

## **APPENDIX K**

### **Agency Coordination**



South Carolina  
Department of Transportation

April 14, 2016

**Re: I-85 Widening Project from Mile-Marker 96 to Mile-Marker 106 in Cherokee County.  
Project ID P027116**

To Whom it May Concern:

The South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) proposes to improve the I-85 corridor from approximately one-mile north of SC 18 (Exit 96) to Exit 106 near the South Carolina/North Carolina State Line (State Line), a distance of approximately 10 miles located in Cherokee County, South Carolina (see attached Figure). The purpose of the project is to improve the operational performance of the existing facility. This section of I-85 is currently experiencing deteriorating levels of services, with many of the areas projected to be operating beyond capacity by the design year (2040). In addition, there are various operational deficiencies associated with many of the interchange facilities within this section. It is anticipated that the project would add travel lanes along the I-85 mainline, improve the operational efficiency and safety along various interchanges and ramps, and replace insufficient overpass bridges.

The proposed project would extend from just north of Exit 96 to Exit 106, and includes interchanges at Exits 100, 102, and 104. The SCDOT is currently administering an adjacent widening project on I-85 that terminates just north of Exit 96, and will serve as the southern terminus for the proposed project. Exit 106 will serve as the northern terminus as this is the last interchange in South Carolina, with no additional improvements warranted beyond this point. The proposed project is presumed to have logical termini as the I-85 facilities within this area are in need of operational improvements, the project is of sufficient length, and the project has independent utility from other transportation improvements.

The purpose of this letter is to inform you of this project and solicit any information that you may have concerning the potential social, economic and environmental impacts of the proposed project. The SCDOT, in consultation with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), are preparing an Environmental Assessment (EA) to evaluate the benefits and impacts for the proposed project. This document will be prepared in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and implementing regulations.

As part of project development, preliminary data and information has been collected in support of the EA. A review of the available mapping, including the National Wetland Inventory (NWI), aerial photography, and topographic mapping indicates the presence of streams and wetlands within the project corridor. Additional field work and coordination with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) will be conducted to further identify and confirm the jurisdictional status of all wetlands and other waters along the project.

In accordance with Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act, a current list of protected species has been obtained from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) which includes two threatened species (*Myotis septentrionalis* – northern long-eared bat; *Hexastylis naniflora* – dwarf-flowered heartleaf). Preliminary field investigations identified potential presence of the dwarf-flowered heartleaf and additional surveys and documentation will be completed upon the recommended survey season and appropriately coordinated with the USFWS. In addition, a cultural resources survey will be completed



along the project and coordinated with the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO). Other technical studies anticipated to be completed include a noise impact assessment, a hazardous material site assessment, and various public involvement campaigns.

As an integral part of the environmental process, the SCDOT is soliciting information from agencies and individuals to assist in the preparation of the EA. The SCDOT has contracted HDR | ICA, Inc. (HDR | ICA) to prepare the EA in accordance to the regulations of the FHWA and NEPA. To ensure that issues of the proposed project are fully evaluated, SCDOT requests that you respond in writing concerning any beneficial or adverse impacts of the project relating to the interest of your agency. SCDOT looks forward to receiving your comments on the project within 30 days of the receipt of this letter. Comments should be addressed to the following:

Mr. David Kelly  
RPG 4 NEPA Coordinator  
SCDOT  
Post Office Box 191  
Columbia, South Carolina 29202-0191

Or emailed to:  
[KellyDP@scdot.org](mailto:KellyDP@scdot.org)

Your expeditious handling of this notice will be appreciated. If you have any questions or need additional information concerning this project, please contact me at (803)737-1645.

Sincerely,  
South Carolina Department of Transportation



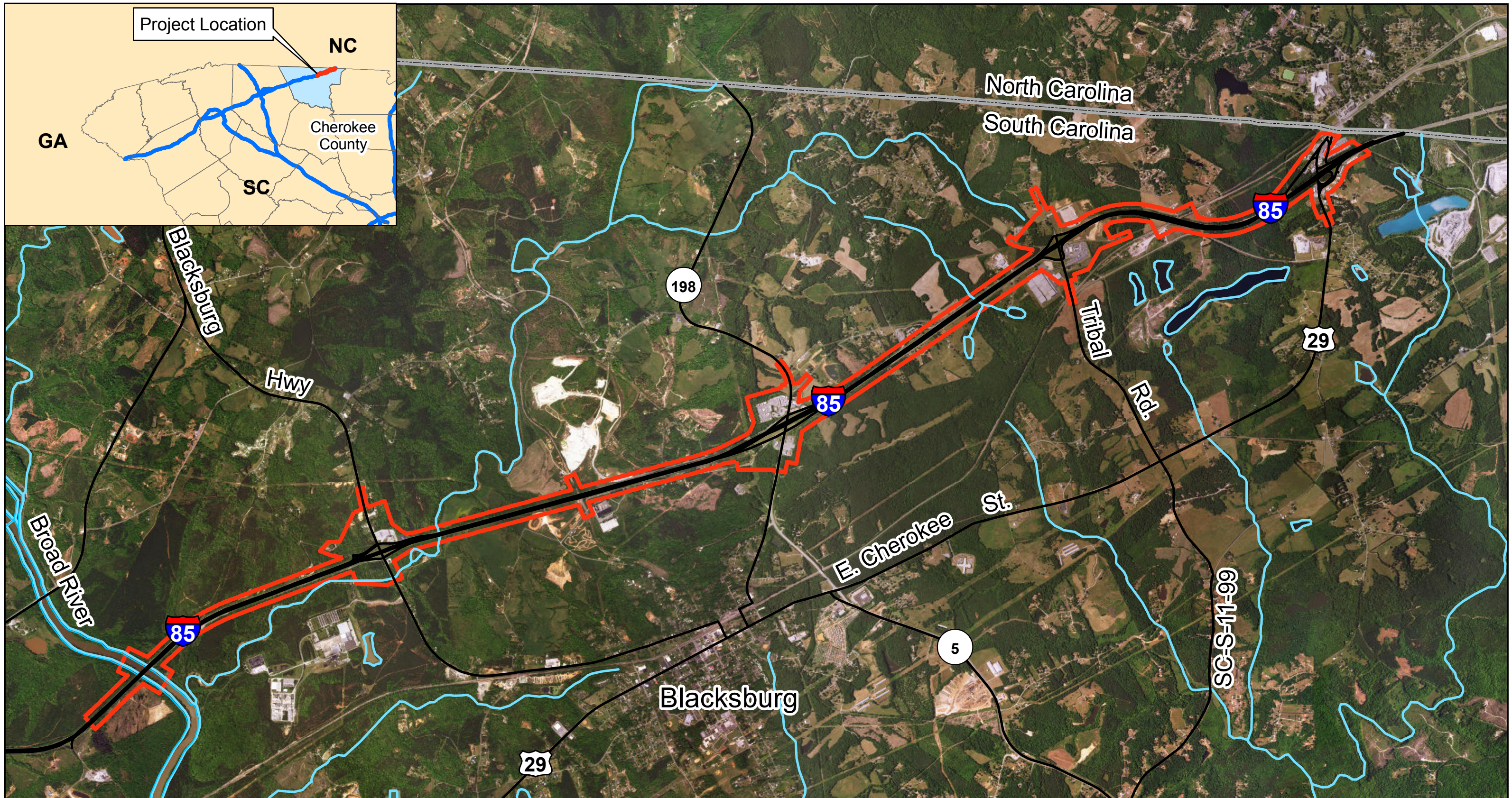
David Kelly  
RPG 4 NEPA Coordinator/Architectural Historian

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Enclosure

cc: Mr. Brad Reynolds P.E., Program Manager

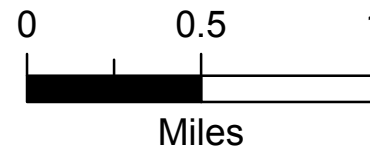




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Legend

- County Boundary
- Streams
- I-85
- Roads
- Project Boundary



**FIGURE 1:  
INTERSTATE I-85 WIDENING  
FROM MM 96 TO MM 106  
STUDY AREA MAP**



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May 12, 2016

Mr. David Kelly  
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Columbia, SC 29202-0191

RE: I-85 Widening Project from Mile Marker 96 to Mile Marker 106 in Cherokee County  
(Project ID P027116)

Dear Mr. Kelly:

South Carolina Department of Natural Resources (SCDNR) personnel have reviewed the I-85 widening project and its potential adverse impact to natural resources and provide the following comments.

## *Project Description*

The South Carolina Department of Transportation proposes to widen I-85 from near SC 18 (Exit 96) to Exit 106 near the South Carolina/North Carolina State Line in Cherokee County. This will include adding travel lanes along the I-85 mainline, improving the operational efficiency and safety along various interchanges and ramps, and replace insufficient overpass bridges.

## *Agency Concerns*

Review of aerial photography, soil survey information, topographic maps and the information provided indicate that several streams are present in the project area. The project area includes a crossing of the Broad River, and Buffalo Creek parallels the existing interstate between the I-85/Blacksburg Highway interchange and the Broad River. Buffalo Creek passes under the existing interstate just north of the I-85/Blacksburg Highway interchange. In addition, several tributaries of Bee Branch, a tributary to Buffalo Creek, are crossed by the existing interstate near the I-85/Tribal Road interchange. SCDNR advises that you consult with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to determine the jurisdictional nature of these waters.

The information provided indicates that two federally-listed, threatened and endangered species could occur in the project area and that coordination with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will be initiated. These species are northern long-eared bat (*Myotis septentrionalis*) and dwarf-flowered heartleaf (*Hexastylis naniflora*). In addition, SCDNR has records of two state conservation priority fish species occurring in Buffalo Creek as it runs along I-85 in the project



corridor. These South Carolina Wildlife Action Plan (SWAP) fish species are Fieryblack Shiner (*Cyprinella pyrrhomelas*) and Piedmont Darter (*Percina crassa*). Both of these fish species inhabit creeks and small rivers with clear water and clean, coarse substrates for spawning and reproduction. Good sediment and erosion control practices are necessary in the nearby watershed to maintain this habitat. Maintaining good water quality for these aquatic habitats affecting all downstream systems, including the Broad River, is important to the agency. In addition to the species listed above, SCDNR asks that if aquatic field surveys are conducted in association with this project that any SWAP species should be documented.

Please note SCDNR reserves the right to review and comment on any required federal or state permits at the time of public notice issuance. Should you have any questions or need more information, please do not hesitate to contact me by email at [mixong@dnr.sc.gov](mailto:mixong@dnr.sc.gov) or by phone at 803.734.3282.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Greg Mixon", written in a cursive style.

Greg Mixon  
Office of Environmental Programs





## United States Department of the Interior

### FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

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April 26, 2016

Mr. David Kelly  
RPG 4 NEPA Coordinator  
South Carolina Department of Transportation  
P.O. Box 191  
Columbia, SC 29201

Re: Proposed Widening of I-85, Request for Preliminary Comments, Cherokee County,  
South Carolina, FWS Log No. 2016-CPA-0085

Dear Mr. Kelly:

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) received the South Carolina Department of Transportation's (SCDOT) request for comments on the proposed widening of I-85. The proposed corridor is from one mile north of SC-18 (Exit 96) to Exit 106, a distance of approximately ten miles. The SCDOT is preparing an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the project to evaluate the benefits and impacts of the project. We offer the following information and preliminary comments and concerns for SCDOT's consideration. The bulleted items below should be addressed in the EA.

- Water quality and quantity affects due to increased stormwater runoff from increase to the impervious surface as a result of the existing roadway widening;
- Direct and indirect impacts to wetland habitat due to construction activities which may results in habitat fragmentation and loss of migration corridors;
- Recommend that all wetland habitat be delineated and approved by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers during the planning phases of the Project;
- The presence of At-Risk Species (ARS), including Rafinesque's big-eared bat (*Corynorhinus rafinesquii*), and the tri-colored bat (*Perimyotis subflavus*) should be addressed in the EA. A complete list of ARS species may be downloaded from the Web site:

<http://www.fws.gov/charleston/endangeredSpecies.html>;

- Ancillary widening of roads leading to adjacent development and resulting impacts; and
- Alternative analyses should be performed in order to determine the least environmentally damaging alternative.



Based on the information provided and a review of our records, the Service has determined that potentially suitable habitat exists in the project area for the federally threatened northern long-eared bat (*Myotis septentrionalis*) (NLEB) and dwarf-flowered heartleaf (*Hexastylis naniflora*). However, the project is not located within 150 feet of a known NLEB maternity roost tree, or within .25 miles of a known NLEB hibernaculum. Therefore, potential incidental take of this species through project construction is not prohibited according to the final 4(d) rule for the species. The Service recommends that a survey be conducted for dwarf-flowered heartleaf during the appropriate survey window (mid-March through May), and that the survey results be provided to this office for review prior to commencement of project activities.

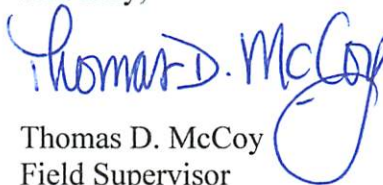
Please note that obligations under the Endangered Species Act must be reconsidered if: (1) new information reveals impacts of this identified action may affect any listed species or critical habitat in a manner not previously considered; (2) this action is subsequently modified in a manner which was not considered in this assessment; or (3) a new species is listed or critical habitat is designated that may be affected by the identified action.

For informational purposes only, the Service has included a list of species that have been petitioned for listing under the Endangered Species Act as well as Candidate Species. These species are collectively referred to as "At-Risk Species" (ARS). We have included a list of the ARS that may occur in Cherokee County, South Carolina. Although there are no Federal protections afforded to ARS, please consider including them in your survey efforts. Incorporating proactive measures to avoid or minimize harm to ARS may improve their status and assist with precluding the need to list these species. Additional information on ARS can be found at:

<http://www.fws.gov/southeast/candidateconservation>

The Service appreciates the opportunity to provide these comments pursuant to the widening of I-85 in this early phase of the National Environmental Policy Act process. If you need further clarification regarding these comments, please contact Mr. Mark Caldwell at (843) 727-4707 ext. 215, and reference FWS Log No. 2016-CPA-0085.

Sincerely,

  
Thomas D. McCoy  
Field Supervisor

TDM/MAC

## South Carolina List of At-Risk, Candidate, Endangered, and Threatened Species - Cherokee County

CATEGORY	COMMON NAME/STATUS	SCIENTIFIC NAME	SURVEY WINDOW/ TIME PERIOD	COMMENTS
Amphibian	None Found			
Bird	None Found			
Crustacean	None Found			
Fish	American eel (ARS)	<i>Anguilla rostrata</i>	March 1-May 30; October 1-December 15	Temperature dependent: normally (17-20°C); can be found between 13-25°C
Insect	None Found			
Mammal	Northern long-eared bat (T)	<i>Myotis septentrionalis</i>	Year round	Winter surveys not as successful
	Rafinesque's big-eared bat (ARS)	<i>Corynorhinus rafinesquii</i>	Year round	Found in mines, caves, large hollow trees, buildings, and bat towers
	Tri-colored bat (ARS*)	<i>Perimyotis subflavus</i>	Year round	Found in mines and caves in the winter
Mollusk	None Found			
Plant	Dwarf-flowered heartleaf (T)	<i>Hexastylis naniflora</i>	March-May	
	Georgia aster (ARS*)	<i>Symphyotrichum georgianum</i>	Early October-mid November	
Reptile	None Found			

\* Contact National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) for more information on this species

\*\* The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) and NMFS share jurisdiction of this species

ARS Species that the FWS has been petitioned to list and for which a positive 90-day finding has been issued (listing may be warranted); information is provided only for conservation actions as no Federal protections currently exist.

ARS\* Species that are either former Candidate Species or are emerging conservation priority species

BGEPA Federally protected under the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act

C FWS or NMFS has on file sufficient information on biological vulnerability and threat(s) to support proposals to list these species

CH Critical Habitat

E Federally Endangered

P or P - CH Proposed for listing or critical habitat in the Federal Register

S/A Federally protected due to similarity of appearance to a listed species

T Federally Threatened

These lists should be used only as a guideline, not as the final authority. The lists include known occurrences and areas where the species has a high possibility of occurring. Records are updated as deemed necessary and may differ from earlier lists.

For a list of State endangered, threatened, and species of concern, please visit <https://www.dnr.sc.gov/species/index.html>.



## **Northern Long-Eared Bat 4(d) Rule Streamlined Consultation Form**

Federal agencies should use this form for the optional streamlined consultation framework for the northern long-eared bat (NLEB). This framework allows federal agencies to rely upon the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's (USFWS) January 5, 2016, intra-Service Programmatic Biological Opinion (BO) on the final 4(d) rule for the NLEB for section 7(a)(2) compliance by: (1) notifying the USFWS that an action agency will use the streamlined framework; (2) describing the project with sufficient detail to support the required determination; and (3) enabling the USFWS to track effects and determine if reinitiation of consultation is required per 50 CFR 402.16.

This form is not necessary if an agency determines that a proposed action will have no effect to the NLEB or if the USFWS has concurred in writing with an agency's determination that a proposed action may affect, but is not likely to adversely affect the NLEB (i.e., the standard informal consultation process). Actions that may cause prohibited incidental take require separate formal consultation. Providing this information does not address section 7(a)(2) compliance for any other listed species.

### **Information to Determine 4(d) Rule Compliance:**

**YES NO**

1. Does the project occur wholly outside of the WNS Zone <sup>1</sup> ?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2. Have you contacted the appropriate agency <sup>2</sup> to determine if your project is near known hibernacula or maternity roost trees?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Could the project disturb hibernating NLEBs in a known hibernaculum?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4. Could the project alter the entrance or interior environment of a known hibernaculum?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
5. Does the project remove any trees within 0.25 miles of a known hibernaculum at any time of year?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
6. Would the project cut or destroy known occupied maternity roost trees, or any other trees within a 150-foot radius from the maternity roost tree from June 1 through July 31.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

You are eligible to use this form if you have answered yes to question #1 **or** yes to question #2 **and** no to questions 3, 4, 5 and 6. The remainder of the form will be used by the USFWS to track our assumptions in the BO.

**Agency and Applicant**<sup>3</sup> South Carolina Department of Transportation  
David Kelly, NEPA Coordinator – RPG4  
KellyDP@scdot.org  
(803) 737-1645

**Project Name:** I-85 Widening and Improvements MM 96 to MM106

**Project Location** (include coordinates if known): I-85 from the SC-NC state line to East Gaffney, SC.

**Basic Project Description** (provide narrative below or attach additional information): Proposed widening and interchange improvements of I-85 in Cherokee County, SC (mile marker 96 to 106).

<sup>1</sup> <http://www.fws.gov/midwest/endangered/mammals/nleb/pdf/WNSZone.pdf>

<sup>2</sup> See <http://www.fws.gov/midwest/endangered/mammals/nleb/nhisites.html>

<sup>3</sup> If applicable - only needed for federal actions with applicants (e.g., for a permit, etc.) who are party to the consultation.

General Project Information	YES	NO
Does the project occur within 0.25 miles of a known hibernaculum?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Does the project occur within 150 feet of a known maternity roost tree?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Does the project include forest conversion <sup>4</sup> ? (if yes, report acreage below)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Estimated total acres of forest conversion		
If known, estimated acres <sup>5</sup> of forest conversion from April 1 to October 31		
If known, estimated acres of forest conversion from June 1 to July 31 <sup>6</sup>		
Does the project include timber harvest? (if yes, report acreage below)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Estimated total acres of timber harvest		
If known, estimated acres of timber harvest from April 1 to October 31		
If known, estimated acres of timber harvest from June 1 to July 31		
Does the project include prescribed fire? (if yes, report acreage below)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Estimated total acres of prescribed fire		
If known, estimated acres of prescribed fire from April 1 to October 31		
If known, estimated acres of prescribed fire from June 1 to July 31		
Does the project install new wind turbines? (if yes, report capacity in MW below)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Estimated wind capacity (MW)		

Agency Determination:

By signing this form, the action agency determines that this project may affect the NLEB, but that any resulting incidental take of the NLEB is not prohibited by the final 4(d) rule.

If the USFWS does not respond within 30 days from submittal of this form, the action agency may presume that its determination is informed by the best available information and that its project responsibilities under 7(a)(2) with respect to the NLEB are fulfilled through the USFWS January 5, 2016, Programmatic BO. The action agency will update this determination annually for multi-year activities.

The action agency understands that the USFWS presumes that all activities are implemented as described herein. The action agency will promptly report any departures from the described activities to the appropriate USFWS Field Office. The action agency will provide the appropriate USFWS Field Office with the results of any surveys conducted for the NLEB. Involved parties will promptly notify the appropriate USFWS Field Office upon finding a dead, injured, or sick NLEB.

Signature: Ann-Marie Altman

Date Submitted: 2/2/2017

<sup>4</sup> Any activity that temporarily or permanently removes suitable forested habitat, including, but not limited to, tree removal from development, energy production and transmission, mining, agriculture, etc. (see page 48 of the BO).

<sup>5</sup> If the project removes less than 10 trees and the acreage is unknown, report the acreage as less than 0.1 acre.

<sup>6</sup> If the activity includes tree clearing in June and July, also include those acreage in April to October.



**From:** [Kelly, David P.](#)  
**To:** [Hall, Wayne](#)  
**Subject:** FW: NLEB submittal  
**Date:** Thursday, February 02, 2017 10:16:19 AM

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**Sent:** Thursday, February 02, 2017 9:46 AM  
**To:** Altman, Ann-Marie  
**Subject:** Re: NLEB submittal

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Ann-Marie,  
No questions and no comments at this time.  
Mark

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On Thu, Feb 2, 2017 at 8:27 AM, Altman, Ann-Marie <[AltmanAM@scdot.org](mailto:AltmanAM@scdot.org)> wrote:  
See attached map and 4(d) form in regards to SCDOT's I-85 widening project from mile marker 96 to mile marker 106. Any questions let me know.

Thanks!

Ann-Marie  
*Ann-Marie Altman*  
*Permits Manager-RPG 4 (Upstate)/Biologist*  
*SCDOT Environmental Services*  
*803-737-0946 (office)*



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Archives & History

January 18, 2017

Dr. Adrienne Daggett  
Department of Transportation Project Liaison  
South Carolina Department of Archives & History  
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**Re: New South Associates' Phase I Cultural Resources Survey of Approximately 12  
Miles of Improvements Along I-85, Cherokee County, SCDOT PIN P027116**

Dear Dr. Daggett:

The South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) proposes to improve approximately twelve (12) miles of Interstate 85 in Cherokee County. These improvements will include an additional travel lane in both directions and reconfiguration of several interchanges. Archaeological investigations for the project resulted in the identification of two archaeological sites (38CK199 & 38CK200) and one isolated find. All were determined to be ineligible for the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP). Aboveground investigations identified twenty-two (22) resources (#s 0247—0268) with only one of these resources (# 0258, the Hambright House) determined eligible for the NRHP. This site (0258) is within the Area of Potential Effects for the project but will not be directly or indirectly (through setting/context) affected by the project. Therefore it is recommended that the proposed I-85 Improvements will have no effect on any historic properties. No additional investigations are recommended.

In accordance with the memorandum of agreement approved by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), November 29, 2011, SCDOT is providing this information as agency official designee, as defined under 36 CFR 800.2, to ensure compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

It is requested that you review the enclosed material and, if appropriate, indicate your concurrence with SCDOT findings, thus completing the Section 106 consultation process. Please respond within 30 days if you have any objections or if you have need of additional information.

Sincerely,

David P. Kelly  
NEPA Coordinator, RPG 4

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Enclosures: Cultural resources report, survey forms

I (~~do not~~) concur in the above determination.

Signed:

Date:

1/30/2017

ec: Shane Belcher, FHWA  
Russell Townsend, Eastern Band Cherokee  
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cc: Wenonah G. Haire, Catwaba Nation THPO  
Keith Derting, SCIAA

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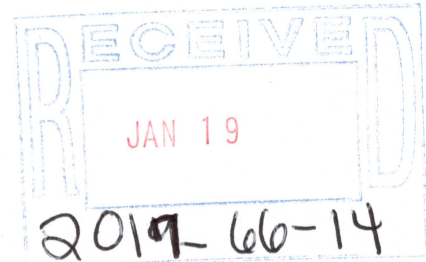






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January 18, 2017



Dr. Adrienne Daggett  
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Sincerely,

David P. Kelly  
NEPA Coordinator, RPG 4

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I ~~(do not)~~ concur in the above determination.

Signed: Wenonah G. Haire, PhD Date: 1/20/17

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**Proposed Widening of I-85 from Blacksburg Highway (Exit 100)  
to US 29 (Exit 106) Including  
Associated Interchange Improvements  
in Cherokee County**



**PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING COMMENT SUMMARY  
Thursday, June 2, 2016 at Blacksburg Primary School**





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## **1.0 Executive Summary**

### **Project Description**

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### **Public Meeting Description**

The purpose of the meeting was to provide information and solicit feedback from area residents concerning the proposed widening of I-85. Another purpose of the meeting was to gather information from the public or any interested organization, on historic or cultural resources in the area. The meeting was held at the Blacksburg Primary School on June 2, 2016, from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. The public notification for the meeting was advertised in the Gaffney Ledger on May 13, 2016.

Meeting materials included a copy of the public meeting notice (Attachment A), public meeting materials (Attachment B), public meeting displays, and public meeting sign-in sheets and comment forms (Attachment C).

The meeting was attended by Engineering, Environmental, and Right-of-Way personnel from the South Carolina Department of Transportation, and representatives from HDR | ICA. Sixty-seven members of the public attended the meeting. Of those attending the meeting, 19 were women, and 3 were African-Americans.

Twenty-eight comments were received regarding the proposed widening project. A summary of the comments is included in Section 3.0. Comments provided included:

- Proposed bridge configurations.
- Preferred interchange alternatives.
- Access to adjacent properties.
- Frontage road connections.
- Affects of trucks on traffic flow.





## 2.0 Public Meeting Participants Providing Comments

Name	Address
Holland Belue	110 Railroad Avenue Gaffney, SC 29340
Clyde D. & Phyllis Crawford	603 Tribal Road Blacksburg, SC 29702
Audrey J. Degra	230 S. Wilbur Street Blacksburg, SC 29712
Wendell Earls	151 Cooksey Street Blacksburg, SC 29702
Falls (no first name given)	917 West Pine Street Blacksburg, SC 29702
Linda Falls	PO Box 16 Blacksburg, SC 29702
Jackie Fortier	138 Byers Circle Blacksburg, SC 29702
Caryn Graham	459 Gibbons Road Blacksburg, SC 29702
Deborah Hamrick	134 Ross Road Blacksburg, SC 29702
Darren Janesky (Blacksburg Town Council)	449 N. Shelby Street Blacksburg, SC 29702
Karen McDaniel	119 Scenic Drive Blacksburg, SC 29702
Tracy A. McDaniel	119 Scenic Drive Blacksburg, SC 29072
Whitney Millwood	603 Tribal Road Blacksburg, SC 29702
Ken Moon	101 Campus Drive Gaffney, SC 29341
James L. Moss	117 Pine Forest Road Blacksburg, SC 29702
Mike Patterson	304 Sunset Drive Blacksburg, SC 29702
Joshua P. Parker (Chief - Buffalo VFD)	137 Blacksburg Road Blacksburg, SC 29207
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Katrina Pyle	Rosabell1@charter.net
Tina Reed	Mamagoose0203@yahoo.com



### 3.0 Summary of Public Comments

Comments Received	
Submitted By	Comment
<b>Holland Belue</b> <b>110 Railroad Ave</b> <b>Gaffney, SC 29340</b> <b>864-487-2560</b>	No on 104 ALT #2 would demo a building and 200 jobs.
<b>Clyde D. &amp; Phyllis Crawford</b> <b>603 Tribal Rd</b> <b>Blacksburg, SC 29702</b> <b>864-491-3216</b>	I didn't really care which alternate because all 3 will affect my property but alternate 2 White Farms Rd. onto alternate 1  Bridge at 104 needs to be wider
<b>Audrey Degra</b> <b>2308 Wilburn St</b> <b>Blacksburg, SC 29702</b> <b>864-490-5466</b>	Very happy for this project. I've have been waiting for a long time.
<b>Wendell Earls</b> <b>151 Cooksey St</b> <b>Blacksburg, SC 29702</b> <b>864-812-2371</b>	When looking at exit 102 it shows a bridge kinda like it already there. I go this way to work every day and have had to sit in traffic a half mile back from the bridge due to the traffic that comes Hwy 5 from the York area. I would like to see a four lane bridge with turning lanes. This would ease the traffic wait time. Also I think you need to look a way to tie the frontage road coming from exit 104 towards exit 102 but stops. This would allow for more access to property's to allow more growth for the Town of Blacksburg.
<b>Falls</b> <b>917 West Pine St</b> <b>Blacksburg, SC 29702</b>	It was good
<b>Linda Falls</b> <b>P.O. box 16</b> <b>Blacksburg, SC 29702</b> <b>864-838-2020</b>	Exit 102 need 4 lane bridge. When coming from Blacksburg toward I-85, major bottle-needing at traffic length at bridge. Erns Fire Dept. and Police need to be able to get through-commuters should not have to sit through several lights to proceed. Exit 104- No on alternate 2 because exit ramp are through major business with numerous employees
<b>Mrs. Jackie Fortier</b>	All bridges needs to be wider. However, the



<p><b>138 Byers Circle</b>  <b>Blacksburg, SC 29702</b>  <b>864-839-9368 or 864-838-2927</b></p>	<p>roads leading to 102 and 104 need to be just like 106 where its reinforced to withhold all the trucks weight, it gets potholes about 2-7 days after fixing them. Same with all the bridges being reinforced similar to what was done at 106. 104 needs to be replaced all together with the driveways smoothed out to not only lanes but TRG also. Very dangerous for us employees at TRG with the truckers in and out there so is it possible to have them rerouted by chance? Just an idea... I've seen places where they circle over or under the interstate to have access to truck stops. At exit 106, could you not take Lakeview Dr. (in alternate 3) and go along property lines to connect to the frontage road or even Millcreek Rd? Please try to avoid taking older homes out. Please consider replanting trees where you take out roads or don't need land.</p> <p>Thank you very much for considering our input. I don't have to internet so please update me via phone for any/all updates. Thanks again! God Bless!!</p>
<p><b>Caryn Graham</b>  <b>459 Gibbons Rd</b>  <b>Blacksburg, SC 29702</b>  <b>864-219-1305</b></p>	<p>Noise concerns. Ingress &amp; Egress to property. Secure barriers between I-85 and frontage road. Proper signage for traffic exiting Love's Trucks Stop to prevent tractor trailers from entering frontage road. There is no turn around available and there has been minor property damage. Parking during construction at TRG (my employer)</p>
<p><b>Deberah Hamrick</b>  <b>134 Ross Rd</b>  <b>Blacksburg, SC 29702</b>  <b>864-761-6408 or 864-761-6408</b></p>	<p>Exit 102- I like alternate 1- bridge has a turn lane and appears to be longer. This bridge is a hazard in the mornings. Traffic backups in both directions causes people to make un-safe moves.</p>
<p><b>Darren Janesky (Councilmember)</b>  <b>449 N Shelby St</b>  <b>Blacksburg, SC 29702</b>  <b>864-839-9132</b></p>	<p>I-85 exit 102. Very important to have access to parcels located behind Hardees's at 85 north ramp. This area has been considered for development in past and could not be accessed due to SCDOT restrictions on 85 N ramp. Access should also cover a frontage road to exit 104 because 104 frontage road does not connect to exit 102 along interstate on northbound side. I also have concerns about reducing parking area at flying J.</p>

<b>Karen McDaniel</b> <b>119 Scenic Drive</b> <b>Blacksburg, SC 29702</b>	Exit 100- use alternate #2 Exit 104- use alternate #1 Exit 102- use alternate #2 Exit 106- use alternate #2
<b>Tracy A McDaniel</b> <b>119 Scenic Drive</b> <b>Blacksburg, SC 29702</b> <b>864-839-4758</b>	Exit 104- Alt. 2-NO- exit ramp runs there. Atlas building- would cause loss of jobs.
<b>Whitney Millwood</b> <b>603 Tribal Rd.</b> <b>Blacksburg, SC 29702</b> <b>864-491-2529</b>	Alternate 2 White Farms Rd onto alternate 1
<b>Ken Moon</b> <b>101 Campus Dr.</b> <b>Gaffney, SC 29341</b> <b>864-492-2889</b>	Exit 104 Alt 2 would kill 200+ jobs. Not an option
<b>James L Moss</b> <b>117 Pine Forest Rd.</b> <b>Blacksburg, SC 29702</b> <b>864-490-7183</b>	100 use alternate 2 102 use alternate 2 104 use alternate 1 106 Use alternate 2
<b>Mike Patterson</b> <b>304 Sunset Dr</b> <b>Blacksburg, SC 29702</b> <b>864-839-3374</b>	I-85 north at 102 need a north bound frontage road that connects with the 104. If you took the frontage road ends. I feel it would help possible new business as well as if there was an emergency on the interstate.
<b>Joshua P Parker (Chief Buffalo VFO)</b> <b>137 Blackwell Road</b> <b>Blacksburg, SC 29702</b> <b>864-441-6033</b>	1) Need breaks in concrete for emergency vehicles. 2) New off/on ramps will interfere with my current fire hydrant, please keep my hydrants or add more!! Thanks and I support the changes
<b>Stephan Stacker</b> <b>589 Whities Farm Rd</b> <b>Blacksburg, SC 29702</b> <b>864-300-9130</b>	Already have an enormous erosion issue with drainage off interstate. Concerned additional water flow will impact driveway with a very real possibility of totally washing our driveway.
<b>Gary Thomas</b> <b>108 White Farm Rd</b> <b>Blacksburg, SC 29702</b> <b>86-839-2157</b>	Exit 106 needs more than a three lane bridge. Truck traffic is unbearable.
<b>Jonna Turner (Cherokee Co. Chamber)</b> <b>225 S Line Street</b> <b>Gaffney, SC</b>	No exit 104 Alternate 2 Would kill 250+ jobs!!
<b>Robert Vipperman</b> <b>518 Tribal Rd</b> <b>Blacksburg, SC 29702</b>	I have 28 acres by Railroad Tracks, it has been for sale since Loves Truck Stop went in. It is proposed for one of the options. I would be

<b>864-812-6150 or 864-839-4175</b>	willing to discuss anytime.
<b>No Name Given</b>	Thank you for the meeting & time to explain the options. I like Exit 106 Alternate 3, Exit 104 Alternate 3, Exit 102 Alternate 2, Exit 100 Alternate 2
<b>David Peeler 137 Crawford Road Blacksburg, SC 29702 864-839-2738</b>	I would rather the ramps stay as they are. I can get on and off easy now. It would devalue my property to change the ramps. My property has public services road down to the ramp. The state requires fifty feet on public service road to get power turn on. I may want to sell many lots on both sides of Crawford Road down near the ramp than closing the road. I have been offered 60 thousand for 5 of my 19.4 acres if the on & off ramp stays the same. I would rather the road stay 4 lanes instead of six lanes if it changes the on & off ramp. Sincerely, David L. Peeler
<b>Katrina Pyle (email)</b>	My name is Katrina Pyle and I own property at exit 100. To be specific I own two properties, 1334 Blacksburg Hwy and 1358 Blacksburg Hwy. I have lived here my entire life and am currently living in the 1358 home and remodeling the 1334 to be moved into soon. The 1334 home was my grandparents home and the house I grew up in. I have read on the SCDOT website the PDF document from October 2015 outlining all the changes to be made in the widening of 85 through Cherokee County. Twice in that document it states that exit 100 is not projected to be changed or modified in any way. Then in two proposals it shows that other roads are going to be built along both sides of Blacksburg Hwy giving access to homes on Crawford Rd and two businesses on Simper Rd. The road joining Simper Rd and Blacksburg Hwy is coming across the back left corner of my property at 1334. This is a very wooded area with a creek and a large hill. Also, these two businesses are a truck stop and an adult bookstore. Neither does much business and the truck stop has access to Blacksburg Hwy from the top of their parking lot. Again, I have lived here my entire life and this is not a heavily traveled road. It is only local traffic for the people who live around



here and neither of those business do enough business to warrant another road being built through at least three people's property. I would like some clarification on this matter and some more information on what is going to happen. Thank you,

**Response:** I am not sure exactly what document you are referring to that you read on SCDOT website in October 2015. My guess is that it was for the project that extended from MM 80 (Exit 80) -98 (Broad River Bridge). In that project we were not doing anything to Exit 100. However, the public meeting we held Thursday, June 2, 2016 was for a project that extends from 98 (Broad River Bridge) to the MM 106 (Exit 106). It includes us looking at the Interchange at Exit 100. Part of the purpose and need for the project is to fix deficiencies at the interchanges. The businesses along the Ramp have direct driveway access to it. SCDOT will be establishing control of access along the ramps and they will no longer have this. SCDOT is required to look at providing them some sort of way to re-establish this access. That is why you see the roadway that is shown. I really appreciate your comment and SCDOT will further evaluate it as we begin to compile all our comments. From here we will begin to evaluate all impacts both to the human and natural environment to come up with a preferred alternative that balances the impacts as best we can. If you have any more questions please don't hesitate to give me a call or email me. Thanks,

**Follow up:** Thank you very much for your response. My concern is the impact this will have on my home and if I will possibly lose it because of this roadway. Again, I know that there are business on this off ramp but again it is a truck stop that really doesn't do any business and a pornographic store. I hate the thought of my home being possibly effected because of a store like that. Can you please

	<p>advise me of a timetable to know when a decision will be made in this matter? And because of work I was not able to attend the meeting on June 2nd. Will another meeting be held any time in the future? Thank you,</p>
<p><b>Sam Whitesides, VP (email)</b>  <b>Fulcra Enterprises, Inc.</b>  <b>21313 Catawba Avenue</b>  <b>Cornelius, NC 28031</b>  <b>704-896-2376 (o) 704-718-5101 (m)</b></p>	<p>Brad- I'm with the ownership group of Atlas Industrial Park located at exit 104 in Blacksburg South Carolina. I was not able to attend the information meeting the other week on the proposed changes to the interchange. I've since reviewed the information available online and have several questions as it relates to potential impacts to our industrial property. Is there a good time I can discuss my concerns with either you or someone else with DOT. Thanks for your attention to this matter.</p>
<p><b>Angela Young (email)</b>  <b>980-213-6584</b>  <a href="mailto:angelayoung1@bellsouth.net">angelayoung1@bellsouth.net</a></p>	<p>Thanks for taking comments regarding the proposals for Exit 100 within Cherokee County. The two alternatives are confounding to us citizens due to the idea to create a right of way or access road to an Adult Book Store. Since you do not live in the area, you may not know that this exit is primarily used by locals. The two businesses on the off ramp of I85 S is a dilapidated Sunoco and an Adult Book Store. Neither are frequented and using SC tax monies to provide additional access to them is unjustified. Please, please review this before any final plans are agreed upon. None of my family members received notice of the June 2, 2016 meeting in regard to these proposals. Can you let me and the community know when the next one will be?</p> <p><b>Response:</b> Part of the purpose and need for the project is to fix deficiencies at the interchanges. The businesses along the Ramp have direct driveway access to it. SCDOT will be establishing control of access along the ramps and they will no longer have this. SCDOT is required to look at providing them some sort of way to re-establish this access. That is why you see the roadway that is shown. I really appreciate your comment and SCDOT will further evaluate it as we</p>

	<p>begin to compile all our comments. From here we will begin to evaluate all impacts both to the human and natural environment to come up with a preferred alternative that balances the impacts as best we can.</p> <p>SCDOT advertises for Public Information meetings in the same format each time. We placed a legal Ad in the local paper, placed Public Meeting Signs along the corridor (these signs are at the off ramps at the interchanges), and places the meeting on the SCDOT website along with all meeting materials. Once we have our initial meeting and someone request it I will send you an invitation directly to future meetings. If you provide me any other contacts that want an direct invitation I would not mind send them one as well. If you have any more questions please don't hesitate to give me a call or email me.</p> <p><b>Follow up:</b> Mr. Reynolds thank you for your response. To be clear they also have access from Highway 5 into their parking lot already. The off ramp has access as well, but Highway 5 as is could be used.</p>
<p><b>Tina Reed (email)</b>  <b>1334 Blacksburg Highway</b>  <b>Blacksburg, SC 29702</b></p>	<p>I have seen the proposal of an access road connecting Simper Rd to Blacksburg Hwy for road access for BedTime Stories, which is a sex store. This proposed road is coming across the back left corner of my father's property at 1334 Blacksburg Hwy. My daughter is currently living there. I don't see how this is a good idea and the best spending of SC tax payers money. There is never a lot of customers at this 'establishment' and don't see how this justifies another road being built. The Sunoco truck stop has road access from the parking lot on the Blacksburg Hwy road. Why can't a right of way be made through this parking lot for the adult bookstore? This is common practice and is seen in a lot of other businesses. Thank you</p> <p>Tina Reed</p>
<p><b>David Wilson (email)</b>  <b>828-280-4247</b></p>	<p>I have seen the proposed changes to Exit 100 as part of the I-85 Widening Project.</p>



	<p>Unfortunately, I was unable to attend the meeting on June 2nd, so I thought I would send you my questions via email. My family has some property around that exit and I was wondering if any of this will be purchased by the State as part of the project. Specifically, our properties are at 1326 and 1348 Blacksburg Highway. I realize that the plans are tentative at this time, but we would like to know if either of these properties will be impacted under the current plan. If you would like to discuss this on the phone, I can be reached at 828-280-4247. Thank you for your time,</p>
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**Attachment A**  
**Public Meeting Notice**

**PROPOSED I-85 WIDENING PROJECT  
Mile Marker 96 to 106**

Cherokee County

**Public Information Meeting**

**Meeting:**

Thursday, June 2, 2016, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., at Blacksburg Primary School located at 1010 East Cherokee Street, Blacksburg, SC 29702. The meeting will have a drop-in format, with displays for viewing. A formal presentation will not be given during this time.

In the future, if an official Public Hearing is held, a formal presentation will be given during the meeting and citizens will have the opportunity to make formal, verbal comments immediately following.

**Purpose:**

To provide information and solicit feedback from area residents concerning the proposed widening of I-85 from approximately one mile north of Exit 96 (SC 18) to Exit 106 (US 29) near the SC/NC state line. The project includes adding an additional travel lane in each direction and re-configuring interchanges to correct design deficiencies. Another purpose of the meeting will be to gather information from the public or any interested organization, on historic or cultural resources in the area. Personnel from the South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT), and representing the SCDOT, will be available to answer questions.

**Contact:**

Additional information concerning the project may be obtained by contacting Mr. Brad Reynolds, P.E., SCDOT Program Manager, at 803-737-1440 in Columbia, SC. Persons with disabilities who may require special accommodations should contact Ms. Betty Gray at 803-737-1345.

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**Attachment B**  
**Public Meeting Materials**



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**SCDOT PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING  
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**PROPOSED I-85 WIDENING  
MILEMARKER 96 to 106**

**CHEROKEE COUNTY**

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# PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING

## JUNE 2, 2016

### WELCOME

The South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) is pleased to have you attend this public meeting on the proposed Interstate 85 (I-85) improvement project. The purpose of the meeting is to allow the local community, concerned citizens, and project stakeholders an opportunity to review and comment on the proposed widening of I-85. This meeting is being conducted with an informal, open house format. You are encouraged to review the various displays and discuss your questions or concerns with any of the SCDOT staff (or their representatives) at this meeting. You are also encouraged to provide written comments on the forms provided so that we may have a written record of your concerns and suggestions. SCDOT appreciates your attendance and strongly encourages you to provide your input regarding the project in one of the following ways:

- Leave it in the Comment Box
- Mail to: Mr. Brad Reynolds, PE  
SCDOT  
PO Box 191  
Columbia, SC 29202-0191
- Email to: Mr. Brad Reynolds at [ReynoldsBS@scdot.org](mailto:ReynoldsBS@scdot.org)
- Fax to: 803.737.9868

**COMMENTS WILL BE ACCEPTED THROUGH JUNE 17, 2016**



## I-85 Widening Cherokee County



### PROJECT BACKGROUND

The SCDOT proposes to improve the I-85 corridor from approximately one mile north of SC 18 (Exit 96) to US 29 (Exit 106) near the SC/NC state line, a distance of approximately 10 miles. There are various operational deficiencies associated with many of the interchange facilities, as well as mainline capacity needs.

Traffic count data indicates that the 2015 average daily traffic ranges between 35,400 and 46,500 vehicles per day and is expected to range between 51,990 and 68,480 vehicles per day by 2040. The study area is mixed use with open forest, residential, commercial, and industrial land uses.

Funding for preliminary engineering for the proposed project is included in the SCDOT's 2014-2019 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). This project is funded through Act 98 of 2013 dollars approved by the General Assembly to SCDOT to transfer to the State Infrastructure Bank to support bond proceeds for prioritized interstate infrastructure needs across the state.



### PROJECT PURPOSE

The purpose of the project is to improve the operational performance of the existing facility. This section of I-85 is currently experiencing deteriorating levels of services, with many areas projected to be operating beyond capacity by the design year (2040). It is anticipated that the project would:

1. Add travel lanes along the I-85 mainline
2. Improve the operational efficiency and safety along various interchanges and ramps
3. Replace insufficient overpass bridges

### PROJECT SCHEDULE

SCDOT is currently performing environmental studies and preliminary design on the proposed widening project. The information gathered from various studies, along with your input will be used to assist with selecting a Preferred Alternative. Once selected, the Preferred Alternative will be presented at an official public hearing, at which time the public will have a second opportunity to ask questions and provide input on the project. The project is currently funded through the design phase. The construction schedule will be presented at the public hearing once funds are identified. The following is an anticipated project schedule:

Project Schedule	Date
Public Information Meetings	June 2016
Complete Environmental Assessment	December 2016
Public Hearing	February 2017
Advertise for Design-Build Construction	TBD
Construction Begins	TBD
Construction Complete	TBD

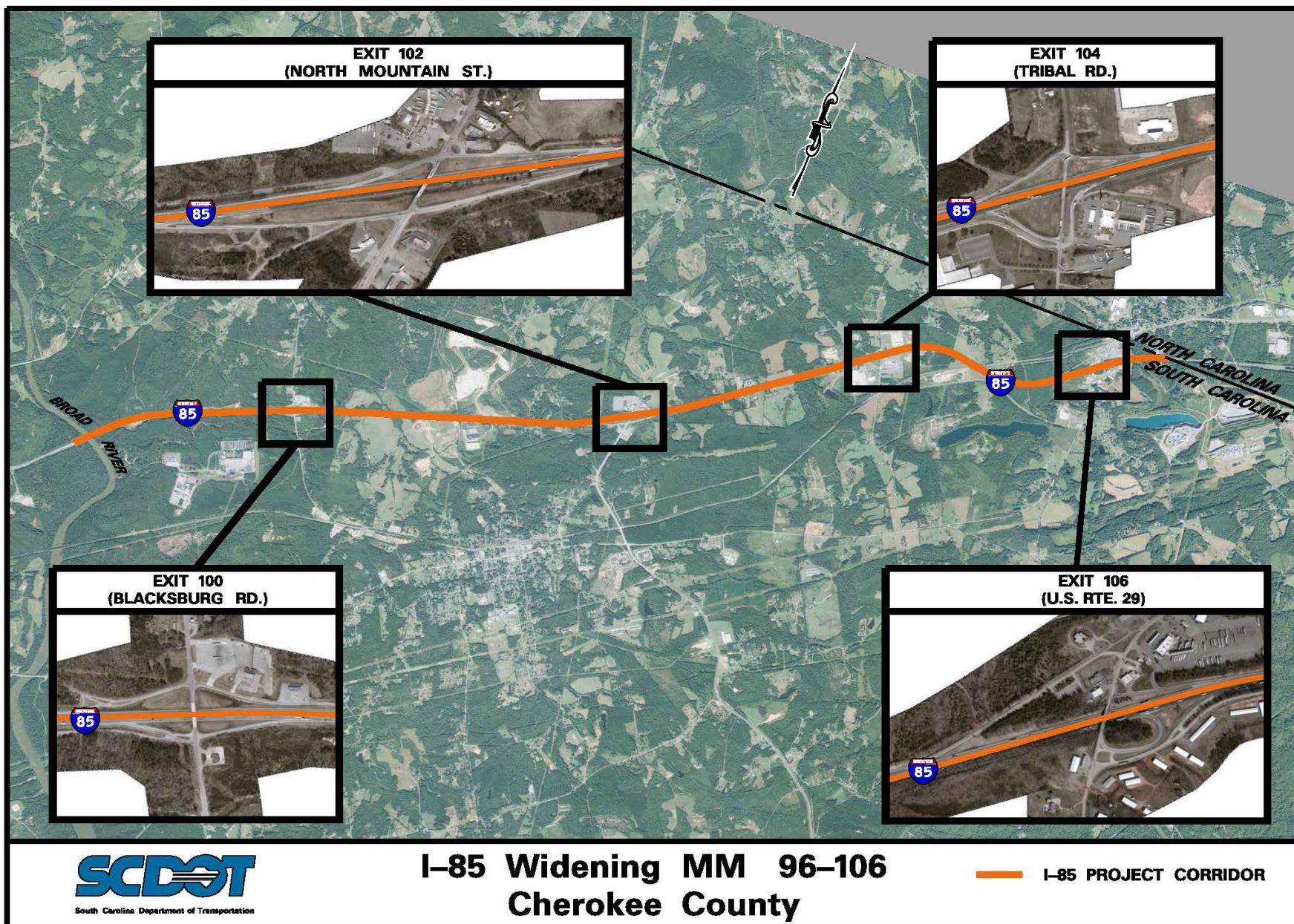


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## I-85 Widening Cherokee County



**Attachment C**  
**Public Meeting Sign-In Sheets**  
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**Comments**





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### PROPOSED I-85 WIDENING MILEMARKER 96 to 106

### CHEROKEE COUNTY

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Kinda Falls

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Steve Turner

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Jacy & Karen McDaniel

119 Sconic Drive Blacksburg S.C. 29702

Jackie Foster

138 Byers Circle, Blacksburg, SC 29702

Brynn Barnard

106 Twin Chimney Rd Camp Bello SC 29302

Jonna Turner

220 Park Gate Rd Gaffney 29341

David Hall

P.O. Box 606, Apt. 2C

Stephen Ellis

216 Cobblestone Crossing Gaffney SC 29341

STEVE GUNAWA

512 CAMBRIDGE DR SPTBG, SC 29301

William Martin

560 Rock Cut Rd Smyrna SC 29743

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234 S. Wilbur St. Blacksburg SC 29702

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104 Sheraton Loop Gaffney SC 29341

Joey Lemmons

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Mrs. Thomas R. Kimbrell	531 Whites Farm Rd. Blacksburg, SC
Chase & Tracy Crawford	124 Knolls Farm Rd Blacksburg SC 29702
DARREN JANESKY	449 N Shelby St Blacksburg
Phyllis Crawford	603 Tribal Rd. Blacksburg SC 29702
Doug Crawford	" "
Jaymes L. Mann	117 Pine Forest Dr. Blacksburg 29702
Chris Deal	243 Wendy Dr. Blacksburg SC 29702
Frank Shaeff	306 Huxon Dr " "
Chad Wray	1619 E Cherokee St Blacksburg
Deborah Hamrick	1010 E Cherokee St, Blacksburg SC
Tim Buller	Guffney Ledger
Simon A. Henson	338 Henson Rd BLACKSBURG 29702
Nickelle Smith	2105 International Dr., Spartanburg, SC
Mike B. Pattenson	304 Sunset Dr. Blacksburg, SC
Daniel Love	236 Possum Trot Rd Blacksburg SC

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Jimmy Hensley

737 Holly Ridge Rd Blacksburg SC

Stephen Staker

589 Whiree Farm Rd Bleeburg SC

Dale Macell

2963 Black Mt York SC

Jo Ann Patterson

401 S. Charleston St. Blacksburg

Dean Duff -

591 Tribal Rd. Blacksburg

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110 RAILROAD AVE GAFFNEY

Eddie Bishop

229 GARDEU LAKES DR

Albert Stevens

627 MARTIN HILLS RD BLACKBURG

Laura Stevens

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GARY BLACK	144 CAVENY RD. BLACKSBURG
Caryn Graham	459 Gibbons Rd, Blacksburg SC
Chip Montgomery	294 Ed Blacksburg SC 29702
Wendell Earls	151 Cocksey St Blacksburg SC 29702
Whitney Millwood	603 Tribal Rd Blacksburg SC 29702
Jim Cook	101 Campus Drive Gaffney SC 29341
KEN MOOR	101 CAMPUS DR. GAFFNEY SC 29341
MASON THOMPSON	123 THOMPSON ROAD - BLacksburg
Hal Howington	1140 N. Mountain St Blacksburg SC 29702
David Giptons	321 Giptons Rd Blacksburg
May H. Giptons	" " " "
Ken Eric Evans	148 Mullery Rd Blacksburg
Carol Ruppe	109 Sizemore Acres Ln Blacksburg
Barry Bailey	252 Bear Den Road BLACKSBURG
Cody Duffie	591 Tribal Rd Blacksburg
Robert Lippsman	518 TRIBAL RD BLACKSBURG SC

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Thank you for The Meeting & Time to Explain  
the options.

I Like Exit 106 Alternate 3, Exit 104 Area 3,  
Exit 102 Area 3, Exit 100 Area 2

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COMMENT SHEET  
THURSDAY, JUNE 2, 2016

PROPOSED I-85 WIDENING  
MILEMARKER 96 to 106

CHEROKEE COUNTY

NAME

Mr, Mrs, Ms, Mr & Mrs

(Please choose one:)

MAILING ADDRESS

HOLLAND BELUE

110 RAILROAD AVE GAFFNEY SC 29340

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PHONE NUMBER

864. 487-2560

COMMENTS

NO ON 104 ALT #2 WOULD

DEMO A BUILDING and 500 JOBS.

Mail Comments to:



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SC Department of Transportation  
PO Box 191  
Columbia, SC 29202-0191  
Or email to: [reynoldsbs@scdot.org](mailto:reynoldsbs@scdot.org)

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Written comments will be accepted until June 17, 2016.

SCDOT PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING  
COMMENT SHEET  
THURSDAY, JUNE 2, 2016

PROPOSED I-85 WIDENING  
MILEMARKER 96 to 106

CHEROKEE COUNTY

NAME

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

Clyde D. & Phyllis Crawford

MAILING ADDRESS

603 Tribal Rd Blakesburg SC 29702

Street/Route

City

State

Zip Code

PHONE NUMBER

864-491-3216

COMMENTS

I don't really care which

Alternate because all 3 will affect my property

But Alternate 2 White Farms Rd. onto  
Alternate 1

Bridge at 104 needs to be wider

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PROPOSED I-85 WIDENING  
MILEMARKER 96 to 106

CHEROKEE COUNTY

NAME

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

MAILING ADDRESS

308. William St. Blakely S.C. 29712-0121  
Street/Route City State Zip Code

PHONE NUMBER

864-490-5466

COMMENTS

Very happy for this project. We have been waiting for a long time.

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**CHEROKEE COUNTY**

**NAME**

☒ Mr, Mrs, Ms, Mr & Mrs Wendell Earls  
(Please choose one:)

**MAILING ADDRESS** 151 Cooksey St Blacksburg SC 29702  
Street/Route City State Zip Code

**PHONE NUMBER** 864 812 2371

**COMMENTS** When looking at exit 102 it show a bridge kinda like  
is already there. I go this way to work everyday and have had to sit  
in traffic a half mile back from the bridge due to the traffic that comes  
hwy 5 from the York area. I would like to see a four lane bridge with  
turning lanes. This would ease the traffic wait time. Also I think you  
need to look a way to tie the frontage Rd coming from exit 104 towards  
exit 102 but Saps. This would allow for more access to property's  
to allow more growth for the Town of Blacksburg.

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**CHEROKEE COUNTY**

**NAME**

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

*FAIS*

**MAILING ADDRESS**

*917 west Blacksburg SC 29102*  
Street/Route Pine City State Zip Code  
*St.*

**PHONE NUMBER**

**COMMENTS** *It was good*

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NAME

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

MAILING ADDRESS LINDA FALLS  
P.O. Box 18 Blacksburg SC 29702  
Street/Route City State Zip Code

PHONE NUMBER 864-838-2020

COMMENTS Exit 102- need 4 lane bridge

When coming from Blacksburg toward I-85  
major bottle-necking at traffic lights at  
current bridge. EMS, Fire Dept. & Police need  
to be able to get through - commuters  
should not have to sit through several  
lights to proceed

Exit 104- NO on alternate 2  
because exit ramp goes through major  
business with numerous employees

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CHEROKEE COUNTY

NAME

Mr, Mrs, Ms, Mr & Mrs Jackie Fortier  
(Please choose one:)

MAILING ADDRESS 138 Byers Circle, Blacksburg, SC 29702  
Street/Route City State Zip Code

PHONE NUMBER (864) 839-9368 OR (864) 838-2927

COMMENTS All bridges need to be wider. However, the roads leading to 102 and 104 need to be just like 106 where it's reinforced to withstand all the truck weight. Same with all the bridges being reinforced similar to what was done @ 106. 104 needs to be replaced all together with the driveways smoothed out to not only lanes but to TRG also. Very dangerous for us employees @ TRG w/ the trucks in & out there. So is it possible to have them rerouted by chance? Just an idea... I've seen places where they circle over or under the interstate to have access to truck stops. At exit 106, could you not take Takeview Dr (in attempt 3) & go along property lines to connect to the frontage rd or even the Millcreek Rd? Please try to avoid taking the older homes out. It gets pot holes about 2-7 days after fixing them.

Please consider replanting trees where you take out roads or don't need lands

Thank you very much for considering our input. I don't have internet so please update me via phone for any/all updates. Thanks again!  
God Bless!!

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**CHEROKEE COUNTY**

**NAME**

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

Caryn Graham

**MAILING ADDRESS**

459 Gibbons Rd Blacksburg Sc 29702  
Street/Route City State Zip Code

**PHONE NUMBER**

864-219-1305

**COMMENTS**

Noise Concerns. Ingress & Egress to property.  
Secure barriers between I-85 and frontage road.  
Proper signage for traffic exiting Love's Truck Stop  
to prevent tractor trailers from entering frontage road  
There is no turn around available and there has been  
minor property damage. Parking during construction at  
TRG (my employer).

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COMMENTS

Deborah Hamrick  
134 Ross Rd, Blacksburg SC 29702  
864-761-6408 or wk 864-761-6408  
Exit 102 - I like Alternate 1 - Bridge  
has a turn lane appears to be longer.  
This bridge is a hazard in the mornings -  
traffic backups in both directions causes  
people to make un-safe moves.  
~~Should there be a possibility of~~

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**NAME**

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

DARREN JANESEY

(COUNCIL MEMBER TOWN BLACKSBURG)

**MAILING ADDRESS**

449 N SHELBY ST BLACKSBURG SC

Street/Route

City

State

Zip Code

**PHONE NUMBER**

864 834 9132

**COMMENTS**

I-85 EXIT 102

VERY IMPORTANT TO HAVE ACCESS TO PARCELS  
LOCATED BEHIND HARDEES AT 85 NORTH RAMP  
THIS AREA HAS BEEN CONSIDERED FOR DEVELOPMENT  
IN PAST AND COULD NOT BE ACCESSED DUE TO  
SCDOT RESTRICTIONS ON 85 N RAMP.

ACCESS SHOULD ALSO COVER A FRONTAGE ROAD  
TO EXIT 104 BECAUSE 104 FRONTAGE RD.  
DOES NOT CONNECT TO EXIT 102 ALONG INTERSTATE  
ON NORTHBOUND SIDE

I ALSO HAVE CONCERNS ABOUT REDUCING PARKING  
AREA AT FLYING J

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CHEROKEE COUNTY

NAME

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

Mr Karen McDaniel

MAILING ADDRESS

119 Scenic Drive Blacksburg S.C.  
Street/Route City State Zip Code 29702

PHONE NUMBER

COMMENTS

Exit 100 - use alternate #2

Exit 104 - use Alternate ~~#1~~ #1

Exit 102 - use alternate #2

Exit 106 - use alternate #2

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NAME

☒ Mr, Mrs, Ms, Mr & Mrs  
(Please choose one:)

Tracy A. McDaniel

MAILING ADDRESS

119 Scenic Dr. Blacksburg, SC 29702  
Street/Route City State Zip Code

PHONE NUMBER

864-939-4758

COMMENTS

Exit 104 - Alt. 2 - NO - Exit Ramp runs thru  
Atlas Building - would cause loss of jobs.

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**NAME**

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Ken Moore

**MAILING ADDRESS**

101 CAMPUS DR Gaffney S 29341  
Street/Route City State Zip Code

**PHONE NUMBER**

864-~~833-1111~~ 492-2881

**COMMENTS**

EXIT 104 ALT 2 WOULD KILL 200+ JOBS. NOT  
A OPTION

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**MAILING ADDRESS**

James L Moss  
117 Pine Forest Dr Blacksburg SC 29702  
Street/Route City State Zip Code

**PHONE NUMBER**

864 490 7183

**COMMENTS**

100 Use alternate 2

102 - " " 2

104 " " 1

104 " " 2

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CHEROKEE COUNTY

NAME

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

Mike Patterson

MAILING ADDRESS

304 Sunset Dr Blacksburg, SC 29702  
Street/Route City State Zip Code

PHONE NUMBER

864-239-3374

COMMENTS

I-85 North at 102 need a North bound frontage  
Road That connects with the 104. If you look the  
frontage Road ends I feel it would help with possible new  
business as well as if there was an emergency on the  
Interstate.

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NAME

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

Joshua P. Parker Chief Butts VFO

MAILING ADDRESS

137 Blackhawk Road Blacksburg SC 29202

Street/Route

City

State

Zip Code

PHONE NUMBER

864-441-6033

COMMENTS

① needs breaks in concrete for easier vehicles

② new off/on ramps will interfere with my  
current fire hydrants please keep my hydrants  
or add more !!

Thank & I Support the changes

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NAME

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

Stephen Stecker

MAILING ADDRESS

589 Whites Farm Bledsoe SC 29702  
Street/Route City State Zip Code

PHONE NUMBER

864-~~88~~ 300-9130

COMMENTS

Already have an enormous erosion issue with  
drainage off interstate. Concerned additional water flow  
will impact driveway with a very real possibility of  
totally washing out driveway.

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MAILING ADDRESS

Donna Turner Cherokee County Chamber  
225 S Lincolnton St, Gaffney SC 29341  
Street/Route City State Zip Code

PHONE NUMBER

COMMENTS

No exit 104 Alternate 2  
- would kill 250+ jobs !!

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CHEROKEE COUNTY

NAME

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

Robert Vipperman

MAILING ADDRESS

518 TRIBAL RD BLACKSBURG SC 29702  
Street/Route City State Zip Code

PHONE NUMBER

(864 812-6150) (864 8394125) Home

COMMENTS

I HAVE 2.9 AC bX R.R. TRACKS IT HAS BEEN  
FOR SALE SINCE HOVES TRUCK STOP WENT IN.  
IT IS PROPOSED FOR ONE OF THE OPTIONS. I WOULD  
BE WILLING TO DISCUSS IT ANY TIME

Robert Vipperman

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