs., Ms., Mr. & Mrs.

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COMMENTS

Please consider some type of noise barrier for the new northbound exit ramp at Exit 83. Not only will it bring all of the current traffic in toward our neighborhood, but there is going to be constant new truck traffic from the new Dollar Tree Distribution Center being built up on Hwy 110 at the Spartanburg-Cherokee Industrial Park. Also please consider updating Edgefield Road. It needs to be a little wider to accomodate passing trucks and is in desperate need of repaving.

Thank you.

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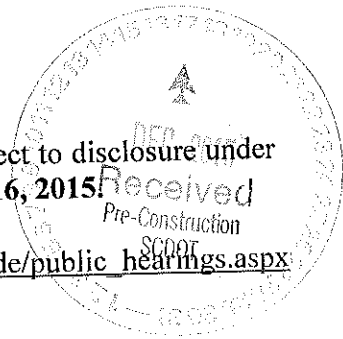
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South Carolina
Department of Transportation

February 18, 2016

Susie Baker
Post Office Box 559
Cowpens, SC 29330

Re: I-85 Widening and Improvements Mile Marker 80-96
Spartanburg and Cherokee Counties

Dear Ms. Baker:

The South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) appreciates your participation in the public involvement process for the proposed widening and improvements to Interstate 85 (I-85) Mile Marker 80-96. Your comments, as provided after the Public Hearing on Tuesday, December 1, 2015 at Gaffney High School, are part of the official project record. SCDOT will consider all concerns that have been raised before a final project decision is made.

Your comment requested SCDOT's consideration of a noise barrier for the northbound ramp at Exit 83. As part of the environmental assessment, an evaluation of noise impacts was performed in compliance with established federal guidelines for the assessment of highway traffic-generated noise. An excerpt and a graphic from the *Noise Impact Assessment* performed for this project are also enclosed for your review.

Your residence (listed as number 94 on the map on pg. 4 of the enclosure) was not found to be impacted; however, several neighboring homes were (95, 97, and 101). These homes (receivers) were evaluated within the parameters of SCDOT's Noise Policy and found to not meet the necessary criteria for construction of a noise wall. Specifically, the first Mandatory Reasonable Factor of Noise Reduction Design Goal (highlighted in the enclosure on pg. 1) would not be achieved. The barrier would have to at least achieve an 8 dBA reduction in noise for 80% of the receivers that would benefit from it (Table 7 – Noise Wall 8 is the one that would be in location of your home).

Thank you again for your participation. If you should have additional questions regarding this project, please do not hesitate to contact me at (803) 737-1440 or reynoldsbs@scdot.org.

Sincerely,

Bradley S. Reynolds, P.E.
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It was determined that all but one proposed noise wall would provide a feasible noise reduction. Modeled at the maximum allowable height of 25 feet, Noise Wall 39 could not achieve a feasible noise reduction at impacted receivers in this location. Of the 43 noise walls analyzed, 42 were determined to be feasible. Therefore, these 42 walls were assessed for reasonableness.

REASONABLENESS

There are Three Mandatory Reasonable Factors that must be met for a noise abatement measure to be considered reasonable. Failure to achieve any one of the reasonable factors will result in the noise abatement measure being deemed not reasonable. The first two reasonable factors must be achieved before the third is considered.

Noise Reduction Design Goal

It is SCDOT's policy that a noise reduction of at least 8 dBA must be achieved for 80% of those receivers determined to be benefited.

Cost Effectiveness

The allowable cost of the abatement will be based on \$35.00 per square foot. This allowable cost is based on actual construction costs on recent SCDOT projects. This construction cost will be divided by the number of benefited receptors. If the cost per benefited receptor is less than **\$30,000** then the barrier is determined to be cost effective.

Property Owners and Residents

SCDOT shall solicit the viewpoints of all of the benefited receivers and document a decision on either desiring or not desiring the noise abatement measure. A noise wall will only be constructed if at a minimum 50 percent plus one of the respondents vote in favor of noise abatement.

First, each feasible abatement measure was assessed to determine whether it would meet the noise reduction design goal of 8 dBA for 80% of receivers that are both benefited and within the first or second row of buildings adjacent to the noise source. Table 7 summarizes these results.

TABLE 7. NOISE REDUCTION DESIGN GOAL

Noise Wall	Benefited Receivers (Receptors)	Benefited Receivers (Receptors) with 8 dBA Reduction	% Benefited Receptors with 8 dBA Reduction	Noise Reduction Design Goal Achieved?
1	2 (3)	1 (1)	33%	No
2	2 (2)	1 (1)	50%	No
3	3 (3)	1 (1)	33%	No
4	16 (16)	14 (14)	88%	Yes
5	1 (1)	1 (1)	100%	Yes
6	9 (9)	3 (3)	33%	No
7	3 (3)	1 (1)	33%	No
8	15 (15)	4 (4)	27%	No
9	5 (23)	2 (4)	17%	No

TABLE 7. NOISE REDUCTION DESIGN GOAL

Noise Wall	Benefited Receivers (Receptors)	Benefited Receivers (Receptors) with 8 dBA Reduction	% Benefited Receptors with 8 dBA Reduction	Noise Reduction Design Goal Achieved?
10	10 (10)	5 (5)	50%	No
11	7 (7)	6 (6)	86%	Yes
12	3 (3)	2 (2)	67%	No
13	2 (2)	1 (1)	50%	No
14	16 (16)	6 (6)	38%	No
15	7 (7)	2 (2)	29%	No
16	7 (7)	4 (4)	57%	No
17	3 (3)	3 (3)	100%	Yes
18	2 (2)	1 (1)	50%	No
19	9 (10)	8 (9)	90%	Yes
20	9 (9)	7 (7)	78%	No
21	3 (3)	3 (3)	100%	Yes
22	1 (1)	1 (1)	100%	Yes
23	2 (2)	2 (2)	100%	Yes
24	2 (2)	2 (2)	100%	Yes
25	1 (1)	1 (1)	100%	Yes
26	1 (1)	1 (1)	100%	Yes
27	1 (1)	0 (0)	0%	No
28A	9 (162)	6 (105)	65%	No
28B	1 (1)	1 (1)	100%	Yes
29	19 (20)	12 (13)	65%	No
30	37 (37)	30 (30)	81%	Yes
31	2 (2)	1 (1)	50%	No
32	7 (7)	5 (5)	71%	No
33	5 (9)	2 (2)	22%	No
34	24 (57)	16 (21)	37%	No
35	24 (32)	18 (26)	81%	Yes
36	3 (3)	3 (3)	100%	Yes
37	12 (132)	2 (32)	24%	No
38	7 (7)	6 (6)	86%	Yes
40	11 (11)	8 (8)	73%	No
41	1 (1)	0 (0)	0%	No
42	1 (1)	1 (1)	100%	Yes

As a result of the noise reduction goal analysis, 17 noise walls were identified that would provide at least an 8 dBA noise reduction for at least 80% of benefited receivers at each respective location, while 25 noise walls would not meet the reasonable noise reduction design goal. Because these 17 noise walls meet the first of the Three Mandatory Reasonable Factors, these 17 noise walls were assessed for cost effectiveness. Table 8 summarizes these results.

TABLE 8. COST EFFECTIVENESS OF NOISE ABATEMENT MEASURES

Noise Wall	Benefited Receivers (Receptors)	Maximum Allowable Cost (Benefits x \$30,000)	Estimated Construction Cost	Estimated Cost per Benefited Receptor (Cost/Benefits)	Cost Effective?
4	16 (16)	\$480,000	\$5,524,312	\$345,269	No
5	1 (1)	\$30,000	\$401,535	\$401,535	No
11	7 (7)	\$210,000	\$1,385,057	\$197,865	No
17	3 (3)	\$90,000	\$1,854,441	\$618,147	No
19	9 (10)	\$300,000	\$2,783,718	\$278,371	No
21	3 (3)	\$90,000	\$1,333,579	\$444,526	No
22	1 (1)	\$30,000	\$1,114,132	\$1,114,132	No
23	2 (2)	\$60,000	\$1,223,312	\$611,656	No
24	2 (2)	\$60,000	\$1,445,548	\$722,774	No
25	1 (1)	\$30,000	\$1,007,643	\$1,007,643	No
26	1 (1)	\$30,000	\$1,187,729	\$1,187,729	No
28B	1 (1)	\$30,000	\$553,453	\$553,453	No
30	37 (37)	\$1,110,000	\$2,117,679	\$57,234	No
35	24 (32)	\$960,000	\$2,896,794	\$90,524	No
36	3 (3)	\$90,000	\$993,405	\$331,135	No
38	7 (7)	\$210,000	\$837,960	\$119,708	No
42	1 (1)	\$30,000	\$761,637	\$761,637	No

In order to be deemed cost effective, a feasible noise wall that also meets the reasonable noise reduction goal of 8 dBA must not exceed an estimated cost of \$30,000 per benefited receiver. The maximum allowable cost of a given noise wall is determined by multiplying the number of receivers that would receive at least a 5 dBA noise reduction (i.e. benefited) by \$30,000. If the estimated construction cost of the noise wall, evaluated at \$35.00 per square foot, exceeds this maximum allowable cost, then the noise wall is not considered cost effective. Of the 17 noise walls assessed for cost effectiveness, none were determined to be cost effective; therefore, no abatement measures analyzed in this study were determined to be reasonable.

Eleven (11) NAC Category C receivers (34 receptors) are predicted to be impacted in the build condition, and 9 of these receivers (30) receptors were found to have an interior use. Because noise abatement was found not to be feasible and reasonable at these locations, these receivers are assessed under NAC Category D. This activity category includes the interior impact criteria for certain land use facilities listed in NAC Category C that may have interior uses. For this analysis, a noise reduction factor is subtracted from the predicted exterior noise level for a given NAC Category D receiver and impact status is determined based on the NAC criteria for this category. Noise reduction factors are provided in the SCDOT Noise Policy, and are shown in Table 9.

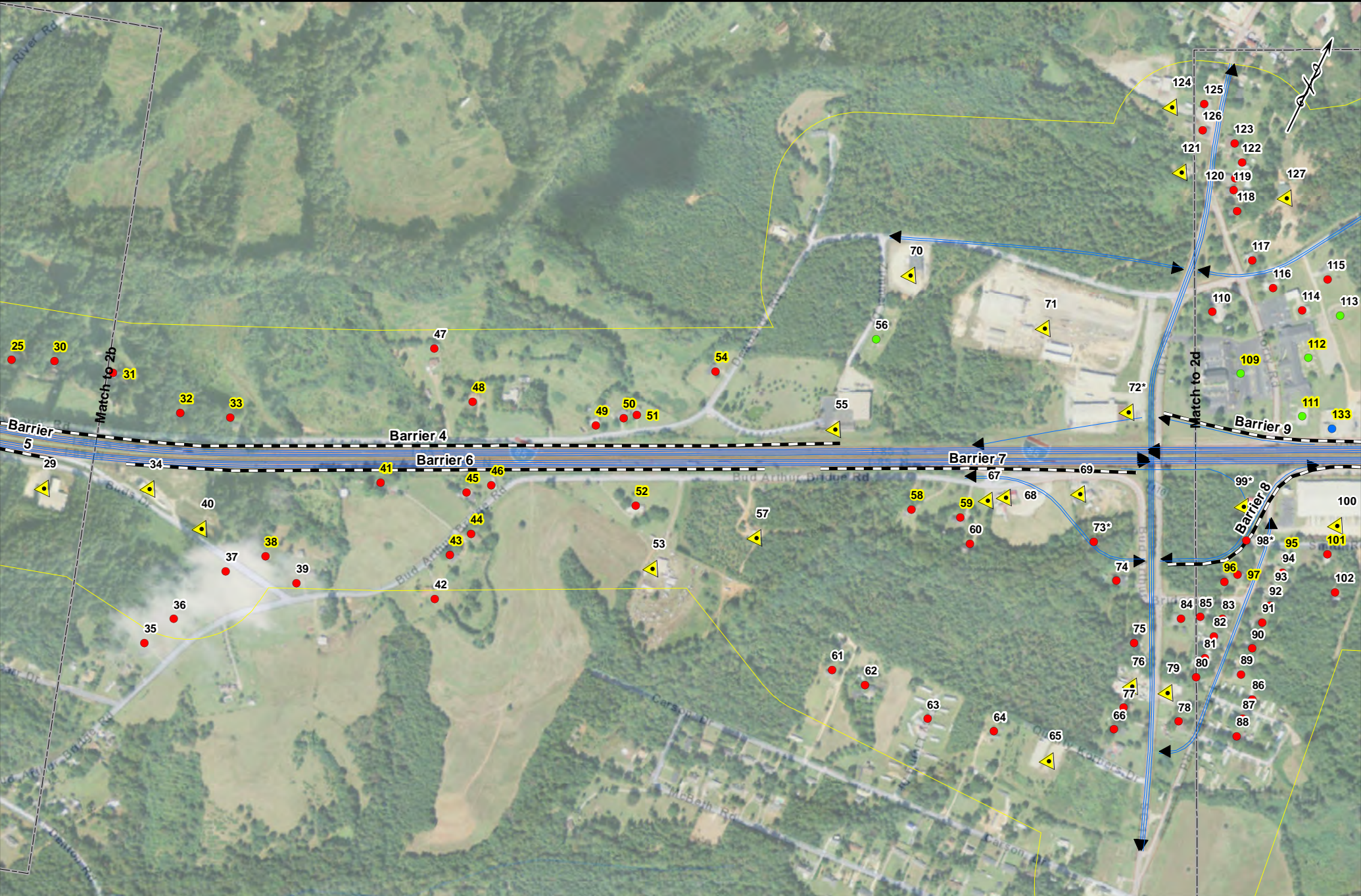
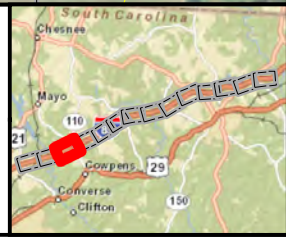


Figure 2c. Receiver Locations
 Cherokee and Spartanburg Counties,
 South Carolina

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| #* | Displacement | ● | Category B | — | Modeled Noise Barrier |
| # | Impacted Receiver | ● | Category C | ▶ | Project Limits |
| | | ● | Category E | □ | Study Limits |
| | | ▲ | Category F | □ | Study Area |



We, the undersigned, respectfully request that the interchange of roads at Exit 87 of Interstate 85 remain as nearly as possible the way that they are at the present time.

Note to Mr. Brad Reynolds,

Dear Sir,

I have attached a proposed way of routing as few people as possible. I have observed other interchanges in Cherokee County that do not meet the standards that have been stated for Exit 87.

I personally suggested repeatedly to SCDOT that the four way stop would be a remedy for many "accidents" at the intersection of Road # 39 (Green River Road) and Cannon's Campground / Overbrook Drive. It has worked well since the four way stop was installed.

Cement Baricades could be used to prevent Road Confusion. They are used at other interchanges in S.C.

Sincerely,
Willie Jan Lindley Humphreys



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Run
In for road

Webber Road

Webber Road

Need Dividers
Arrows

4 Way
Stop

4 Way
Stop

4 Way
Stop

4 Way
Stop

Mother's
Property

Store
Building

Home
Mother's
Property

Cannon's
Campground

The undersigned ~~the names who sign~~ this petition, respectfully request
We, that the interchange of roads at Exit 87 of Interstate 95
remain as nearly the way that they are at the present
time as possible.

1. Willie Jean Lindley Humphries 1288 Love Springs Road Cowpens, S.C. 29330
2. Elwyn Ted Humphries - 1288 Love Springs Rd. Cowpens, S.C. 29330
3. Judy Isaac Adams 1240 Love Springs Rd Cowpens SC 29330
4. Brittany Adams 1240 Love Springs Cowpens SC 29330
5. Paul & Mary Jo Moforth 1743 Green River Cowpens, S.C.
6. Ray, Kathy Genter 1735 S. Green River Rd. Cowpens S.C.
7. W. Lee 1806 S. Green River Rd Cowpens SC 29330
8. Pearl D. Byars - 139 old post Rd. Gaffney, S.C. 29341
9. Teresa Allison - 209 Morrison Road Gaffney SC 29341
10. Helen Gordon 324 Macleura Rd Gaffney, S.C. 29341
11. Kevin Gay

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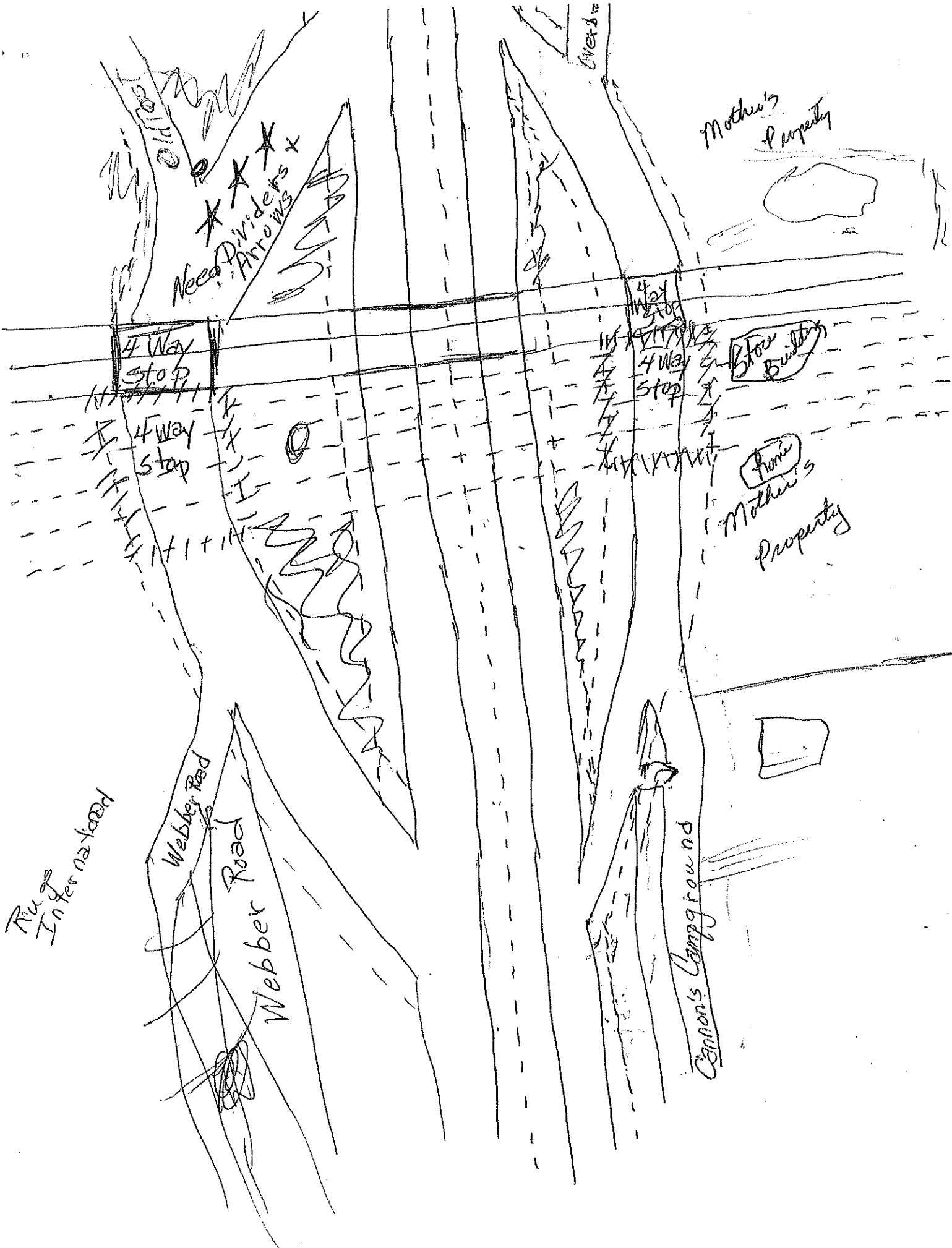
4 Way stop

Stop Building

Home
Mother's
Property

Cannon's Campground

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Property



Petition for No Changes to Exit 87

We, the undersigned, respectfully petition the SC Department of Transportation to leave the entrance and exit ramps at exit 87 as is.

We support the widening of I-85, but wish to leave the exits, entrance ramps, and access roads at exit 87 the same.

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South Carolina
Department of Transportation

March 11, 2016

Ms. Willie J. Humphries
1288 Love Springs Rd.
Cowpens, SC 29330

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Spartanburg and Cherokee Counties

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You commented that we should make some suggested improvements that you provided in a sketch to Exit 87. Although the suggested improvements could possibly help in a temporary situation, part of the purpose of the project is to bring the existing interchanges into compliance with federal and state requirements for interstate design. The upgrade of this interchange is one element of that purpose, and therefore cannot be left as it is. We have modified the proposed interchange design in response to many of the comments received that may address some of the concerns. Enclosed is a graphic showing the new design of the interchange.

Thank you again for your participation. If you should have additional questions regarding this project, please do not hesitate to contact me at (803) 737-1440 or reynoldsbs@scdot.org.

Sincerely,

Bradley S. Reynolds, P.E.
Program Manager

Enclosure

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Tuesday, December 1, 2015

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NAME (please print)

Mr., Mrs., Ms., Mr. & Mrs.
(Please choose one)

Mrs. Carol Holcombe

MAILING ADDRESS

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Street/Route City State Zip Code

PHONE NUMBER

864-489-3456

EMAIL

ccnholcombe@aol.com

COMMENTS

We do not want exit 87 to change.
We are requesting that the exit be left
as it is when I-85 is widened.

How would you like a response to your comment?

(Please choose one)

No response required

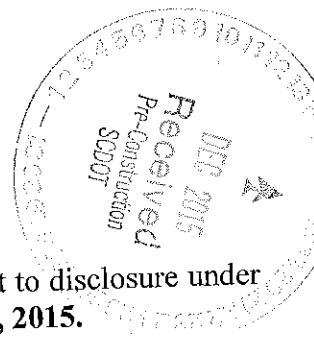
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South Carolina
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February 26, 2016

Mrs. Carol Holcombe
1904 S. Green River Road
Gaffney, SC 29341

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Your comment requested that the interchange at Exit 87 be left as it is. Part of the purpose of the project is to bring the existing interchanges into compliance with federal and state requirements for interstate design. The upgrade of this interchange is one element of that purpose, and therefore cannot be left as it is.

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SCDOT PUBLIC HEARING COMMENT SHEET

Tuesday, December 1, 2015

PROPOSED I-85 WIDENING AND IMPROVEMENTS MILE MARKER 80 - 96 SPARTANBURG AND CHEROKEE COUNTIES

NAME (please print)

Mr., Mrs., Ms., Mr. & Mrs.

(Please choose one)

Ben A. Yon

MAILING ADDRESS

6216 Cannons Campground Road Cowpens SC 29330

Street/Route

City

State

Zip Code

PHONE NUMBER

864-490-4392

EMAIL

N/A

COMMENTS

In looking at the plans at the Gathay meeting, we noted that barriers are in front of selected places along the interstate. We are requesting that permanent barriers be installed in front of our house. Over the years, several wrecked vehicles on I-85 have come to rest either on the frontage road or in our front yard. One dump truck came off I-85 and was in our yard - full of hot asphalt.

Any consideration toward this would be greatly appreciated.

How would you like a response to your comment?

(Please choose one)

No response required

Email response (address above)

Written response (address above)

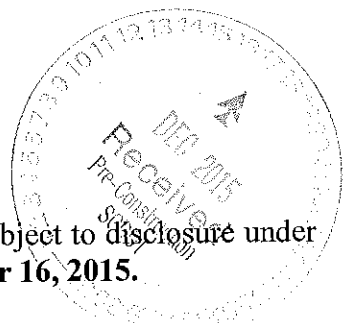
Mail Comments to:



Mr. Brad Reynolds, P.E.
Program Manager, Design Build RPG
SCDOT
PO Box 191, Room 421
Columbia, SC 29202-0191
E-mail: ReynoldsBS@scdot.org

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South Carolina
Department of Transportation

February 18, 2016

Ben A. Yon
6216 Cannons Campground Road
Cowpens, SC 29330

Re: I-85 Widening and Improvements Mile Marker 80-96
Spartanburg and Cherokee Counties

Dear Mr. Yon:

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You specifically requested that SCDOT look at putting barrier walls in front of your house at 6216 Cannons Campground Road. Barrier wall needs are determined with consideration to many factors. One of which, is the clear distance between roadways. Because of the short distance between the frontage road and I-85 at this location, the current plan is to install a concrete barrier.

Thank you again for your participation. If you should have additional questions regarding this project, please do not hesitate to contact me at (803) 737-1440 or reynoldsbs@scdot.org.

Sincerely,

Bradley S. Reynolds, P.E.
Program Manager

ec: David Kelly – Environmental Services Office
File: PC/BSR



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NAME (please print)

Mr., Mrs., Ms., Mr. & Mrs.
(Please choose one)

James & Anita Ness

MAILING ADDRESS 324 Webber Rd. Cowpens SC 29330
Street/Route City State Zip Code

PHONE NUMBER 864-490-1293

EMAIL clubness1@bellsouth.net

COMMENTS We are very pleased that our
peach orchards will not be affected on
Victoria Road. This is a major income
for our son Justin Ness. We understand
that there has to be expansion but
all the farm land is turning into a
concrete world! Thank you for sparing
this beautiful part of Cherokee County.
Thank you for your time
and consideration
Jim, Anita & Justin Ness

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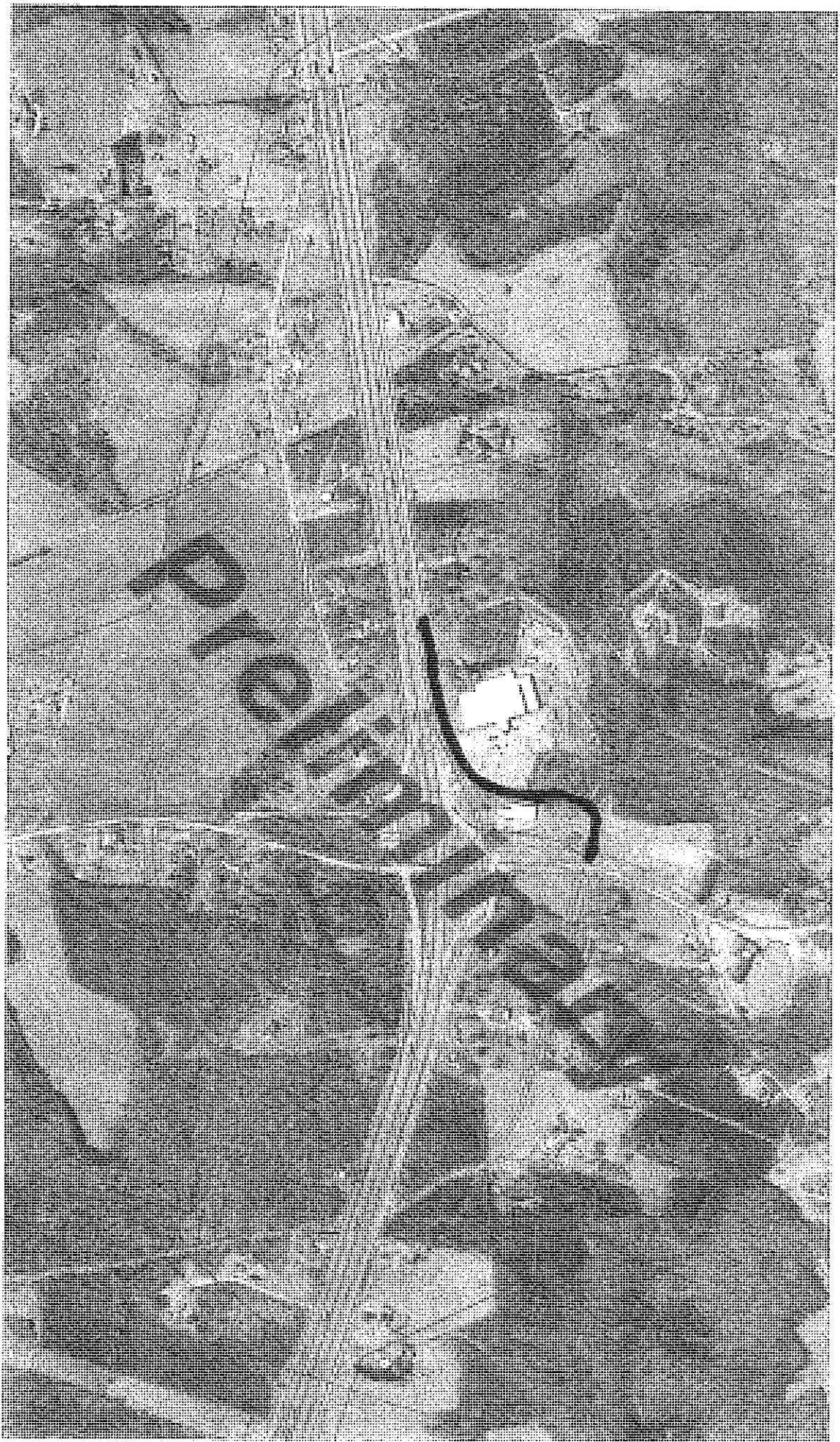


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February 26, 2016

Mr. and Mrs. James and Anita Ness
324 Webber Road
Cowpens, SC 29330

Re: I-85 Widening and Improvements Mile Marker 80-96
Spartanburg and Cherokee Counties

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Ness:

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Sincerely,

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NAME (please print)
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Mr. Aston Center

MAILING ADDRESS

Street/Route

City

State

Zip Code

3404 Augusta Dr. Galle SC 29605

PHONE NUMBER

EMAIL

astoncenter@yahoo.com

COMMENTS

As new store manager and partner of Furniture Marketplace in Orchard Place, the new plans on the 85 expansion on exit 87 will have a huge negative business impact if not approved like the preliminary plan attached.

How would you like a response to your comment?

(Please choose one)

No response required

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Written response (address above)

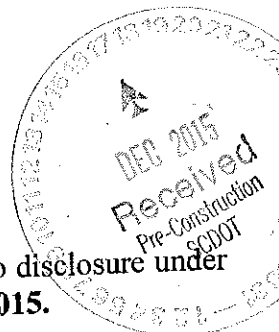
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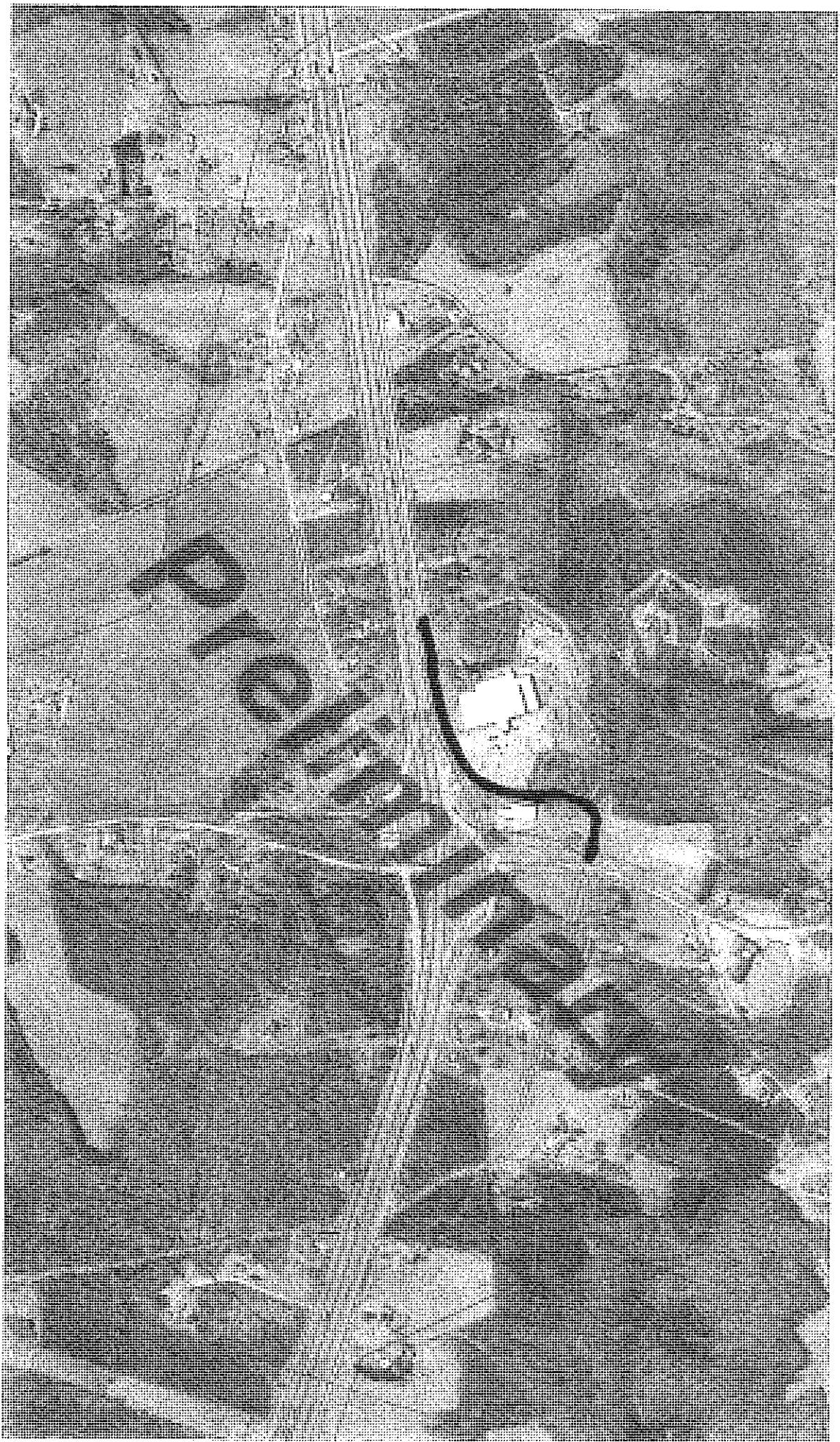


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February 26, 2016

Mr. Aston Center
3404 Augusta Road
Greenville, SC 29605

Re: I-85 Widening and Improvements Mile Marker 80-96
Spartanburg and Cherokee Counties

Dear Mr. Center:

The South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) appreciates your participation in the public involvement process for the proposed widening and improvements to Interstate 85 (I-85) Mile Marker 80-96. Thank you for your comments, as provided after the Public Hearing on Tuesday, December 1, 2015 at Gaffney High School, which are part of the official project record. SCDOT will consider all concerns that have been raised before a final project decision is made.

Your comment included a description of how the proposed realignment of Exit 87 would negatively impact your business. Attached is a graphic of the new interchange, modified in response to many of the comments received. As you can see on this graphic, your business would not be relocated.

Thank you again for your participation. If you should have additional questions regarding this project, please do not hesitate to contact me at (803) 737-1440 or reynoldsbs@scdot.org.

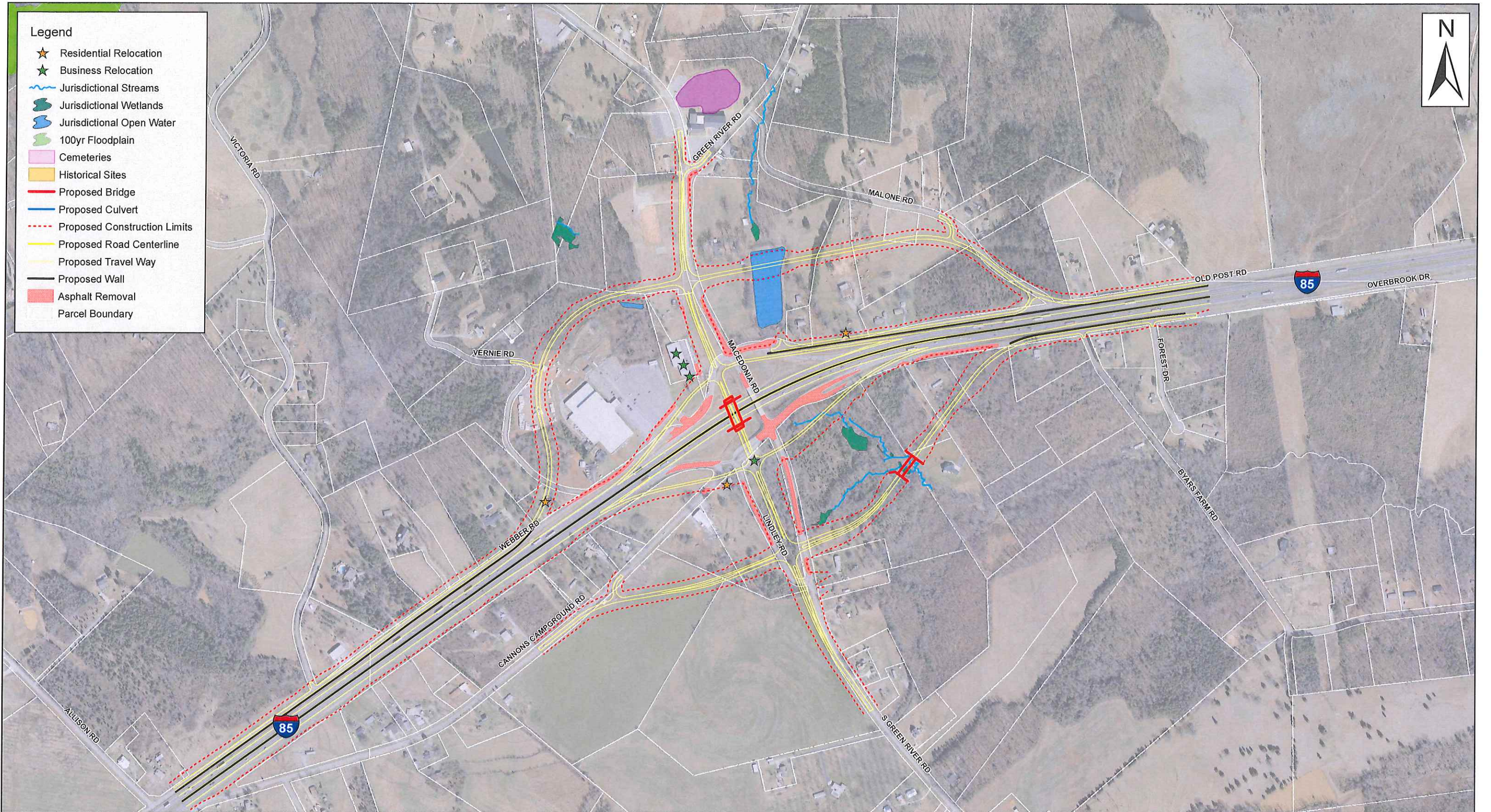
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NAME (please print)

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Mr. Moerz Mercl

MAILING ADDRESS

138 Webber Rd. - Gaffney SC 29341

Street/Route

City

State

Zip Code

PHONE NUMBER

864-201-5278

EMAIL

furnituremarketplace@live.com

COMMENTS

I have a new furniture store
in Orchard Place, the new plans for 85-
expansion on exit 87 will interrupt our business
and future plans. We prefer the preliminary plan
as attached.

How would you like a response to your comment?

(Please choose one)

No response required

Email response (address above)

Written response (address above)

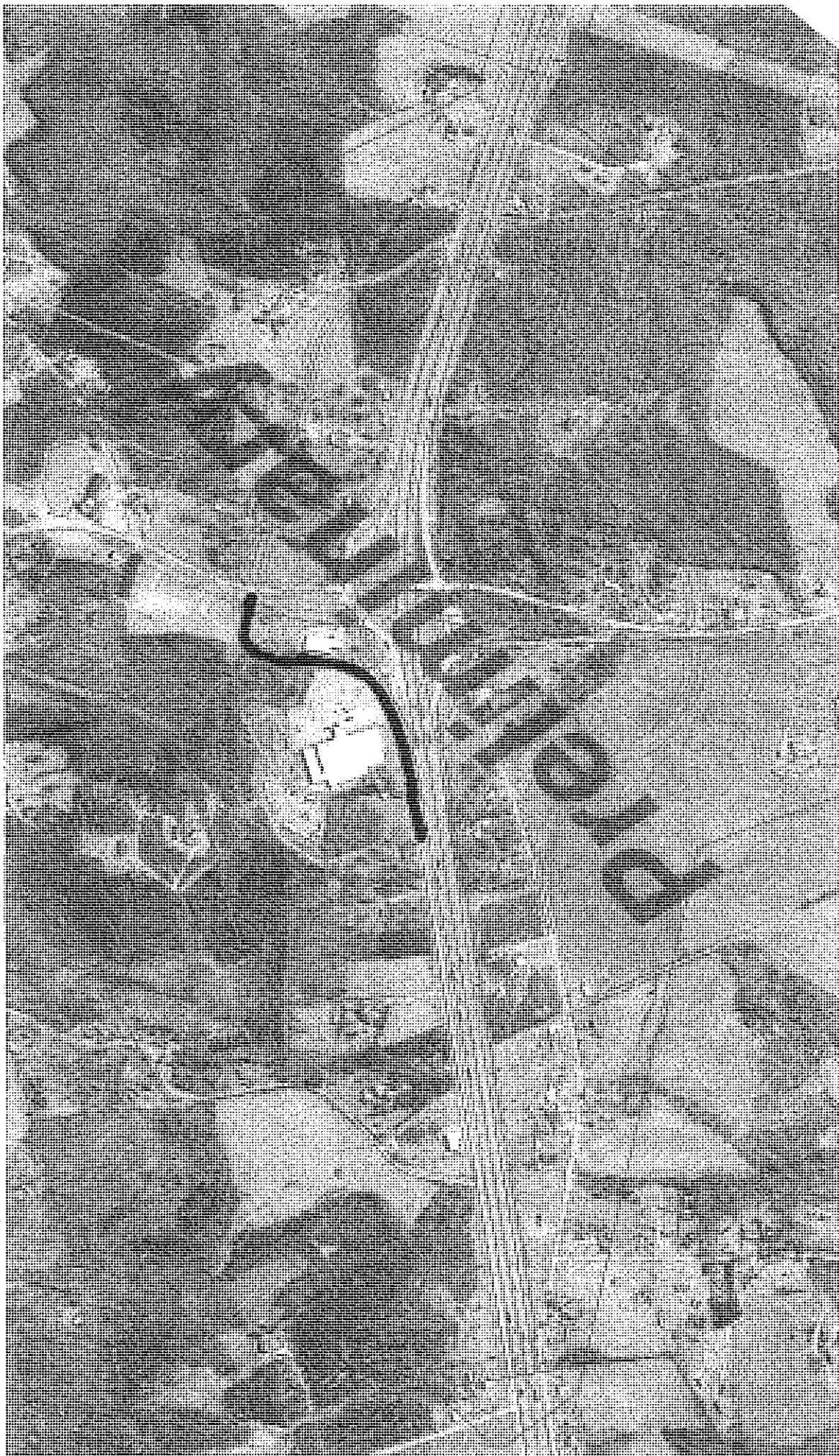
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February 26, 2016

Mr. Moez Mercli
138 Webber Road
Gaffney, SC 29341

Re: I-85 Widening and Improvements Mile Marker 80-96
Spartanburg and Cherokee Counties

Dear Mr. Mercli:

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Your comment referenced the negative impact of the proposed realignment of Exit 87 to your business. Attached is a graphic of the new interchange, modified in response to many of the comments received. As you can see on this graphic, your business would not be relocated.

Thank you again for your participation. If you should have additional questions regarding this project, please do not hesitate to contact me at (803) 737-1440 or reynoldsbs@scdot.org.

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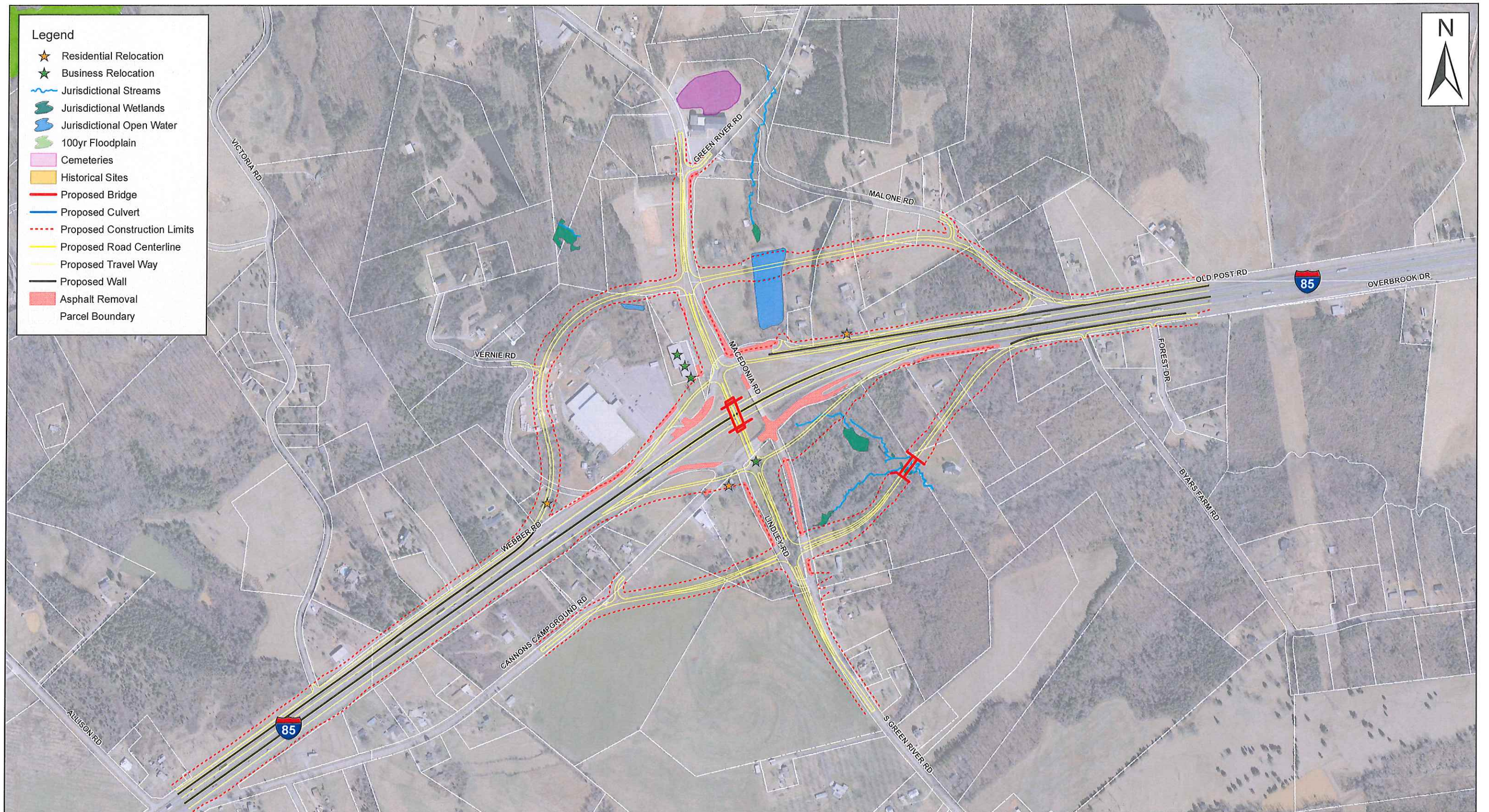
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NAME (please print)

Mr., Mrs., Ms., Mr. & Mrs.

(Please choose one)

Jodean O. Lemmons Jr (Joey)

MAILING ADDRESS

138 Webber Road Gaffney SC 29341

Street/Route

City

State

Zip Code

PHONE NUMBER

864-487-0344, 864-612-0024

EMAIL

Krlemmons@gmail.com

COMMENTS

I would like the Frontage Road (Webber Road) to be built to wrap around the front of my rug store @ Orchard Place as shown on the attached diagram. I do not want to lose my Building when this option is available. I ask that everything that can be done to route Webber Road around my Building. My Building has 50 year roof and the construction of the Building is sound. I Going through the middle of my Building would be a waste of money when other options are available. Going around the front of the Building is preferred because I have a large septic system on the right of my Building at Exit 87.

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(Please choose one)

No response required

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Written response (address above)

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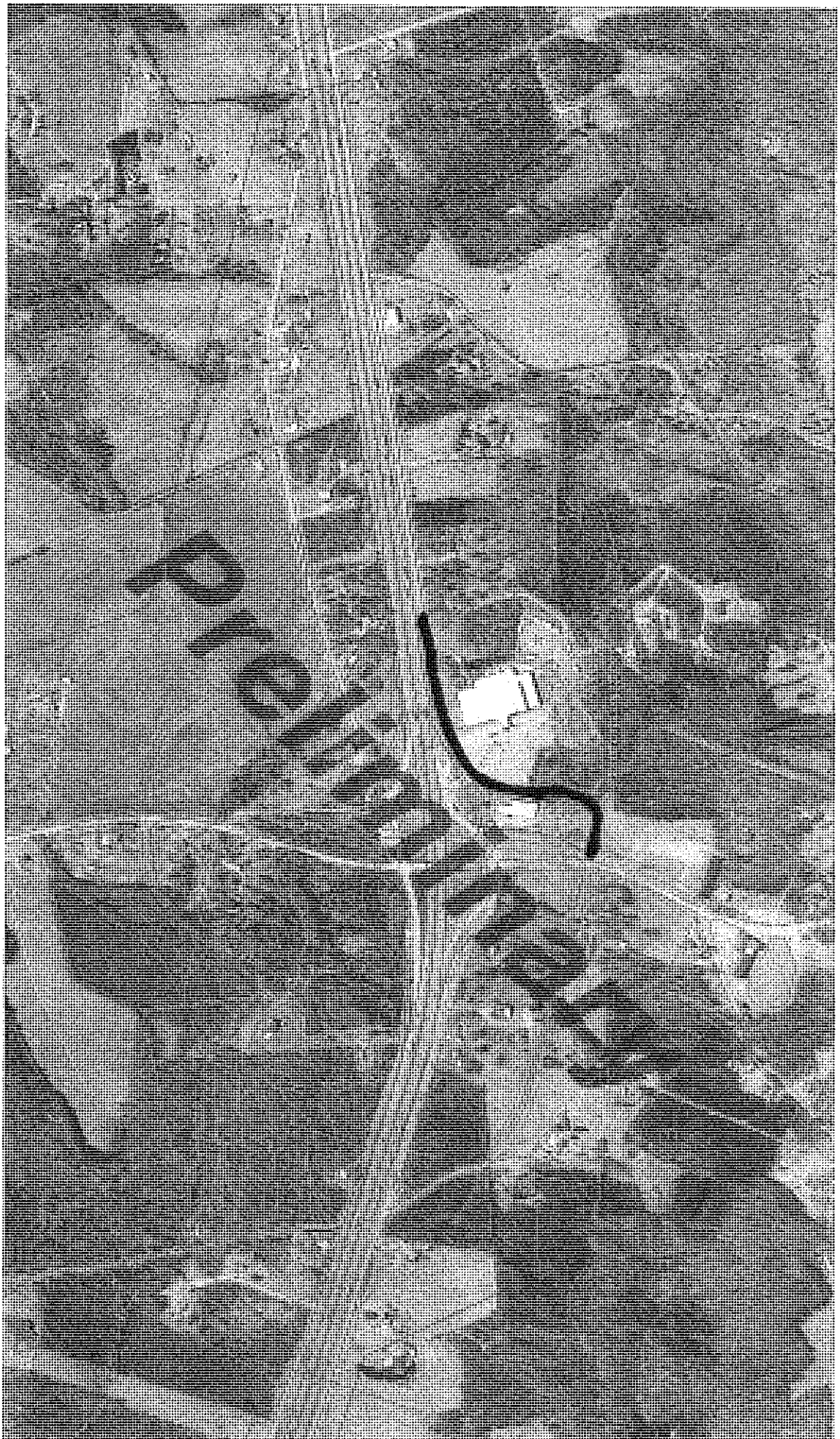
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Joey L
12-8-15

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Mr. Jodean O. Lemmons, Jr.
138 Webber Road
Gaffney, SC 29341

Re: I-85 Widening and Improvements Mile Marker 80-96
Spartanburg and Cherokee Counties

Dear Mr. Lemmons:

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You specifically requested that the frontage road for Exit 87 wrap around the front of your facility. We have evaluated that option and determined that we could not meet Federal and State standards with this option. With this determination we looked at another option to meet the standards and still miss the building and septic system. Attached is a graphic of the new interchange, modified in response to your comments and many of the comments received. As you can see on this graphic, your business would not be relocated.

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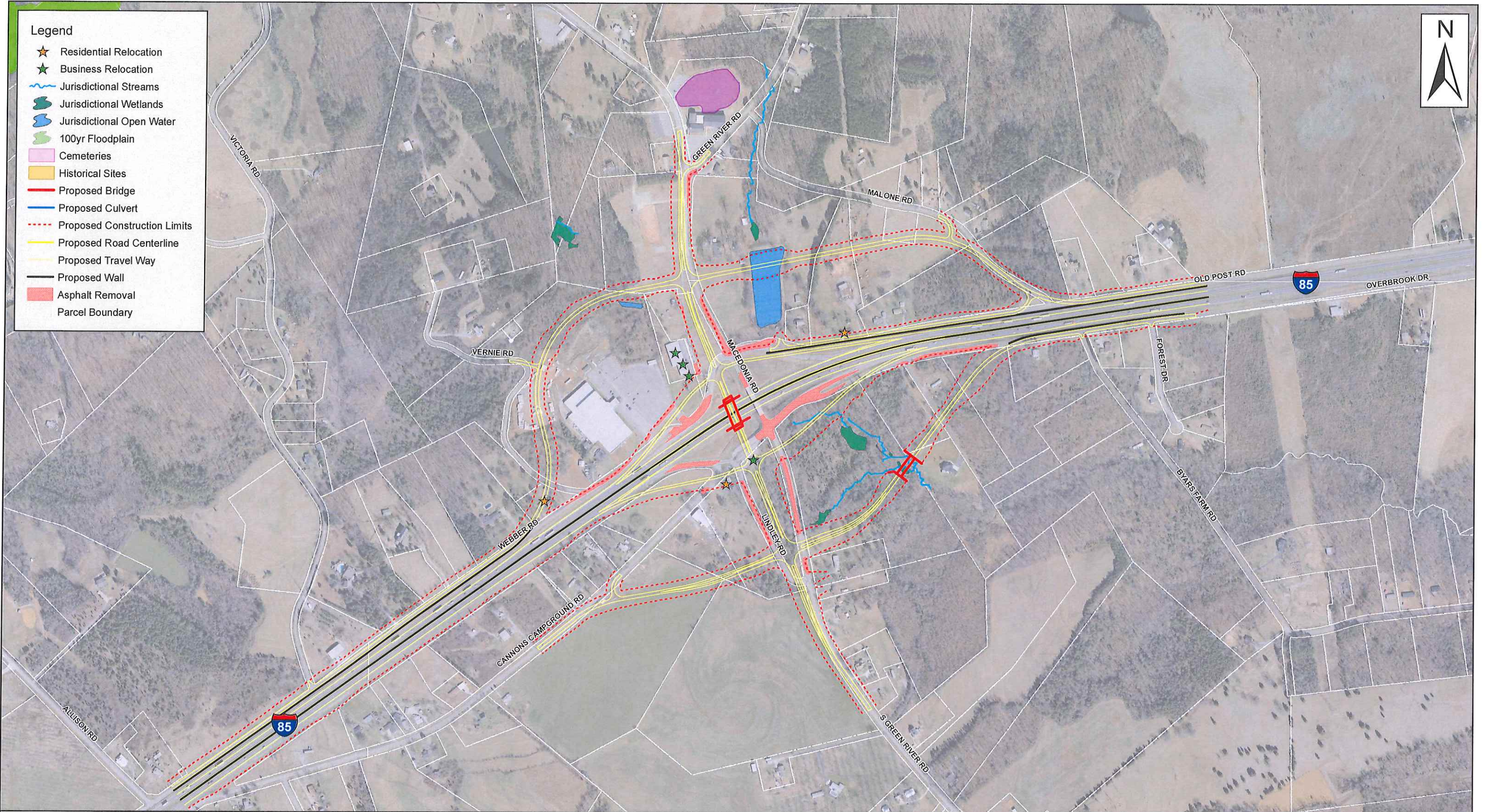
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NAME (please print)

Mr., Mrs., Ms., Mr. & Mrs.

(Please choose one)

D. Shane Trotter (Monstercon, LLC)

MAILING ADDRESS 138 Webber Rd, Gaffney SC 29341

Street/Route

City

State

Zip Code

PHONE NUMBER 864-494-8433

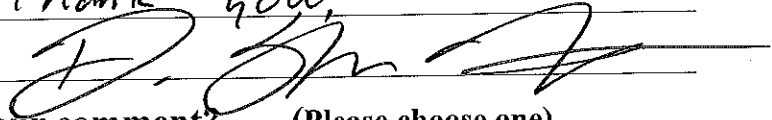
EMAIL Shane@monstercon.org

COMMENTS I am the owner of a business that has been operating inside the Rugs International Facility since August of 2014. Since that time, I have built a customer base for both coffee, and for special convention events.

The current plans to eliminate the orchard Place facility would be very damaging to my business, and relocating is not an option I have.

Please consider the attached proposal as an alternative to the existing plans. I cannot afford to lose this location.

Thank you,



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No response required

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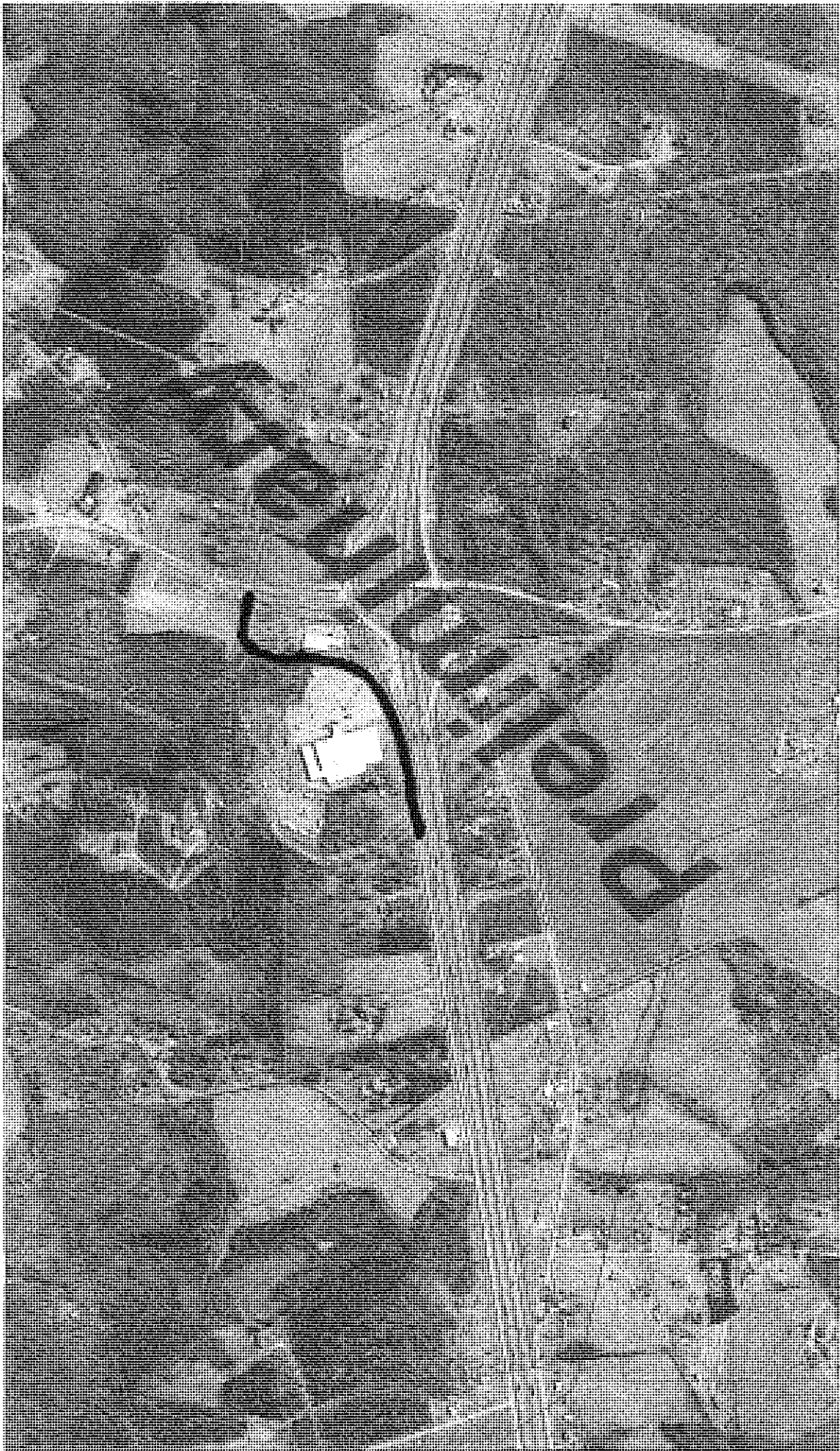
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Mr. D. Shane Trotter
Monstercon, LLC
138 Webber Road
Gaffney, SC 29341

Re: I-85 Widening and Improvements Mile Marker 80-96
Spartanburg and Cherokee Counties

Dear Mr. Trotter:

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Thank you again for your participation. If you should have additional questions regarding this project, please do not hesitate to contact me at (803) 737-1440 or reynoldsbs@scdot.org.

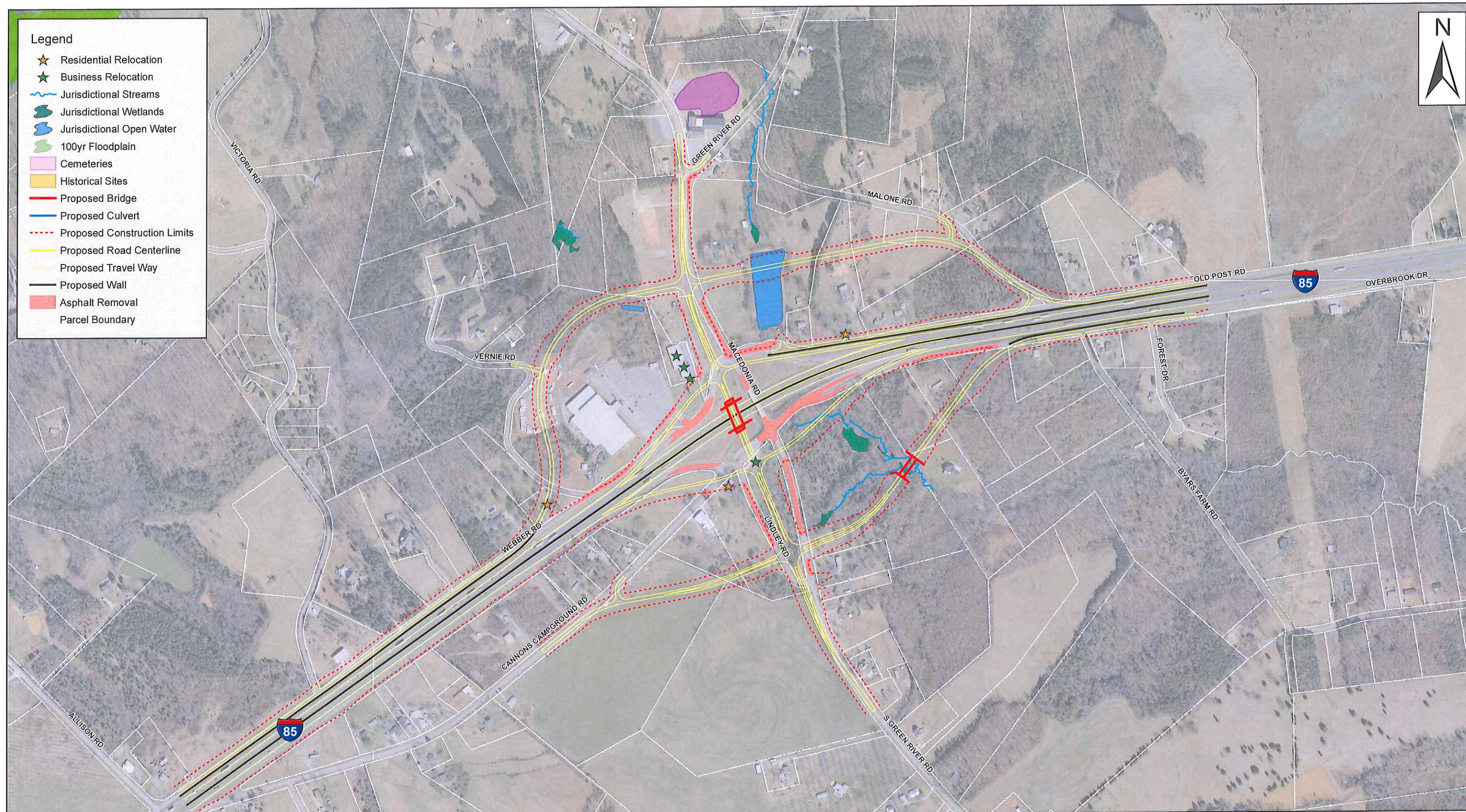
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Randy Guyton

MAILING ADDRESS 154 Webber Rd Gaffney SC 29341
Street/Route City State Zip Code

PHONE NUMBER 804-491-3272

EMAIL randy.guyton@ambustar.com

COMMENTS Mr. Reynolds,

I am one of the 3 owners at Ambu-Star and we have had our headquarters based at 154 Webber Rd for 9 years. This is a great location and we have approx 25 employees working in and out of this office daily. This office is responsible for dispatch and billing for 40 AmbuStar ambulances and 15 wheelchair vans that work throughout the state daily. AmbuStar, also, monitors and backs up EMS in Cherokee County on emergency calls. We also use this office as our advertising hub with a great location on the interstate. Your propose plan would destroy our business, hurt our revenue, and cause total interruptions in our business with a

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cost of \$150,000 to \$100,000 to replace

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BSA
VICE President
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Mr. Randy Guyton
154 Webber Road
Gaffney, SC 29341

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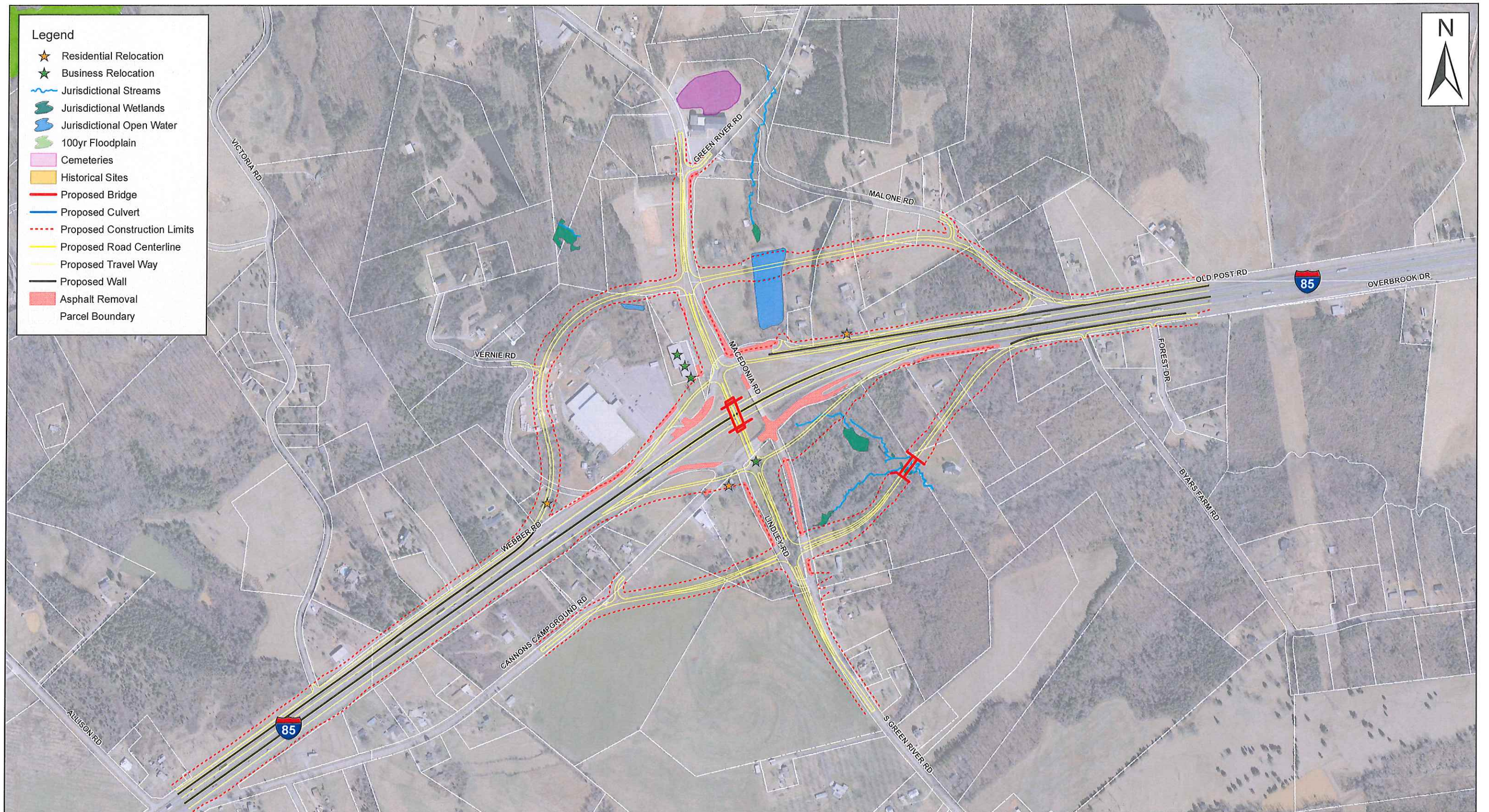
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☒ Mr. ☐ Mrs., Ms., Mr. & Mrs.
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Jim Martin Upstate Carolina EMS

MAILING ADDRESS

143 Webber Road Gateway SC 29341
Street/Route City State Zip Code

PHONE NUMBER

704-511-3304

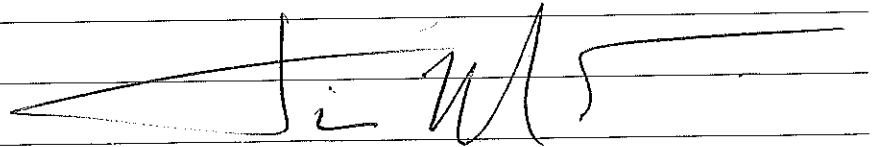
EMAIL

Jim.MARTIN@Ambustar.com

COMMENTS

I have reviewed your proposed Interstate Construction Plans. After studying the impact of Exit 87, your plan would completely cause our company to interrupt our operation. We would be forced to find a new location to host our operations and employees.

Jim Martin COO
Upstate Carolina EMS, LLC



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143 Webber Road
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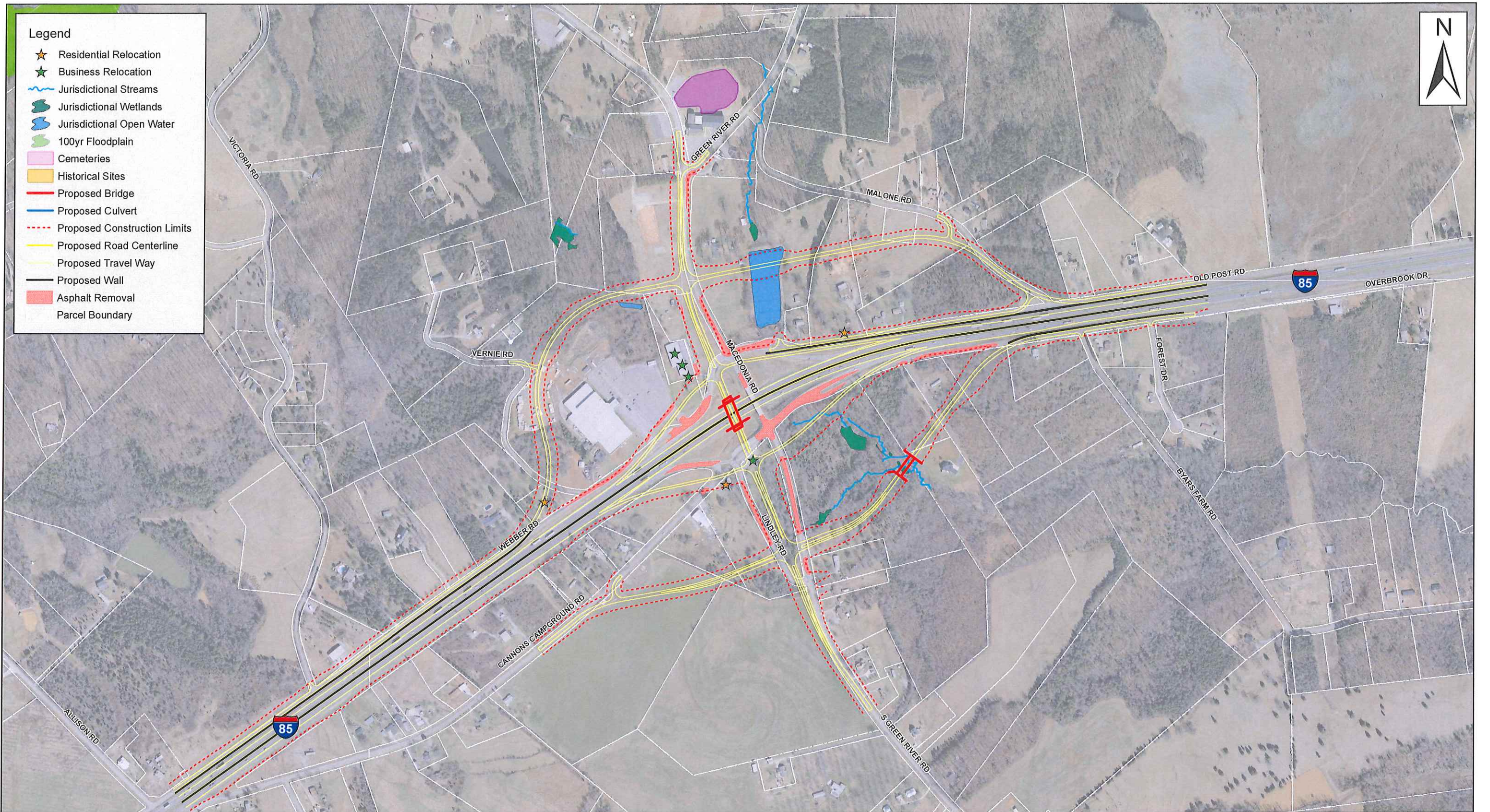
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patrick Bumgardner

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Gaffney

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PHONE NUMBER

864-491-5380

EMAIL

Sales@pandasolutionsLLC.com

COMMENTS

I run a small Business Panda solutions LLC at Rug International Building. I rent approximately 4000 sqft from Rug International. please consider preliminary plan. Thanks

How would you like a response to your comment?

(Please choose one)

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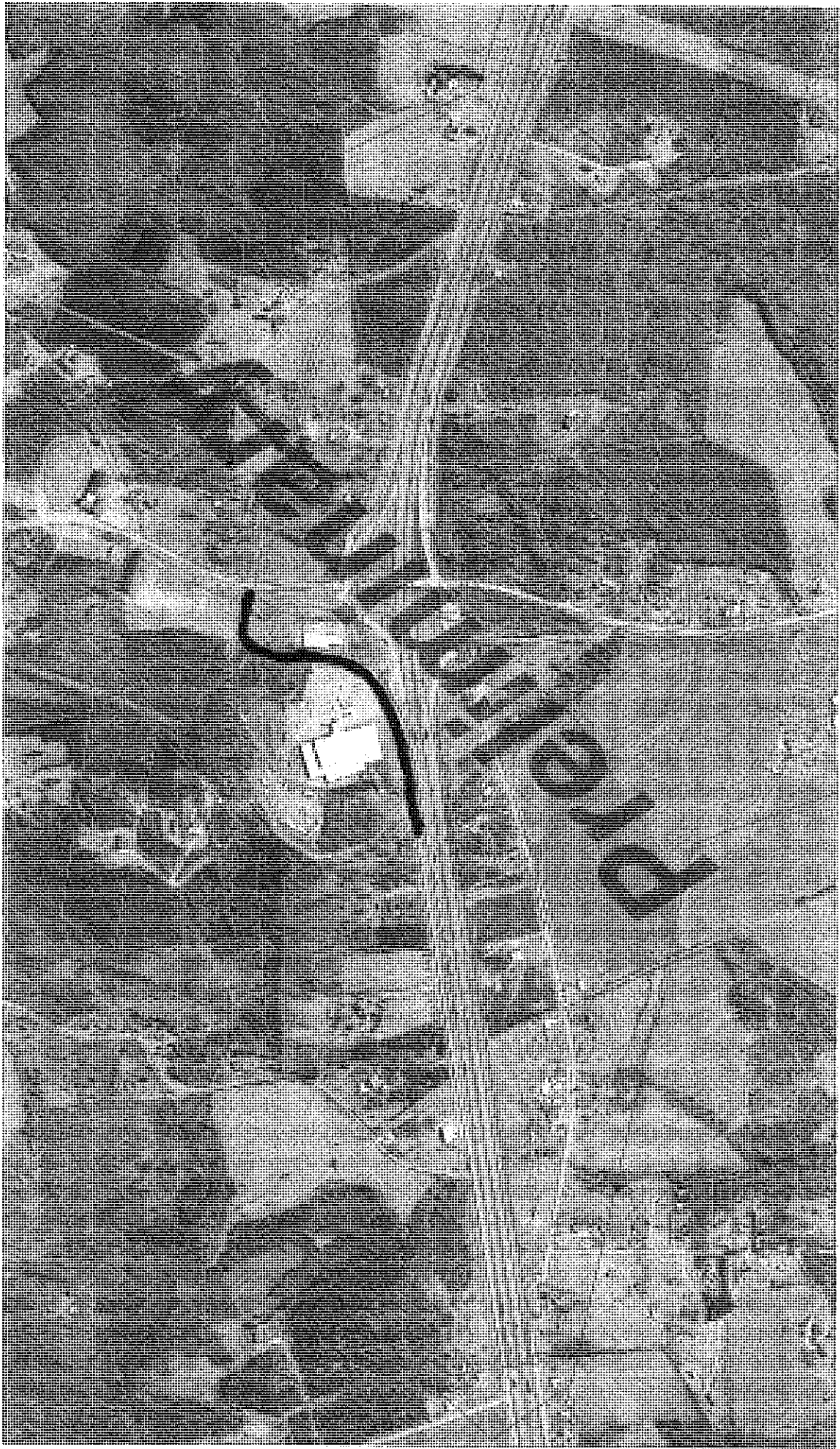
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Panda Solutions, LLC
138 Webber Road
Gaffney, SC 29341

Re: I-85 Widening and Improvements Mile Marker 80-96
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Dear Mr. and Mrs. Bumgardner:

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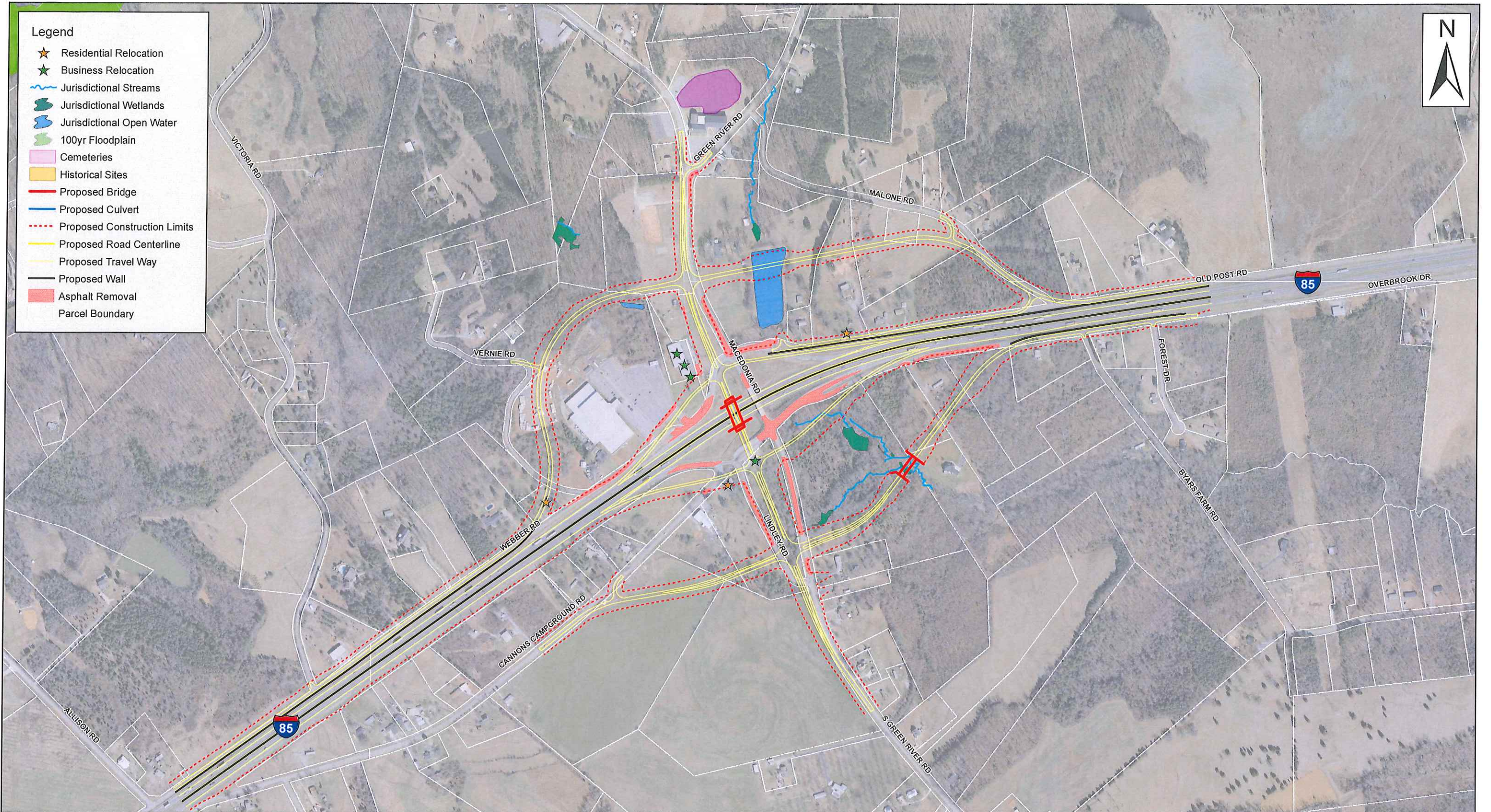
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Shamrock Inn
756 Hampshire Drive Gaffney SC 29341

Date: December 15 2015

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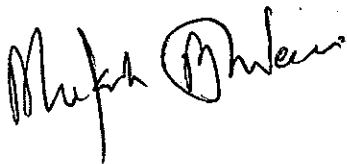
Dear Sir

I am writing in reference to Public Hearing at Gaffney High School, Gaffney SC held on December 01 2015

I have started looking near by same business but can not find same established business. If I consider to buy another motel than the market price is very high that is out of my budget and also thought to build near by exit but construction cost is out my range

I have already sent you a letter on April 04 2015 as per attached here in which if you still consider if any alternative plan if you can

Yours truly



Mukesh Bhanderi
Shamrock Inn



Shamrock Inn

756 Hampshire Drive Gaffney SC 29341

Date: April , 04 2015

Mr. Brad Reynolds, PE
Program Manager , Design Build RPG
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Dear Sir

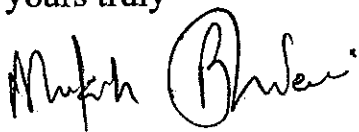
I am writing a letter reference to the widening of I – 85 Exit 95/96.

I have attended the public hearing meeting on March 24 2015 at Gaffney High School as per two plan displayed for Exit 95/96 ; gather that both plans involved my property , from which affected and loose my Business

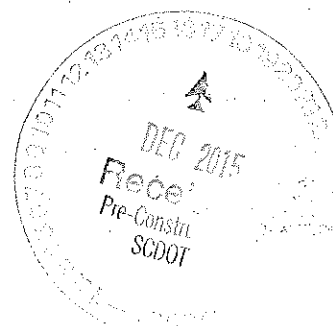
I am not against the project of widening I – 85 Exit 95/96. Please understand my situation if I loose business then my whole family will be affected because I have been operating business at Shamrock Inn since 1998. This is the only source of income and living hood , from which I support my wife , son and daughter (my son and daughter studying so paying for college tution fee and acomodation etc)

My humble request to consider other alternative plan which does not effect my property if possible

yours truly



Mukesh Bhandari
Shamrock Inn





South Carolina
Department of Transportation

February 16, 2016

Mukesh Bhanderi
Shamrock Inn
756 Hampshire Drive
Gaffney, SC 29341

Re: I-85 Widening and Improvements Mile Marker 80-96
Spartanburg and Cherokee Counties

Dear Mr. Bhanderi:

The South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) appreciates your participation in the public involvement process for the proposed widening and improvements to Interstate 85 (I-85) Mile Marker 80-96. Your comments, presented before and after the Public Hearing on Tuesday, December 1, 2015 at Gaffney High School, are part of the official project record. SCDOT will consider all concerns that have been raised before a final project decision is made.

Your comment included a request for consideration of an alternative at Exit 95 that would preserve the Shamrock Inn located at 756 Hampshire Drive in Gaffney, South Carolina. We looked at many different options for improving the interchange, but site features, such as streams, topography and the location of the existing interstate, as well as the need to maintain traffic as normally as possible during construction left us with the options that were presented in the Environmental Assessment and the Public Hearing. All these considerations meant that we are not able to accommodate your request to avoid the Shamrock Inn while accomplishing the necessary improvements to the interchange.

Thank you again for your participation. If you should have additional questions regarding this project, please do not hesitate to contact me at (803) 737-1440 or reynoldsbs@scdot.org.

Sincerely,

Bradley S. Reynolds, P.E.
Program Manager

cc: David Kelly – Environmental Services Office
File: PC/BSR



SCDOT PUBLIC HEARING COMMENT SHEET

Tuesday, December 1, 2015

PROPOSED I-85 WIDENING AND IMPROVEMENTS MILE MARKER 80 - 96 SPARTANBURG AND CHEROKEE COUNTIES

NAME (please print)

Mr., Mrs., Ms., Mr. & Mrs.
(Please choose one)

Larry Wayne Bailey

MAILING ADDRESS

904 Webber Rd. Cowpens S.C. 29330
Street/Route City State Zip Code

PHONE NUMBER

(864) 463-4880

EMAIL

COMMENTS

Dummy Slope Bridge - This bridge was put up for Dummy Slope Farm to get their peaches to packing shed when the farm was cut into by 85 Interstate. It has no on or off ramps. We were wondering if you could just take the bridge down and not replace it since this farm is ~~not~~ no longer a farm.

Thank you.

How would you like a response to your comment?

(Please choose one)

No response required

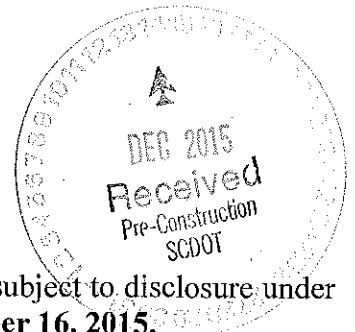
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South Carolina
Department of Transportation

February 17, 2016

Larry Wayne Bailey
904 Webber Road
Cowpens, SC 29330

Re: I-85 Widening and Improvements Mile Marker 80-96
Spartanburg and Cherokee Counties

Dear Mr. Bailey:

The South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) appreciates your participation in the public involvement process for the proposed widening and improvements to Interstate 85 (I-85) Mile Marker 80-96. Your comments, as presented after the Public Hearing on Tuesday, December 1, 2015 at Gaffney High School, are part of the official project record. SCDOT will consider all concerns that have been raised before a final project decision is made.

Along with the historical perspective shared in your comment, you asked if the overpass bridge at Sunny Slope Drive could be removed and not replaced. At this time, SCDOT plans to proceed with the replacement of the bridge. Although there are additional ways to cross the interstate this connection is one that has been in place for decades as you have mentioned. It is a way to provide access to either side of the interstate without going all the way to interchanges. It is used by emergency personnel to access both sides, and provides an important link to residents traveling into Cowpens from the North side of the interstate.

Thank you again for your participation. If you should have additional questions regarding this project, please do not hesitate to contact me at (803) 737-1440 or reynoldsbs@scdot.org.

Sincerely,

Bradley S. Reynolds, P.E.
Program Manager

cc: David Kelly – Environmental Services Office
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LaTonya Derrick

From: ltorres@ups.com
Sent: Wednesday, December 9, 2015 2:57 PM
To: Reynolds, Brad S
Cc: jfroberts@ups.com
Subject: UPS - Gaffney Follow-up Letter
Attachments: UPS - SCDOT Letter 12-9-15.pdf

Bradley,
Good to see you last week during the Public Hearing. Attached is a follow-up letter re-stating our concerns. You will be receiving a hard-copy tomorrow.

Please review and let us know how SCDOT plans to address UPS concerns.

Thanks
Luis M. Torres
UPS - Real Estate Dept.
55 Glenlake Parkway NE
Atlanta, GA 30328
Office 404-828-8760
Fax 404-828-3693
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December 8, 2015

Via Email and UPS Next Day Air Tracking # 1Z11AF100199012650

South Carolina Department of Transportation
Attn: Mr. Bradley S. Reynolds
955 Park Street, Room 216
Columbia, South Carolina 29202

Re: Impact of Proposed Widening of I-85 from Gossett Road (S-57) to Shelby Highway (SC 18) and related interchange improvements (the "Project") to the UPS Ground Freight, Inc. ("UPS") facility located at 129 Pleasant School Road, Gaffney, SC (the "Property")

Dear Mr. Reynolds.

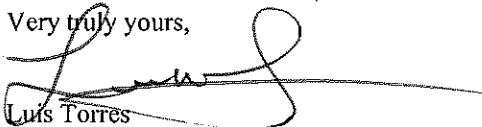
It was a pleasure to see you again during last week's Public Hearing. To follow-up on our discussion, we are sending this letter to reinforce our continuing concerns relating to the South Carolina Department of Transportation ("SCDOT") proposed Project Design. As previously mentioned, this UPS operation began over 25 years ago and has grown to employ approximately 333 people. This facility is now the largest UPS freight terminal in the United States and is a vital component of UPS' US freight transportation network. We estimate the SCDOT proposed design would negatively impact approximately a 1/3 of our operating building, impair a significant amount of the support land required for the operation and would eliminate land required for future expansion. If the proposed design is implemented, UPS expects this project to inflict material and irreversible damage to the capabilities of this operation. We reasonably expect that this proposal would render our facility functionally obsolete, incapable of serving the growing needs of UPS.

As mentioned in our previous letter, UPS expects to lose approximately 86 dock doors, 113 trailer staging positions, 46 employee parking stalls and approximately 17 acres of support and future expansion land (see attached aerial). In addition to the physical loss of operating capacity, UPS expects to suffer significant operating penalties and excessive costs resulting primarily from operational inefficiencies and required transportation network redesign. If UPS is forced to replace the lost capacity, it is our anticipation that the entire operation would need to be relocated. UPS is not interested in pursuing this alternative, and we believe that this would not in the best interest of the local community or the State.

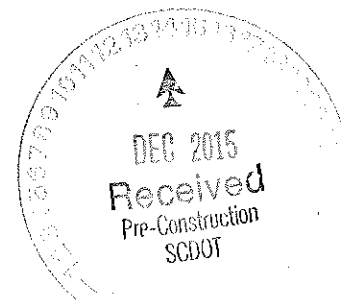
Please note, UPS supports this very important highway improvement project, however UPS respectfully requests that all other alternatives be considered and exhausted. Specifically, UPS respectfully requests that SCDOT select an alternate route for Wilcox Ave that avoids or minimizes impacting the UPS property.

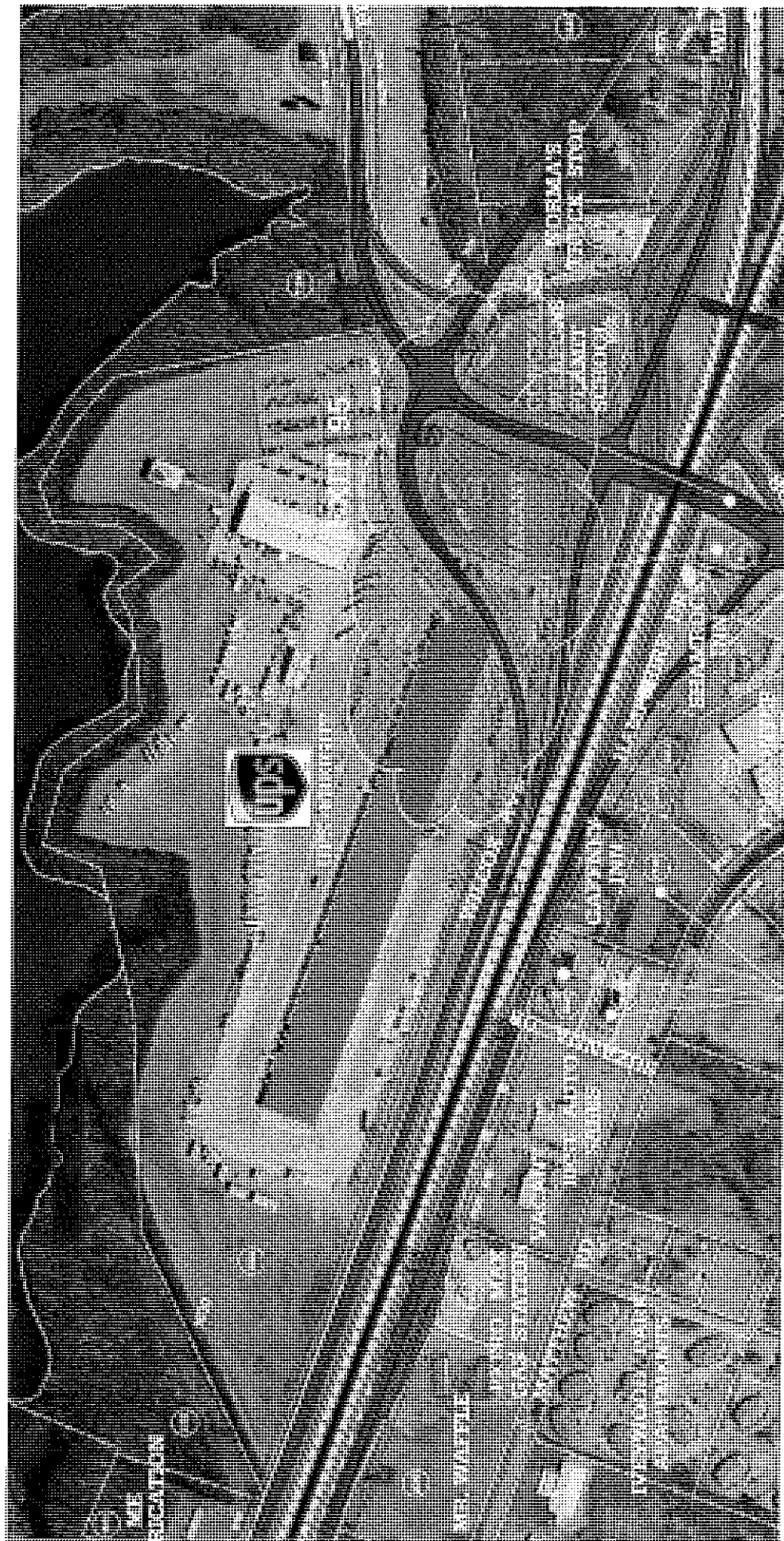
UPS looks forward to working with SCDOT together to determine a workable solution. Thank you again for your time and consideration. Please feel free to contact me directly at 404-828-8760 to discuss further.

Very truly yours,


Luis Torres
UPS Corporate Real Estate

cc: John Roberts
Peggy Haggerty
James Harris



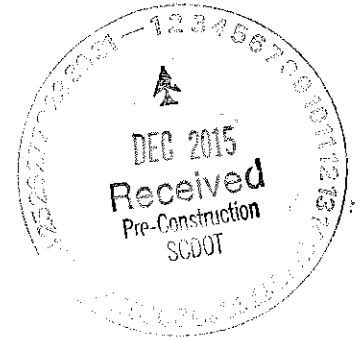


**UPS GROUND FREIGHT, INC.
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November 30, 2015

VIA UPS NEXT DAY AIR (TRACKING # 1Z 11A F10 019721 9673)

Mr. Bradley S. Reynolds
South Carolina Department of Transportation
955 Park Street
Room 216
Columbia, South Carolina 29202



Re: Impact of Proposed Widening of I-85 from Gossett Road (S-57) to Shelby Highway (SC 18) and related interchange improvements (the "Project") to the UPS Ground Freight, Inc. ("UPS Freight") facility located at 129 Pleasant School Road, Gaffney, SC (the "Property")

Dear Mr. Reynolds:

Thank you for meeting with UPS Freight last week. The purpose of this letter is to notify the South Carolina Department of Transportation ("SCDOT") of the material adverse impact of the Project on the Property, the UPS Freight operation located on the Property and the community. UPS Freight has operated at this location for approximately 25 years and it is the largest UPS Freight terminal in the United States employing approximately 333 people. SCDOT proposes a realignment of the roadways resulting in the physical taking of approximately 30% of our current building in addition to the taking of additional land and the dissection of our expansion area. The proposed taking would result in material adverse damage to the Property and cause the operation to become functionally obsolete and irreversibly damaged.

Among other things, SCDOT's proposed plan to traverse the Property with the proposed roads, if implemented, would result in the loss of the use of approximately: 86 doors (37 on each side and 12 doors on the north end of the building); 113 trailer staging positions; 46 employee parking spots; and approximately 17 acres of land. In addition, building systems, equipment, utilities and structure would be materially adversely affected. Further, the impairment of access, loss of frontage, functionality of the facility and supporting amenities such as drive aisles and parking and the impaired development potential of the Property would be unduly compromised.

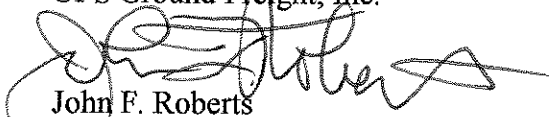
Due to the material adverse effect of the Project on the functionality of our facility, there is a good likelihood that such taking would cause us to relocate the facility elsewhere resulting in the loss of jobs and other economic impacts on the community. As previously mentioned, this facility currently is the largest link in the UPS Freight

domestic chain. This taking as proposed would have a devastating impact on its value to the system by rendering the property unsuitable for its purpose.

UPS Freight supports the improvement of infrastructure in the area; however, based on our observations and our discussions with your people there are other alternatives. UPS should not bear the undue burden imposed by the Project for the same. In consideration of the foregoing, UPS Freight recommends that SCDOT select an alternate route for Wilcox Avenue that does not impose such irreversible damage to the Property, the UPS Freight operation and to the community.

Thank you for your courtesy and cooperation.

Very truly yours,
UPS Ground Freight, Inc.



John F. Roberts
Real Estate Department

cc: Luis Torres
Peggy Haggerty
James Harris



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April 20, 2016

Luis Torres
UPS Ground Freight, Inc.
Corporate Real Estate
55 Glenlake Parkway, NE
Atlanta, GA 30328

Re: I-85 Widening and Improvements Mile Marker 80-96
Spartanburg and Cherokee Counties

Dear Mr. Torres:

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As noted in previous correspondence, it is UPS's opinion that the preferred alternative would affect UPS in such a way as to require relocation of the facility. You specifically requested that SCDOT select an alternate route for Wilcox Avenue that avoids or minimizes the impacts to the UPS property.

SCDOT has evaluated multiple options and shared them with you. The latest option would reduce the impacts to the current paved area near the South East corner of the distribution facility and at a minimum be 105 feet from the facility. As discussed by phone conversation after my email on March 7, 2016, traffic control staging of this option will require relocation of the entrance to UPS and require the use of exits 92 or 96 to access UPS from the interstate for an extended period. Efforts will be taken to make sure that UPS has access to northbound and southbound I-85 during construction.

The project will be delivered using design-build, in which the final design is completed by the design-build team. Environmental commitments in the contract for this project require the design-builder to minimize impacts to businesses and residences as much as possible, and design-build teams that reduce these impacts over and above that already required by the commitments may receive a higher technical score which can improve their opportunity to be selected for the project. Because the winning design-builder is still selected based on the lowest price proposal, teams typically look for opportunities to reduce cost by minimizing required right-of-way impacts and acquisitions. The selected design-builder will be required to coordinate with UPS to address any other impacts associated with their final design.



Mr. Luis Torres
April 20, 2016
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With consideration to the items above, SCDOT is confident impacts will be further reduced and the UPS facility would ultimately be able to operate in a similar fashion as it does currently. SCDOT would like to thank UPS for the support of the highway project and looks forward to working with you to find a solution that is amenable for both UPS and SCDOT.

Thank you again for your participation. If you should have additional questions regarding this project, please do not hesitate to contact me at (803) 737-1440 or reynoldsbs@scdot.org.

Sincerely,



Bradley S. Reynolds, P.E.
Program Manager

cc: David Kelly – Environmental Services Office
John F. Roberts – UPS Real Estate Representative
File: PC/BSR

SCDOT PUBLIC HEARING COMMENT SHEET

Tuesday, December 1, 2015

PROPOSED I-85 WIDENING AND IMPROVEMENTS MILE MARKER 80 – 96 SPARTANBURG AND CHEROKEE COUNTIES

NAME (please print)

Mr., Mrs., Ms., (Mr. & Mrs.)

(Please choose one)

Dennis J. DeVaney

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29330

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COMMENTS

Please see the attached sheet.

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No response required

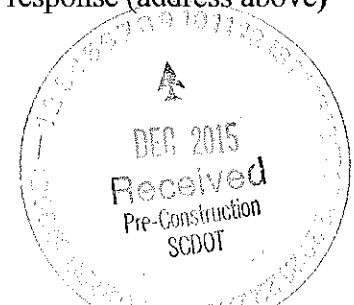
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I would like to address issues at the Exit 83 Interchange, specifically with regard to Phillips Road. I don't like to point out a problem without offering possible solutions so I have included 3 options.

Current conditions are such that there is already a small amount of "Thru Truck" traffic (Semi-trucks) on Phillips Road, especially when there is a blockage on I-85. Phillips Road is far too narrow to accommodate "Thru Truck" traffic. If you are in a car and meet a Semi on Phillips Rd, both of you have to get off on what little shoulder is available to get past each other. I have never seen 2 Semis meet on Phillips Rd. but I have to wonder how they work it out. There is extremely dangerous potential for a fatal "head on" collision in the curve over the creek which is just beyond the point where the Widening Project is supposed to make improvements to Phillips Road. "Thru Truck" traffic will greatly increase after the completion of the Dollar Tree building project and once the Widening Project is completed when truck drivers realize that they can exit I-85 at Exit 87 and more easily access both the Westar Truck Plaza and Dollar Tree by using Webber Rd. / Phillips Rd. So, this issue needs to be addressed.

1) Personally, I would like to see signage put in place restricting "Thru Truck" traffic on the eastern end of Phillips Road which becomes Webber Road at the county line. That would be from the point where the new road (not named on your pdf image) is to be put in place to service the Westar Truck Plaza to the intersection of Webber Road with Swofford Drive/S11-137. (Please note: There are 2 intersections of Webber Rd with Swofford Dr. because Swofford Dr. loops around and the intersection I'm referring to is not on your pdf image. It is the one closest to the county line.) "Thru Truck" traffic could be routed through the Industrial Park on Mount Olive Church Road to Hwy 110 using a portion of Swofford Dr. which has already been improved. But, "Thru Truck" traffic would have to be restricted from the northern end of Swofford Drive past the intersection with Mount Olive Church Road. That part of Swofford Drive has not been improved and is much too narrow and in too poor a condition to accommodate "Thru Truck" traffic. This option would not actually affect the Widening Project beyond instructing regular maintenance crews to install signage.

2) The alternative to "Thru Truck" traffic restriction, is to make improvements to Phillips Road all the way to the Cherokee County line which would be far more expensive than putting up some signage on Phillips Rd/Webber Rd and on Swofford Drive.

3) It's possible that it would be best to use both of these options.

Finally, if these options don't "sit well", please find some other way to resolve the dangerous conditions that already exist on Phillips Road and which will be magnified when the widening project is completed.



South Carolina
Department of Transportation

February 16, 2016

Dennis J. DeVaney
908 Swofford Drive
Cowpens, SC 29330

Re: I-85 Widening and Improvements Mile Marker 80-96
Spartanburg and Cherokee Counties

Dear Mr. DeVaney:

The South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) appreciates your participation in the public involvement process for the proposed widening and improvements to Interstate 85 (I-85) Mile Marker 80-96. Your comments, as provided after the Public Hearing on Tuesday, December 1, 2015 at Gaffney High School, are part of the official project record. SCDOT will consider all concerns that have been raised before a final project decision is made.

Thank you for your comments regarding the existing condition of travel patterns and safety concerns on Phillips Drive. In addition, you requested either installation of signage restricting truck traffic or widening of Phillips Drive, or both. While Phillips Drive will be widened to accommodate truck traffic between Battleground Road and the new access road to the facilities at Westar, it is beyond the scope of this project to address the concerns you raised regarding the remainder of Phillips Road. That situation will have to be addressed by a separate project.

Thank you again for your participation. If you should have additional questions regarding this project, please do not hesitate to contact me at (803) 737-1440 or reynoldsbs@scdot.org.

Sincerely,

Bradley S. Reynolds, P.E.
Program Manager

cc: David Kelly – Environmental Services Office
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Tuesday, December 1, 2015

PROPOSED I-85 WIDENING AND IMPROVEMENTS MILE MARKER 80 – 96 SPARTANBURG AND CHEROKEE COUNTIES

NAME *(please print)*

Mr., Mrs., Ms., Mr. & Mrs. Keith M. Babcock
(Please choose one)

MAILING ADDRESS Post Office Box 11208, Columbia, SC 29211

Street/Route

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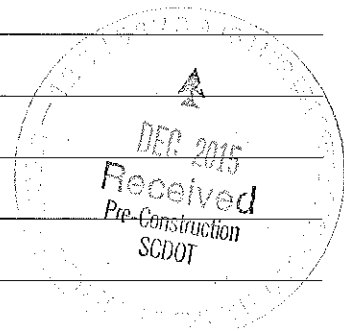
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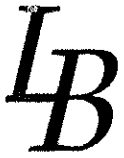
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December 8, 2015

VIA EMAIL AND MAIL

Mr. Brad Reynolds, PE
Program Manager, Design Build RPG
SCDOT – Room 421
Post Office Box 191
Columbia, South Carolina 29202-0191

Re: Builders FirstSource, Inc. / Exit 83 / I-85 Widening Project

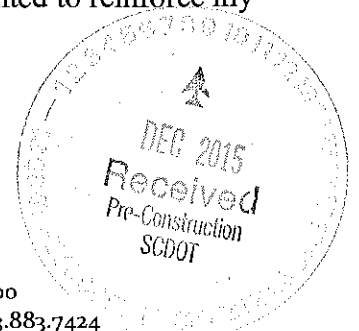
Dear Brad:

As you know, my client, Builders FirstSource, Inc., has a truss plant facility at Exit 83 of I-85 which will be significantly impacted by the I-85 Widening Project. I appreciate the time that you have spent with me in the past with regard to this project, and I appreciate the time that you and others spent with me and the representatives of my client at the Public Hearing on December 1st.

The preferred alternative design presents two primary impacts to this property, in addition to the actual land being acquired. First, a warehouse building will be totally lost. Second, and of greater significance from a design perspective, is the impact on access to Dewberry Road.

In so far as the building is concerned, we will need to approach that like any other acquisition of property involving a loss of a building. We understand that from a design perspective, there is little that can be done to preserve the building. Obviously, if some design change could be made to preserve the building, that would be beneficial to Builders FirstSource.

The access situation is one that will need design attention. At the present, the relocation of Dewberry Road would deprive my client of any access to its property. Obviously, access is important for any property, but this location averages 31 truck deliveries and departures each day. Because of the size of the trucks and the loads, my client must maintain at least the level of access that it has at the present. With most of the trucks being oversized, there are access and turning issues associated with these types of trucks. From our conversation at the Public Hearing, I know that you appreciate the seriousness of the situation, but I wanted to reinforce my client's concern about the issue by way of this letter.



Please contact me if you need any additional information concerning these issues. Otherwise, I appreciate any attention that can be given with regard to this property, particularly to the access situation.

With best regards, I am

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'K. Babcock', written in a cursive style.

Keith M. Babcock

KMB:cg
Enclosure

February 11, 2016

Keith M. Babcock
Law Office of Lewis Babcock L.L.P.
Post Office Box 11208
Columbia, SC 29211

Re: I-85 Widening and Improvements Mile Marker 80-96
Spartanburg and Cherokee Counties

Dear Mr. Babcock:

The South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) appreciates your participation in the public involvement process for the proposed widening and improvements to Interstate 85 (I-85) Mile Marker 80-96. Your comments, as provided after the Public Hearing on Tuesday, December 1, 2015 at Gaffney High School, are part of the official project record. SCDOT will consider all concerns that have been raised before a final project decision is made.

You specifically requested that the access and level of access, from the Builders FirstSource property to Dewberry Road be maintained when Dewberry Road is relocated. The Department agrees that access from Dewberry Road to your property will be maintained in the event that Dewberry Road is relocated. During construction we will require the contractor to maintain adequate access to the facility for the trucks, and the final details of how the access will be provided after construction will be worked out during the right-of-way process.

Thank you again for your participation. If you should have additional questions regarding this project, please do not hesitate to contact me at (803) 737-1440 or reynoldsbs@scdot.org.

Sincerely,



Bradley S. Reynolds, P.E.
Program Manager

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NAME (please print)
Mr. Mrs. Ms., Mr. & Mrs.
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Reba M. Patterson

MAILING ADDRESS 192 Green Acres Rd, Gaffney SC 29341
Street/Route City State Zip Code

PHONE NUMBER 864-489-9456

EMAIL

COMMENTS Add New bridge, put in more lanes but
leave exits as they are, just as you are doing in other
counties. The other proposed changes are a waste of
monies.

How would you like a response to your comment?

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February 26, 2016

Mrs. Reba M. Patterson
192 Green Acres Road
Gaffney, SC 29341

Re: I-85 Widening and Improvements Mile Marker 80-96
Spartanburg and Cherokee Counties

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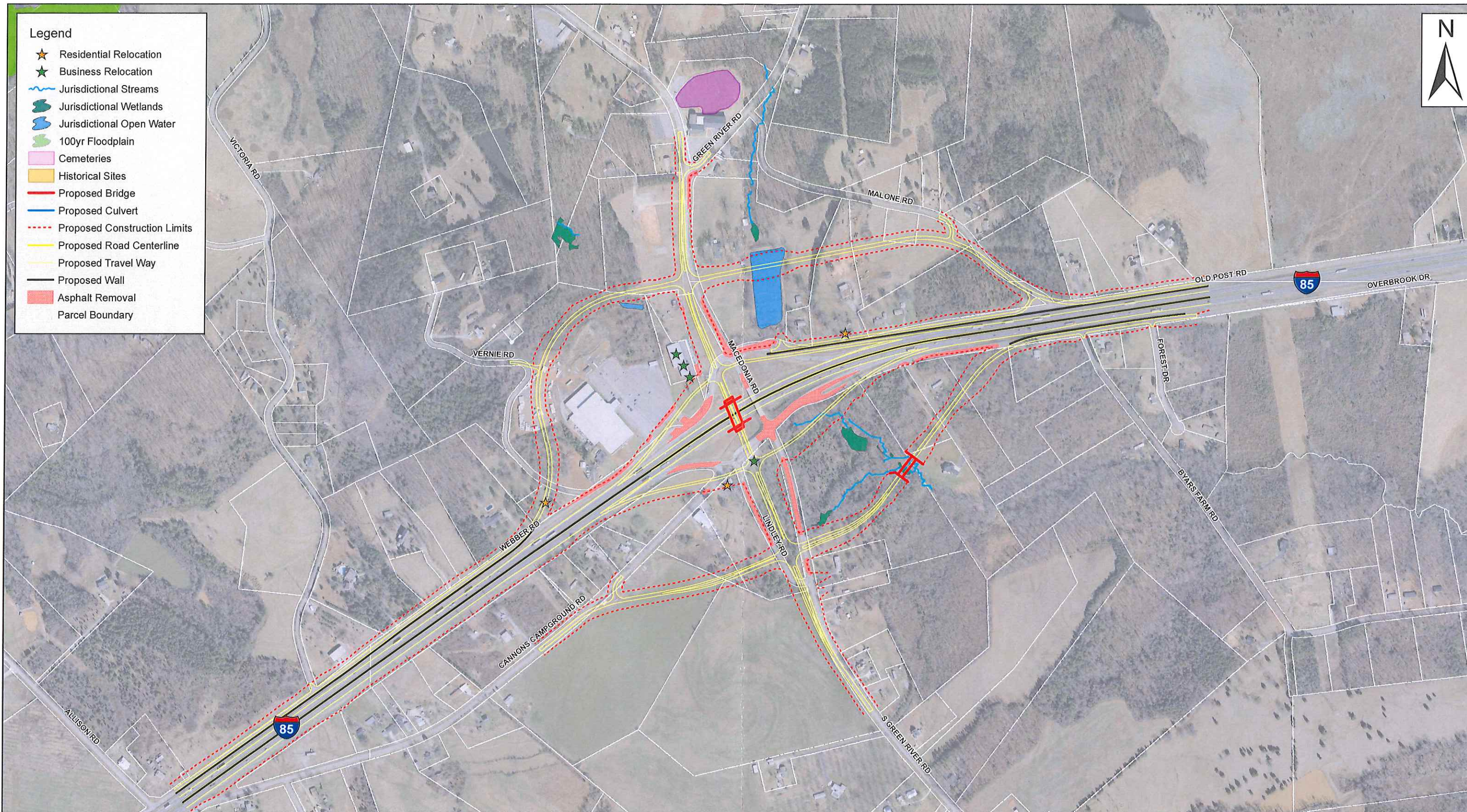
Sincerely,

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Program Manager

Enclosure

ec: David Kelly –Environmental Services Office
File: PC/BSR





SCDOT PUBLIC HEARING COMMENT SHEET

Tuesday, December 1, 2015

PROPOSED I-85 WIDENING AND IMPROVEMENTS MILE MARKER 80 - 96 SPARTANBURG AND CHEROKEE COUNTIES

NAME (please print)
☒ Mr. PAUL K. PATTERSON
(Please choose one)

MAILING ADDRESS 192 Green Acres Rd. Gaffney, S.C. 29341
Street/Route City State Zip Code

PHONE NUMBER 864-489-9456

EMAIL _____

COMMENTS I just need to put in new Bridge
leave Exits as is. all the other changes
are a waste of money.

How would you like a response to your comment? (Please choose one)

No response required

Email response (address above)

Written response (address above)

Mail Comments to:



Mr. Brad Reynolds, P.E.
Program Manager, Design Build RPG
SCDOT
PO Box 191, Room 421
Columbia, SC 29202-0191
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South Carolina
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February 26, 2016

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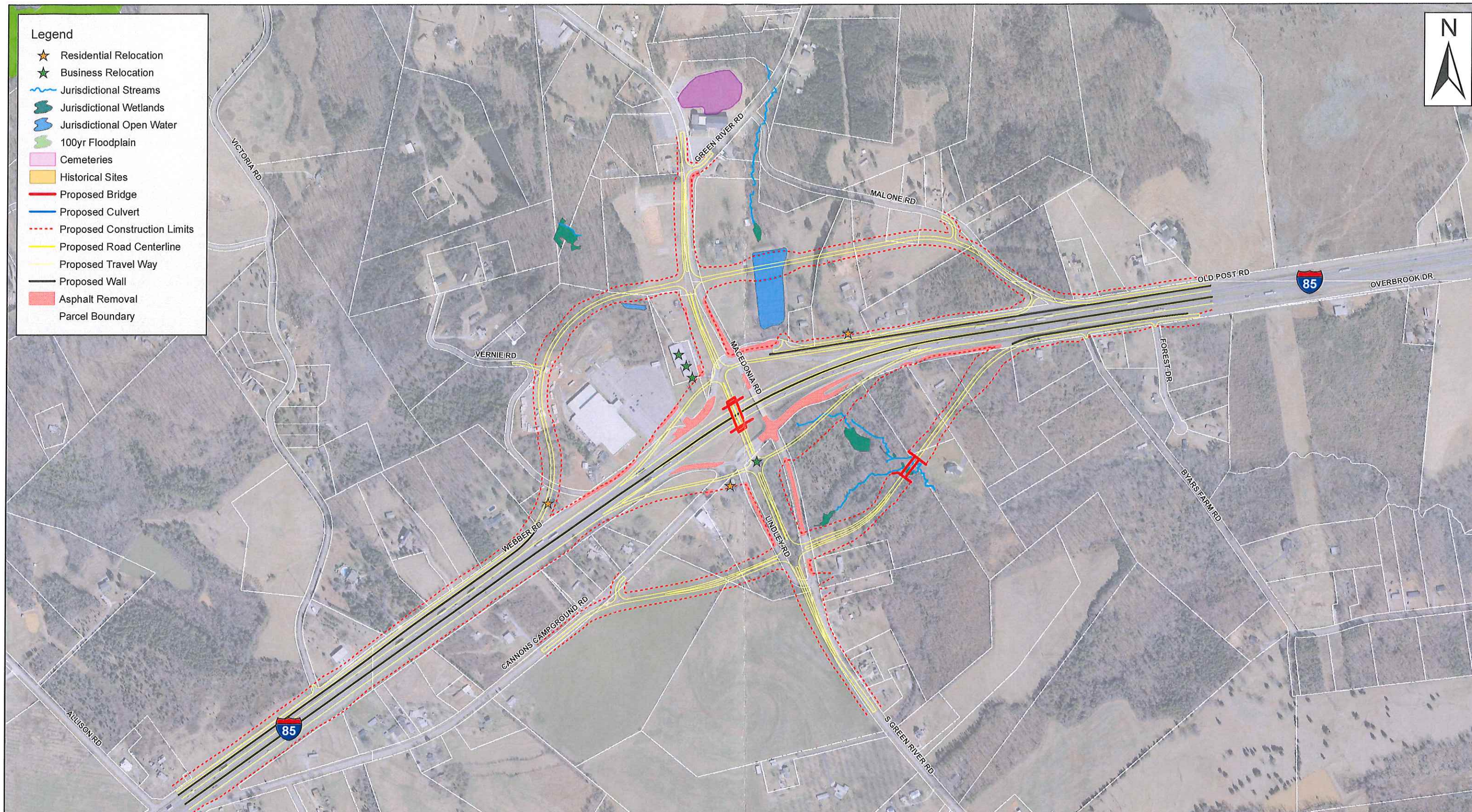
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NAME (please print)

Mr., Mrs., Ms., Mr. & Mrs.
(Please choose one)

Kathryn R Lemmons

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City

SC

State

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Zip Code

PHONE NUMBER

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EMAIL

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COMMENTS

I have attached an alternate proposal for the expansion at exit 87. As a co-owner of Biggs International that exit I have serious concerns regarding the SC E plan as was displayed at the recent hearing at Gaffney School. The DOT proposal forces us to close or relocate our business; neither of which we desire to do. The re of our business to another location will be very expensive. Laborious. We do not believe the SCDOT would fully comp us for this move. Keep in mind the cost of moving a large and furnishings should be included. Even closing our business moving purposes would very costly and time consuming. The proposal would allow us to stay in our building. We appreciate your consideration of this proposal to lessen the impact on the business.

How would you like a response to your comment?

(Please choose one)

No response required

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Sketch for discussion
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South Carolina
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Mrs. Kathryn Lemmons
1000 College Drive
Gaffney, SC 29340

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Spartanburg and Cherokee Counties

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Your comment included a description of how the proposed realignment of Exit 87 would negatively impact your business. Attached is a graphic of the new interchange, modified in response to many of the comments received. As you can see on this graphic, your business would not be relocated.

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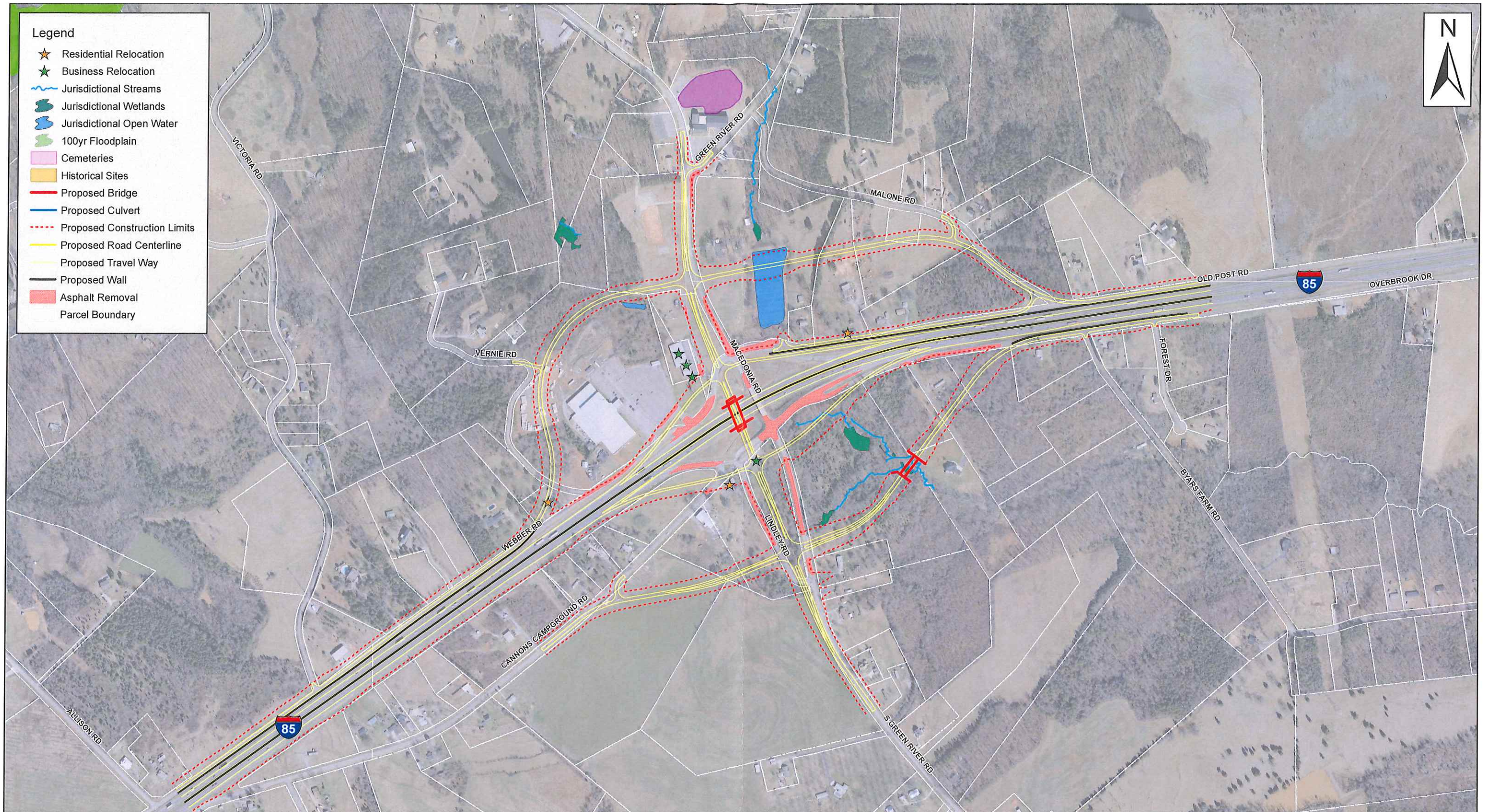
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NAME (please print)

☒ Mr. ☐ Mrs. ☐ Ms. ☐ Mr. & Mrs.
(Please choose one)

SHANNON TYLER

MAILING ADDRESS

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Street/Route City State Zip Code

PHONE NUMBER

864 219 3248

EMAIL

SHANNONWEE@BELLSOUTH.NET

COMMENTS

THIS is in regards to Webber Road expansion. After speaking with Joey Lemmons & reviewing his proposed plan to run Webber Rd between Orchard Place, the Peach Shed, and my ~~family's~~ families property, I support ~~this~~ this idea. ~~This~~ This plan will give businesses as well as much needed jobs.

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LaTonya Derrick

From: shannonwee <shannonwee@bellsouth.net>
Sent: Wednesday, December 16, 2015 5:00 PM
To: Reynolds, Brad S
Subject: Exit 87

Hi Brad,

It's taken me some time to formulate exactly how I feel and what to say regarding the plans for the I-85, Exit 87 expansion. My family owns the property on the North side of the bridge. We own the property to the West and East of Green River Road at the intersection. The plans discussed at the public meeting show the diversion of Old Post Road going almost through the middle of the property, including passing over what is the dammed end of the 2.5 acre pond (the centerpiece of the property!).

As I mentioned at the meeting, my family has owned this land for several generations, well before I-85 was even an idea. If you look at the original design of I-85, you will see that William Howard Hamrick owned property that was claimed for the new road. The pond was built before I-85 was built. The construction of I-85 caused heartache to the family as they lost land that kept the pond secluded, as well as pastureland. After the project was completed, the family adjusted to the reduced acreage and carried on with their life.

Now the expansion plan not only calls for cutting the remaining farm almost in half, but it also will cause us to loose most - if not all of - the pond. By running Old Post Road through the middle of the Eastern property, you are creating several issues for the family. First is the actual splitting of pasture. We currently have three pastures on this side of the road that at times are used for cattle or growing hay. The new road will limit our ability to raise cattle as they will potentially be denied a consistent water supply from the pond and will not be able to have access to all of the Eastern pasture.

Secondly, the home on 123 Old Post Road will now have I-85 running in front of the house (as it does now), but will have Old Post Road running behind the property. This significantly reduced our privacy, increases road noise, increases litter from the road, and will reduce property value. I'm used to looking out across the property and seeing wildlife, swaying grass, and trees. Now I will see cars and road. When I want to walk my property, I will have to cross Old Post twice to get back to my house. The children and grandchildren drive golf carts around the property. This new road will reduce the acreage they have to roam and I do not feel it will be as safe for them to play as it now with no road except Green River. Now we will have to keep an even closer eye on them as the road creates many hazards for them.

Thirdly, Old Post Road will now run just South of the home on 134 Macedonia Road, as it cuts through the South pasture. This home will also be right in the intersection of Old Post & Webber Road. This will be a high traffic area to be so close to a home. I can't even imagine the noise, trash, broken down vehicles, and increased knocks on the door as a result of this home now being part of a highly utilized intersection. Any sense of privacy will be lost. Who wants to play in the backyard with traffic going by so close? Who wants to have a outside BBQ with the noise of traffic as a background? With Old Post going through the property, we can no longer look out the back and see the pond. We will not be able to see the Canadian Geese landing on the smooth water and watch the ripples gently lap the shore. We will not be able to experience the next (6th) generation learning how to fish and seeing the joy on their face from catching their first fish. When leaving the home, the only option is to turn right. This creates a significant inconvenience in

driving as most vehicles would want to go south on Green River to either go to Gaffney, or get on I-85 Southbound. They would now have to go to the church and make a U-Turn.

These were several issues that weighed heavily on my mother, Carolyn Campbell. The stress of how she was going to be impacted, was one of the causes of her suffering a heart attack and dying on October 13. One of our last conversations on October 6, included her trepidation of losing her home or quality of life to the expansion project. Just realizing that her worst fears have come to fruition, makes her death even more disheartening. But also, we have some solace in that she did not see how devastating the project would be to our family.

Fourthly, the expansion greatly impacts the pastureland on the West side of Green River Road. By moving the Bridge and road to the West, along with rerouting Webber Road, this decreases the size of our land. This pasture is used for growing of hay and also is the original homesite for Mr. Hamrick. Again this would cause increased litter as the intersection of Webber Rd and Old Post would be on the north edge of this property.

We are also concerned about the environmental impact of losing the pond. This pond was manmade by damming a creek and from springs uncovered during excavation. The land south of I-85 is considered wetlands. Some of the water from this area runs into our property, into the pond, and then on behind Macedonia Church. Without the pond being developed, I feel our property would be similar as that across the interstate.

In closing, my family would like to go on record as being HIGHLY OPPOSED to the planned expansion as it will finish destroying what is left of a family farm that was negatively impacted by the initial development of I-85. Our quality of life and enjoyment of our property will become significantly diminished as a result of the proposed plan. This is not a palatable solution for our family as the property will never be able to be utilized the same. After all these decades, family members from Texas to Virginia come to enjoy relaxing times and fondly remember past visits. Countless stories have been told and passed on to next generations about visits to the family farm. This plan will either end these stories or cause them to take on a bitter tone due to what's been lost.

I would like to know how much property is going to be taken and what can be done for the state to purchase all of the property so that the family can find a suitable replacement property to begin making new family memories rather than living a nightmare of what has been lost and how little we have left.

Thank you for your time Brad,

Regards,

Shannon Tyler



South Carolina
Department of Transportation

February 26, 2016

Mr. Shannon Tyler
123 Old Post Road
Gaffney, SC 29341

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Spartanburg and Cherokee Counties

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Your concerns are about the impacts in the northeast quadrant of the interchange that are related to the frontage road. Specifically, that the frontage road not split or reduce your pastureland, run behind your house at 123 Old Post Road, be so close to your house at 134 Macedonia Road, the impacts to your pond, and how much of your property would be taken.

Alternatives 3 and 4 appear to best address your concerns. However, we had to give consideration at this interchange that included avoiding impacts to the Malone Road community by not making Malone Road the frontage road, impacts associated with the reconstruction on the intersection in front of Macedonia Baptist Church if we move this intersection further north, and minimizing impacts to the Macedonia Community Park.

Along with the above mentioned items, the alternatives that avoided your family property had the greatest impacts to the streams north of your pond. These streams are considered waters of the United States and are regulated by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Avoidance and minimization of impacts to these jurisdictional areas are requirements for projects that will need a permit from the Corps. Compensatory mitigation is required for all impacts that aren't avoided. An alternative that would impact less than 400 feet of stream has to be considered ahead of one that impacts nearly 1,000 feet of stream.

Once the final design is complete you will be contacted by a right of way agent and at that time they will be able to tell you exactly what property SCDOT would need to buy to build the new roadway. I would be more than happy to discuss with you the options that may be available.



Mr. Shannon Tyler

February 26, 2016

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Thank you again for your participation. If you should have additional questions regarding this project, please do not hesitate to contact me at (803) 737-1440 or reynoldsbs@scdot.org.

Sincerely,



Bradley S. Reynolds, P.E.

Program Manager

cc: David Kelly –Environmental Services Office

File: PC/BSR

LaTonya Derrick

From: Erika Lovett <erikadalee@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 8, 2015 3:36 PM
To: Reynolds, Brad S
Subject: FW: Project Status

Good afternoon,

I hate to bother you, just wanted to make sure you received my previous email.

Thank you,
Erika Lovett

From: Erika Lovett [mailto:erikadalee@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, December 01, 2015 4:02 PM
To: 'Reynolds, Brad S' <ReynoldsBS@scdot.org>
Subject: RE: Project Status

Great, thank you. I won't be able to attend the public meeting, can this be sent to me after the meeting?

Thank you,
Erika Lovett

From: Reynolds, Brad S [mailto:ReynoldsBS@scdot.org]
Sent: Tuesday, December 01, 2015 12:51 PM
To: Erika Lovett <erikadalee@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Project Status

Ms. Lovett,

It has been established and we are having a Public Meeting tonight at Gaffney High School from 5pm to 6pm to show it.

Thanks,

Bradley S. Reynolds, P.E.
Program Manager
Design Build Office

SCDOT

955 Park St.
Columbia, S.C. 29202-0191
Office:(803)737-1440
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ReynoldsBS@scdot.org

From: Erika Lovett [mailto:erikadalee@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, December 01, 2015 12:39 PM

To: Reynolds, Brad S
Subject: RE: Project Status

Good afternoon,

I am following up on this project to see if the preferred alternative has been chosen?

Thank you,
Erika Lovett

From: Reynolds, Brad S [<mailto:ReynoldsBS@scdot.org>]
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2015 10:56 AM
To: Erika Lovett <erikadalee@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Project Status

Ms. Lovett,

We continuing to gather data from impacted areas along the project to begin our analysis of the interchange alternatives. From this analysis we will select a preferred alternative for the interchanges. We are also evaluating any impacts that may occur along mainline I-85 from the widening to include in the Environmental Document. After, evaluating all impacts that we will have on the human and natural environment from the project we will finalize our preliminary design, finish up the environmental document, and hold the public hearing where we will show what we have determined. At the public hearing (scheduled for November 2015) we will have displays showing the preferred alternative, have a formal presentation for the project explaining the process and the findings, and the public will be allowed to provide formal comments to the project. All comments provided at the public hearing will be addressed by SCDOT after the meeting. We are scheduled to award the construction contract in October 2016 with actual work probably not to begin until November or December 2016. Hope this helps with where we are and if you have any more questions please let me know.

Thanks,

Bradley S. Reynolds, P.E.
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From: Erika Lovett [<mailto:erikadalee@gmail.com>]
Sent: Friday, May 15, 2015 10:45 AM
To: Reynolds, Brad S
Subject: Project Status

Good morning,

Can you tell me the status of the I-85 Widening (from Gossett Rd to Exit 96) + Interchanges project?

Thank you,
Erika Lovett

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NAME *(please print)*

Mr., Mrs., Ms., Mr. & Mrs.
(Please choose one)

Ms. Alicia Blanton

MAILING ADDRESS

1296 State Line Road Gaffney, SC 29341

Street/Route

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State

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PHONE NUMBER

EMAIL cougargurl820@aol.com

COMMENTS

Request the following modifications to plans at exit 87:

- 1) Interstate ramps, frontage road, and location of the bridge at exit 87 remain as is. I'm not opposed to signal lights and turn lanes being added to the intersections. This would minimize the number of business relocations.
- 2) Property earmarked for the project should follow the property lines as closely as possible, in order to minimize splitting property in half and devaluing the remaining land.
- 3) Consider an alternative proposal that utilizes the property in the southeast quadrant deemed as wetlands.

How would you like a response to your comment? (Please choose one)

No response required ☒ Email response (address above) ☐ Written response (address above)

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February 26, 2016

Ms. Alicia Blanton
1296 State Line Road
Gaffney, SC 29341

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Spartanburg and Cherokee Counties

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Your comments were that we should leave Exit 87 and the existing bridge as they are, follow property lines with the alignments, use wetland parcels in the southeast quadrant of Exit 87 for the improvements to the interchange.

Part of the purpose of the project is to bring the existing interchanges into compliance with federal and state requirements for interstate design. The upgrade of this interchange, including the bridge, is one element of that purpose, and therefore cannot be left as it is. We have modified the proposed interchange design in response to many of the comments received that addresses some of the other concerns that you expressed. Attached is a graphic showing the modified interchange. While it doesn't directly follow property lines, it more closely approximates property lines in many more locations.

The alignment continues to minimize impacts to the streams and wetlands in the southeastern quadrant, which is in conformance with the regulations and requirements of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers that oversees and protects these natural systems. They require that projects avoid and minimize impacts to these systems as much as is practicable. A permit will be required from the Corps for impacts associated with wetlands and streams over which they have jurisdiction, so the project must comply with their requirements.



Ms. Alicia Blanton
February 26, 2016
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Thank you again for your participation. If you should have additional questions regarding this project, please do not hesitate to contact me at (803) 737-1440 or reynoldsbs@scdot.org.

Sincerely,



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NAME (please print)

Mr., Mrs., Ms., Mr. & Mrs.

(Please choose one)

TERRY DUWALL

MAILING ADDRESS

212 WEBBER Rd. Gaffney SC. 29341

Street/Route

City

State

Zip Code

PHONE NUMBER

864-469-7751

EMAIL

COMMENTS

I believe that the best options is for Webber Road to come in front of Ross International as shown in Preliminary drawing.

Terry A Duwall

How would you like a response to your comment?

(Please choose one)

No response required

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212 Webber Road
Gaffney, SC 29341

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Your comment specifically requested that the frontage road for Exit 87 wrap around the front of the commercial building on Webber Road. Attached is a graphic of the new interchange, modified in response to many of the comments received. As you can see on this graphic, your residence will now be impacted. As discussed on the phone, I have included the Highways and You pamphlet. This pamphlet has information regarding the right of way process. I will also remind you that this is not a final design so you will be contacted by a right of way agent when the design is final to determine exactly what the impact will be.

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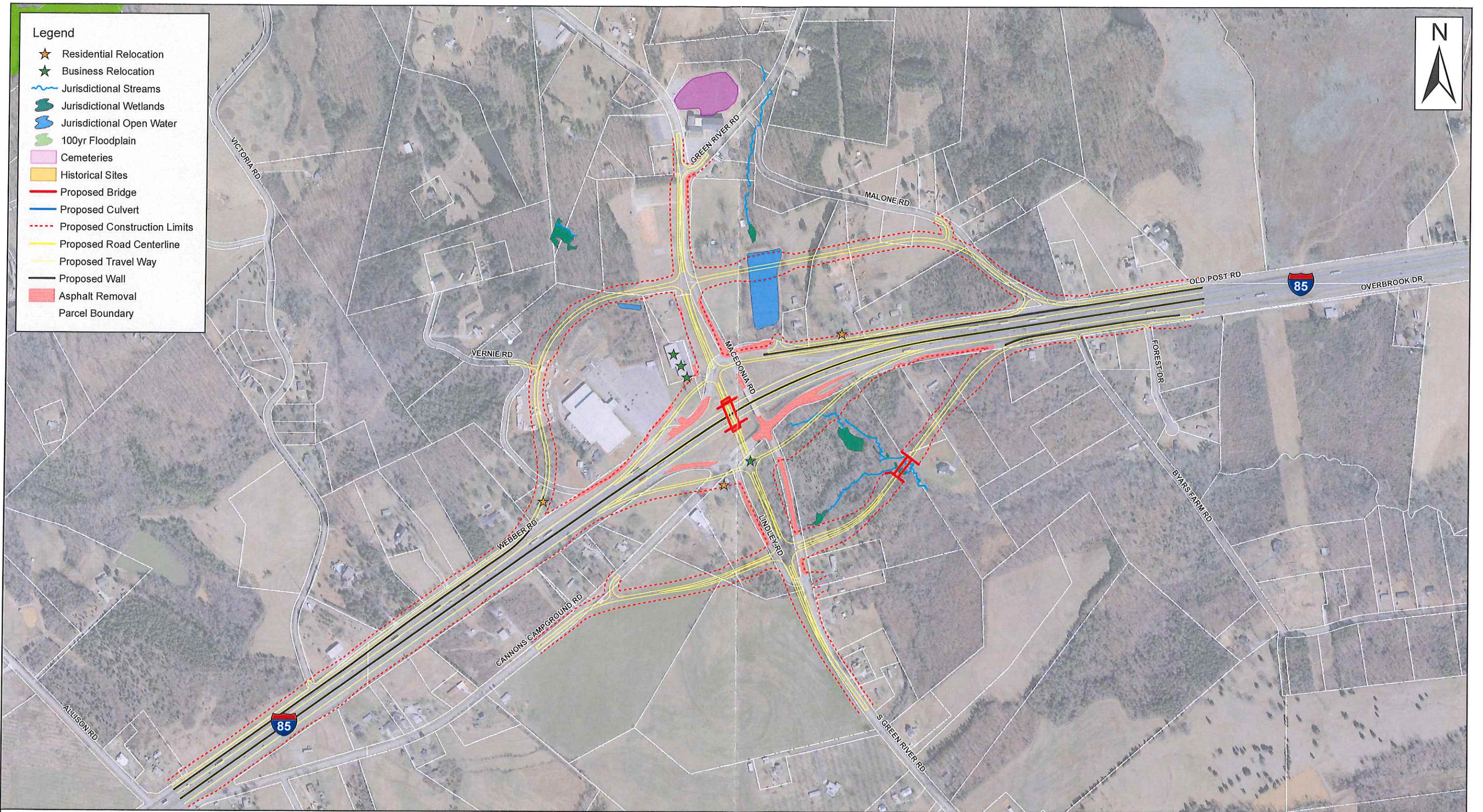
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NAME *(please print)*

Mr., Mrs., Ms., Mr. & Mrs.
(Please choose one)

Jeff and Jessie Blanton

MAILING ADDRESS

143 Lindley Road

Gaffney SC 29341

Street/Route

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State

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PHONE NUMBER 864-489-2051

EMAIL

COMMENTS

- 1) Request that the interstate ramps and frontage roads at Exit 87 remain as is.
- 2) The bridge needs evaluation for replacement due to crumbling at seams and deterioration of support beams.
- 3) Cannons Campground re-routing should be routed to go along property lines and then between the Holcombe home and the existing underpass in the southeast quadrant. This route can tie into the bridge proposed in option 5B. This will make the frontage road safer by taking out unnecessary curves. This will not affect small areas marked "wetland." The present proposed route goes through open fields that could be later used for commercial/industrial development.
- 4) Peaches & Cream and Diamond Day Care should be left as is with an access from the re-routed Webber Road.
- 5) The proposed Webber Road in option 5B should be routed behind houses and along property lines (as in earlier proposals). This will remove excessive sharp curves, making access to Green River Road safer. This will also preclude relocation of Orchard Place and surrounding buildings, save expense, as well as, preserve several businesses, families, and their employees.

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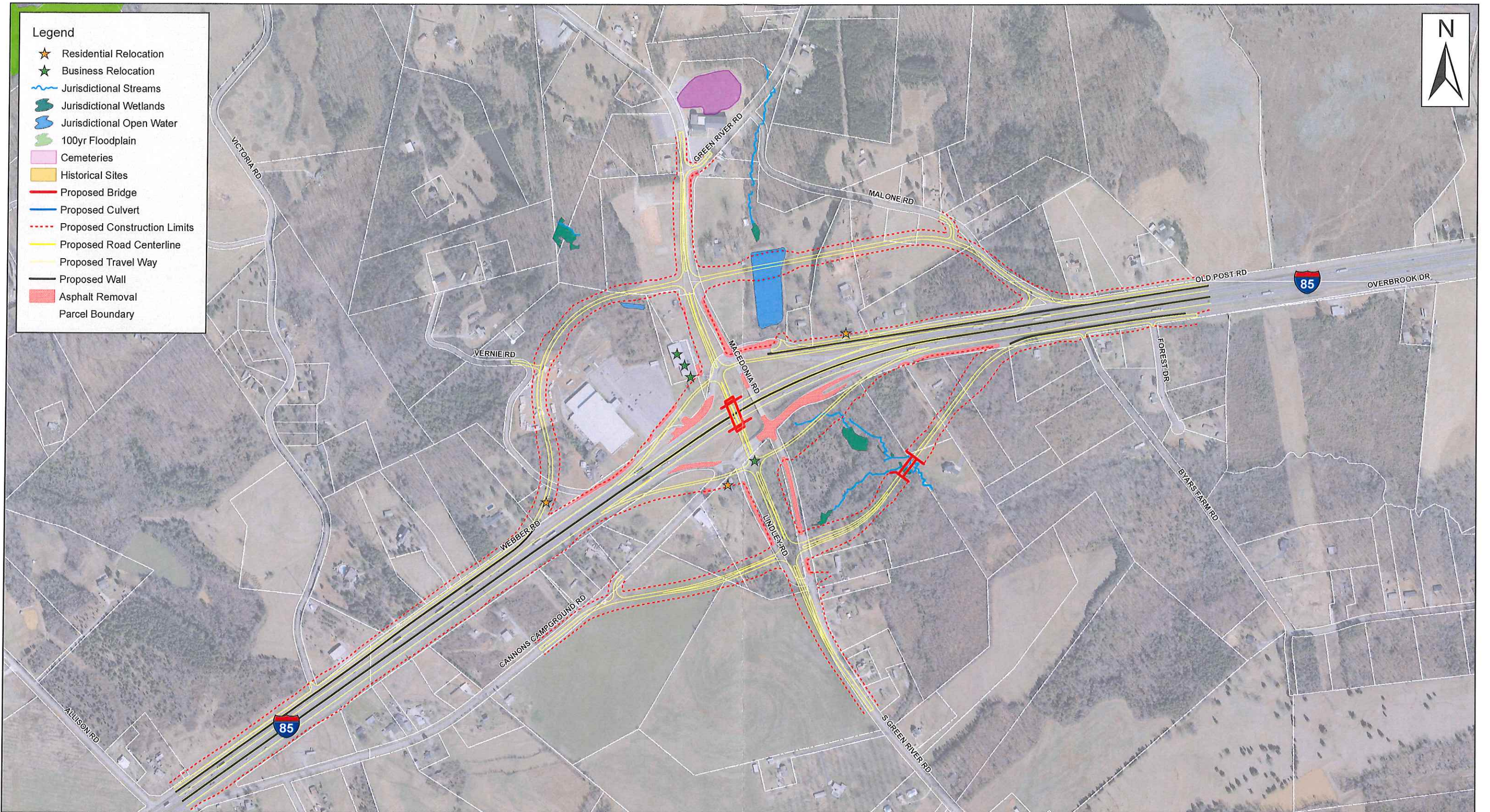
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SCDOT PUBLIC HEARING COMMENT SHEET

Tuesday, December 1, 2015

PROPOSED I-85 WIDENING AND IMPROVEMENTS MILE MARKER 80 – 96 SPARTANBURG AND CHEROKEE COUNTIES

NAME *(please print)*

Mr., Mrs., Ms., Mr. & Mrs.
(Please choose one)

Mrs. Daisy Lemmons

MAILING ADDRESS

703 S. Limestone Street Gaffney, SC 29340

Street/Route

City

State

Zip Code

PHONE NUMBER

864-489-4384

EMAIL

COMMENTS

My late husband and I have worked our whole lives to build and maintain businesses at Exit 87 of Highway I-85. When other farms have ceased to exist, we managed to persevere. We rely heavily on the interstate traffic for our business. The success and survival of our businesses relies almost exclusively on traffic from the interstate. In addition, customers stopping want an "easy off/easy on" option. Without that, we will lose all of our interstate traffic. We are not the only game on the highway. In fact, there is a peach outlet at every major exit from Spartanburg to Gaffney. Without an easy off/easy on option, our interstate business will just go to another establishment at another exit that provides an easier option on leaving and entering the highway. For these reasons, the no access requirement for any exit and entrance modifications will kill all the businesses at this exit. While I appreciate you trying to preserve the majority of the homes at this exit, these businesses provide an economical benefit to the community as well. This alternative relocates the most businesses. Relocation for most of these businesses will mean the death of the business because there is no where else to go that provides the criteria needed to maintain and support a business that relies on interstate traffic.

Our businesses provide year around jobs to adults and teens. In the summer when extra labor is needed, these businesses provide even more jobs. At the very least, I'm asking that the interchange be left as is or changes to the interchange at exit 87 be delayed until a later date when the outside two lanes are added to I-85.

For property that is taken in this project, I request that you follow property lines instead of cutting down the middle of property. I would also like to see a proposal that considers utilizing the wetland parcel in the southeast quadrant. This land is not currently used for farm land and would minimize the effects of the land that is being taken.

Thank you for your consideration.

How would you like a response to your comment? (Please choose one)

No response required ☐ Email response (address above) ☐ ☒ Written response (address above)

Mail Comments to:



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Program Manager, Design Build RPG
SCDOT
PO Box 191, Room 421
Columbia, SC 29202-0191
E-mail: ReynoldsBS@scdot.org

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Mr., Mrs., Ms., Mr. & Mrs.
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Steve and Deana Blanton

MAILING ADDRESS 2247 Overbrook Drive Gaffney SC 29342

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COMMENTS 1) We prefer for the exit/entrance ramps to be left as is.

2) We request for the bridge to be left in the same location so that additional property is not split in half.

3) We are requesting that you consider an alternative analysis that uses the property deemed as wetlands at exit 87. My relatives own this land, in addition, to other land at this exit.

For that reason, the majority of the landowners and businesses affected by the highway project are my relatives. If the preferred proposal is implemented, then several parcels of land owned by relatives will be split in half causing the remaining property to be devalued or deemed useless. From our conversations with the Army Corp of Engineers, we are aware that the property can be used. The use of the wetlands would allow a frontage road to more closely follow the property lines for any property used on the southwest and southeast quadrants. We feel that this would be a better alternative and result in less land being taken. The wetlands is land that is not farmed so the utilization of this land would lessen the impact of the land being taken from my relatives.

For a project of this size, we are sure that unavoidable impacts exist and require permits to be obtained. Therefore, we are asking you to address why an alternative that uses this land has not been considered. The whole parcel is not wetlands and we believe that the wetlands could be spanned or mitigated to use this parcel as an option.

4) If changes are made to the interchange, we request for the routing of roads to more closely follow the property lines so that roads do not run through the middle of the property.

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Kim and Kevin Hunter

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Street/Route

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COMMENTS

1) We are requesting that you consider an alternative analysis that uses the property deemed as wetlands at exit 87 (southeast quadrant). The wetlands is land that is not farmed so the utilization of this land would lessen the impact of the land that is being taken in this project. The north bound entrance ramp in alternative 5B shows a stream under the entrance ramp. Therefore, we know that other permits or mitigation of wetlands are being considered. From looking at the preferred alternative 5B, we have several suggestions of how this parcel could be used. The use of the wetlands would allow a frontage road to more closely follow the property lines for any property in the southwest quadrant. For a project of this size, we are sure that unavoidable impacts exist and require permits to be obtained. Therefore, we are asking you to address why an alternative that uses this land has not been considered. The whole parcel is not wetlands and we believe that the wetlands could be spanned or mitigated to use this parcel as an option.

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December 13, 2015

Mr. Bradley S. Reynolds, P.E.

Program manager

South Carolina Department of Transportation

PO Box 191

Columbia, SC 29202

RE: Proposed I-85 Widening and Improvements at Mile Marker 87

Dear Mr. Reynolds,

We were able to circulate and get signatures for this petition in less than 3 short days after realizing that the general opinion by the SC Department of Transportation is that the public is in support of this whole project. From talking with others, we want to clarify that the support of the project is limited specifically to the widening of Interstate 85. Most of the residents realize that the widening is a necessary improvement. However, we ask that you not confuse that support as extending to the total project and specifically to the changes that are being proposed at exit 87.

At exit 87, you will find residents that have not lived anywhere else their whole lives. In addition, most of the residents and businesses affected by this project have lost property in two other I-85 projects. Our family established businesses at this exit and heavily rely on the interstate traffic for the survival of those businesses. These businesses provide year around jobs to adults and teens and day care to working parents. In the summer when extra labor is needed, we provide more jobs to teens that are not employable because of their age and/or lack of experience. The proposed changes to the interchange will kill these businesses, as well as, forever change the landscape of property that is used as business and residential property. Our businesses and property has been our livelihood and one that we seek to pass on to our children and grandchildren. We have children and grandchildren that are studying agriculture now with the hopes of continuing the family businesses at this exit. In addition to other benefits provided by these businesses, these businesses have an economical benefit to the community, Cherokee County, and the state of SC. The "no access" rule on the interchanges (entrance/exit ramps) will prevent our business and other businesses at this exit from surviving.

We heard safety issues mentioned repeatedly at the public meetings. After studying the accident analysis in the DOT report, we saw that exit 87 had the fewest accidents for the period studied and one of the lowest number of injuries. The four-way stop at Green River Road and Cannons Campground Road has reduced the number of accidents at this exit. In addition, we believe that signaled intersections at Green River Road/Webber Road/Old Post Road and Green River Road/Cannons Campground Road will be an easier and less costly option to improve safety at this exit. This

recommendation is already being made for 2035 in the Traffic Analysis Report. Exit 87 did NOT even make the DOT list as a ramp location with a high number of crashes. At this exit, the accidents are not occurring at the exit or entrance points to the highway so the "no access" serves to only kill the continuance of the businesses. The traffic analysis report for the project supports that no accidents were reported on the exit/entrance ramps at exit 87. The report detailed numerous accidents at other exits, but not at exit 87. The only accident (at this exit) that was reported on the summary was a collision with a median barrier at mile marker 87.112. Therefore, the people signing the petition would rather see the interchanges and access roads remain the same so that the effects to the community would be lessened. We are not opposed to improvements such as a signal light or a turn lane at the intersections, but the extreme modifications at this exit because of safety concerns are not supported by the data that the DOT accumulated (see pages 79-81 of the report).

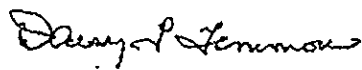
In addition to leaving the exit and entrance ramps the same, we are asking that the same location be maintained for the bridge. We realize that the bridge will have to be raised for additional vertical height, but we prefer the bridge stay in the same location. Mile markers 90 and 92 have had bridges reconstructed in the same area while keeping the bridge open. If this is not feasible, then the bridge at Sunny Slope or mile marker 90 provides alternate routes while the bridge is being reworked. The proposed plan for the bridge location would split more property while leaving the remaining property useless. In addition, it would require a significant build up in the road to get the vertical clearance needed for the bridge. Again, the overall impact to the community would be lessened by leaving the location of the bridge the same.

Because the proposed plan involves relocating every business at this exit, we are concerned. This area does not have sewer access and we do not know of any plans to install sewer. The funding of sewer access is not there either. Also, a number of water lines in the Macedonia community are not large enough to support fire hydrants. If the proposed modifications put the existing businesses out of operation, then there will be no viable businesses at this exit. Furthermore, the lack of sewer and larger water lines will discourage other new businesses from considering this exit for any type of development. Therefore, it appears that the proposed modifications will not enhance progress and development at this exit, but leave residents with major changes to their personal and business property while putting an end to their businesses. Even though we have been told that this project is not an economical development project, we do not think that people want to see tax dollars spent on a project that will hurt or depress development. While residents are glad their homes are being maintained, most are going to have roadways/walls in their front or back yards that cause a lot of concern or devalue their property. Therefore, please understand that the dissatisfaction with the proposal is not limited to just business owners.

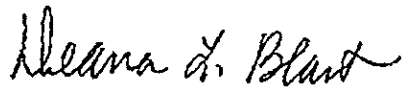
The petition was a last minute idea after conversations with officials in the SCDOT led us to believe that public and community opinion did matter and that this was not a done deal. Also, a number of people signing this petition will not submit a comment even though they do not support the proposed modifications at this exit. While I know the department has made efforts to get feedback from the public, most people do not feel that their input is truly considered. It appears that the DOT interprets a lack of negative responses as support for the project while the lack of comments is really from a

prevalent attitude among the people that their input will not make a difference. For that reason, we are presenting this petition to let you know that the support for this project is being projected on more aspects of the project than is warranted. We ask that you consider that this petition was circulated less than three days. We would have started immediately after the meeting on December 1 if we would have realized that overall community support for the plan was being assumed. We ask that you consider the short amount of time that this petition was circulated and the busyness of the season when looking at the number of names that has been obtained in that amount of time. We also ask for you to consider (at a minimum) to leave the interchange at exit 87 as is until further widening of the interstate is considered and the working of the interchanges is truly necessary for safety and other reasons. Thank you for your consideration. We look forward to your response to our requests.

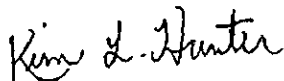
Sincerely,



Daisy L. Lemmons



Deana L. Blanton



Kim L. Hunter

Business and Property owners at exit 87

February 26, 2016

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Re: I-85 Widening and Improvements Mile Marker 80-96
Spartanburg and Cherokee Counties

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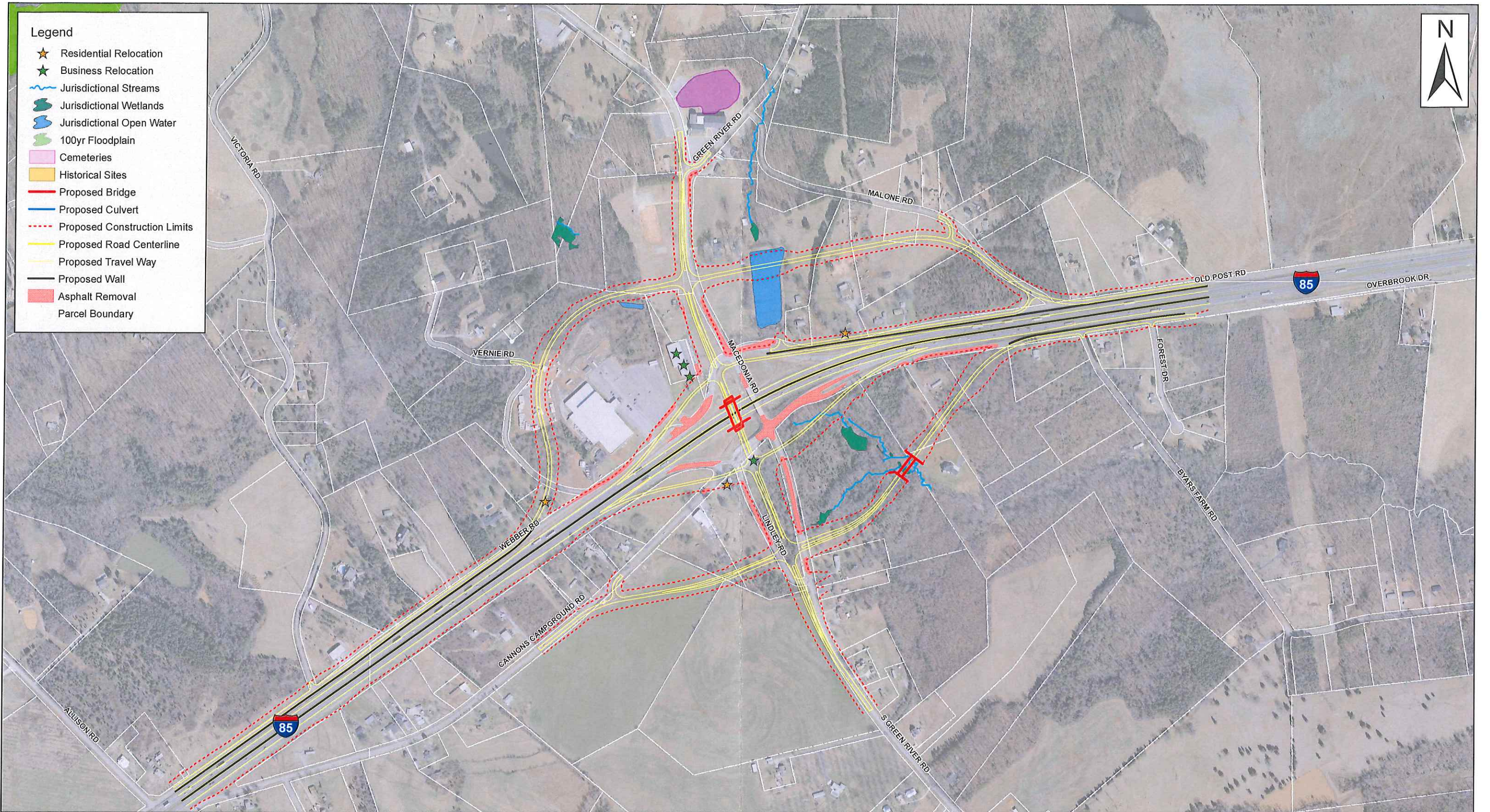
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South Carolina
Department of Transportation

February 26, 2016

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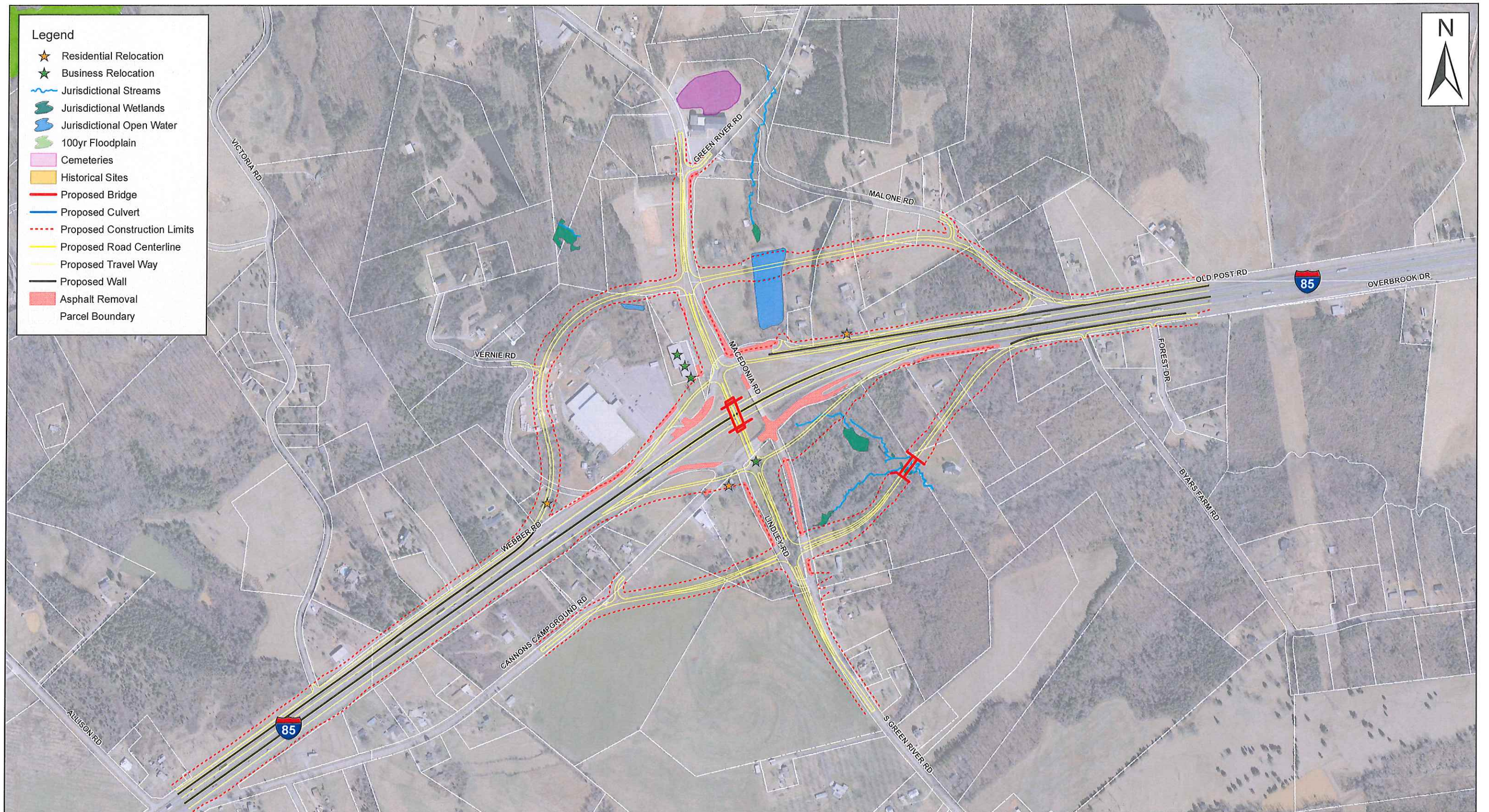
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February 26, 2016

Mr. Kevin Hunter and
Mrs. Kim Hunter
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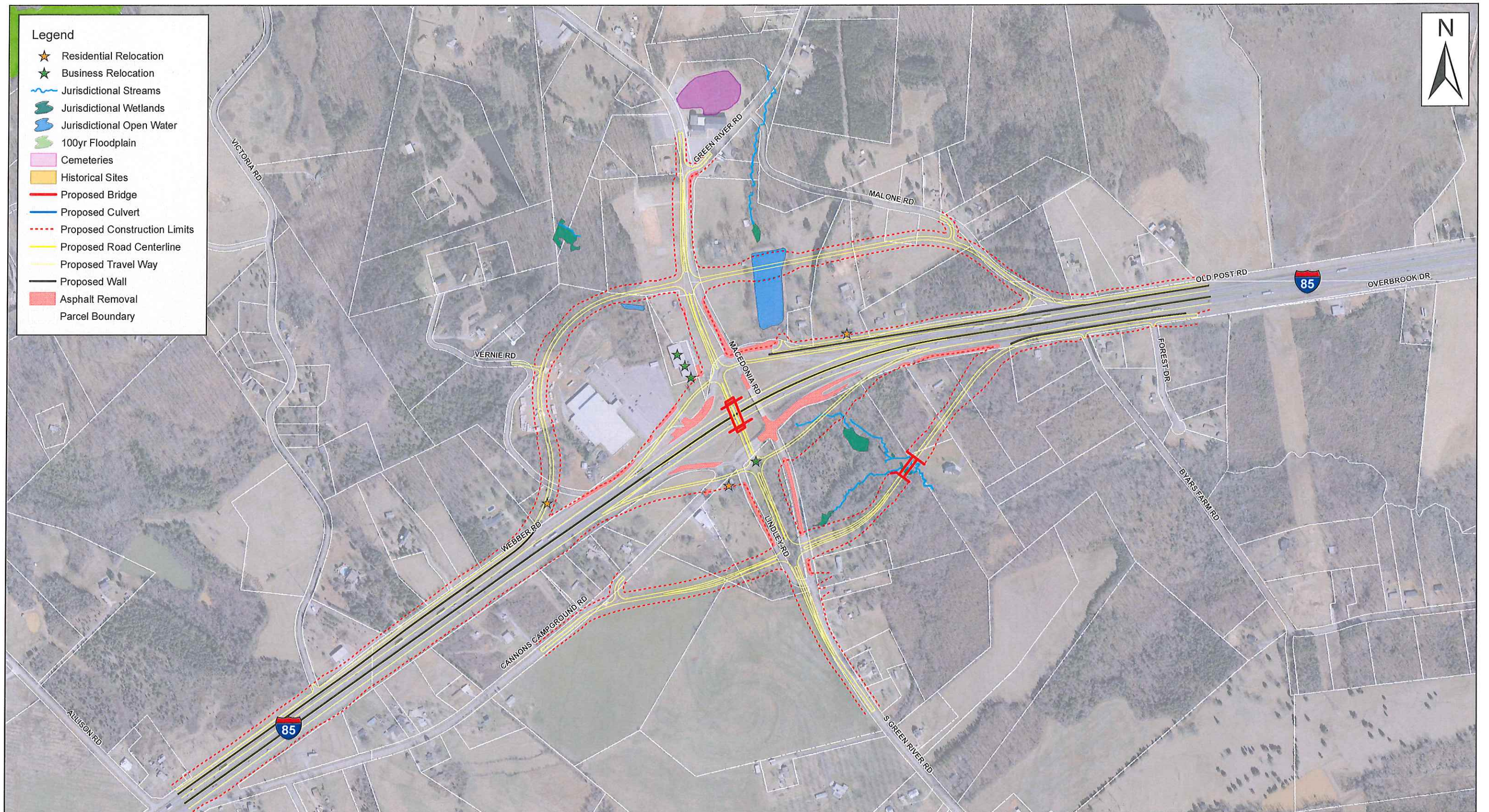
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Petition for No Changes to Exit 87

We, the undersigned, respectfully petition the SC Department of Transportation to leave the entrance and exit ramps at exit 87 as is. We support the widening of I-85, but wish to leave the exits, entrance ramps, and access roads at exit 87 the same.

Name	Address	Signature
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Laron Lindsay	206 Short Peeler St. Gaffney	Laron Lindsay
Charlissa Littlejohn	207 Short Peeler St. Gaffney	Charlissa Littlejohn
Charlie Littlejohn Jr.	206 Short Peeler St. Gaffney	Charlie Littlejohn Jr.
Michael H2	519 Estelle Rd Gaffney	Michael H2
Tom Martin	115 Beason Rd.	Tom Martin
B.W. McJohnson	203 Leadmine	B.W. McJohnson
Kayla Burt	174 Tumbleweed Dr	Kayla Burt
Christian Smiley	141 Idlewood Rd.	Christian Smiley
Cody Patterson	146 Little Wolf Ln	Cody Patterson
Paula Sprau	1020 Cherokee Ave	Paula Sprau
Billy Thomas	144 Idlewood Rd.	Billy Thomas
Tabatha Strain	123 Martin Acres	Tabatha Strain
Robert Strain	123 Martin Acres	Robert Strain
Debbie Patterson	342 Old Bridge Rd.	Debbie Patterson
Becky Strain	105 Martin Acres	Becky Strain
Elizabeth Strain	105 Martin Acres	Elizabeth Strain
Wendy Bridges	North Carolina	Wendy Bridges
Denis Adams	Gaffney	Denis Adams
Ton Adams	Gaffney	Ton Adams
Poish Adams	Gaffney	Poish Adams
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Patricia M Spurlin	848 Cher. Natl Hwy	Patricia M Spurlin
Parmer Spurlin	848 Cher. Natl Hwy.	Parmer Spurlin
Richard Lavender	P.O. Box 1103, Gaffney, SC	Richard L. Lavender
Linda Sparks	1019 Grassy Pond Rd	Linda L. Sparks
Mary Jones	353 Lemmons Lane	Mary Jones
Carole Briggs	132 Cary Drive	Carole Briggs
Natulen Briggs	"	Natulen Briggs
May Lynn Dechant	327 Eaves Rd	May Lynn Dechant
Darwin Dechant	327 Eaves Rd.	Darwin Dechant
Hill Daniels	111 Brittany Rd	Hill Daniels
Laurel	5504 Canonsburg Rd	Laurel

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Margaret Cooper	313 Chestnut Ridge	Margaret Cooper
Anita Devine	127 Cathy Lee Dr	Anita Devine
Betty Messer	152 Burnt Gin Rd	Betty Messer
Delores Blanton	166 burnt gin rd	Delores Blanton
Alamie Blanton	166 burnt gin rd	Alamie Blanton
Elizabeth Floyd	118 cloveview dr.	Elizabeth Floyd
Angela Spence	16084 Union Hwy.	Angela Spence
Robert Bone	311 Burnt Gin Rd	Robert Bone
Cathy Hylton		Cathy Hylton
Vici R. Hylton	1303 Johnson St	Vici R. Hylton
Roger Arthur	1303 South Johnson St	Roger Arthur
Carole Andrade	119 Saxon Dr	Carole R Andrade
Mary L Carraoch	119 Saxon Dr	Mary L Carraoch
Shirley Smalley	309 Little Egypt Rd.	Shirley Smalley
Bernard Smalley	11	Bernard Smalley
Jack McAbbe	369 Goodaysville Rd	Jack McAbbe
Nancy McAbbe	369 Goodaysville Rd	Nancy McAbbe
Amanda McCullough	1303 Corinth Rd	Amanda McCullough
Rebecca Douglas	233 Oak Forest Cir.	Rebecca Douglas
Kirk Douglas	233 Oak Forest Cir	Kirk Douglas
Suzanne Chidiers	3853 Union Hwy	Suzanne Chidiers
Nancy Gault	3405 Cherokee Ave	Nancy Gault
Virginia Scates	332 Hackberry Dr.	Virginia Scates
Jean Rackley	183 Hillcrest Dr.	Jean P. Rackley
Frank Rackley	183 Hillcrest Dr.	Frank Rackley

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Shawn Carline	143 Margie Rd, Gaffney, SC	[Signature]
Brad Ellis	1110 Robbs School Rd	Brad Ellis
Mitzie Ellis	240 Ross Hill Rd	Mitzie Ellis
Dayna Ellis	1110 Robbs Sch Rd	Dayna Ellis
Emmy Welchel	240 Ross Hill Rd	Emmy Welchel
Justin Orr	1210 Green River Rd	Justin Orr
Janet L. Hull	206 E. Claribonne St.	Janet L. Hull
Patricia Connor	137 Briggs St.	Patricia A. Connor
Michael Hullse	1410 Concord Rd.	Michael L. Hull
Lisa Swanson	150 Kristina Dr Campers	Lisa Swanson
Meemaw Eaves	110 Webber St.	Meemaw Eaves
Diana Cook	147 Fawnhurst Dr Gaffney	Diana Cook
Kay Corby	529 Oakland Ave	Kay Corby
Betty Harriton	529 Oakland Ave	Betty Harriton
Johnetta Littlejohn	343 Sierra St	Johnetta Littlejohn
Emily Faas	124 Saxon Drive	Emily Faas
Ammy Wilba	221 Turnace mill Rd	Ammy Wilba
Jessica Garza	151 Fernwood Dr Spartanburg, SC 29307	Jessica Garza
Lisa Upton	130 Preston Hwy SC 29341	Lisa Upton
Roger Upton	130 Preston Hwy SC 29341	Roger Upton
Dennis Dechant	1464 Ellis Ferry Rd Gaffney SC	Dennis R. Dechant
Penny Dechant	1464 Ellis Ferry Rd Gaffney SC	Penny L. Dechant
Jakella Williams	203 Victoria Rd Gaffney	Jakella Williams
Jennifer Outlaw	180 Poplar Ridge Dr Gaffney	Jennifer Outlaw
Debra Haag	275 Buckwood Acres Chesapeake	Debra A. Haag

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Patti Green	914 Webber Rd. Caynes se	Patti Green
Bobby Green	914 Webber Rd 29330	Bobby Green
Vivian Ramsey	114 Cambridge Cir	Vivian Ramsey
Benny Cantrell	1469 Ellis Ferry Rd	Benny Cantrell
Thad Farish	5926 Cannons Campground Rd	Thad
Bo Abbott	156 Belmont dr	Bo Abbott
Bob Tate	5931 Cannons Campground Rd	Bob Tate
Frank R	Anteburn 52440 One Highway	
Daniel Jordan	6306 Cannons Campground	
Heather Jordan	6306 Cannons Campground	Heather Jordan
Clarence Kirby	6366 Cannons Campground Rd	Clarence Kirby
Shane Parris	6436 Cannons Campground Rd	
SHANNON TYLER	123 OLD POST RD GAFNEY	Shannon Tyler
STEPHANIE TYLER	123 OLD POST RD GAFNEY	Stephanie M Tyler
Edith C. Cobb	258 Green River Road	Edith C. Cobb
Dorothy Whisnant	258 GREEN RIVER Rd.	Dorothy Whisnant
Jane Queen	332 Macedonia Rd.	Jane Queen
CHRISTOPHER COBB	262 GREEN RIVER Rd.	Christopher 2 Cobb
Scott Ramsey	411 Cherokee National Hwy	Scott Ramsey
Carolyn Wood	1299 Acaclet Hwy.	Carolyn Wood
Anne Childers	104 Crestview Dr.	Anne M. Childers
N. Ellison	111 Grace St 29340	N. Ellison
N. Murphy	358 Cellar Dr	N. Murphy
Margy Beth Bladen	191 Byrd Farm Rd.	Margy Beth Bladen

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Mary Randolph	714 S. Limestone Street	Mary Randolph
Carolyn Lemmon	807 Lyman St.	Carolyn Lemmon
Judy Souder	1009 Cher. Hall	Judy Souder
Charles Moss	118 Camacho Dr. GREEN	Charles Moss
Michael Maffitt	844 South Green River Rd	Michael Maffitt
E. Mayberry	209 HILLY ST 29340	Charles E. Mayberry
Gina Whelchel	1531 Overbrook dr	Gina Whelchel
Hannah Byars	136 Black Rock Rd	Hannah Byars
Marion Patton	143 Guest Ridge Rd	Mar Patton
Sam Phillips	143 Kent's Ave.	Sam Phillips
Amy Hughes	115 Freeman St	Amy Hughes
Donna Darrin	60 Pleasant Meadows Dr.	Donna Darrin
Jennifer Gillian	559 Berry Rd	Jennifer Miller
Nancy S. Vess	122 Beaver Hill Dr	Nancy S. Vess
Beverly Gaudelock	525 McCluney Dr	Beverly Gaudelock
Ashleigh Goodrich	113 Teri Ct.	Ashleigh B. Goodrich
Joyce Childers	111 Hillside Dr.	Joyce Childers
Clyde Allen	605 Railroad Ave.	Clyde Allen
Betty Robinson	620 Old Post Rd.	Betty D. Robinson
Doreen Wilson	233 Moss Drail	Doreen Wilson
Amey Wilson	220 99 Island Rd.	Amey Wilson
Anna Belle Whitton	153 Lendley Rd 29341	Anna B Whitton
Harold George	3059 Overbrook Dr.	John David George
Amanda George	3059 Overbrook Dr.	Amanda George
Douglas E. George	207 Sarrett School Rd	Douglas E. George Jr

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Carol Hopper	124 Fernwood Dr.	Carol Hopper
Sybil Owensley	137 Coventry Ct	Sybil H. Owensley
Mike Ballenger	622 Edgewater Dr.	Michael Ballenger
Crystal Ballenger	622 Edgewater Dr.	Crystal Ballenger
Anthony Branyon	622 Edgewater Dr.	Anthony Branyon
Karla Lavender	644 11th St.	Karla Lavender
Beth Dailey	202 Pine St. - Gaffney SC	Beth Dailey
Diane Coggins	111 Fernwood	Diane Coggins
George Coggins	111 Fernwood	George E. Coggins
MARGARET WOODCOCK	213 CRESTVIEW DR	Margaret Woodcock
Mike Cobb	706 East Lanier Ave	Mike Cobb
Jean Clatterbos	216 Sierra St	Jean Clatterbos
Madelon Clatterbos	216 Sierra St	Madelon Clatterbos
Barbara Taylor	1641 W. Rutledge	Barbara Taylor
Kellen Greene	213 Old Pro's Dr.	Kellen Greene
Margaret Batchelor	207 Maple Dr	Margaret H. Batchelor
Ella Smith	523 West Main St	Ella Smith
Valerie D. Turner	303 W. Buford St.	Valerie D. Turner
Mary Phillips	434 Wilkinson Hwy	Mary Phillips
Dorlene Taylor	507 S. Johnson St.	Dorlene Taylor
BARRY BAGWELL	P.O. Box 545 Gaffney SC	Barry Bagwell
TRISTA BAGWELL	P.O. Box 545 Gaffney SC	Trista Bagwell
TONY LAVENDER	P.O. Box 224 Gaffney	Tony Lavender
Gene Holler	121 Ridgeway Rd Gaffney	Gene Holler
Jean D. Holland	"	Jean D. Holland

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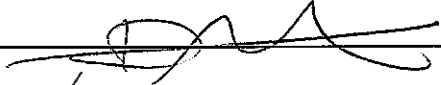
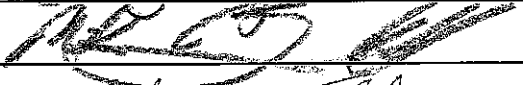
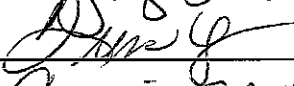
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Signature

Judith Robbs	1258 Robbs School Rd 29341	Judith Robbs
Ted Threlkeld	388 Ethel Rd	Ted Threlkeld
Jennifer Gibson	2991 Union Hwy. (29340)	Jennifer Gibson
Doug Painter	305 Pleasant Meadows Dr	Doug Painter
Darlene Bright	715 Love Springs Rd.	Darlene Bright
Randy E Parker	924 White Plains Rd.	Randy E Parker
Shayla Balderas	134 Wallace Rd.	Shayla Balderas
Frances McElhiney	211 Pleasant Meadows Dr	Frances McElhiney
Willie Mae Hunsley	122 Unity Rd 29307	Willie Mae Hunsley
Stephen Hunsley	292 Marlette Rd. Inman SC 29349	Stephen Hunsley
Takesha Woodard	104 L.A. Ln Grover NC 28013	Takesha Woodard
LATONYA CARPENTER	215 Brookshire Dr. Gaffney SC	LATONYA CARPENTER
Lisa Harris	112 Scraggs Lane Gaffney	Lisa Harris
Wanda Turner	107 Mimosa Dr Gaffney	Wanda Turner
Cassandra Smith	115 S. Poplar Springs Dr	Cassandra Smith
Gordon Coyle	433 Smoke Ridge Rd.	Gordon Coyle
Vanith Harrison	885 Bonner Lake Rd.	Vanith Harrison
Sandy Mathis	1100 Wallace Rd	Sandy Mathis
Lisa Henderson	121. Holly Dr, Chesnee SC	Lisa Henderson
JOEL TRUSTY	1665 MCKOWNS MTN PK	JOEL TRUSTY
Robert Armstrong	4 Woodberry Way	Robert Armstrong
Orange Wilson	1037 Robbs School Rd Gaffney SC	Orange Wilson
Joe Wilson	1391 Wilcox Ave Gaffney	Joe Wilson
Rebecca Monfread	200 Higinbotham Ave. 29307	Rebecca Monfread
Al Dean	237 ABERMATHY DR-	Al Dean

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Dan Arrowood	140 Gold Ridge	
Joe Hopper	133 Sunset Drive	Joe H. Hopper
Joreita Shiner	138 Brittany Rd.	Joreita C. Shiner
Maryann Steadman	406 Union St.	Maryann R Steadman
Bill Woot	612 Pleasant School	Bill Woot
Mike Bantill	125 Shady Lane	
Juliet S. Webb	102 Chaucer Dr.	Juliet S. Webb
Pamela Bantill	103 Garnett Dr	Pamela Bantill
Hilbin Peeler	1100 S. Petty St.	Hilbin Peeler
Joe Woodcock	713 Crossview Dr	Joe J. Woodcock
Tommy Coyle	1455 Old Metal Rd	Tommy Coyle
Dennis Thurman	271 Meansville Rd	Dennis Thurman
Osman Fella	205 Collier Dr	Osman Fella
Judy Hamrick	869 Cherokee National Hwy	Judy Hamrick
Hessa Ramsey	411 Cherokee Nat'l Hwy	
Cornie Peeler	120 Pleasant Meadows	Cornie W. Peeler
Elaine Coyle	1014 Overbrook Drive	Elaine C. Coyle
Carolyn Haynes	414 Pine St.	Carolyn Haynes
Donny Randall	103 Garnett Dr	Donny Randall
Earl Almond	800 N. Grand	Earl Almond
Sheri Almond	" " "	Sheri Almond
Wayne Clay	681 E. SEF FERRY	Wayne Clay
Fulton McFarley Jr	1001 College Dr	Fulton McFarley Jr
Mr. J. Peeler	120 Pleasant Meadows	Mr. J. Peeler
Anthony Hopper	124 Fernwood Dr	Anthony Hopper

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Logan Mabry	327 Edwards Rd Cowpens SC	Logan Mabry
Mary Beth Wood	1038 Robbs School Rd.	Mary Wood
Clari Spencer	907 S. Pitts St	Clari Spencer
LOGAN LYDIA GAFFNEY	614 Lyman St.	Logan Lydia Gaffney
TANYA DUNN	1268 Picolet Hwy. Gaffney	Tanya Dunn
Vivian Sparks	129 Cant. Way Gaffney	Vivian Sparks
Joanna Ellis	200 Claremont	Mrs. Joanna Ellis
Alycia Lockhart	109 Bell St - Blacksburg SC	Alycia Lockhart
Connel J. Gantt	100 Holly Hill Drive 29341 Gaffney SC	Connel J. Gantt
Celia Russell	124 Stage Coach Rd	Celia Russell
Carmie Hall	1609 Fish Camp Rd Cowpens SC 29325	Carmie Hall
Susan Morgan	217 ABERNATHY DR Gaffney SC 29341	Susan Morgan
Betsy Roberson	512 Sunny Slope Dr. Cowpens, SC	Betsy Roberson
Doris Spencer	1763 S Green River Cowpens	Doris Spencer
James Parker	117 Claire Manning L.A.	James Parker
Kay Parker	117 Claire Manning Lane	Kay Parker
Emily Parrish Love	1081 Robbs School Rd Gaffney	Emily Love
Lyn Dabe	1478 Statelin Rd	Lyn Dabe
Lana Parker	137 Hwy 84, Gaffney SC 29341	Lana Parker
Wanda Irwin	146 Farm Wks Gaffney, SC 29341	Wanda Irwin
Heidi Bridges	150 Fawcumbest Dr. Gaffney	Heidi Bridges
Rebekah Martin	207 Parris Rd, Blacksburg	Rebekah Martin
Sharon Earls	155 Parris Rd, Blacksburg	Sharon Earls
Hannah Bedford	185 Evergreen St., Boiling Springs	Hannah Bedford
Julie Phillips	211 W. Lime St	Julie Phillips

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Angie McClure	145B School Rd. Gaffney	Angie McCleere
Charay Skinner	213 Alma St. Gaffney	Charay Skis
Roxanne Wilkins	138 Gentle Lane Gaffney	Roxanne D. Wilkins
MARY Coggins	157 Estes Rd Gaffney	Mary Coggins
Phyllis Knighten	510 E. Jefferies St Gaffney	Phyllis Knighten
Jennifer Cash	1127 White Plains Rd Spartanburg	Jennifer Cash
Richard N Coggins	157 Estes Rd Gaffney	Richard N Coggins
GARRETT CASH	1127 WHITE PLAINS RD SPART.	Garrett Cash
Matthew R. Henderson	105 Hidden Springs Ct	Matthew R. Henderson
Susan Bellew	4382 Conrad Spt.	Susan Bellew
Tara Bolton	141 Cherokee Ford Rd. Blacksburg	Tara J. Bolton
Gwen Edwards	107 Concord Hts Gaffney	Gwendolyn L. Edwards
Tim Bell	157 N. Cherokee Ford Rd Blacksburg	Tim Bell
Jennifer Chilton	466 Green River Rd, Gaffney SC	Jennifer Chilton
Kim Camp	699 White Plains Rd	Kim Camp
Ruthie Dawkins	146 Crawford Rd. B-Burg	Ruthie Dawkins
Leah Lovelace	356 Hood Rd. Chesnee, SC 29323	Leah Lovelace
Jamie Nant	217 N. Cherokee Ford Rd Blacksburg SC	Jamie Nant
Rebecca Perry	304 Pacolet Hwy Gaffney SC	Rebecca Perry
Tracie McKelvey	405 Sunny Acres Rd Pacolet	Tracie McKelvey
Janet Painter	904 Thompson St. Gaffney SC 29310	Janet Painter
Matt Middleton	363 Sandpiper Dr. B.S. SC 29316	Matt

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Name	Address	Signature
Joni Shackelford	359 College Dr. Gainesville SC	Joni Shackelford
Lynne Shackelford	359 College Dr. Gainesville SC	Lynne Shackelford
Rene Higginbotham	2018 Lane Springs Rd	Rene Higginbotham
Michael Thompson	118 Ashworth School Rd	Michael Thompson
Eddie Dehona	163 Getty's Farm Rd	Eddie Dehona
Anna Gail	215 Lockhart Lane	Anna Gail
Paul Zee	566 Banner Rd	Paul Zee
Tambi Caggiano	711 Sunny Slope Dr.	Tambi A Caggiano
Lauren Holliday	398 Concord Road	Lauren K Holliday
Toby McBee	4326 Anderson Milled	Toby McBee
Sonya Gordon	4326 Anderson Milled	Sonya Gordon
Steve Floyd	4326 Anderson Milled	Steve Floyd
Trevor Potts	247 Kirby Rd	Trevor Potts
Patsy Potts	247 Kirby Rd	Patsy Potts
Wicki Humphries	106 Fawnhurst Dr	Wicki Humphries
Shelly Stockton	2503 Pacolet Hwy	Shelly Stockton
Steven George	3503 Pacolet Hwy	Steven George
Lindsay Blanton	240 Winkler Rd 29341	Lindsay Blanton
Darrellyn Faye	27 Cherokee Ridge Dr 29311	Darrellyn Faye
Melissa Pardo	439 Cherokee National #4	Melissa Pardo

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December 16, 2015

Brad Reynolds, P.E.
Program Manager
SC Department of Transportation
P.O. Box 191
Columbia, SC 29202

Brad:

I first write in thanks to the SCDOT's commitment to the I-85 widening project that will stretch through much of Cherokee County. The project is sure to make the highway safer and more efficient for people like my wife who travel to Spartanburg for work each day. I also want to thank the SCDOT for the process of allowing people like myself to voice any concerns and offer input in the design of the project. The project as a whole will certainly be a benefit to the people of Cherokee County, but I know it won't come without the sacrifice of many landowners, residents, businesses, and employees in the path of some of the expansions.

As a member of County Council I represent District 3, and Exit 87 of I-85 is the only Exit within the boundaries of my District. Of course I am not writing in that capacity, but rather because of that capacity I was contacted by numerous taxpayers being affected and in full disclosure, members of my family are landowners.

I am writing to ask you to kindly consider all land, homes, farms, and businesses precious to those being effected, as you attempt try to make positive changes to Exit 87. I further ask that you consider scaling back the design you have presented to the public and try to develop a design that doesn't disrupt so much real estate.

I know you have a big task and I don't envy your job. I know this project is sure to help aid progress for Cherokee County, but I ask you to be very careful to make sure we respect those who have worked so hard to earn what they have and understand that they are already a present stakeholder in the success of our great county.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Steven C. Blanton, Jr." The signature is fluid and cursive, with the last name "Blanton" being the most prominent part.

Steven C. Blanton, Jr.
Councilmember
Cherokee County Council District 3

Steven C. Blanton, Jr.
117 West O'Neal Street | Gaffney, South Carolina 29340
P: 864-490-3533 Email: stevenblanton@gmail.com



South Carolina
Department of Transportation

February 26, 2016

Mr. Steven C. Blanton, Jr.
117 West O'Neal Street
Gaffney, SC 29340

Re: I-85 Widening and Improvements Mile Marker 80-96
Spartanburg and Cherokee Counties

Dear Mr. Blanton:

The South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) appreciates your participation in the public involvement process for the proposed widening and improvements to Interstate 85 (I-85) Mile Marker 80-96. Thank you for your comments, as provided after the Public Hearing on Tuesday, December 1, 2015 at Gaffney High School, which are part of the official project record. SCDOT will consider all concerns that have been raised before a final project decision is made.

In your comments, you asked that SCDOT consider couple different things. First, you asked that we kindly consider all land, homes, farms, and businesses to those being effected, as we attempt to make improvements at Exit 87. I want to assure you that SCDOT does not take these types of impacts lightly. We are also required by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) to do just what you have asked. The extensive studies that we have completed along with the way we ended up with chosen alternative is documented in our Environmental Document.

Then, you asked that we scale back the design to Exit 87 to prevent disruption of personal and business real estate. On the south side of the interstate we moved the new frontage roads in so that we are no longer are going through the middle of the farmland. Also, the frontage road around Rugs International was relocated so it will not be displaced. Attached is a graphic of the new interchange showing the modifications. We are not able to satisfy all those that commented, but have reduced the footprint and the impacts on local businesses.

Thank you again for your participation. If you should have additional questions regarding this project, please do not hesitate to contact me at (803) 737-1440 or reynoldsbs@scdot.org.

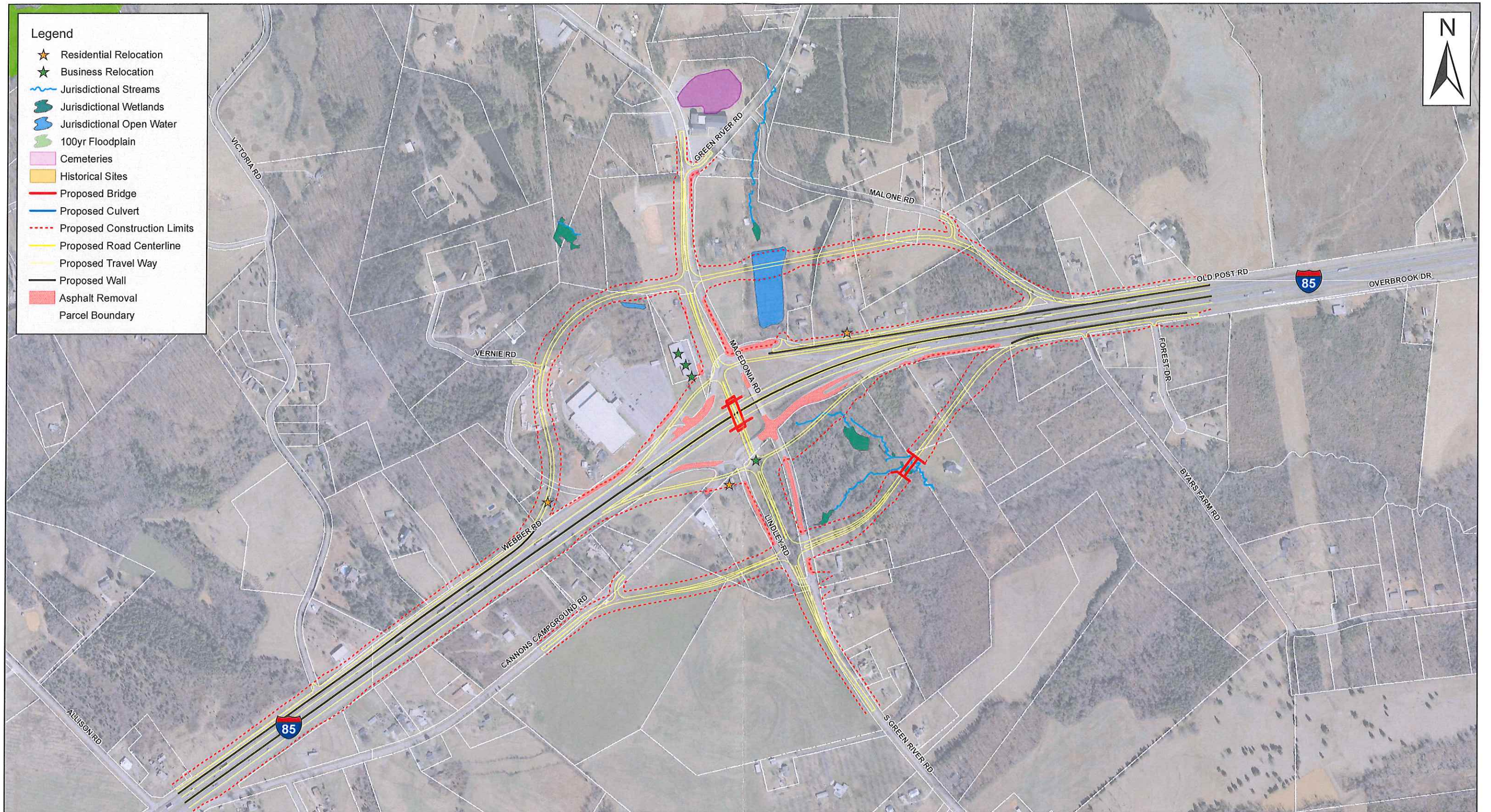
Sincerely,

Bradley S. Reynolds, P.E.
Program Manager

Enclosure

cc: David Kelly –Environmental Services Office
File: PC/BSR





SCDOT PUBLIC HEARING COMMENT SHEET

Tuesday, December 1, 2015

PROPOSED I-85 WIDENING AND IMPROVEMENTS MILE MARKER 80 – 96 SPARTANBURG AND CHEROKEE COUNTIES

NAME *(please print)*

Mr., Mrs., Ms., Mr. & Mrs.
(Please choose one)

Matthew and Misa Henderson

MAILING ADDRESS

105 Hidden Springs Court Gaffney, SC 29341

Street/Route

City

State

Zip Code

PHONE NUMBER

864-491-1132

EMAIL

COMMENTS

We are not opposed to the widening of I-85, but request the following modifications to plans at exit 87:

- 1) Interstate ramps, frontage roads, and location of the bridge at exit 87 remain the same. I support signal lights and turn lanes being added to the intersections if necessary.
- 2) Property earmarked for the project should follow the property lines as closely as possible in order to minimize splitting property in half and making remaining property useless.
- 3) Request that the wetland property in the southeast quadrant be considered for an alternative option if changes must be made and that a design modification regarding the distance between intersections be considered so that this land can be used.
- 4) Regarding the Sunny Slope bridge, we request that the bridge be eliminated or put back in the same location so that homeowners will not be displaced.

How would you like a response to your comment? (Please choose one)

No response required ☐ Email response (address above) ☒ Written response (address above)

Mail Comments to:

Mr. Brad Reynolds, P.E.
Program Manager, Design Build RPG
SCDOT
PO Box 191, Room 421
Columbia, SC 29202-0191
E-mail: ReynoldsBS@scdot.org



NOTE: Information provided, including name and address, will be published and is subject to disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act. **Written comments will be accepted until December 16, 2015.**

Handouts and displays from the public hearing can be viewed at http://www.scdot.org/inside/public_hearings.aspx



South Carolina
Department of Transportation

March 11, 2016

Mr. Matthew Henderson and
Mrs. Misa Henderson
105 Hidden Springs Court
Gaffney, SC 29341

Re: I-85 Widening and Improvements Mile Marker 80-96
Spartanburg and Cherokee Counties

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Henderson:

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Your comments were that we should leave Exit 87 as it is, follow property lines with the alignments, use wetland parcels in the southeast quadrant of Exit 87 for the improvements to the interchange, and either eliminate or do nothing to the Sunny Slope bridge.

Part of the purpose of the project is to bring the existing interchanges into compliance with federal and state requirements for interstate design. The upgrade of this interchange is one element of that purpose, and therefore cannot be left as it is. We have modified the proposed interchange design in response to many of the comments received that addresses some of the other concerns that you expressed. Attached is a graphic showing the modified interchange. While it doesn't directly follow property lines, it more closely approximates property lines in many more locations.

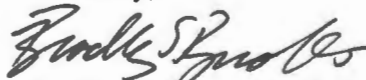
The alignment continues to minimize impacts to the streams and wetlands in the southeastern quadrant, which is in conformance with the regulations and requirements of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers that oversees and protects these natural systems. They require that projects avoid and minimize impacts to these systems as much as is practicable. A permit will be required from the Corps for impacts associated with wetlands and streams over which they have jurisdiction, so the project must comply with their requirements.



At this time, SCDOT plans to proceed with the replacement of the bridge at Sunny Slope Drive with an overpass that meets current vertical and horizontal clearance design standards and will maintain the existing connectivity between both sides of the interstate.

Thank you again for your participation. If you should have additional questions regarding this project, please do not hesitate to contact me at (803) 737-1440 or reynoldsbs@scdot.org.

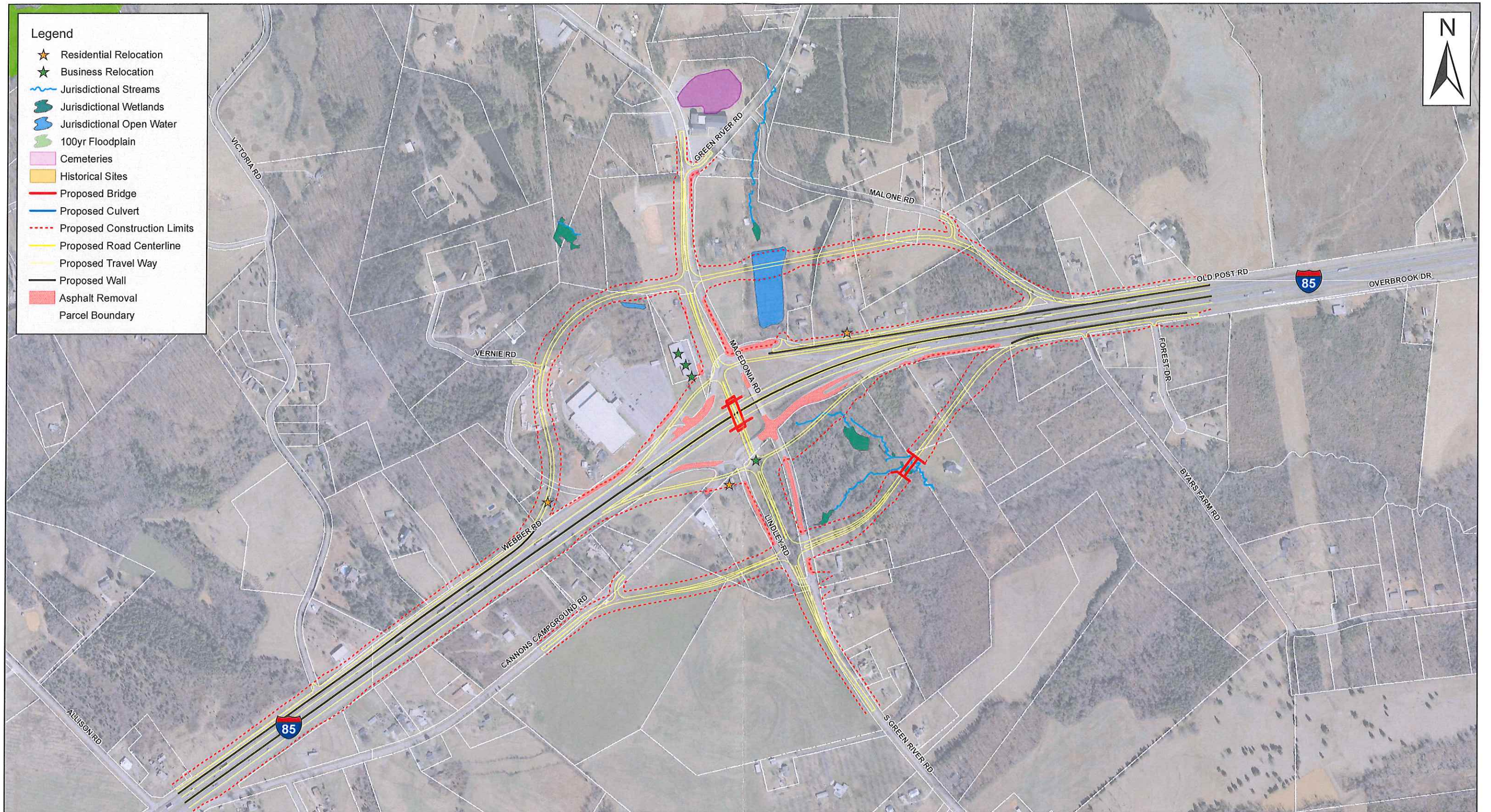
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bradley S. Reynolds".

Bradley S. Reynolds, P.E.
Program Manager

Enclosure

cc: David Kelly –Environmental Services Office
File: BSR/PC



SCDOT PUBLIC HEARING COMMENT SHEET

Tuesday, December 1, 2015

PROPOSED I-85 WIDENING AND IMPROVEMENTS MILE MARKER 80 - 96 SPARTANBURG AND CHEROKEE COUNTIES

NAME (please print)

Mr., Mrs., Ms., Mr. & Mrs.
(Please choose one)

Michael K. Spencer

MAILING ADDRESS

1759 S. GREEN RIVER RD
Caymans SC 29330

Street/Route

City

State

Zip Code

PHONE NUMBER

864 505 8475

EMAIL

COMMENTS

I Am not happy with the way exit 87 is proposed. The road will cut down the middle of my land. Land that's been in my family since the 1930's. It's never sat idle, always farmed. Farm land is being sold off, but a few want to keep theirs. Then we pay taxes on it for almost a 100 years then the government tries to take from you. This is not right. There is unused land there that could be used instead. It would be different if the road was on the edge and not down the center of the best piece of land on S. Green River Rd.

How would you like a response to your comment?

(Please choose one)

No response required

Email response (address above)

Written response (address above)

Mail Comments to:

Mr. Brad Reynolds, P.E.
Program Manager, Design Build RPG
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NOTE: Information provided, including name and address, will be published and is subject to disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act. Written comments will be accepted until December 16, 2015.

Handouts and displays from the public hearing can be viewed at http://www.scdot.org/inside/public_hearings.aspx



South Carolina
Department of Transportation

February 26, 2016

Mr. Michael K. Spencer
1759 S. Green River Rd.
Cowpens, SC 29330

Re: I-85 Widening and Improvements Mile Marker 80-96
Spartanburg and Cherokee Counties

Dear Mr. Spencer:

The South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) appreciates your participation in the public involvement process for the proposed widening and improvements to Interstate 85 (I-85) Mile Marker 80-96. Thank you for your comments, as provided after the Public Hearing on Tuesday, December 1, 2015 at Gaffney High School, which are part of the official project record. SCDOT will consider all concerns that have been raised before a final project decision is made.

You commented that we should not cut down the middle of the farmland in the southwest quadrant of the interchange. I am enclosing a modified version of the interchange that will become the new preferred alignment that minimizes this impact. While it doesn't directly follow property lines, which is virtually impossible with a road alignment, it more closely approximates property lines.

This alignment will still allow us to continue to minimize impacts to the streams and wetlands in the southeastern quadrant, which is in conformance with the regulations and requirements of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers that oversees and protects these natural systems. They require that projects avoid and minimize impacts to these systems as much as is practicable. A permit will be required from the Corps for impacts associated with wetlands and streams over which they have jurisdiction, so the project must comply with their requirements.

Thank you again for your participation. If you should have additional questions regarding this project, please do not hesitate to contact me at (803) 737-1440 or reynoldsbs@scdot.org.

Sincerely,

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