

**Resolution 1-2007**

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Of the Northern I-73 Leg through Marlboro County**

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WHEREAS, two of the proposed routes are located on the eastern side of Bennettsville decreasing the effectiveness of the route to those businesses and individuals from Chesterfield and Darlington Counties,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Council of the Town of Society Hill endorses the proposed Western Route of the northern I-73 corridor through Marlboro County and further encourages the SCDOT to strongly consider the economic benefits and increased livability standards of Society Hill.

**This done in Council assembled this 12<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2007.**

ATTEST:

  
Jean Reynolds, Clerk-Treasurer

Mayor:

  
Henry B. Moree

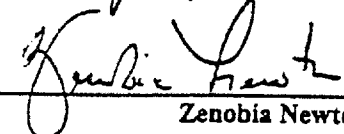
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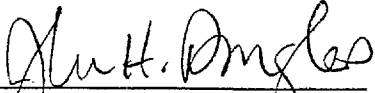
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NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Chesterfield hereby endorses the proposed Western Route of the northern I-73 corridor through Marlboro County and further encourages the SCDOT to strongly consider the economic benefits and the lesser impact to the environment and cultural resources in designating the future route.

Adopted this eleventh day of January in the year two thousand and seven.

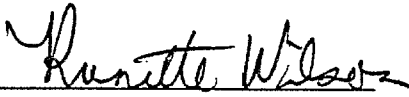
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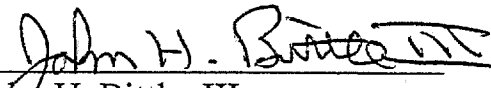
  
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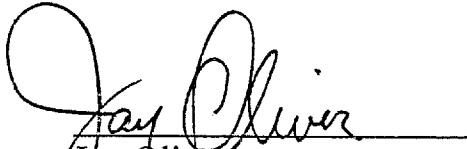
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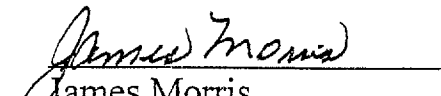
Town Council

  
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Runette E. Wilson  
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John H. Bittle, III  
District 2

  
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Jay Oliver  
District 3

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William Schumacher  
District 4

  
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James Morris  
District 5

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Amy Brown  
District 6

COUNTY OF CHESTERFIELD )  
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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA )

**RESOLUTION**

07-01

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NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Chesterfield County Council hereby endorses the proposed Western Route of the northern I-73 corridor through Marlboro County and further encourages the SCDOT to strongly consider the economic benefits and the lesser impact to the environment and cultural resources in designating the future route.

This done the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of January, 2007 in a duly assembled meeting of the Chesterfield County Council.

  
J. Matthew Rivers

Chairman, Chesterfield County Council

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Attest:



Michelle Sellers

Clerk to Council

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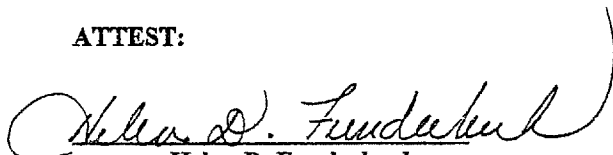
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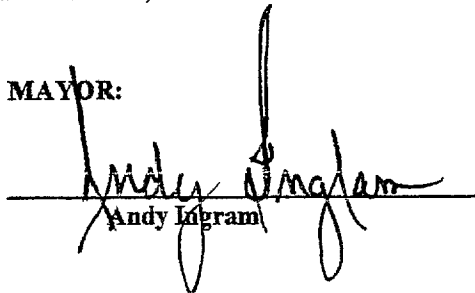
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Council of the Town of Cheraw hereby endorses the proposed Western Route of the northern I-73 corridor through Marlboro County and further encourages the SCDOT to strongly consider the economic benefits and the lesser impact to the environment and cultural resources in designating the future route.

This done in Council assembled this 12th day of December, 2006.

ATTEST:

  
Helen D. Funderburk  
Clerk-Treasurer

MAYOR:

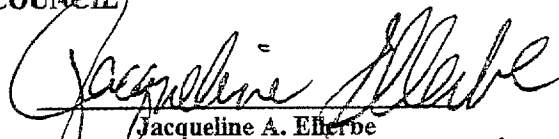
  
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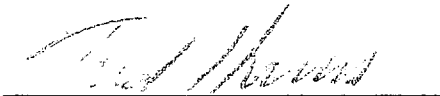
Town Council also passed a resolution to endorse the western route of the northern I-73 leg through Marlboro County.

"This route is approximately seven miles from the limits of Cheraw," Ingram said. "This route will better serve our industries and business on that end."

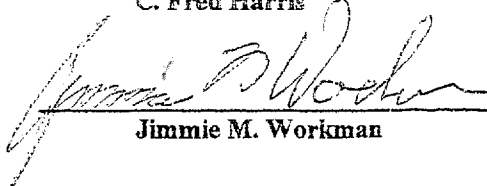
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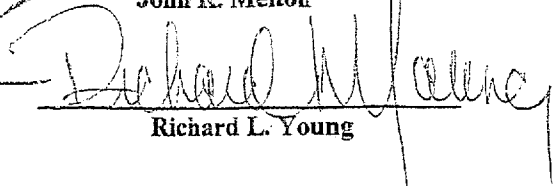
  
Robert L. Benton

  
Jacqueline A. Elerbe

  
C. Fred Harris

  
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Jimmie M. Workman

  
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November 29, 2006

South Carolina Dept. of Transportation  
Attn: Mitchell Metts, Project Manager  
Post Office Box 191  
Columbia, SC 29202

Dear Mr. Metts:

Weyerhaeuser is a major, international producer of forest products with a strong presence in Marlboro County, S.C. We have been watching the progress of the I-73 corridor with great interest and are excited about the potential impact that it will have on this county.

Weyerhaeuser has facilities located on the north and south end of Marlboro County. The paper mill on Hwy 912 and the converting plant in Tatum are major arrival and destination points for highway traffic. Combined, these facilities received a minimum of 116,000 vehicles in 2005. The CENTRAL route of I-73 would best suit both facilities as it would pass nearly equidistant between them.

Weyerhaeuser ask that you consider this request when making the final decision and offer our support and help in getting this done.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at

Sincerely,

Marvin D. Cooper  
Executive Vice President

MDC/bnf

# Town of Blenheim

Mayor  
J. Philip Thomas

Clerk  
Sara Thomas

Council  
Toma Dees  
Pamela McDowell  
John Nolan  
Carl Freeman

November 22, 2006

Mr. Mitchell Metts, P. E.  
Interstate 73 Project Manager  
955 Park Street, Room 508  
P. O. Box 191  
Columbia, S. C. 29202-0191

RE: I-73 Preferred Route

Dear Mr. Metts:

The Town of Blenheim at its October Town Meeting voted unanimously to support the center route of the proposed I-73 through Marlboro County.

The Center Route based on its proximity to the City of Bennettsville, the hub of Marlboro County would be the ideal location for an interchange and would probably bring in new stores and restaurants. The Center Route is the most logical geographically based on the Town locations of McColl, Tatum, Clio and Blenheim.

The Town of Blenheim would welcome the opportunity for a town hall meeting for the I-73 Project Staff to present and discuss any issues with the overall project.

Sincerely,



Philip Thomas,  
Mayor

Copies:

Representative Doug Jennings  
151 Broad Street  
P. O. Drawer 995  
Bennettsville, S. C. 29512