



## Horry County Schools

*January 27, 2006*

Mr. Skip Johnson, I-73 Project  
The LPA Group, Inc.  
P.O. Box 5805  
Columbia, SC 29250

Dear Mr. Johnson:

Revised corridor alternatives for I-73 were recently released. A review of these routes raise several concerns. Possible negative impacts include noise pollution and extended bus routes. These and other concerns were previously mentioned (attached). We trust that attendance area boundaries and school locations have been identified and considered during the planning phase. If Horry County Schools can provide relative information, please feel free to contact me

Thank you for your time and consideration of concerns.

Sincerely,

Eddie Rodelsperger  
Chief Construction Management Officer

c: Gerrita Postlewait



South Carolina  
Department of Transportation

June 8, 2005

Mr. Danny Knight  
Horry County Administrator  
PO Box 1236  
Conway, South Carolina 29528

SUBJECT: Interstate 73

Dear Mr. Knight:

The Project Team for I-73 would like to meet with the Planning and Economic Development staffs of Horry County. As you are aware, the I-73 project has been progressing, with recent Public Information Meetings where potential alternative corridors were presented. These potential alternative corridors have been generated for the segment of I-73 from I-95 south to the Myrtle Beach area. The potential alternative corridors are in the process of being adjusted with respect to the comments received from the Public Information Meetings, comments from the associated regulatory and resource agencies, and other factors within the project study area.

Another step in the process is the identification of potential interchange locations. The project team would like to meet with you and the planning and economic development staffs to gather information that will assist us in evaluating interchange locations for the alternative corridors.

In addition, we respectfully request your help in compiling the following information pertinent to land use, economics, Environmental Justice, and community impacts:

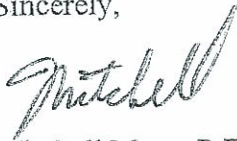
- Demographic information on potentially affected communities, including population, growth trends, age distribution, ethnic composition and income;
- Economic characteristics including employment rates and trends, poverty status, work force characterization by SIC code, major employers, industries and employment centers;
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- Existing and planned community facilities including medical and health care, educational, religious, public works and services, recreational facilities and parks, historic and cultural facilities, and commercial centers, and;
- Local economic development opportunities for affected communities including identification of development and support programs for existing and start-up businesses, identification of available land parcels, industrial or commercial buildings for development or redevelopment, and identification of tourism resources and facilities for visitors.

We have attached two forms to illustrate the types of information that we are asking for to help with our analysis of alternatives and potential impacts. Please contact me at your earliest convenience to establish a meeting date and time. Thank you for your time and I look forward to meeting with you and your staff.

Sincerely,



Mitchell Metts, P.E.  
SCDOT Program Manager

cc: Ms. Janet Carter, Planning Director





South Carolina  
Department of Transportation

June 8, 2005

Mr. Edwin P. Rogers, Jr.  
Marion County Administrator  
P.O. Box 183  
Marion, South Carolina 29571-0183

SUBJECT: Interstate 73

Dear Mr. Rogers:

The Project Team for I-73 would like to meet with the Planning and Economic Development staffs of Marion County. As you are aware, the I-73 project has been progressing, with recent Public Information Meetings where potential alternative corridors were presented. These potential alternative corridors have been generated for the segment of I-73 from I-95 south to the Myrtle Beach area. The potential alternative corridors are in the process of being adjusted with respect to the comments received from the Public Information Meetings, comments from the associated regulatory and resource agencies, and other factors within the project study area.

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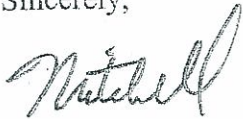
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Mitchell Metts, P.E.  
SCDOT Program Manager

cc: Mr. Frank Jones, Economic Development Commission  
Marion County Planning Director



South Carolina  
Department of Transportation

June 8, 2005

Mr. W. Clay Young  
Dillon County Administrator  
P.O. Box 449  
Dillon, South Carolina 29536-0449

SUBJECT: Interstate 73

Dear Mr. Young:

The Project Team for I-73 would like to meet with the Planning and Economic Development staffs of Dillon County. As you are aware, the I-73 project has been progressing, with recent Public Information Meetings where potential alternative corridors were presented. These potential alternative corridors have been generated for the segment of I-73 from I-95 south to the Myrtle Beach area. The potential alternative corridors are in the process of being adjusted with respect to the comments received from the Public Information Meetings, comments from the associated regulatory and resource agencies, and other factors within the project study area.

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Sincerely,



Mitchell Metts, P.E.  
SCDOT Program Manager

cc: Mr. Eugene Butler, Development Board  
Mr. Kenny McLaughlin, Planning Director

## RESOLUTION

WHEREAS Dillon County is an economically depressed County in great need of economic stimulus; and

WHEREAS Interstate Highway 95 has created a healthy business climate in Dillon County; and

WHEREAS Interstate Highway 73 is now being planned to pass through Dillon County; and

WHEREAS Dillon County Council recognizes that Interstate Highway 73 will create many jobs in Dillon County both in the construction phase and after completion; and

WHEREAS Dillon County Council believes it will be of greater benefit to Dillon County for Interstate Highway 73 to be completed from the Marlboro County line to the Marion County line as soon as possible; and

WHEREAS Dillon County Council believes that the intersection of Interstate Highway 73 and Interstate Highway 95 should be designed so as to create the greatest economic impact for Dillon County;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY DILLON COUNTY COUNCIL

1. That Dillon County Council supports the location of Interstate Highway 73 in Dillon County.
2. That Dillon County Council supports the completion of Interstate Highway 73 through the entire area of Dillon County as soon as possible and preferably in the same construction phase.
3. That Dillon County Council supports the design of the intersection of Interstate Highway 73 and Interstate Highway 95 to allow for economic development at said intersection so that Dillon County may receive the greatest possible economic impact that can be derived from this intersection.

This Resolution is passed this the 27<sup>th</sup> day of <sup>April</sup>~~March~~ 2005.

Dillon County

BY: 

Macio Williamson, Chairman





## Horry County Schools

April 12, 2005

Mr. Skip Johnson, I-73 Project  
The LPA Group, Inc.  
P. O. Box 5805  
Columbia, South Carolina 29250

Dear Mr. Johnson:

Horry County Schools previously voiced opinions about any of I-73's proposed routes that might negatively affect our schools. Further review of these routes has generated an additional concern. The fact that I-73 is intended to be a limited access road could negatively impact transportation routes. The two attendance areas most probably affected are Aynor and Green Sea. These two areas are our most rural and any disruption of established transportation routes could easily create one way travel times in excess of an hour. This would not be acceptable. I apologize for not pointing out the transportation issue in my earlier correspondence. Horry County Schools appreciates everyone's consideration of our comments.

Sincerely,

Eddie Rodelsperger  
Chief Construction Management Officer

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c. Gerrita Postlewait  
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## Horry County Schools

April 6, 2005

Mr. Mitchell Metts, Program Manager  
SCDOT  
P. O. Box 191  
Columbia, South Carolina 29202-0191

Dear Mr. Metts:

Horry County Schools has reviewed the three proposed routes of I-73 that could connect to S.C. 22. One of these routes, the western most, appears to conflict with three of the district's schools: Aynor High, Aynor Middle, and Aynor Elementary. While everyone realizes routes are tentative at this time; Horry County Schools feels it is important to voice our concerns before additional planning occurs. Building such a road in close proximity to the three Aynor area schools would be detrimental to the schools' instructional program and to the overall safety of our students, teachers, staff, and many patrons. Horry County Schools would be supportive of consideration given to routes that do not have the potential to intercept normal school operations.

Sincerely,

Eddie Rodelsperger  
Chief Construction Management Officer

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COUNTY OF HORRY )  
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA )

RESOLUTION R-40-05

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING AN INTERSTATE 73 ROUTE THAT WOULD GO SOUTH OF HIGHWAY 501 AND CONNECT INTO THE SOUTHERN PORTION OF HIGHWAY 31.**

WHEREAS, the State of South Carolina is in the planning process for the routing of Interstate 73 and that route is planned to go through western Horry and end somewhere in central or eastern Horry County; and

WHEREAS, the exact route into and through Horry County has not yet been determined; and

WHEREAS, the current proposed routes are north of Highway 501 and in areas that are populated with small communities and small farms; and specifically the Gallivants Ferry crossing and the related routes would adversely impact on Gallivants Ferry, Aynor and Cool Spring; and

WHEREAS, a southern route that is south of Hwy 501 would have less of an impact on the citizens of Horry County as stated at the I-73 meeting in Aynor; and

WHEREAS, a regional airport, if built, would probably be located in the I-73 corridor and the southern route would have more access to the large tracts of land that a regional airport would require; and

WHEREAS, the southern portion of Horry County does not have a good hurricane evacuation route and a southern route is planned when funds are available; and

WHEREAS, connecting I-73 into Highway 31 would create this evacuation route that would be paid for by the federal government; and this route would create a full circle highway system in Horry County in which a full loop could be made around Horry County on Highways 22 and 31; and this loop would have two interstate accesses with I-74 in the north and I-73 in the south.

NOW, THEREFORE, Horry County Council supports using I-73 as a southern connector and asks the South Carolina Department of Transportation to develop a proposed southern route. Horry County Council also rejects the Gallivants Ferry crossing as a proposed route and asks South Carolina Department of Transportation to eliminate this route and replace it with this new southern route.

AND IT IS SO RESOLVED this 5<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2005.

HORRY COUNTY COUNCIL

  
Liz Gilland, Chairman

Attest:

  
Patricia S. Hartley, Clerk



Resolution by the Board of Transportation on the  
COLLABORATION OF NORTH CAROLINA AND  
SOUTH CAROLINA ON PLANNING FOR ROUTES CROSSING  
THEIR COMMON BORDER

March 3, 2005

WHEREAS, members of the Board have met with members of the South Carolina Transportation Commission to discuss the future of Interstates 73 and 74 in both states; and

WHEREAS, the Board acknowledges its willingness to construct Interstate 73 from Interstate 74 to the South Carolina state line in the vicinity of the Route 38 corridor between Richmond County, North Carolina and Marlboro County, South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the South Carolina Transportation Commission has acknowledged its willingness to extend South Carolina Route 31, Carolina Bays Parkway, to the North Carolina state line in order that North Carolina can connect I-74, or a connector thereof, to the Carolina Bays Parkway; and

WHEREAS, the North Eastern Strategic Alliance has passed a resolution in support of the agreements between North Carolina and South Carolina; and

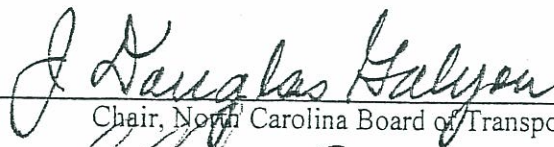
WHEREAS, it is in both states' interest, for reasons of furthering economic development and prosperity in each state and enhancing safety and mobility for inter-state travel, to collaborate in the development of, and improvements to, other principal routes and corridors crossing their common border, such as Interstates 73, 74, and 20; and

WHEREAS, the South Carolina Department of Transportation Commission, in a meeting duly assembled on February 17, 2005, approved a resolution acknowledging its intention to construct an extension of South Carolina Route 31, Carolina Bays Parkway, to the North Carolina state line to connect with either Interstate 74 or a connector to Interstate 74;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that both states will concurrently begin the process of working to advance both Interstate 73 from Rockingham, North Carolina to I-95 in South Carolina and the extension of Carolina Bays Parkway from South Carolina Route 9 in South Carolina to US 17 in North Carolina; and

ALSO BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Transportation directs the staff to collaborate with the appropriate staff of the South Carolina Department of Transportation in that Department's initiation of a planning and environmental study for the Interstate 73 corridor from Interstate 95 in South Carolina to US 74 / Future Interstate 74 in Richmond County, North Carolina; and authorizes staff to negotiate an agreement between the two agencies that addresses study cost participation by the North Carolina Department of Transportation at an appropriate and proportionate level.

Signed:

  
Chair, North Carolina Board of Transportation

Date:

3-3-05

Signed:

  
Secretary, North Carolina Department of Transportation

Date:

3-3-05