

**SOUTH CAROLINA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

Columbia, South Carolina

Project No.: BR88(044)

Road: U.S. 701

Construction PIN: 30688

File No. 22.030688

CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC HEARING

This is to certify that on Tuesday, September 10, 2013 between 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m., a public hearing was held in the Waccamaw National Wildlife Refuge Visitors' Center located at 21424 North Fraser Street, Georgetown, SC 29440, 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

October 11, 2013

Public Hearing for the Proposed Replacement of the US 701 Bridges over the Great Pee Dee River, Great Pee Dee River Overflow, and Yauhannah Lake in Georgetown and Horry Counties, South Carolina

Location: The Waccamaw National Wildlife Refuge Visitor's Center in Georgetown County, was selected because of its proximity to the project area and its convenient location. The venue provided wall space for displays and areas to accommodate written and verbal comments as well as handouts.

Time: The public hearing was held on Tuesday, September 10, 2013, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Handouts: A brochure (see Appendix) was presented to each attendee at the hearing. The brochure included a project description, an explanation of the hearing format, and an appeal to those in attendance to comment.

Displays: One set of plans was displayed on a wall outside of the conference room to provide a more detailed description of the project. A designated area was used for comment forms and boxes for the responses. Recording equipment was available for verbal comments. Greeters at the sign-in table notified attendees that there were three ways to comment: (1) place your comment forms in the designated boxes, (2) have your comments recorded, and (3) mail in your comments.

Personnel: Those actively participating in the Public Hearing from the SCDOT included Tyke Redfearn and Bener Amado from RPG2 Program Management; Henry Phillips, Nicole Riddle, Ed Frierson, and Chris Beckham from Environmental; Claude Ipock from Construction (Headquarters); Commissioner Mike Wooten; Matt Lifsey, John Boylston, and David Kinard from RPG1 Program Management; Holly Moody and Bobby Martin from Rights of Way; Jason Thompson (District 5 Construction); and Travis Patrick (Horry Construction) and Anna Levy (Georgetown Construction). In addition, Shane Belcher from FHWA attended the meeting.

Process: The attendees were greeted and given the handouts, and the hearing format was briefly explained. They were then urged to comment, and directed to the appropriate person to have their questions answered. Department personnel were easily identified by nametags. The displays were constantly manned, and if any attendee appeared to have questions, personnel sought them out to discuss the project or direct them to someone who could answer their questions. At 6:00 p.m. the formal portion was held that included a presentation by Tyke Redfearn and comments from two citizens (see Appendix). As everyone left, they were asked if they had any additional questions or comments and were urged to comment. They were also thanked for attending.

Attendance: Approximately 78 members of the public were in attendance and of this number approximately 15 were white females, 9 were black females, and 7 were black males. A copy of the sign-in sheets is included in the Appendix.

Comments: Two (2) of the attendees had comments recorded. The comments and the Program Manager's responses are attached in Appendix. No written comments were received at the hearing and only three (3) Agency comments were received during the 30-day comment period. A summary of these comments is attached as Appendix D.

**PROPOSED BRIDGE REPLACEMENTS
ON US 701 OVER THE GREAT PEE DEE RIVER, PEE DEE
RIVER OVERFLOW AND YAUHANNAH LAKE**

Georgetown and Horry Counties

Location and Design Public Hearing

Project:

In an effort to maintain safe roadways for the citizens of Georgetown and Horry Counties, the South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) is proposing replacement of the existing bridges over the Great Pee Dee River, Pee Dee River Overflow and Yauhannah Lake along an approximate 2 mile stretch of US 701. SCDOT determined that these three (3) bridges are structurally deficient and functionally obsolete.

The new bridges will be constructed adjacent to the existing roadway alignment. The new structures will provide two travel lanes, one in each direction of travel. New bridge approach roadways and new connecting roadways between the bridges will also be constructed.

Hearing and Hearing Agenda:

The Hearing will be conducted on Tuesday, September 10, 2013, between 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. at the Waccamaw National Wildlife Refuge Visitors' Center which is adjacent to US 701 at 21424 N. Fraser Street Georgetown, South Carolina 29440. The format will be informal from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. with *the presentation and formal comment portion of the hearing beginning at 6:00 p.m.* Citizens who would like to make public verbal comments should sign up to speak no later than 5:55 p.m. Each speaker will be allotted two (2) minutes to speak and their time is not transferable to another person. The informal portion of the public hearing will continue after verbal comments until 7:00 pm.

Purpose of the Hearing:

The Public Hearing will provide information concerning the proposed bridge replacement and solicit input from area residents. Another purpose of the hearing will be to gather information from the public or any interested organization on historic or cultural resources in the area. Engineering and environmental personnel from SCDOT and its consultant will be available to discuss the project with interested citizens on an individual basis. Tentative schedules for construction and right of way acquisition will be discussed. Further project details, including an environmental assessment of the project's effects, will be provided. Property owners near the bridges are requested to attend. Maps and drawings of the proposed improvements will be available and attendees may ask questions and provide comments regarding the possible social, economic, and environmental effects of the project.

Review

The environmental document, related maps and displays as well as other pertinent data will be available for public review fifteen days prior to and after the hearing at the SCDOT's Central Office at 955 Park Street in Columbia and at SCDOT's District office at 3018 E. Palmetto Street in Florence or by visiting http://www.scdot.org/inside/public_hearings.aspx . Additional information concerning the project may be obtained by contacting Assistant Program Manager W. "Tyke" Redfearn at 803-737-1430 in Columbia. Persons with disabilities who may require special accommodations to attend the hearing should contact Ms. Lis Bleasdale at 803-737-1395.

**South Carolina Department of Transportation
and Federal Highway Administration**

The Sun News – 08/19/2013

The Georgetown Times – 08/21/2013

Comment Form
Bridge Replacements
US 701 over Great Pee Dee River, Overflow, & Yauhannah Lake
Georgetown & Horry Counties
Project BR88(044); File 22.124B; PCN 30684X

Public Hearing
September 10, 2013
Waccamaw National Wildlife Refuge

NAME:

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

MAILING ADDRESS: _____
Street City State Zip Code

PHONE NUMBER: _____

COMMENTS: _____

Please drop this form in the comment box or send to:

Tyke Redfearn, SCDOT Assistant Program Manager
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Columbia, SC 29202-0191
Email: RedfearnWT@scdot.org
Fax: (803) 737-1881

Please submit comments by September 25, 2013

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

1 BEING ABLE TO ALLOW US TO USE THIS
2 FACILITY TONIGHT. AND CERTAINLY, IF
3 YOU HAVEN'T GOTTEN A CHANCE TO WALK
4 AROUND AND LOOK AT THAT FACILITY, IT'S
5 A WONDERFUL TREASURE TO HAVE HERE
6 LOCALLY FOR Y'ALL. SO, I DO ENCOURAGE
7 YOU TO DO THAT. I THINK IT'S EVEN GOT
8 A GIFT SHOP THAT'S OPEN. SO A LITTLE
9 PLUG FOR HIM THERE. THEY WILL BE OPEN
10 OBVIOUSLY `TIL WE LEAVE. SO, IF YOU DO
11 GET THE CHANCE, PLEASE TRY TO MAKE YOUR
12 WAY AROUND AND LEARN A LITTLE BIT ABOUT
13 THE EXHIBITS. THIS IS A PUBLIC
14 HEARING. THIS IS OUR OPPORTUNITY TO
15 HEAR FROM THE PUBLIC AND HEARING FROM
16 THE PUBLIC ON OUR PROJECTS IS VERY
17 IMPORTANT TO THE DOT. IT HELPS US
18 DELIVER A BETTER PRODUCT BECAUSE WE
19 LEARN JUST REALLY INVALUABLE
20 INFORMATION ABOUT WHAT'S GOING ON AT
21 THE LOCAL LEVEL CONCERNING THE PROJECT.
22 SO, IF YOU HAVE COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS,
23 WE WANT TO HEAR THEM. WE WOULD LOVE
24 FOR YOU TO WRITE THEM DOWN AND TURN
25 THEM INTO THE BOXES THAT ARE OUTSIDE IN

1 THE LOBBY. IF YOU CAN'T GET IT IN
2 TONIGHT, YOU CAN CERTAINLY MAIL THAT IN
3 OUR HANDOUT WHICH HAS AN ADDRESS FOR
4 TYKE AND YOU CAN GET THOSE IN. IF YOU
5 CAN GET THOSE IN TO US, WE ARE LOOKING
6 TO GET THOSE BY SEPTEMBER THE 25TH SO
7 YOU CAN CERTAINLY DO THAT. I WILL ALSO
8 LET YOU KNOW THAT THE DISPLAYS AND
9 TYKE'S PRESENTATION, ALL THAT
10 INFORMATION -- SOME OF IT IS ALREADY ON
11 OUR WEBSITE. IF IT IS NOT THERE, LIKE
12 HIS PRESENTATION WILL BE PUT UP
13 TOMORROW. I DON'T THINK WE HAVE THE
14 ADDRESS ON THE HANDOUT. THAT WAS AN
15 OVERSIGHT ON MY PART, BUT IF YOU GO TO
16 WWW.SCDOT.ORG AND THERE IS A BOX DOWN
17 AT THE BOTTOM THAT SAYS, "PUBLIC
18 HEARINGS" AND CLICK ON THAT. I THINK
19 RIGHT NOW THIS PROJECT IS AT THE TOP OF
20 THAT LIST. SO, YOU CAN GO THERE AND
21 YOU CAN LOOK AT THE ENVIRONMENTAL
22 ASSESSMENT DOCUMENT. THE ENVIRONMENTAL
23 DOCUMENT THAT WAS DONE FOR THIS PROJECT
24 IS THERE, AS WELL AS, LIKE I SAID,
25 OTHER INFORMATION THAT'S HERE TONIGHT.

1 SO YOU CAN CERTAINLY LOOK AT THAT, BUT
2 CERTAINLY IF YOU HAVE COMMENTS, WE DO
3 WANT TO HEAR THEM. AT THIS POINT, WHAT
4 I WILL DO IS I WANT TO MAKE SURE
5 EVERYONE KNOWS THAT THESE PROCEEDINGS
6 ARE BEING RECORDED. AS I MENTIONED,
7 THIS IS OUR PUBLIC HEARING. IT WILL
8 BECOME A PART OF OUR PUBLIC RECORD FOR
9 THIS PROJECT. SO, ALL THE INFORMATION
10 WE GATHER BECOMES A PART OF THAT PUBLIC
11 RECORD TIED TO THIS PROJECT. YOUR SIGN
12 IN SHEET, WHERE YOU SIGN IN, CERTAINLY
13 IF YOU SIGNED UP TO SPEAK, ALL OF THAT
14 WILL BE A PART OF OUR PUBLIC RECORDS.
15 SO, WITH THAT, I DON'T KNOW IF I HAVE
16 ANY ELECTED OFFICIALS THAT CAME IN. I
17 KNOW THAT I HAVE A COUNTY COUNCILMAN
18 AND I WILL GIVE HIM AN OPPORTUNITY IN A
19 LITTLE BIT, BUT WERE THERE ANY FOLKS
20 THAT CAME IN FROM OUR LOCAL DELEGATION
21 THAT MAYBE I JUST DIDN'T MEET? GREAT,
22 ALRIGHT. WITH THAT, I'M GOING TO TURN
23 IT NOW OVER TO MR. TYKE REDFEARN AND HE
24 IS GOING TO GIVE YOU A PRESENTATION
25 ABOUT THE PROJECT. THANK YOU.

1 MR. REDFEARN: GOOD EVENING EVERYONE
2 AND THANK YOU FOR TAKING TIME OUT OF
3 YOUR BUSY SCHEDULES TO ATTEND THIS
4 PUBLIC HEARING. MY NAME IS TYKE
5 REDFEARN AND I AM AN ASSISTANT PROGRAM
6 MANAGER FOR THE SOUTH CAROLINA
7 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, ALSO
8 KNOWN AS SCDOT. I AM PRECEDING THE
9 BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT ALONG U.S.
10 ROUTE 701, ALSO KNOWN AS NORTH FRASER
11 STREET OR FOURTH AVENUE. WE REALIZE
12 THAT MANY OF YOU HAVE CONCERNS,
13 QUESTIONS, AND/OR COMMENTS ABOUT THE
14 PROJECT AND YOUR STATEMENTS ARE
15 EXTREMELY IMPORTANT. I SEE SOME
16 FAMILIAR FACES BECAUSE WE WERE HERE A
17 FEW YEARS AGO AND SINCE THEN WE HAVE
18 DILIGENTLY RE-EVALUATED THE
19 ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES AND ADJUSTED OUR
20 PLAN ACCORDINGLY. WE ARE HERE AGAIN
21 TONIGHT TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ABOUT
22 THE PROJECT AND TO RECORD YOUR
23 STATEMENTS. AS EARLIER MENTIONED, WE
24 WILL RESPOND TO YOUR COMMENTS BY
25 WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE AT A LATER DATE.

1 AS HENRY SAID, PLEASE KNOW THAT ALL THE
2 HANDOUTS INCLUDE ALL THE INFORMATION
3 SHOWN IN THESE SLIDES AND IF YOU NEED
4 HELP WITH THE WEBSITE CALL ME OR E-MAIL
5 ME. MY NAME IS ON THE BACK OF YOUR
6 HANDOUT. THE PURPOSE OF THE PROJECT IS
7 TO MAINTAIN THE DIRECT CONNECTION
8 BETWEEN THE CITIES OF CONWAY AND
9 GEORGETOWN, AS WELL AS THE COMMUNITIES
10 OF BUCKSPORT AND YAUHANNAH BY REPLACING
11 THE THREE BRIDGES THAT SPAN YAUHANNAH
12 LAKE, THE GREAT PEE DEE RIVER, AND ITS
13 OVERFLOW. THE NEED FOR THESE
14 REPLACEMENTS IS TWO-FOLD. FIRST OF
15 ALL, SCDOT DETERMINED THROUGH REGULAR
16 INSPECTIONS THAT THESE BRIDGES ARE
17 STRUCTURALLY DEFICIENT AND FUNCTIONALLY
18 OBSOLETE. SECOND, IF THESE BRIDGES
19 WERE CLOSED AND ABANDONED, THE
20 AVAILABLE DETOUR ROUTE ADDS ALMOST
21 40 MILES TO THE ONE-WAY TRIP FROM THE
22 YAUHANNAH COMMUNITY TO CONWAY. AS YOU
23 ALREADY KNOW, THIS WILL CAUSE ENTIRELY
24 TOO MUCH INCONVENIENCE FOR YOU IN YOUR
25 DAILY TRAVELS.

1 AUDIENCE: I'D SAY.
2 MR. REDFEARN: THE DISTANCE ALONG U.S.
3 ROUTE 701 IS CLOSE TO TWO MILES FROM
4 TRINITY ROAD IN GEORGETOWN TO LUCAS BAY
5 IN HORRY COUNTY. THE CURRENT POSTED
6 SPEED LIMIT IS 55 MILES PER HOUR AND
7 THERE IS ONE NARROW TRAVEL LANE IN EACH
8 DIRECTION WITH LITTLE OR NO SHOULDER
9 ACCESS. THE YAUHANNAH LAKE BRIDGE TO
10 THE SOUTHWEST IS LOCATED WHOLLY IN
11 GEORGETOWN COUNTY. THE GREAT PEE DEE
12 RIVER BRIDGE IN THE CENTER CROSSES
13 HORRY/GEORGETOWN COUNTY LINE, AND THE
14 OVERFLOW BRIDGE TO THE NORTHEAST IS
15 LOCATED ENTIRELY IN HORRY COUNTY. WHEN
16 ALL THREE BRIDGES LINKS ARE ADDED
17 TOGETHER THESE BRIDGES SPANNED MORE
18 THAN 4,300 LINEAR FEET. ONGOING
19 REPAIRS ARE BECOMING COSTLY AND AS YOU
20 RECENTLY EXPERIENCED, DETOURS DURING
21 THOSE REPAIRS ARE INCONVENIENT FOR
22 DRIVERS. ALTHOUGH WE CONSIDERED AND
23 STUDIED MANY VARIOUS ALTERNATIVES, THE
24 PREFERRED ALIGNMENT LOCATED 55 FEET
25 UPSTREAM OF THE EXISTING CENTERLINE IS

1 ADJACENT TO AND PARALLEL TO THE
2 EXISTING ROADWAY. THE PROPOSED ROADWAY
3 WILL HAVE TWO 12 FOOT DRIVING LANES,
4 THAT'S ONE LANE IN EACH DIRECTION WITH
5 SIX FOOT PAVED SHOULDER, PLUS A FOUR
6 FOOT UNPAVED SHOULDER AND THE TRAVELING
7 SURFACE OF THE PROPOSED BRIDGES WILL
8 HAVE TWO 12 FOOT DRIVING LANES WITH TEN
9 FOOT SHOULDERS. THE POSTED SPEED LIMIT
10 WILL REMAIN AT 55 MILES PER HOUR. THE
11 PROPOSED BRIDGES WILL MOST LIKELY
12 CONTAIN PRE-CAST CONCRETE BEAMS AND
13 CONCRETE DECK OR SURFACE. DURING
14 CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW BRIDGES AND
15 RELATED ROADWAYS, THE EXISTING BRIDGE
16 WILL REMAIN OPEN TO TRAFFIC, BUT
17 PERIODIC SHORT TERM LANE CLOSURES MAY
18 BE EXPANDED. WE WILL CONTINUE TO
19 MONITOR THE EXISTING BRIDGES TO ENSURE
20 THAT SAFE TRAVEL IS POSSIBLE. AFTER
21 TRAFFIC SHIFTS TO THE NEW HIGHWAY, THE
22 EXISTING BRIDGES WILL BE DEMOLISHED.
23 TO CONTROL HARMFUL EFFECTS TO THE
24 ENVIRONMENT BACK IN 1969, CONGRESS
25 PASSED THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL

MABRY COURT REPORTING

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1 POLICY ACT. THOSE OF US INVOLVED IN
2 THESE TYPES OF PROJECTS CALL IT NEPA,
3 AS OUTLINED BY NEPA, AN ENVIRONMENTAL
4 ASSESSMENT OR E-A IS A TYPE OF DOCUMENT
5 USED ON THIS PROJECT TO SHOW THE
6 POTENTIAL EFFECTS TO THE HUMAN AND
7 NATURAL ENVIRONMENT. YOU CAN VIEW THE
8 E-A TONIGHT OR ON OUR WEBSITE. THE E-A
9 DISCUSSES PROJECT RELATED ENVIRONMENTAL
10 ISSUES AND DESCRIBES OUR PLAN FOR
11 HANDLING THOSE ISSUES. THE HORRY
12 COUNTY PUBLIC BOAT RAMP IS LOCATED NEXT
13 TO THE GREAT PEE DEE RIVER BRIDGE WITH
14 A PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE. THE BOAT
15 LANDING WILL BE RELOCATED AND AS MUCH
16 AS POSSIBLE, WE INTEND TO MAINTAIN
17 ACCESS TO THE LANDING DURING
18 CONSTRUCTION. NEPA ALSO OUTLINES RULES
19 FOR COORDINATION WITH OUR NEIGHBORS
20 HERE AT THE REFUGE. WE HAVE BEEN
21 WORKING TOGETHER, SO WE WOULD CONTINUE
22 TO WORK TOGETHER THROUGHOUT THE
23 PROJECT. THE PROPOSED PROJECT INCLUDES
24 INSTALLATION OF NEW TURN LANES AT THE
25 REFUGE ENTRANCE. BY THE WAY, WE'RE

1 VERY GRATEFUL THAT WE ARE ABLE TO USE
2 THIS WONDERFUL FACILITY AND WE SAY
3 THANK YOU TO THE REFUGE MANAGER AND
4 STAFF FOR MAKING IT AVAILABLE. YOU MAY
5 WONDER WHERE WE ARE AND WHERE WE'RE
6 GOING FROM HERE. ENGINEERING IS
7 UNDERWAY AND WILL BE ONGOING THROUGHOUT
8 THE PROJECT. ENGINEERS AND PLANNERS
9 CONDUCT ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH, DEVELOP
10 AND DESIGN CONSTRUCTION PLANS AND
11 SPECIFICATIONS, AND AMONG OTHER
12 ACTIVITIES, THEY OBTAIN REGULATORY
13 PERMITS. THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT
14 OR E-A WAS RECENTLY COMPLETED SHORTLY
15 AFTER THE COMMENTING DEADLINE OF
16 SEPTEMBER 25TH. ALL OF YOUR RECORDED
17 COMMENTS WILL BE RESPONDED TO
18 INDIVIDUALLY IN WRITING. NEXT, IF
19 THERE ARE NO FURTHER CONCERNS
20 IDENTIFIED FHWA MAY ISSUE A FINDING OF
21 NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT OR FONSI, WHICH
22 SERVES AS THE APPROVAL TO CONTINUE WITH
23 PROJECT DEVELOPMENT AND LATER
24 CONSTRUCTION. WE EXPECT TO EXECUTE THE
25 CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT IN FALL OF 2014.

1 RIGHT-OF-WAY ACQUISITION COULD BEGIN
2 SHORTLY THEREAFTER. IF YOUR PROPERTY
3 IS ENCUMBERED BY THE PROJECT A
4 RIGHT-OF-WAY AGENT WILL CONTACT YOU
5 PRIOR TO ANY WORK ON YOUR LAND.
6 CONSTRUCTION COSTS OR PRELIMINARY
7 ESTIMATED TO BE IN EXCESS OF
8 \$40 MILLION. THE PROPOSED FUNDING IS A
9 FHWA BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROGRAM.
10 AGAIN, WE ARE ESPECIALLY INTERESTED IN
11 YOUR INPUT AND THERE ARE SEVERAL WAYS
12 FOR YOU TO PROVIDE YOUR COMMENTS. AS
13 MOST OF YOU ARE AWARE, YOU MAY HAVE
14 SIGNED UP TO ISSUE AN ORAL COMMENT WHEN
15 YOU ARRIVED. YOU MAY ALSO FILL OUT THE
16 COMMENT FORMS PROVIDED AND PLACE THEM
17 IN THE DROP BOX OR YOU MAY FILL THEM
18 OUT LATER AND DROP THEM IN THE MAIL.
19 YOU CAN ALSO E-MAIL ME. THE DEADLINE
20 FOR SUBMITTING A WRITTEN COMMENT IS
21 SEPTEMBER 25TH, 2013. ALL COMMENTS,
22 WHETHER ORAL OR WRITTEN, WILL BE
23 ADDRESSED IN WRITING AFTER THE
24 DEADLINE. AGAIN, THANK YOU FOR TAKING
25 TIME OUT OF YOUR BUSY SCHEDULES TO

1 EXPRESS YOUR CONCERNS AND ON BEHALF THE
2 OF FHWA AND SCDOT, WE APPRECIATE YOUR
3 PATIENCE AND COOPERATION DURING
4 CONSTRUCTION OF THESE NEW BRIDGES SO
5 THAT THE PROJECT MAY BE COMPLETED IN A
6 TIMELY MANNER.

7 MR. PHILLIPS: THANK YOU, TYKE. I DID
8 WANT TO LET FOLKS KNOW THAT WE ARE NOW
9 GOING TO MOVE INTO THE COMMENT PERIOD.
10 WE DO HAVE A FEW FOLKS WHO DID SIGN UP
11 TO SPEAK TONIGHT, SO I WILL GET TO
12 THOSE FOLKS IN JUST A MOMENT. BUT
13 BEFORE WE DO THAT, A LITTLE BIT OF THE
14 GROUND WORK. THIS IS NOT A QUESTION
15 AND ANSWER TYPE FORMAL COMMENT PERIOD.
16 SO, THIS IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO GET UP
17 HERE, YOU CAN ASK QUESTIONS, YOU CAN
18 MAKE COMMENTS, BUT IF YOU ASK A
19 QUESTION, WE DON'T RESPOND TO THEM IN
20 THIS FORMAT BECAUSE SOMETIMES THAT
21 COULD TEND TO GET US A LITTLE OFF OUR
22 SCHEDULE AND WE CERTAINLY WANT TO GET
23 FOLKS HOME IN A TIMELY MANNER AND THAT
24 SORT OF THING. SO, I DON'T THINK WE
25 WILL HAVE THAT PROBLEM TONIGHT, BUT IF

1 YOU ASK A QUESTION, THERE'S NOT REALLY
2 A RESPONSE GIVEN. THERE WILL BE PLENTY
3 OF TIME AFTER THIS IF YOU DO HAVE SOME
4 QUESTIONS TO GET WITH MYSELF OR TYKE OR
5 ANY OF THE OTHER REPRESENTATIVES THAT
6 ARE HERE FROM THE DOT TO ANSWER THOSE
7 QUESTIONS WITH YOU. FOR THOSE FOLKS
8 THAT DID SIGN UP TO SPEAK, I WILL CALL
9 YOUR NAME OUT IN JUST A MOMENT. YOU
10 WILL HAVE TWO MINUTES. THERE IS A LADY
11 RIGHT UP IN THE FRONT HERE. SHE IS
12 GOING TO KIND OF KEEP YOU ON TRACK AND
13 SHE'S GOT A SIGN SHE WILL HOLD UP WHEN
14 THERE IS 30 SECONDS LEFT AND SHE HAS
15 GOT A SIGN THAT SHE WILL HOLD UP WHEN
16 YOUR TIME IS EXPIRED. SO, PLEASE BE
17 MINDFUL OF THE TWO MINUTE LIMIT AND TRY
18 TO GET YOUR COMMENTS IN DURING THAT
19 TIME. SOME OF THE RULES WITH THIS
20 CERTAINLY, YOU KNOW, NO FOWL LANGUAGE,
21 NO PERSONAL ATTACKS OR ANYTHING LIKE
22 THAT. WE WOULD REALLY APPRECIATE THAT.
23 IF YOU HAVE -- IF THE PERSON BEFORE YOU
24 HAS SAID EXACTLY WHAT YOU WANT TO SAY,
25 YOU CAN CERTAINLY JUST SAY, "I AGREE

1 WITH WHAT THEY SAY." AND THAT WILL BE
2 THAT. I DO ASK THAT WHEN YOU DO COME
3 UP HERE AND TAKE THE MIC, YOU MIGHT
4 HAVE TO HOLD IT A LITTLE BIT CLOSER
5 THAN I AM. STATE YOUR NAME AND YOUR
6 ADDRESS SO THAT OUR COURT REPORTER WILL
7 MAKE SURE THAT SHE GETS IT CLEARLY AND
8 GETS THAT INTO THE RECORD
9 APPROPRIATELY. SO, WITH THAT, MY FIRST
10 SPEAKER TONIGHT IS MARK LAZARUS, WHO IS
11 THE CHAIRMAN OF THE HORRY COUNTY
12 COUNCIL.

13 MR. LAZARUS: THANK YOU, GOOD EVENING.
14 HOW IS EVERYBODY THESE DAYS?

15 AUDIENCE: FINE.

16 MR. LAZARUS: IT'S GOOD TO SEE ALL OF
17 YOU OUT HERE TAKING YOUR TIME. I DON'T
18 KNOW OF A POLITICIAN WHO CAN HOLD IT IN
19 TWO MINUTES, BUT I'M GOING TO DO MY
20 BEST. THANK Y'ALL FOR BEING HERE. I
21 WANT TO THANK THE SCDOT, THE U.S. FISH
22 AND WILDLIFE FOR ALL YOUR HARD WORK
23 THAT YOU HAVE PUT TOWARDS THIS. AND
24 ALL OF YOU WHO ARE IN THE ROOM AND
25 OTHERS FROM THE ENVIRONMENTALISTS TO

1 THE STAKEHOLDERS, THAT LIVES HERE ALONG
2 THIS ROUTE AND OTHERS THAT HAVE
3 DEDICATED YOUR TIME OVER THE LAST FEW
4 YEARS TO BRING THIS TO WHERE IT IS
5 TODAY, IT'S BEEN A BIG TASK. I'M NEW
6 TO THE PROCESS, OBVIOUSLY, BUT I AM NOT
7 NEW TO RIDING THIS ROAD I CAN PROMISE
8 YOU. I DO A LOT OF HUNTING AND
9 TRAVELING BACK AND FORTH ACROSS THIS
10 HIGHWAY AND I KNOW HOW DANGEROUS IT IS
11 AND I AM HERE TONIGHT AS COUNTY COUNCIL
12 CHAIRMAN OF Horry COUNTY TO EXPRESS OUR
13 CONCERNS AS A SAFETY, PUBLIC SAFETY
14 ISSUE, IS WHAT IT IS FOR US AT THIS
15 POINT. IT'S NOT TO US A MATTER OF IF
16 THERE'S SOMETHING GOING TO HAPPEN THAT
17 COULD BE TRAGIC, IT'S WHEN. IF WE
18 DON'T DO SOMETHING ABOUT THIS AND DO
19 SOMETHING ABOUT THIS NOW, RIDING THIS
20 ROAD... I WAS JUST WAS OVER HERE THE
21 OTHER NIGHT DEER HUNTING WITH MY SON
22 AND HIS FRIEND THAT CAME HOME FROM
23 CLEMSON WITH HIM. AND THEY CAME ALL
24 THE WAY HOME JUST BECAUSE THEY WANTED
25 TO DEER HUNT WITH THEIR DAD. I THOUGHT

1 THAT WAS GREAT. BUT COMING ACROSS THAT
2 BRIDGE REMINDS ME IF EVERYBODY
3 REMEMBERS THE OLD CHARLESTON BRIDGE
4 BEFORE THEY REPLACED IT. MAN, I WAS
5 WHITE KNUCKLED. I GOT THESE YOUNG KIDS
6 IN THE CAR WITH ME. IT'S SCARY. YOU
7 GOT HEADLIGHTS COMING AT YOU, YOU GOT
8 NOWHERE TO GO AND YOU ARE BOUNCING.
9 AND I'VE GOT A PRETTY NICE CAR. IT'S
10 GOT A GOOD SUSPENSION. IT'S HARD TO
11 HOLD IT IN THE ROAD. I CAN JUST
12 IMAGINE SOME OF THE ELDERLY IN THE ROAD
13 WHERE THEY TRAVEL BACK AND FORTH FROM
14 HOME THAT NEED SAFETY. YOU NEED TO BE
15 SAFE WHEN YOU'RE TRAVELING THIS ROAD.
16 SO, PLEASE, I HOPE EVERYBODY IS BEHIND
17 THIS. I HOPE YOU WILL WORK WITH US.
18 IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS
19 AS THE PROCESS GOES THROUGH PLEASE
20 CONTACT ME THROUGH HORRY COUNTY
21 OFFICES. IT'S
22 LAZARUSM@HORRYCOUNTY.ORG. YOU CAN
23 E-MAIL ME OR CALL ME IN OUR OFFICES
24 EITHER ONE. I WILL BE GLAD TO RESPOND
25 TO YOUR COMMENTS AND YOUR QUESTIONS AND

1 WORK FOR YOU, THE PEOPLE, BECAUSE
2 THAT'S WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT TO PROTECT
3 THE PUBLIC SAFETY OF EVERYONE HERE.
4 THANK YOU AGAIN FOR YOUR TIME AND THANK
5 Y'ALL FOR ALL BEING HERE TONIGHT AND I
6 LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING THIS ALL COME
7 TOGETHER, THANK YOU.
8 AUDIENCE: YOU DONE GOOD AS A
9 POLITICIAN.
10 MR. PHILLIPS: NEXT, I HAVE TIMOTHY
11 BRYANT.
12 MR. BRYANT: GOOD EVENING. I'M NOT
13 USED TO SPEAKING IN FRONT OF A CROWD,
14 BUT MY NAME IS TIMOTHY BRYANT. ADDRESS
15 IS 116 MATTIE MOORE LANE, HEMINGWAY,
16 SOUTH CAROLINA 29554. MY MAIN CONCERN
17 IS FOR US AND WHILE WE ARE WAITING ON
18 THIS BRIDGE, IS THERE SOMETHING THAT,
19 YOU KNOW, PROBABLY COULD WE DO ABOUT
20 THE ROADS LIKE IN THE RAIN WHEN IT'S
21 RAINING? THE EMBANKMENT AND THE
22 SHOULDERS IS HIGH...
23 AUDIENCE: YES.
24 MR. BRYANT: AND YOU KNOW, YOU HAVE TO
25 STOP IN BETWEEN THE BRIDGES AND THE

1 BRIDGES HOLD WATER. EVEN -- MAYBE IF
2 THEY COULD KEEP THE GRASS CUT IT WELL
3 MIGHT MAKE IT A LOT EASIER FOR US
4 BECAUSE THE SHOULDERS IS WAY HIGHER
5 THAN THE ROAD AND THEN WHEN THE GRASS
6 DO GROW, IT HOLDS WATER AND, LIKE
7 EVERYBODY ELSE WHO TRAVELS THIS ROAD,
8 WE HAVE TO STOP AT NIGHT AND IT'S VERY
9 DANGEROUS. MY MOM, I MEAN, I TRAVELED
10 TO GEORGETOWN, BUT MY MOM, WIFE, AND
11 FAMILY TRAVEL BACK AND FORTH AND IT'S
12 VERY DANGEROUS. THAT'S ALL.

13 MR. PHILLIPS: THANK YOU, SIR. I DID
14 HAVE ONE MORE SPEAKER, BUT HE'S GIVING
15 ME THAT SYMBOL. SO, HE EITHER WANTS ME
16 TO BE QUIET OR HE DOESN'T WANT TO TALK.
17 HE'S NOT COMING UP HERE, SO I'M
18 THINKING HE DOESN'T WANT TO TALK. BUT
19 THAT DOESN'T WRAP UP OUR COMMENTS THAT
20 WE DID HAVE FOLKS SIGNED UP FOR
21 TONIGHT. SO, WITH THAT AGAIN, I WANT
22 TO THANK EVERYONE FOR COMING OUT AND WE
23 ARE GOING TO BE HERE UNTIL 7 O'CLOCK.
24 SO, PLEASE STICK AROUND AND ASK US ANY
25 QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE. ALSO AGAIN,

1 THIS IS A GREAT FACILITY HERE. IF YOU
2 CAN'T GET AROUND TONIGHT TO CHECK OUT
3 THE DISPLAYS THAT THEY HAVE, TRY TO
4 MAKE IT A POINT TO GET BACK OVER HERE
5 AND MAYBE BRING SOME OF YOUR FAMILY AND
6 CHECK THINGS OUT BECAUSE IT IS
7 CERTAINLY A TREASURE THAT YOU HAVE
8 HERE. WITH THAT AGAIN, I JUST WANT TO
9 THANK EVERYONE FOR COMING OUT AND I
10 HOPE EVERYONE HAS A GOOD EVENING.
11 THANK YOU.

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13 (THIS PUBLIC HEARING WAS ADJOURNED AT
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HORRY COUNTY,
SOUTH CAROLINA.

I, PEPPER M. MCCARTHY, A NOTARY PUBLIC AND
VERBATIM REPORTER IN AND FOR THE STATE OF SOUTH
CAROLINA STATE THAT THE FOREGOING (NINETEEN) (19)
PAGES CONSTITUTE A TRUE AND ACCURATE TRANSCRIPT
OF THE PUBLIC HEARING TAKEN AND TRANSCRIBED BY
ME.

I CERTIFY THAT I AM NOT OF SCDOT FOR NOR IN THE
EMPLOY OF ANY OF THE PARTIES TO THIS ACTION NOR
AM I INTERESTED EITHER DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY IN
THE RESULTS THEREOF.

I FURTHER CERTIFY THAT I AM NOT RELATED BY
BLOOD OR MARRIAGE TO ANY OF THE PARTIES TO THIS
ACTION.

THIS THE 20TH, DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2013.

Pepper M

PEPPER M. MCCARTHY,
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MY COMISSION EXPIRES:
FEBRUARY 2, 2022



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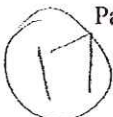
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RULES FOR MAKING FORMAL COMMENTS

- You MUST sign below to speak. Your name will be called from this formal Public Hearing Comment Sign Up Sheet.
- You will be given 2 minutes in which to make your comments. This time may not be transferred.
- You will receive a signal when you have 30 seconds remaining. You will receive a second signal when the 2 minutes has expired.

PLEASE PRINT NAME AND ADDRESS

NAME	ADDRESS
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← DID NOT SPEAK	

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October 3, 2013

Mr. Mark Lazarus, Chairman
Horry County Council
Post Office Box 1236
Conway, South Carolina 29528

Re: Public Hearing for Proposed Bridge Replacements along US 701 over Yauhannah Lake, Great Pee Dee River, and overflow in Georgetown & Horry Counties
[Project BR88(044); File 22.124B; PCN 30684X]

Dear Chairman Lazarus:

Thank you very much for your comments related to the proposed improvements presented during the Public Hearing held Tuesday, September 10, 2013 at the Waccamaw National Wildlife Refuge. I can assure you that all suggestions, objections, and concerns are carefully considered before any final project decisions are made. Your comments are recorded in the Public Hearing file and made part of the official project record.

In the future, if you have any questions about this project, please do not hesitate to contact me at (803) 737-1430 or redfearnwt@scdot.org.

Sincerely,

William "Tyke" Redfearn, P.E.
Assistant Program Manager
RPG2 – Pee Dee Region

cc: Henry Phillips, SCDOT Environmental Manager
Bener Amado, SCDOT Program Manager RPG-2





South Carolina
Department of Transportation

October 3, 2013

Mr. Timothy Bryant
116 Mattie Moore Lane
Hemingway, South Carolina 29554

Re: Public Hearing for Proposed Bridge Replacements along US 701 over Yauhannah Lake, Great Pee Dee River, and overflow in Georgetown & Horry Counties
[Project BR88(044); File 22.124B; PCN 30684X]

Dear Mr. Bryant:

Thank you very much for your comments related to the proposed improvements presented during the Public Hearing held Tuesday, September 10, 2013 at the Waccamaw National Wildlife Refuge. I can assure you that all suggestions, objections, and concerns are carefully considered before any final project decisions are made. Your comments are recorded in the Public Hearing file and made part of the official project record.

Once the project team selects a construction contractor, we will ensure that the contractor monitors these existing roads for vegetation and drainage issues. I also shared your comments with the local SCDOT Maintenance Office staff that will monitor this section of road for any possible solutions to existing vegetation and drainage problems.

In the future, if you have any questions about this project, please do not hesitate to contact me at (803) 737-1430 or redfearnwt@scdot.org.

Sincerely,

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cc: Henry Phillips, SCDOT Environmental Manager
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Catherine B. Templeton, Director

Promoting and protecting the health of the public and the environment

August 29, 2013

Mr. Henry Phillips
Environmental Management Division
SC Department of Transportation
955 Park Street
Columbia, SC 29202

Re: Environmental Assessment and Public Hearing for the US-701 Bridge Replacement Project in Georgetown and Horry Counties

Dear Mr. Phillips:

We received notice August 21, 2013, of the availability of the environmental assessment and public hearing for the US-701 bridge replacement project in Georgetown and Horry Counties, SC. *Based on the information provided in the Environmental Assessment, I am responding on behalf of the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control, Bureau of Air Quality (Bureau).*

The Bureau is tasked with implementing the Federal Clean Air Act (1990, as amended) in the State of South Carolina. The Bureau is required to ensure compliance with the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) for criteria pollutants. Currently two criteria pollutants are of particular concern in South Carolina:

- **Ozone** – The 2008 8-hour ozone standards (primary and secondary) are currently set at 0.075 parts per million (ppm). The area represented in this proposal is meeting the 2008 ozone standards. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is currently reviewing the 2008 ozone standard and the proposal of a new standard is anticipated.
- **Particulate Matter 2.5** (Particulates 2.5 microns in size and smaller) – The 2012 standard for maximum daily concentration is set at 35 micrograms per cubic meter. The 2012 standard for the maximum annual concentration is set at 12 micrograms per cubic meter. The area represented in this proposal is meeting the 2012 particulate matter 2.5 standards.

Presently only the eastern portion of York County has been designated nonattainment for the 2008 8-hour ozone NAAQS. For more information on which areas have been designated nonattainment, please visit <http://www.epa.gov/oar/oaqps/greenbk>. If a project is located in a nonattainment area, it may be subject to prescriptive requirements such as Transportation Conformity or air quality modeling.

An asbestos survey and project license may be required prior to any demolition activities such as deconstruction of a building or removal of structures in the right-of-way of a road project. If you have any questions regarding asbestos regulatory applicability you may contact Robin Mack (with the Bureau's Asbestos Section) at (803) 898-4270 or mackrs@dhec.sc.gov.

All necessary environmental permits for the subject project must be obtained in accordance with applicable state and federal regulations. If you have not already done so, please contact the Bureau of Water at (803) 898-4300 and the Bureau of Land and Waste Management at (803) 896-4000 for input regarding those program areas' assessments of this proposed project.

Emissions from construction equipment are regulated by federal standards. The Bureau would like to offer the following suggestions on how this project can help us stay in compliance with the NAAQS. More importantly, these strategies are beneficial to the health of citizens of South Carolina.

- Utilize alternatively fueled equipment.
- Utilize emission controls applicable to your equipment.
- Reduce idling time on equipment.
- Fugitive dust emissions should be minimized through good operating practices.

The Bureau can provide model clean construction contract language. A vendor may need to retrofit, repower or replace older and more polluting diesel construction equipment in order to satisfy clean construction requirements. These types of projects can be financed with Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funds, and are in fact a high priority for CMAQ funding. Please contact our office if assistance is needed.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this project. Should you have any further questions or comments concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me at (803) 898-4122 or at robertln@dhec.sc.gov.

Sincerely,

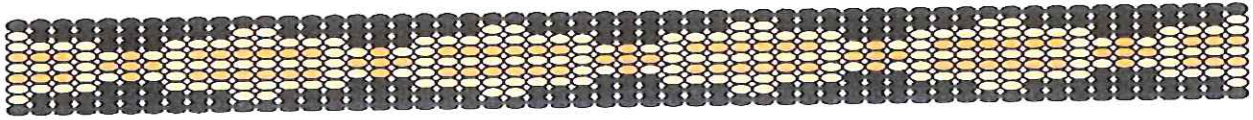


L. Nelson Roberts, Jr., Manager
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September 11, 2013

Attention: Henry Phillips
SCDOT
P.O. Box 191
Columbia, SC 29202-0191

Re. THPO #	TCNS #	Project Description
2013-66-29		Proposed US 701 Bridge Replacement Project in Georgetown and Horry Counties, SC

Dear Mr. Phillips,

The Catawba have no immediate concerns with regard to traditional cultural properties, sacred sites or Native American archaeological sites within the boundaries of the proposed project areas. **However, the Catawba are to be notified if Native American artifacts and / or human remains are located during the ground disturbance phase of this project.**

If you have questions please contact Caitlin Totherow at 803-328-2427 ext. 226, or e-mail caitlinh@ccppcrafts.com.

Sincerely,

Wenonah G. Haire
Tribal Historic Preservation Officer

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September 16, 2013

Mr. Tyke Redfearn, P.E.
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Re: Environmental Assessment (EA) and Programmatic 4(f) Evaluation for the US 701 Bridge Replacement Project, Georgetown County

Dear Mr. Redfearn:

Personnel with the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources (DNR) have reviewed the Environmental Assessment for the above referenced project and offer the following comments.

After a thorough review, our department finds the submitted Environmental Assessment sufficient in addressing the full range of potential environmental impacts associated with the proposed project. From its inception, this project has been closely coordinated with the regulatory and resource agencies, including a number of interagency meetings and on-site reviews. The submitted EA incorporates recommendations made by the resource agencies for avoiding and minimizing impacts to natural resources, including the selection of Alternative 2 as the preferred and most environmentally sound alternative for bridge replacement.

DNR appreciates the opportunity to provide input in the NEPA review of this proposed project, and will be available for future consultation during the permitting process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Susan F. Davis". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Susan F. Davis
Coastal Environmental Coordinator

Cc: SCDHEC/Giffin
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