

SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

STATEMENT OF POLICY

Policy No. 1
Subject: Naming and Dedicating a road, bridge or highway facility
References: S.C. Code Sections 57-3-610, 10-1-165, 1976, as amended

The South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) Commission, in consultation with the Secretary of Transportation, establishes the following policy for naming and dedicating roads, bridges or highway facilities in honor of an individual or individuals:

- 1) While the Legislature is in session: The General Assembly has the authority to pass a concurrent resolution to name and dedicate a road, bridge or other highway facility. Therefore, during the legislative session, SCDOT will refer road naming and dedication requests to the appropriate county legislative delegation for its consideration and possible action. The Secretary of Transportation shall erect the appropriate signs upon receipt from the General Assembly of an official copy of an act containing a fully approved concurrent resolution and written approval by a majority of the appropriate county legislative delegation to reimburse the Department \$500 from the county C Fund account for expenses, as provided by S.C. Code 57-3-610.
- 2) When the Legislature is not in session: The Commission may by a majority vote, pass a resolution to dedicate a road, bridge or other highway facility in honor of an individual or individuals. The individual(s) should be widely recognized and renowned for their exceptional achievements including individual(s) killed in the line of duty of service to the Nation, State or local community. Prior to the Commission considering the proposed resolution, the Secretary of Transportation is to secure the support of the majority of the appropriate county legislative delegation, including the resident House and Senate member and agreement from the requesting entity to provide \$500 in order to reimburse the Department for expenses as provided by S.C. Code Section 57-3-610. Upon full approval by the Commission, the Secretary of Transportation shall erect the appropriate signage.
- 3) The Commission reserves the right to invoke its authority at any time to pass a resolution by majority vote to dedicate a road, bridge or other highway facility for SCDOT employees that are widely recognized and renowned for their exceptional service including individual(s) killed in the line of duty. The county legislative delegation and full General Assembly approvals are not required. Upon full approval by the Commission, the Secretary of Transportation shall erect the appropriate signage with SCDOT bearing the expenses.

The Heritage Act (Act 292 of 2000) provides that “No Revolutionary War, War of 1812, Mexican War, War Between the States, Spanish-American War, World War I, World War II, Korean War, Vietnam War, Persian Gulf War, Native American, or African-American History monuments or memorials erected on public property of the State or any of its political subdivisions may be relocated, removed, disturbed, or altered. No street, bridge, structure, park, preserve, reserve, or other public area of the State or any of its political subdivisions dedicated in memory of or named for any historic figure or historic event may be renamed or rededicated.” The Heritage Act also requires that the protection provisions can only be amended or repealed upon passage of an act, which has received a two-thirds vote on the third reading of the bill in each branch of the General Assembly. Therefore, SCDOT will refer to the General Assembly any request that the Department receives to modify the name or dedication of a road, bridge or other highway facility that is covered by the Heritage Act.

The Commission adopted this **updated** policy at its December 10, 2020, meeting and it supersedes all previous versions.



Tony K. Cox, Commission Chairman