

**SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION
STATEMENT OF POLICY**

Policy No. 2

Subject: Solicitation and Use of Earmark or discretionary funding from State and Federal Government – Highways

References: Section 57-13-30, 57-1-370, 57-1-460, S.C. Code of Laws, 1976, as amended
23 Code of Federal Regulations Par 630.112

The South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) Commission establishes the following policy for the application and use of Earmarks and or funding dedicated to projects directly from Congress and the Legislature:

- 1) The requesting of earmarks and or appropriations should be coordinated with the State Transportation Authority (SCDOT) to ensure the project being considered is consistent with the Statewide Transportation Program that has been adopted by the Commission. In the case of an earmark or appropriation for a study or research project related to highways, the study or research should also be an identified need that has been coordinated with the Secretary of Transportation.
- 2) Projects being considered for Earmarks/Appropriations must have a financial plan in place for the project to be completed. This may include funding from the requesting entity, previous expenditures for work on the project or study, as well as resolution or some other form of written documentation of support for the project from the Governmental entities seeking the funding for the project.
- 3) Matching funds if required will be provided from the entity seeking the Earmark/Appropriation.
- 4) The SCDOT is at risk for funds spent on projects that do not proceed to construction in a specified period of time in accordance with FHWA guidance and policy referenced above. For that reason, Earmarks and Appropriations will generally be directed to the construction phase of the project, and will not be used for preliminary engineering and Environmental studies unless specifically authorized by the SCDOT Commission. In the event that a significant project (eg: A project expected to cost more than \$100 million dollars to complete) is being considered, the Commission may discuss the merits of the case and make an exception to the requirement for use of Earmarks/Appropriations for construction.

This Policy was adopted by the Commission at its January 19, 2012 meeting.

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Commission Chairman