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Comments are due by September 17, 2018

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COMMENTS

It is my understanding that ^{the} proposed bridge connecting ~~Beatty Rd. to Tran Rd.~~ ^{Re} was added after the plan was exhibited for residents of Whitehall to review. This proposed bridge would have a serious negative impact on the residents of Whitehall as well as on other subdivisions in close proximity. It would overload Tran Rd. which ^{runs} through the heart of Whitehall, and would in no way improve 'Malfunction Junction' congestion. It would affect the quality of life of over 1,400 people, with noise pollution, sound pollution, increased crime and decreased property values. As there is insufficient space on this sheet to express all of my deep concerns, please know that I OPPOSE THE BRIDGE: / OVERPASS
PROPOSED Thank You

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COMMENTS

To whom it may concern:
I live in Whitehall, near Tram Road, and have for nearly thirty years. I am very proud to live here as it is an established neighborhood with old-growth trees, nearby parks, good schools, and homeowners who take pride in their property. It was Mike Mungo's flagship development, where he chose to live his adult life. His vision and legacy would be destroyed if the planned bridge from Tram Rd. to Beatty Rd. is constructed; indeed, I wonder if he were alive would this even be a consideration. Whitehall will be destroyed by new traffic on our already crumbling roads. I am opposed to this bridge because:
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Sincerely,
Ling Brandt

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COMMENTS
I grew up in Whitehall and recently bought a house one block from where my mother still lives. My intention was for this to be my last house, as I retired ^{4/30/18} from 33 1/4 yrs. working in state govt. If this proposed bridge* is approved, my dreams will be dashed, along with so many other residents in this area.
= Please see the attached reasons for my opposition to this bridge.
* Overpass from Beatty Rd. to Tramm Rd.

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COMMENTS

I am **OPPOSED** to the Tram-Beatty crossover.
The crossover will give Whitehall residents another way to get across I-26 but I don't think it's worth disrupting our neighborhood.

In 1982 we bought our house on the corner of Tram and Tudor. We had late night wrecks on that corner every month or so. The drivers ~~were~~ were all cutting through our neighborhood after drinking at a cowboy bar on Piney Grove. When the bar closed we no longer had wrecks. This proposed crossover will open Tram to traffic from the bars on Broad River Rd.

Most of us who live on Tram must back out
(over)

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into traffic to go anywhere. Additional traffic will make this more dangerous.

The purpose of this crossover is to reduce traffic on I-26 by putting it in our neighborhood. We don't want this.

This proposed crossover is ~~an~~ a drastic move to put ~~in a~~ ^{in a} (~~non~~ non critical) overpass we don't want without knowing the impact on number of cars that might use it. If the answer is light traffic then why disrupt our neighborhood. If the answer is heavy traffic then Tram can't handle it as it currently is. Heavy traffic will lead to 4-laning Tram and destroying the neighborhood.



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COMMENTS

I don't think the Beaty Rd., Tram Rd. plan is a good idea because Whitehall is a residential area and it will bring to much traffic through the neighborhood. It was said that it would not cause to much more traffic. If that is the case use that 3 to 5 million dollar to help the traffic situation in another ways. We have small children and old people who like to walk in the neighborhood and this would cause to much traffic. Please give this more consideration and please do not run this traffic through Whitehall (Tram Rd.) There must surely be another solution to this situation.

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COMMENTS

*I am very opposed to the Iron Beauty Road
Crossroad.*

*Currently Iron Road is very well traveled
& will only add more traffic, speeding and
safety issues.*

*Price will be a factor for Neighbors.
Safety a factor for children.*

*Iron Road is not in good repair & more
traffic add more problems.*

*Wedding, of the happening will disrupt
residents, some of which have planned
to stay here for the long run.*

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I vote no for a proposed I-26 overpass that would connect Iron Rd. to Betty Rd. Reasons are listed below.

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COMMENTS

I have had my mailboy run over 5 times, having to replace it each time. When drivers go straight, rather than going to the right as the road goes on Iron Rd., I have nearly been hit 5-6 times because I cannot see traffic coming and going. The traffic has had to stop because I cannot see them on the curvature of the road. Its already impossible to back out and the changes would make it a nightmare. There has to be a better solution.

Iron Rd. is too narrow to have additional traffic because of the curves and blind spots on the road. We do not want to split Whitehall into two demographic areas. Jamel Rd. + Fernandina Rd. need to be open for 4 lanes. Bush Pkwy needs to be open for 4 lanes also. Jamel at Piney Grove needs to have a right turn lane.

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COMMENTS

We oppose the bridge from TRAM Rd to Beatty Rd. TRAM does not need any additional traffic flow. Many people already use it to cut through to Bush River Rd to Jamiknow. Even though there is a 25 mph sign, many people cut through TRAM driving 35 to 45 mph. If also do not see how this bridge helps multifunction junction at all unless you're redirecting traffic which we do not want or need.

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8/22/18

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COMMENTS

My wife and I are firmly opposed to the proposed bridge over I-26, linking Fernadina Rd and Jamel Rd, from the Tram Rd and Beatty Rd locations. First, it will provide a direct corridor for the Beatty Rd and Beatty Downs Rd inhabitants access into White Hall neighborhoods on or near Tram Rd, near I-26. I believe, as many do (at White Hall HOA hearing on 9/21/18) that White Hall crime rates will increase, while White Hall property rates or values decrease. Second, in your 'Carolina Crossroads Project', 'Level 3 Screening, p. IV, V, and Development of Alternatives p. 2-50', it states 3 times 'Improve Tram Road by providing overpass of I-26'. This wording focuses exclusively on Tram Rd, without mention of Fernadina Rd, Beatty Rd, or

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name: Stuart Drumbeller @ 141 Tram Rd.

date: August 22, 2018

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... Jamil Rd, leads the reader to worry about why Tram Rd ~~has~~ has this focus. What do the planners know that White Hall residents don't know.

Third, in your written, proposed project, in 'Summary, Level 3 Screening - RA2, it lists on page IV 'Improve Tram Road by providing overpass of I-26'. This sentence appears last on p. IV and second to last on p. V. It does not seem to be a high priority. Worse, as several attendees at the 8/21/18 White Hall HOA expressed, it appears that this bridge was recently added and was not in earlier proposals... why? Fourth, your estimated cost to build the bridge is 3-5 million dollars. I think this money could be used better for projects such as anti-skid surfacing on off and on ramp curves, resurfacing (before roads get as bad as recently), maintenance of bridges, especially where steel hardware is in contact with concrete and water.

Last, I understand the engineering goal of lessening volume of vehicle movement on existing bridges, but given the width of Jamil and Fernadino Rds plus speed limits of 35 MPH, this bridge will provide only marginal relief.

continued: 'Comment sheet' from Carolina Crossroads

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For additional consideration: Crime statistics for Beatty Downs Rd. Report. On June 30, 2018, there were six crimes reported: 1- arrest, 3 larceny reports, 1 report of vandalism, and 1 assault. These statistics are not atypical for this area. These statistics come from Lexis Nexis, which is a well respected and reliable source for crime data. White Hall residents have good reason to fear the easy access and escape from White Hall neighborhoods that such a bridge will provide. Good corridor improvement for criminals and bad corridor implications for White Hall home owners.

8/22/18

Addendum: Stuart Drumbeller

141 Tram Rd.

Columbia, SC 29210

Re: Opposition to proposed bridge across I-26 to
Community Crime Map link Fernadina and Jamel Rds at

Transparent data sharing to support your community policing efforts

Tram + Beatty Roads

More Information

Visit the Community Crime Map

Law enforcement executives are often asked to provide the public with information about crime and criminal activity in the community.

Officials need online applications that automate the dissemination of information to the public.

These applications give the public a better idea of criminal activity in their area so they can make more decisions about how to stay safe.

Benefits

LexisNexis® Community Crime Map is a public crime map that allows law enforcement to share selected crime data with the public. This application includes basic mapping, dashboards and analytics. This application is free to the public and free to law enforcement agencies. Community Crime Map goes beyond crime mapping by automatically alerting the public about recent crime activity and by improving communication between the public and law enforcement through anonymous tips.

Community Crime Map compiles crime data and other information from law enforcement agencies to make it easier for the public to stay informed about crime. Data in Community Crime Map is provided directly from each law enforcement agency. Because Community Crime Map is just the public side of a much more robust crime data sharing and analysis system for law enforcement, data is cleaned to remove private information about addresses and people. To uphold these quality standards, an automated feed of the law enforcement data pushes data frequently to it. Receiving the data directly from each law enforcement agency ensures that the data is always up to date, accurate and complete.

Providing crime mapping and tips to the community helps law enforcement keep the public aware of crime and it builds trust with residents, business owners and visitors. It also improves communication between the public and law enforcement. By allowing law enforcement to provide these services to the public at no cost through Community Crime Map, it reduces any barriers for law enforcement to use public crime mapping as a crime reduction strategy.

Features

Features for law enforcement:

- Reduce information requests
- Improve trust with data accuracy and transparency
- Control what is shared with the public
- Multi-agency data sharing
- Hotspot maps, COMPSTAT and dashboard analytics

Features for the community:

- Easily search for information and view nearby criminal activity
- Demographic and socio-economic data show how crime relates to other factors
- Neighborhood watch reports help the public stay safe
- View sex offenders in the area

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The map displays a geographic area with several street names: St Andrews Rd, Piney Grove Rd, Bush River Rd, and State Rd 5-16-17. The area is labeled 'WHITEHALL' and 'Seven Oaks'. Numerous crime markers, represented by icons with a dollar sign, are scattered across the map. A 'Google' logo is visible in the bottom left corner of the map area.



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COMMENTS

Thank you for this opportunity to express my total and complete opposition to the proposal to place a bridge over I-26 which would connect Tram Road and Beatty Road. As was evident this past Tuesday evening at the meeting of the Whitehall Homeowners Assn **all homeowners in attendance are equally opposed to this proposed bridge.** There is no need for such a bridge. You have stated some possible improvements such a bridge might bring; however, the detriment to all 1,400 homeowners in Whitehall far outweighs any and all of your stated possible benefits as each homeowner will be irreparably harmed by your actions. The loss of property value alone which will result from such an added burden on the already deteriorating surface of the streets in Whitehall. The increased traffic on a two-lane neighborhood road alone will be a hazardous situation to all from day one and will only continue to increase as traffic flow increases over a period of time.

FOLLOW THE DOLLARS. The only beneficiaries of such a bridge will be the owners of the properties which are contiguous to both Tram Road and Beatty Road. The contiguous property along Jamil Road which intersects with Tram Road has been for sale for quite some time now with no potential for change in ownership. The property contiguous to Beatty Road which was Hampton Pontiac has been abandoned for years and shows no signs of any effort on the part of any estate or person to divest. Now, along comes SCDOT after so many months of not including such a bridge in any published documents to now including it in the preferred alternative which is being advanced by this public hearing. Quite honestly, this REEKS of "good ole' boy politics" as this is obviously a blatant hidden attempt to reach an agreement between SCDOT and one or all of the four entities who own the contiguous properties along both Jamil Road and Fernandina Road. Only those four owners will benefit to the total and complete detriment of the homeowners and property tax payers in Whitehall.

I vehemently oppose this proposed alternative bridge and do hereby so state my opposition and that of all the homeowners in Whitehall.

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COMMENTS

I am totally opposed to extending Tran Rd
across I-26. It will increase traffic in a
residential area making it unsafe for residents.
Surely you can find a better use for DOT
resources (ie - make repairs to existing streets
in the area)!

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COMMENTS

Very well done meeting. Knowledgeable
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COMMENTS Would like some provision for bicycle and pedestrian traffic.
Don't expect to see bikes on interstate highways but in some of the
more outlying interchanges this should be considered.

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NAME

Mr, Mrs, Ms, Mr & Mrs

(Please choose one:)

MAILING ADDRESS

Treva J. Mungler
7609 Monticello Rd Columbia SC 29203
Street/Route City State Zip Code

PHONE NUMBER

803-261-6531

EMAIL

COMMENTS

*I have alot of housing for the people coming to do
the work on the road. I use to rent to VCN plant
I have a 30 room beach House 3 miles from the job
Please help me with some one that might know about
the housing of those workers*

*thank
you*

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NAME

Mr, Mrs, Ms, Mr & Mrs

Mrs Ceyle Stroupe

(Please choose one:)

MAILING ADDRESS

1608 Lost Creek Dr. Columbia, SC 29212

Street/Route

City

State

Zip Code

PHONE NUMBER

(803) 749-2959

EMAIL

COMMENTS

I am the conservator over my mother, Arlene Woody's property located at 433 Arrowwood Rd Columbia, SC 29210. Please contact me when you are ready to discuss the claiming of this property. Thank you.

Ceyle Stroupe

Mail Comments to:



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NAME
Mr, Mrs, Ms, Mr & Mrs _____ Crystal McCutcheon _____
(Please choose one:)

MAILING ADDRESS _____ 116 Strawberry Ct. Chapin SC 29013 _____
Street/Route City State Zip Code

PHONE NUMBER _____ 803-622-7571 _____

EMAIL _____ ckmccutcheon2@gmail.com _____

COMMENTS How will traffic be maintained during
construction? What, if any, alternate routes
from Chapin to downtown, will be available
at peak construction?

Mail Comments to:



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NAME

Mr, Mrs, Ms, Mr & Mrs

(Please choose one:)

MAILING ADDRESS

PHONE NUMBER

EMAIL

COMMENTS

John Brinkley

1620 Browning Rd Columbia SC 29210

Street/Route

City

State

Zip Code

803-798-8642

RU20202020@aol.com

I operate a children's eye clinic (Vision Therapy).

I will need help with advanced acquisition of a new location so that the new office will be built out with exam rooms with sinks, waiting area, treatment areas. It could take 6-9 months to purchase, design and remodel a new office.

It would create a hardship to close or disrupt the office.

Thank you.

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Betsy was very helpful



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NAME

Mr, Mrs, Ms, Mr & Mrs

Felicia Maloney

(Please choose one:)

MAILING ADDRESS

424 Arrowwood Rd

Street/Route

City

State

Zip Code

PHONE NUMBER

803 606 4631

EMAIL

feliciaM12002@aol.com

COMMENTS

*Please clean Arrowwood under the
bushes at Colonial life. The overgrowth
and debris make it dangerous for foot traffic
as walkers have to step into the street in
a blind curve.*

*Please address the noise and
privacy at 424 + 426 ~~the~~
buffers on Colonial life*

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NAME

Mr, Mrs, Ms, Mr & Mrs
(Please choose one:)

Mr Tau Gilligan

MAILING ADDRESS

302 Willow Winds Dr., Columbia, SC 29210

Street/Route

City

State

Zip Code

PHONE NUMBER

(803) 731-6609

EMAIL

None

COMMENTS

Thank you for discussing with us
our concerns about your projects affecting
our daily access and smooth flow of traffic
through our neighborhoods as well as
interstates. We all need to have
better and safer access and driving on
our roads and highways.

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NAME

Mr, Mrs, Ms, Mr & Mrs
(Please choose one:)

Mrs. Patricia Raymond

MAILING ADDRESS

527 Westover Rd. Columbia S.C. 29210

Street/Route

City

State

Zip Code

PHONE NUMBER

772-8693

EMAIL

COMMENTS

*There needs to be more noise barriers
at Bush river exit. The noise barriers
should not stop ~~at the~~ halfway down
Berryhill road!!*

*Noise barriers needed on Berry Hill Rd from
St. Andrews Rd to Bush River Rd. The neighbors
currently have heavy noise pollution and have had
it since all trees were removed years ago. The
area impacted are the Woodland Hills Apts. Woodland
Hills subdivisions both E & W*

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NAME

Mr, Mrs, Ms, Mr & Mrs

(Please choose one:)

MAILING ADDRESS

ALLAN GOFF

Street/Route

City

State

Zip Code

PHONE NUMBER

EMAIL

COMMENTS

*HAS ANY CONSIDERATION BEEN MADE FOR EXPANSIONS
AFTER 2040?*

GREAT MEETING FORMAT & USE OF TECHNOLOGY!

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NAME

Mr, Mrs, Ms, Mr & Mrs Mrs. Jean O'Connor

(Please choose one:)

MAILING ADDRESS 354 Team Rd. Colo SC 29210

PHONE NUMBER 803-931-4341 @ 803-312-5839

EMAIL jean.oconnor@att.net

COMMENTS While I understand, & have actually been in your current shores in Colorado, I would like to suggest an alternative to Beatty-Team Connection. The suggestion is Evelyn to Landmark. Reasoning - There is open land behind the theater, no residents impacted, cost of the bridge approx the same. Ingress/Egress of Landmark can be improved. Sydney could be "Stubbed" causing traffic to use the new "Landmark Rd" or Jamile. Why not Team Rd. - No improvements planned, there are no sidewalks; 15 bus stops; blind curves & hills; can not accommodate current traffic much less increased traffic. Those of us that face Team must be careful just to cut our grass along the road & get our mail.

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NAME

Mr, Mrs, Ms, Mr & Mrs

Brett Hall

(Please choose one:)

MAILING ADDRESS

263 Tram Rd

Columbia, SC

29210

Street/Route

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State

Zip Code

PHONE NUMBER

803-361-1646

EMAIL

bhall236@att.net

COMMENTS

While a solution to the "malfunction junction" issue is greatly appreciated and am fully OPPOSED to the abolition of the connector bridge between Beatty Rd and Tram Rd. This bridge will not serve to aid in traffic flow on I-26 in any way.

We live on Tram Rd and DO NOT want our upscale neighborhood connected to the Beatty Rd area. This will greatly increase the traffic to an already narrow and winding road as well as invite an undesirable part of Broad River Rd direct access to our neighborhood which decreases our property value immediately. This will also invite unwanted 18 wheel traffic to drive through Whitehall enroute to I-20. This only adds additional danger to an already busy Rd.

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NAME

Mr./Mrs, Ms, Mr & Mrs

(Please choose one:)

William Easterling

MAILING ADDRESS

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Street/Route

City

State

Zip Code

PHONE NUMBER

803 603 0690

EMAIL

SoundmanB@aol.com

COMMENTS

Generally pleased with plans but concerned that some form of mass transit should be planned now to be implemented in 10-20 years. In the short run, the bus system should be expanded to serve a wider area and have park & ride with express buses.

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NAME

Mr, Mrs, Ms, Mr & Mrs
(Please choose one:)

Felicia Maloney

MAILING ADDRESS

424 Arrowwood Rd Columbia SC 29210

Street/Route

City

State

Zip Code

PHONE NUMBER

(803) 606-4631

EMAIL

Felicia.Maloney2002@aol.com

COMMENTS

Is there a plan to address traffic on Arrowwood Rd. The traffic is already terrible when there is an accident on I-26. People also drive on the curvey road like its a race track.

Will there be some kind of buffer installed on Colonial life for noise ~~at property~~ reduction and to keep privacy of rear yards.

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NAME Mr, Mrs, Ms, Mr & Mrs SUSAN D. BOWERS (MRS. KARL S.)
(Please choose one:)

MAILING ADDRESS 500 TRAM Rd. Columbia SC 29210
Street/Route City State Zip Code

PHONE NUMBER 803 798-4154 (cell) 803 604 0271

EMAIL sbowers500@gmail.com

COMMENTS
AN Engineer's Dream + A Residents' Nightmare
Why disrupt a neighborhood for people who do NOT
live in said neighborhood? Accessing Beatty Rd from
tram has no benefit (whatsoever) for Whitehall residents,
tram Rd is too hilly, too curvy, and too narrow
for the traffic that "the bridge" will bring.
Jamie + Fernandina Rds already linked by both
St. Andrews + Piney Grove Rds.
Emergency vehicles come from Piney Grove +
St. Andrews Rds intersection. No need to use tram
to access Fernandina Rd.
Property values will sharply decline with easy
access to Broad River Rd.

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NAME Mr, Mrs, Ms, Mr & (Mrs) SUSAN D. BOWERS (Mrs. Karl S.)
(Please choose one:)

MAILING ADDRESS 500 TRAM Rd Columbia SC 29210
Street/Route City State Zip Code

PHONE NUMBER 803 798-4154 (cell) 803 606 0271

EMAIL Sbowers500@gmail.com

COMMENTS

Con't.
Plans say no axle limitations on I-20. Large trucks cannot maneuver the hills and curves or I-20 safely.
To ease traffic congestion use "Bridge Money" to add right turn lanes off Jamie Rd onto Piney Grove Rd. and designate a right turn lane off Piney Grove onto Bower Parkway. Alleviate stop light @ Park Terrace & Bowers and add a round-about (traffic circle).
PLEASE DO NOT BUILD THIS BRIDGE

Mail Comments to:



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NAME

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

Debris Squirewell

MAILING ADDRESS

2104 Driftwood Dr Columbia SC 29210
Street/Route City State Zip Code

PHONE NUMBER

(803) 798-2353

EMAIL

edsquirew@aol.com

COMMENTS

Our area ~~is~~ will be affected by the
noise coming from I-20. Please construct
noise barrier ASAP.

Thank you

Mail Comments to:



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NAME

Mr, Mrs, Ms, Mr & Mrs
(Please choose one:)

WALLACE STEWART

MAILING ADDRESS

905 STATLER RD, COL, SC 29210

Street/Route

City

State

Zip Code

PHONE NUMBER

803 798 1538

EMAIL

WRSTEWART42@GMAIL.COM

COMMENTS

I LIVE IN BELMOUNT ESTATES. MY BACK YARD
FACES I-20 EAST. WE NEED A SOUND WALL.
CURRENT PLANS DO NOT SHOW ONE. THEY
SHOW ONE ON THE WEST BOUND LANES BY THE
APARTMENTS BUT NOT ONE ON THE EAST BOUND
LANES BY THE HOUSES. BELMOUNT ESTATES
WAS THERE BEFORE I-20 WAS BUILT. WE
SHOULD HAVE HAD ONE WHEN IT WAS BUILT.
PLEASE DON'T LEAVE US OUT THIS TIME.

Wallace Stewart

Mail Comments to:



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NAME

Mr, Mrs, Ms, Mr & Mrs
(Please choose one:)

CAROLE L. TIMMERMAN

MAILING ADDRESS

42 CARE FLATTERY CT.

IRMO

SC

29063

Street/Route

City

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Zip Code

PHONE NUMBER

803-749-3044

EMAIL

CLTIM44@YAHOO.COM

COMMENTS

ON THE EAST SIDE OF COLUMBIANA BLVD.

IF TREES COULD BE PLANTED BEHIND THE ENTRANCE

RAMPS AND ESPECIALLY BEHIND THE DAY CARE CENTER

AND JAPANESE STEAKHOUSE, IT WOULD GREATLY REDUCE

THE NOISE LEVEL.

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NAME

Mr, Mrs, Ms, Mr & Mrs
(Please choose one:)

Karen Swaim

MAILING ADDRESS

220 Faison Dr.

Columbia

SC

29203

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Zip Code

PHONE NUMBER

803-898-1542

EMAIL

Karen.Swaim@scdmh.org

COMMENTS

I'm glad about this whole project, and I like what has been explained to me. I'm especially happy about the new bridge connecting Beatty and Tram roads. We need more ways to get from one side of I-26 to the other.

Someday, I'd like to see another exit off I-26 between 97 (Peak) and 102 (Lake Murray Rd), perhaps near Koon.

Mail Comments to:



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NAME

Mr, Mrs, Ms, Mr & Mrs

Fred Ange

(Please choose one:)

MAILING ADDRESS

516 S Woodrow St Cola SC 29205

Street/Route

City

State

Zip Code

PHONE NUMBER

919 271 9097

EMAIL

freda101@aol.com

COMMENTS

though it is outside the scope of this project, I would ask that you consider a connector from Greystone Blvd to Seminole Dr / 12th Street in West Columbia. It would divert traffic from 126 / 1126 & 126 / 378. It would also provide a more direct route to the 200 for W Cola residents

Mail Comments to:



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NAME

Mr, Mrs, Ms, Mr & Mrs
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~~Mr. & Mrs. Frances Beatty~~ Penny Hall

MAILING ADDRESS

263 Tram Road Columbia SC 29210

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PHONE NUMBER

(803) 422-4787

EMAIL

pennyscakes@yahoo.com

COMMENTS

A bridge @ Tram + Beatty will negatively impact neighborhoods

① make roads unsafe for walking/biking/greese

② creates a thru road leading to increased traffic + dangerous traffic like tractor-trailers and could add a city bus route

③ destroys nice quiet neighborhood b/c of ↑ traffic and noise

④ unsafe ↑ in traffic → 5 school bus stops on Tram Rd

⑤ No benefit to residents of Tram / Beatty roads

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⑥ Lowers property values

⑦ Does not help congestion on I-26

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NAME

Mr, Mrs, Ms, Mr & Mrs Maurice Thomas

(Please choose one:)

MAILING ADDRESS 245 Timber Ct Columbia SC 29210
Street/Route City State Zip Code

PHONE NUMBER 803-240-9977

EMAIL _____

COMMENTS I found the one-on-one most beneficial.
Ms Johns was very well informed, technology
allowed me to see the projects and get
a much better feel for the impact. I was
most curious to hear about the Tram/Beauty Road
Bridge and would expect to see much more
push back from the Tram Road side -
though I'm sure in time it [the road bridge]
will become a cut-through thoroughfare to avoid
the newly constructed highway.
The session was much appreciated -
M. Thomas

Mail Comments to:



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NAME

Mr, Mrs, Ms, Mr & Mrs

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MAILING ADDRESS

Street/Route

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PHONE NUMBER

EMAIL

COMMENTS

Mia Ely

810 S Holly St Columbia SC 29205

I want bus routes = [drawing of a bus]

Mail Comments to:



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NAME

Mr. Mrs, Ms, Mr & Mrs ROMAN Taylor
(Please choose one:)

MAILING ADDRESS 418 Lexington St W. Columbia SC 29169
Street/Route City State Zip Code

PHONE NUMBER 803 936 1108

EMAIL _____

COMMENTS Has thought gone into A public transit - Exclusively
For Managing traffic from Columbia to I-20 ? A lane(s)
just for transit users to get on/off or rail - 1 lane addition
are not a solution because, 5 yrs from the completion
of this traffic will have increased again and one lane
addition still would not have corrected the problem -
A 3 lane addition on both sides would sort for future
traffic concerns

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COMMENTS

① Current proposed noise barrier along Berryhill rd from St Andrews to Bush River - please do not shorten & if possible extend past Bush River rd

② Please do not put in road from Beatty to Tram. Tram rd cannot handle the traffic. It will promote crime coming from the other side. It will ~~stop~~ dump traffic at St Andrews & Bush River which is already a mess w/ traffic. It will drive even more traffic down Bush River to I-20 which is already overwhelmed w/ traffic.

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COMMENTS

The widening of I-20 west @ Broad River Ex will cause more noise to neighborhood in Emerald Valley Subdivision. There needs to be sound proof wall to cut down/out noise from I-20 Interstate. Too noisy now.

The Bridge for Tram Rd & Beatty Rd is a bad idea that will not help traffic flow just increase traffic.

X Use \$ to build transits for outer skirts areas to Downtown N.E. and Lexington surrounding areas

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COMMENTS

① Woodland Hills Subdivision

Glad to hear that NO connector will be opened between Berryhill Rd. and Fairway - this is currently blocked and needs to stay that way

② Noise measures for the Woodland Hills Subdivision - noise levels multiply when the fall/winter season "leaf fall" occurs. Hope that the design is effective at Nob Hill Rd.

Thank you! - Steve

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COMMENTS

Beatty Rd - Tram Rd - Bridge

This will impede the safety, value of homes and the safety of leaving
out of our driveways and also the children getting on or off
of the (I believe) the 4-5 buses that go through the neighborhood.

Also the roads are not equipped to be able to have the traffic.
There are other reasons of the other area may not be safe
safe for our neighborhood.

Thank you

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COMMENTS

Since this project will go on for about 5 years, will you consider putting the wall up first along I-20 before some of the other construction.

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COMMENTS

This is a much needed project BUT we need a major emphasis on transit and shared ridership in order to REDUCE traffic congestion (the PRIMARY GOAL of the entire project).

- 1 HOV & Express Bus Lanes
- 2 Park & Rides
- 3 Space on roadway for future trolly / light rail

The current plan will be OBSOLETE in 20 years. Plan for 100 years and MAKE A TRUE CHANGE!!!!

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COMMENTS

The turbine looks like a fine end to "malfunction junction" and I am all for it! I've been here since 1979 and have experienced the drawbacks of the half way measure over a decade ago. It was somewhat of an improvement on the whole, but there were still malfunctions, especially between the cloverleaf interchange (I-20 and I-26) and St. Andrews Road.

Coming off I-20 going west, some cars go up to 90mph to get past the cars in the next lane over ~~waiting~~ ^{that are} standing still, and squeeze in ~~at~~ before that lane exits for St Andrews West.

The proposed bridge at the end of Tram Road is a terrible idea! Parts of Tram Road are like a picturesque winding road through the mountains. Fine with light traffic, but a nightmare with the heavy traffic to be expected at times if the bridge is built.

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COMMENTS

I feel that the Beatty/TRAM Rd bridge is totally not needed.

1) ~~The~~ TRAM Rd is a residential street with many curves, hills and no shoulder. Also why would you want to come through a residential area when you could just make improvements to Fernandina + Canal Rd. (both are hilly + curvy)

2) Eighteen wheel OTR trucks should NEVER be allowed on TRAM OR Canal - they are too narrow and hilly.

Please use some good old common sense before you make changes that would greatly impact a neighborhood and lessen property values.

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COMMENTS

A current problem with the corridor is traffic backing up onto the interstate. At some point, traffic flow on St. Andrew, Piney Grove & Harbison (plus Broad River) need to be addressed

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COMMENTS

Will the system have lighting? or at
least key interchanges with lights? also, is it possible
to set it up where lake murray boulevard is
three lanes until the intersection with
Columbiana drive? that way no one has to
merge into that mess at rush hour.

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COMMENTS

- GREAT JOBS

- BEATTY ROAD BRIDGE IS GREAT IDEA. IT WILL HELP WITH LOCAL TRAFFIC

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COMMENTS

The Tram rd / Beatty rd bridge as it currently is designed would disrupt the Cottages at Whitehall neighborhood. I'm the HOA President and the residents are comprised of a lot of elderly couples who would find it even harder to get out of their neighborhood. Not to mention the bridge ends right in front of Frederickburg rd and also has the entrance to Jamil rd. access starting at that spot. That would create a four way intersection that could cause congestion where there wasn't any to begin with. We would rather have that tax money be spent towards fixing congestion with the Jamil rd. + Pine Grove rd intersection by having a right turn only lane added by the light on Jamil rd. Safety and Sensibility are our number one concern.

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My preferred plan was scraped. I travel
to Northeast Columbia and the only/best way is I-20.
I cross the Broad River most of the time. During the
2015 flood, we were worried that the I-20 bridge over
the Broad River would flood or be washed away.
Use the money for another bridge over the Broad
River and don't build the bridge between Tran &
Beatty Roads. That one is not needed but another
bridge over the Broad River is.

Ronnie DeLuhn

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COMMENTS

Would like to be on the Noise Reduction
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COMMENTS

We oppose the Ham Road / Beatty Road bridge. As longtime residents of Whitehall, the environmental, social, and noise impact on our neighborhood by this bridge has the potential to destroy our home neighborhood. The infrastructure is not sufficient to handle this bridge traffic.

Ham Road goes through the middle of the neighborhood with a single lane narrow road with no shoulders.

Please do not consider this bridge. Its impact on many people's honest lives is too important to gamble on with this bridge.

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COMMENTS

would like to request noise canceling wall be built

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COMMENTS

As a homeowner in the Whitehall subdivision, I oppose the Tram/Beatty bridge being built. I see NO purpose or positive reason for this connector being built. Tram Rd & Jamil Rd ^{are} ~~are~~ congested ^{enough} already. There are no sidewalks or bike lanes to protect the neighborhood walkers & bikers. Not to mention children @ the bus stops!! Also, Jamil Road is ALREADY a speed race track. It is used as a connector to Piney Grove Rd & Bower Park Road & connector to Harrison area stores & the mall & food places. You need to ReThink This project. We value our safe (SCDOT) neighborhood. We value our home values. We wish to MAINTAIN our safe, friendly & low crime Whitehall! Thank you.

Mail Comments to:



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COMMENTS

~~My comment is~~ The first I heard of the TRAM RD BEATTY RD BRIDGE was tonight. There is NO need for this bridge. It will not serve any purpose and just goes through a neighborhood which is barely 2 way traffic. I live on the Beatty Rd side, but have travelled TRAM ROAD on many occasions.

(Hov)

A carpool lane is needed to encourage carpooling.

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Awesome program and event!

Thank you so much for the comprehensive

and caring, considerate communication with

the community

The Betty Road Bridge/turn doesn't seem to be
a good idea, but I would support your decision
either way.

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4 DATE: AUGUST 23, 2018
5 TIME: 11:00 a.m.
6 LOCATION: COLUMBIA CONFERENCE CENTER
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8 COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA

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Michelle Herrell & Shane Belcher (FHWA)



1 HENRY PHILLIPS (PUBLIC HEARING
2 OFFICER): I'd like to get started. We're glad
3 you're all here for the Carolina Crossroads
4 Corridor Public Hearing today. We will have
5 another one at 3 P.M. and then the final one will
6 be at 6 P.M.

7 You're not required to provide your comments
8 for consideration during this portion, but it does
9 allow for interested parties to get up and share
10 their comments/concerns in an open setting. You'll
11 probably hear from a lot that they really want
12 their comment to be heard. The best way to get it
13 to us is in a written format.

14 So, hopefully everybody, when you came
15 through the doors, got a comment form so you can
16 memorialize your comments in writing. Give that to
17 us and we can much better respond to it.

18 A project of this size warrants extensive
19 review regarding the potential impact to chemical,
20 natural, and human environment. The project team
21 has compiled those impacts to aiding and
22 recommending the preferred alternatives as found
23 with the DEIS: The Draft Environmental Impact
24 Statement.

25 The comment period for this project began on

1 August the 3rd with the publication and notice of
2 availability of DEIS and the Federal Register. If
3 you're not able to provide your comments today, we
4 ask that you please do so by September 17th,
5 because that's the day the comment period will end.

6 Today's meeting provides an opportunity for
7 interested individuals, groups, and businesses to
8 view displays and videos of the project and
9 interact with the project team members. This is
10 also an opportunity to provide us with written
11 comments that we can use to continue our evaluation
12 throughout this project.

13 This portion of this meeting today is being
14 recorded, and as such will be included as part of
15 the public record and also will be subject to any
16 Freedom of Information Act requests that come
17 about.

18 This not a question-and-answer format.
19 There's not a presentation, so there will not be a
20 presentation given. We will go straight into the
21 public portion when we began. So the
22 presentation -- actually, if y'all came in first,
23 you'd have seen a video either in this room or the
24 room behind us, so that's pretty much the
25 presentation.

1 So I'll get started in just a moment, but
2 first off I'd like to give the floor -- I think we
3 have Representative Huggins here.

4 So Representative Huggins, if you'll come
5 up, I'll give you a few minutes to say a few words.

6 REPRESENTATIVE CHIP HUGGINS: Thank you
7 very much. First of all, I'd like just to real
8 quickly thank the SCDOT. We appreciate you holding
9 this very, very important forum, and we appreciate
10 the opportunity to be here to say a few words.

11 You know, we had a meeting on Tuesday night.
12 There's been a lot of concerns. Carolina
13 Crossroads has certainly been out there for some,
14 but we had something sort of new to me come up that
15 I only learned about two weeks ago, which was
16 called "The bridge from Tram to Beatty Road."

17 And I think everyone knows where that's
18 located. I strongly, strongly oppose; that I can
19 tell you. But I want to give you some reasons. I
20 know everyone in this room has been affected in
21 some way, form, or fashion in life, but let me tell
22 you our community -- everything over here to
23 left -- and I'll just say to the Southeastern
24 portion -- was affected hugely by the floods.

25 And let me tell you, one of the few tough

1 things that we have that we deal with -- and I know
2 you deal with it every day. You look at this from
3 every perspective, but, you know, WHOA has done
4 some real deep studies on this.

5 The flooding that's occurred, I do believe,
6 at some point was started by all the roads and some
7 of the things that have been put adjacent to the
8 Whitehall Community. And certainly I call it the
9 Whitehall Community, but you can call it Shy Dod;
10 you can call it Pine Glen; Gardendale and all
11 those. I'm not trying to leave anyone out in that
12 regard.

13 But I can tell you that first and foremost
14 is one of my strongest concerns with putting any
15 type of a bridge or putting any type of improvement
16 that would put any water in that direction.

17 And I want to share this with you, I think,
18 really for four reasons. The first and foremost is
19 the flooding concerns -- the decrease in property
20 value. I can tell you both sides -- both sides of
21 the areas.

22 I was in the real estate business for a long
23 time. Florence Garris knows that; Andy Gibbens
24 knows that. Let me tell you, the property values
25 are huge for all of us. You lose your property

1 value and you're going to lose your net worth.
2 You're going to lose a lot of things that you
3 fought for in life and the good lord has given us.
4 So we need to be very careful of that. I think
5 this will have an impact on that.

6 Hazardous traffic conditions -- and I want
7 to share this with you, because I have had, I
8 cannot tell you, how many e-mails. I am so
9 grateful for the e-mails I have received and the
10 thoughts that have been shared. It's not just, I
11 don't want it in my backyard. It's reasons, which
12 is absolutely awesome.

13 And that's what we need to do with these
14 comments we're going to turn in today, so that they
15 know and understand why we really, really don't
16 need this at Beatty and Tram in any form or
17 fashion.

18 And I'm going to end with this, because I
19 know I want to defer and let everybody have plenty
20 of time: There is a very, very high noise level.
21 I grew up -- if you're familiar with Broad River
22 Road, I grew up on Marley Drive. Marley Drive
23 didn't have anything except woods before 20 was
24 built over there. And 20 came and all the sudden
25 Mellis S came.

1 I don't know if anyone else is old enough to
2 remember that like I am. I lived there. But let
3 me tell you, Mellis S and them, for whatever
4 reason, they cleared the area for their building,
5 but they also cleared all the way back to Emerald
6 Valley and it left a void out there.

7 In fact, the University of South Carolina,
8 they use it for an ecological study because the
9 gaps in the land created a line of erosion. They
10 used it for a study over there. But it also
11 allowed all the noise from that interstate that was
12 hardly heard to be heard.

13 So we need to be respectful of that. We've
14 got neighborhoods right all around here, and we
15 just need to know these things.

16 And those are the four reasons why I'm going
17 to put on my sheet why I strongly oppose this. And
18 I hope and pray that this will not happen but that
19 it will just be one of these things that did get
20 taken out of the proposal.

21 We certainly need the Carolina Crossroads.
22 We applaud y'all for all your efforts. This is a
23 very hard job and we thank you for all you're
24 doing. With that said, thank you for your time
25 very much.

1 HENRY PHILLIPS (PUBLIC HEARING
2 OFFICER): Thank you, Representative Huggins.
3 Okay. With that, let me go over a few rules that
4 we use in our public hearings.

5 First of all, I've already mentioned this
6 but it's not a question-and-answer format, so just
7 bear that in mind. You'll have plenty of
8 opportunity once we adjourn in this room to address
9 the questions/comments that you may have with the
10 proper individual.

11 So with that, two minutes, so everyone that
12 has signed up today to speak is given two minutes.
13 Okay? We'll give you a warning. Right back here
14 in the corner this lady has a sign that says when
15 you've got 30 seconds left. She'll hold that up.
16 I just ask that when your time is up that you
17 conclude your comments. Okay?

18 The time is not transferable, you know, so
19 if there's a handful of people here, you can't come
20 up and say, "Hey, I'm not using my two minutes, I'm
21 transferring it to someone else". Please don't do
22 that.

23 So in an effort to save time -- although I
24 think we have plenty -- rather than restating
25 something that the person in front of you said, you

1 can certainly say that, you know, In part of my
2 comments I agree with so-and-so. So you can do
3 that to save a little bit of time.

4 Very important: No profanity; no personal
5 attacks. We're here to listen to you. And, as I
6 already mentioned, only those who have previously
7 signed up are the names that I'm going to call.

8 So with that, I'll start names in just a
9 moment. Very important: When you come up here --
10 because I may butcher your name. So when you come
11 up here the first thing I want you to do is state
12 your name, give your address, and if you're
13 representing a homeowners association or some sort
14 business or some sort of group, something along
15 those lines, you would state that as well.

16 So with that, I think -- would it work
17 better for the speakers for the public to come over
18 here or over there? Over there. Okay.

19 So when I call your name, come up the
20 microphone right over to my right. I'm going to
21 call the first person's name, and then I'm going to
22 call the second name just so you'll be ready.

23 So the first person I have up is Ernie Bell,
24 and then after Mr. Bell we will have Walter
25 Priesler.

1 Mr. Bell?

2 ERNIE BELL: Happy to be here. My name
3 is Ernie Bell. I'm at 177 St. Andrews Road. I'm
4 currently the Vice President of The Whitehall
5 Homeowners' Association. We had the largest
6 meeting we've ever had at our homeowners
7 association Tuesday night. We had over 120 people;
8 we couldn't get them all in the room.

9 Representative Huggins was there and he just
10 basically asked everybody to raise your hand if you
11 opposed the bridge from Beatty Road to Tram Road,
12 and every hand went up.

13 We really don't see any advantage to this at
14 all. Whitehall Neighborhood is about Piney Grove
15 Road. So the commercial areas that people want to
16 travel to are on the Tram Road side. So for us to
17 go to the mall or Bower Parkway we go down Piney
18 Grove Road and turn and go there. If we want to go
19 to Costco, we cross and go Piney Grove Road.

20 We really don't see any advantage for a
21 bridge to Beatty Road. So from Beatty Road side if
22 they get ready to go to Costco they can turn on
23 Fernandina Road and they're right there at Costco
24 already.

25 So we have Jamil Road and we have Fernandina

1 Road that allows us to get either way on that.

2 This particular bridge is not really going
3 to do much in helping the folks in the
4 neighborhood. We see that it may end up bringing a
5 lot of traffic through our neighborhood. Not
6 necessarily individuals who live on the Beatty Road
7 area coming through there, but we might see a lot
8 of 18-wheelers coming down through there as they
9 try to cut through that area to get to St. Andrews
10 Road.

11 We have a real problem with traffic on St.
12 Andrews Road already. We've had multiple accidents
13 out there, and we don't see this as being helpful.
14 \$1.5 million dollars for this project could be
15 transferred into something else that would be much
16 more effective.

17 We support the overall crossroads effort,
18 but this particular effort, as Representative
19 Huggins said, looks like a last minute add on and
20 we would strongly ask the DOT to consider striking
21 this from their Crossroads project.

22 HENRY PHILLIPS (PUBLIC HEARING
23 OFFICER): Thank you, Mr. Bell.

24 Mr. Walter Priesler, and after I have Lester
25 Blackwell.

1 MR. PRIESLER: Good morning or good
2 evening to all. It's Priesler, Walter Priesler.
3 I'm here with my wife. We live at 1800 Luster
4 Lane. We're in the Skyview Terrace neighborhood
5 between 126 and 20.

6 Concerns have already been voiced and that
7 would be the noise and the property values.

8 Additionally, I would like SCDOT to come up
9 with some kind of committee that would sit down
10 with the City and with Richland County. We've said
11 right in that area we've have problems with floods
12 already in that area. Additionally, we have water
13 pressure problems in that area and we have sewage
14 problems in that area.

15 That particular area is on septic tanks, if
16 you don't know that already. So I would like for
17 you to find a way to sit down and bring everybody
18 to the table so they can hash that out.

19 The concern is, during the project, making
20 me feel more comfortable about how you're going to
21 address the rain and flood waters during the
22 process and then show me as well after the project
23 is complete.

24 I know when you have to pass this off, to
25 whoever the project manager is that you finally

1 agree on, that those are small things at this time
2 for you, but we live in the area. We have large
3 stakes for us. So give us a feeling of confidence
4 that everything is going to be addressed.

5 It's a project that's long overdue
6 infrastructure for this particular area and I'm
7 supportive of it. Thank you.

8 HENRY PHILLIPS (PUBLIC HEARING OFFICER):
9 Thank you, Mr. Priesler.

10 Mr. Lester Blackwell and then I have Brell
11 Foster.

12 LESTER BLACKWELL: My name is Lester
13 Blackwell. I live at 183 Tram Road. To try to get
14 out of my driveway I've almost been hit five times.
15 My mailbox has been ripped off six times by the
16 traffic now, which is only 2000 cars per day that
17 goes down Tram Road. I am adamantly opposed to the
18 bridge or additional traffic. That's part of the
19 reason.

20 Also, on both sides of the interstate
21 there's school district five and the buses will be
22 coming across, which I don't know whether that's
23 been looked at in one way or the other. Because
24 they will go the most convenient way.

25 There is enough traffic on Tram Road as it

1 is now. When you pull out you don't know whether
2 you're going to get hit or not.

3 And Ernie Bell's on the corner, which is a
4 car length from his garage, and he has to look to
5 see whether the light's changing. Because if it
6 changes and somebody speeds up to get through it,
7 you've got to realize that.

8 And all down there -- because the curvature
9 is not wide where I live at, because when it rains
10 it floods out that street on Tram and people slow
11 down and slosh water everywhere.

12 And it's a nuisance the way nothing's going
13 to be done to it when you go to put a bridge on it.
14 And down where it curves around, I don't even like
15 to drive on it because you slip off of the road
16 sometimes.

17 And the number one problem though is
18 speeding on Whitehall. Sometimes I just aggravate
19 people by going 25 miles per hour. And people come
20 up behind me beep, beep, beep, beep on Tram Road,
21 and I flick my lights on, not my brakes. And I'm
22 probably guilty of speeding too; I'm not going to
23 say I'm not. We need to have safety in that.

24 And I would suggest that Jamil Road and
25 Fernandina be widened to allow more traffic on that

1 to use that. We don't need to destroy a
2 neighborhood and that's what you're doing. You're
3 destroying a neighborhood.

4 A long time ago when Mungo was in y'all were
5 looking like the election commissioner. The
6 election commissioners divided Gardendale and Tram
7 Road so Mungo was signed on Whitehall.

8 HENRY PHILLIPS (PUBLIC HEARING
9 OFFICER): Mr. Blackwell, your time is expired.

10 LESTER BLACKWELL: Thank you. I didn't
11 see it. Thank you for your time, and thank you
12 very much for your efforts.

13 HENRY PHILLIPS (PUBLIC HEARING
14 OFFICER): Next I have Brell Foster and then it
15 will be Brad O'Brien.

16 BRELL FOSTER: Good afternoon. I'm
17 Brell Foster. I live at 401 Old Friars Road in the
18 Whitehall subdivision. I'm a member of the
19 Whitehall Homeowners' Association. I think this
20 project is greatly needed. Not only from the
21 safety aspect and travel times, but I think this is
22 a big economic impact. Not only to the community
23 here but the entire state of South Carolina.

24 However, I am opposed to the proposed
25 bridge connecting Tram Road and Beatty Road. Last

1 October we met at Seven Oaks Elementary School and
2 there were probably 40 to 50 easels showing all the
3 possible proposals that DOT was looking at. This
4 bridge connecting Tram and Beatty was not one of
5 those proposals. To bring it in the 11th hour like
6 this, I think, is unfair.

7 One of the proposals was basically putting
8 an interstate through the Quail Hollow Subdivision.
9 Our friends at Quail Hollow had a year to oppose
10 that. Most of my neighbors did not know about this
11 bridge until the last ten days. I think we've just
12 not had enough time to oppose this.

13 Tuesday night a DOT representative said the
14 distance between St. Andrews Road and Piney Grove
15 Road was the longest distance without a crossover
16 to get across the interstate. That distance has
17 not changed in over 60 years. If it is such a big
18 issue now, why was that not proposed last October
19 and shown to us at Seven Oaks Elementary School?

20 The third thing I have is that Tram Road is
21 basically dangerous above 25 miles an hour. There
22 are too many -- if The Department of Transportation
23 wanted to rebuild Tram Road exactly the way it is
24 today, they could not get it permitted. There are
25 too many curves; too many elevation changes.

1 There's one section of 30-yards like a
2 roller coaster. There are too many blind
3 driveways. This bridge will increase the traffic
4 on Tram. It's going to be a major shortcut to get
5 to Bush River Road and we can't take any more
6 traffic.

7 It is going to be dangerous. Thank you very
8 much.

9 HENRY PHILLIPS (PUBLIC HEARING
10 OFFICER): Next I have Brad O'Brien and then it
11 will be Renee Shafer.

12 BRAD O'BRIEN: Brad O'Brien. I'm also
13 in the Whitehall Community. I'm at 143 Tyborne
14 Circle. My Representative Huggins and my fellow
15 neighbors of Whitehall have already articulated all
16 of my concerns, so I'm not going to repeat that.
17 I'll just give some personal experiences of Tram
18 Road and help emphasize the problem that we already
19 have with traffic.

20 I might emphasize too that at our HOA
21 meeting the other night we asked have you done an
22 assessment to understand the impact that this would
23 have on traffic and the answer was no. And we were
24 all appalled that something had been proposed
25 without doing a study of the traffic impact on

1 travel.

2 So as my neighbors have already said,
3 traffic is already a problem on Tram Road. The
4 speed limit is 25 and nobody follows that except
5 the residents of Whitehall.

6 People are speeding through it all the time
7 that don't live in Whitehall. They're already
8 using Tram as a way to get somewhere else, and this
9 is only going to get worse.

10 And just personal experience to help
11 illustrate the problem that already exists: I'm up
12 late, late most of the time and I take my dog for
13 walks late at night. You would think in a nice
14 quiet neighborhood like Whitehall there wouldn't be
15 a problem with traffic around 11:00, midnight.
16 People are speeding down Tram even then.

17 I have to wait to cross the road with my dog
18 at midnight. Sometimes, two or three cars come
19 flying by. They're going much closer to 55 miles
20 an hour than 25.

21 So, please, consider all of this. Do not
22 build this overpass. It will be devastating to our
23 neighborhood, and there's not a clear benefit.

24 Thank you.

25 HENRY PHILLIPS (PUBLIC HEARING

1 OFFICER): Thank you, Mr. O'Brien.

2 Next I have Ms. Renee Shaffer.

3 RENE SHAFER: Hello. I'm Renee
4 Shafer. I am a representative of the Williamsburg
5 West Subdivision, and I've been a member of the
6 noise advisory committee since its inception. We
7 have not met for two years, so I do have a concern
8 about that. I agree with everything that's been
9 said about the Tram Road.

10 I'm calling it the bridge to nowhere,
11 because I don't see any sense in that nor do my
12 neighbors see any sense in that. And to
13 arbitrarily just add that without any notification
14 to residents I think was completely unfair.

15 The other thing is I do know The University
16 of South Carolina, the transportation department,
17 DOT, Richland County and Lexington County are
18 supposed to get together and talk about public
19 transportation also.

20 Any time there is a road built there is
21 supposed to be some kind of carpool lane or
22 something to help mass transportation, and I don't
23 see any in any of your formats that I've seen. So
24 I am concerned about that.

25 It looked like in the video over there that

1 there's only one lane going downtown on your
2 wonderful loop, or spaghetti bowl that people are
3 calling it. So that's certainly probably not going
4 to be very effective for people transporting
5 themselves into downtown.

6 Those are some of the concerns we have. I
7 certainly would agree with everything that was said
8 about Tram Road.

9 HENRY PHILLIPS (PUBLIC HEARING
10 OFFICER): Thank you, Ms. Shaffer.

11 That concludes all the folks that I had
12 previously signed up. I want to remind you of all
13 the opportunities that you have to get your
14 comments in. Hopefully everyone here has a
15 handout. On the back page of that handout there's
16 an e-mail address, a hotline, there's a physical
17 mailing address.

18 Certainly, there's opportunities to leave
19 those comments with us tonight across the hallway,
20 so I strongly encourage you to do that. Take the
21 opportunity to voice your concerns. Don't just
22 tell us, "hey, I love it", or, "hey, I hate it".
23 Give us some reasons why you like or why you don't
24 like it or maybe a mixture of both.

25 Those are meaningful comments that really

1 help us do a better job of trying to deliver y'all
2 a project that we can all be proud of.

3 So with that, I will conclude the morning
4 portion of our hearing and with that wish y'all a
5 pleasant day.

6 (The hearing was concluded at 12:56 p.m.)

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1 3:00 SESSION

2 THERESA MCCLURE (PUBLIC HEARING OFFICER):

3 Thank you all for joining us here today for today's
4 public hearing. Today we've actually had -- we
5 will have a total of three. We've already had one.
6 This is our second period to hear formal verbal
7 comments from you. For your consideration, this
8 portion is really your opportunity to provide your
9 comments to us moving forward.

10 The comment period for this milestone
11 project began on August 3rd with a publication of
12 the notice of availability from the Draft
13 Environmental Impact Statement and it closes on
14 September 17th. The critical component is to make
15 sure we're getting your input. So if you're
16 providing your comments to us today, we have a
17 court reporter recording that for us for our
18 records.

19 It's also your time to submit your formal
20 written comments and you can do that in many forms
21 today or online.

22 This portion of our meeting is really
23 intended for -- it's not a question-and-answer
24 session. This is your opportunity to voice your
25 concerns and we're here to listen to you.

1 We have a couple of rules as we get started
2 today. First, just to let you know, you're allowed
3 about two minutes -- a total of two minutes to
4 provide your comments to the team and then we will
5 move forward to the next person.

6 We have a woman over here, Nicole, she's
7 going to help us from a timing perspective. So as
8 you come up and give us your comment today you'll
9 notice her giving the 30-second warning and then
10 informing you when your time has expired.

11 Following the meeting today, after we've
12 heard everybody that has signed up for this period,
13 we will conclude the meeting by exiting this room.
14 We're going to restart the video, if you haven't
15 had an opportunity to see that, and then we can
16 take your questions or discuss any concerns or
17 comments you might have back in the other open
18 meeting house space.

19 So with that, I'm just going to go through a
20 couple of rules for the comments. One, please,
21 stop talking when your time us up. Again, we'll
22 give you a heads up at that 30-second warning.
23 Your time is not transferable. If you signed up,
24 you cannot assign your time to somebody else. In
25 an effort to save time, rather than restating what

1 a previous speaker has said, you can recognize that
2 you agree with another speaker. No profanity or
3 personal attacks, please. And again, only those
4 that have signed up will be allowed to speak.

5 And then, finally, when you come up please
6 state your name, address, or any group or
7 organization you might be here representing today
8 as well.

9 And with that, we'll go ahead and get
10 started. So any representatives here today that
11 would like to take a moment to speak before I call
12 on the first couple of people? No? Okay. Great.

13 I'm going to go ahead and call our first
14 speaker and then inform our person after that
15 that's the second speaker they'll be next so you
16 can get prepared for your time period. Our first
17 speaker today is Archie Ard and our second speaker
18 is Maxine Russell.

19 Mr. Ard, if you'll come up and speak into
20 the microphone here we'll go ahead and get started.

21 Okay. Maxine Russell?

22 Okay. Ann Dawson?

23 Okay. Ms. Dawson, thank you. You can come
24 up to our microphone here. And then after Ann we
25 will have David Lewis.

1 ANN DAWSON: Good afternoon. I'm Ann
2 Dawson. I live at 1136 Stater Road. It's right
3 off of Bush River Road, so you know we are
4 interested in what's been happening. I want to
5 thank the planners of this. It's been a
6 wonderful -- this has been a wonderful event. We
7 asked after listening, and people answering the
8 question about where we live and what would affect
9 us.

10 Bush River Road not being able to enter from
11 the interstate or from I-26 to Bush River Road, you
12 know, would be an inconvenience, but Colonial Life
13 Boulevard would be a good answer. I do have a
14 concern. When you get to the end of Colonial Life
15 and you're going onto I-26 -- either way 126 and
16 I-26 -- and they say that you will stop and that
17 will really be a slowdown.

18 And, I think, it will be a backup for the
19 people coming off of the interstate from Columbia
20 and I have concern about that and, I think,
21 otherwise, it's looking good.

22 THERESA MCCLURE (PUBLIC HEARING OFFICER):
23 Okay. Mr. Lewis. David Lewis. Okay.

24 And following Mr. Lewis we'll have
25 Mr. Matthews.

1 DAVID LEWIS: First of all, congratulations. Thank
2 you for the people involved in drawing this up.
3 There was a lot of work that has gone into this;
4 there's a lot more work needing to be in order for
5 this to come together and make this become a
6 reality.

7 I do have some concerns. One of them is I
8 ride public transportation, that's how I got here,
9 and this gives a unique ability to show an example
10 for how this could actually cut down traffic. It
11 also makes it more safer for people who do ride
12 public transportation.

13 I also look at the reality of this from the
14 design and environmental aspect of it, because my
15 background is in agriculture and I have knowledge.
16 I have deep concerns about the concrete storage
17 point.

18 What type of environmental aspect will it
19 have on the soil? How and where will the water be
20 going? Where would it be transferred to? What
21 impact would it have on the environment and the
22 soil? How would it have an effect with the
23 chemicals used?

24 Things I was searching for are outside, and
25 I wanted to make sure that has been addressed as

1 well as problems been solved.

2 We're looking at the reality of it here.

3 It's great for the city, especially with the
4 economic impact of these corporations that's coming
5 here now.

6 We are having a rapid impact of people
7 moving here to Columbia, so what you're doing is
8 coming at the right time. But at the same time I
9 want to make sure it's addressed and that it's
10 looked at from all stages of reality.

11 Again, I want to thank y'all for putting
12 this together; putting into words what I just said
13 into reality. Because if we happen to have a flood
14 also that water has to go somewhere and how will
15 you address that to be able to divert the water so
16 we will not have an impact on our neighborhoods in
17 this area? Thank you for your time.

18 THERESA MCCLURE (PUBLIC HEARING
19 OFFICER): Thank you.

20 Mr. James Matthews? Okay.

21 Mr. Suki Patel? After Mr. Patel we'll do
22 John Scarborough.

23 JOHN SCARBOROUGH: Thank you. I'm John
24 Scarborough. I represent the Villa Restaurant on
25 Bush River Road. We've been there 41 years. We

1 built on Bush River Road when the interchange was a
2 typical interchange. You drove down 26; you got
3 off on Bush River Road in both directions on and
4 off.

5 We were there when they did the first fix of
6 the interchange in the early '80s. It eliminated
7 getting off the interstate coming from Columbia
8 clear onto Colonial Life Boulevard. They changed
9 the way they got you going to Charleston.

10 When we built after the early '80s they
11 built a wall on the corner where Kroger -- I mean,
12 Walmart is right now. We built a mall and Kroger
13 was one of the anchors; it turned into Target and
14 that was another anchor. They redid the
15 interchange and the mall subsequently went out of
16 business. It was actually sold at a tax auction
17 and I firmly believe that came from redoing the
18 interchange.

19 Well, now, they're talking about completely
20 eliminating the interchange, and I think you're
21 going to create an economic dead zone where these
22 businesses are not going to be able to survive. We
23 think one of the easiest fixes would be to at least
24 allow us access -- when you get off 26 coming from
25 Charleston to at least keep that open where we can

1 get off the interchange. Traffic wise, that would
2 be the easiest way as far as safety.

3 As far as getting back on the interstate, we
4 think these plans would probably work where people
5 would have to get back on the way they're supposed
6 to have been getting back on now. But I really
7 want to be able to get traffic off of 26 onto Bush
8 River Road. That's all I have to say. My time's
9 expired, but thank you.

10 THERESA MCCLURE (PUBLIC HEARING
11 OFFICER): Mr. Patel.

12 And then after Mr. Patel we will have Paul
13 Desai.

14 SUKI PATEL: Thank you. I'm Suki
15 Patel. 529 Bush River Road. We've operated the
16 Schlotzsky's on Bush River Road for almost 22
17 years. Some of the things that the prior gentleman
18 that spoke made I'd make the same point.

19 First, we met most of these gentlemen and
20 ladies here over at New Springs Church back in
21 March. We've requested some more input from them
22 regarding what they have proposed to do. Mainly,
23 give us access from 26 coming in from Charleston.
24 Once they come in, they can drop off back onto
25 Colonial Life or I-20 and it didn't matter to us.

1 As business owners, we needed that access
2 and we still need it. Most of our travelers are
3 coming from 26 from Spartanburg to Charleston. If
4 you eliminate that, I'm going to lose all that
5 traffic.

6 As easy as it may look on diagrams and
7 schematics of those 26 travelers, one can drop off
8 Colonial Life or go to 20 and then come back over
9 all the way towards Dutch Square. It's not going
10 to happen. Those travelers are going to continue
11 onto 378.

12 If any of you travel 378 going to Lexington
13 Hospital, I'm pretty sure it's backed up. Now
14 you're going to add more traffic from that person
15 that's traveling from Greenville going down.

16 Bush River Road has been the heart, the
17 heart of this whole interchange where people can
18 easily come on and off. Yes, there are some
19 issues. All we're asking today is let them drop
20 off at 26. Ease the burden on 378, which you guys
21 already have created. You guys are going to add
22 more to it by doing what you guys are proposing.
23 That's all we're asking for.

24 Let that traffic block, and we'll figure out
25 a way to get them back off from Colonial Life or

1 I-20, and we requested that.

2 The one last comment I want to make is we
3 requested you guys to come and speak to us, see
4 what kind of financial impact this will do to Bush
5 River Road.

6 You talk about the dead zone? Well, not
7 only that. Think about crime that we're going to
8 have in this area that we finally cleaned up.
9 People are coming into New Springs Church and other
10 people -- time's expired, I'll let the next person
11 go. Thank you.

12 THERESA MCCLURE (PUBLIC HEARING
13 OFFICER): Thank you.

14 Paul Desai?

15 Okay. We have Gail Ramsey, and
16 following Ms. Ramsey we'll have Mac Brown.

17 GAIL RAMSEY: Thank you. Thank you for
18 inviting us here. I'm going to read this in the
19 interest of time. I would record that I'm very
20 much strongly opposed to the Tram Beatty connector
21 bridge and that's what I'll be talking about today.
22 I can give a few reasons.

23 Briefly, more traffic. There will be
24 considerably more traffic on Tram Road,
25 Nottingham, and there's apparently no restriction,

1 at this time, on vehicle size. Cars cut through
2 the neighborhood to get to St. Andrews, Bush River,
3 and Piney Grove.

4 Whitehall's Roads are narrow, hilly, winding
5 and uneven. More traffic is a safety detriment,
6 which I know is one of the Department of
7 Transportation's concerns. Definitely safety
8 concerns for children waiting for school buses,
9 joggers, walkers, and bikers, which they are very
10 busy in our neighborhood.

11 Number two, increase in crime. The bridge
12 connects a very stable and upstanding subdivision
13 of Whitehall directly to the Broad River Road crime
14 corridor. Increase in crime to properties, gunshot
15 injuries, and other things which would surely
16 increase. Another added safety issue that we're
17 all concerned about.

18 Number three, decrease in property value.
19 Many people have lived in Whitehall for 20 years or
20 more; some all their lives. Let's face it, often
21 our houses are our biggest asset and many rely on
22 that later lifetime income. This connector will
23 cause property values to plummet. Who wants to buy
24 a house with more traffic, higher crime problems,
25 with both increased flooding and unsafe bus stops,

1 fear of robberies and bodily injuries from
2 criminals? We won't be able to give our houses
3 away.

4 Four, more traffic on Jamil and more
5 congestion at Piney Grove. Jamil, already a cut
6 through for many to get to Harbison, it's a mess,
7 and the back-ups often go to CarMax and further.
8 This connection will cause the traffic to
9 skyrocket.

10 Number six, Canadian Geese -- Oh, I'm done.
11 I'm sorry. Thank you very much.

12 THERESA MCCLURE (PUBLIC HEARING
13 OFFICER): Mac Brown.

14 Following Mr. Brown, Phyllis Pendarvis.
15 MAC BROWN: I'm Mac Brown. I live at 278 Tram
16 Road. I'm also concerned about the Tram-Beatty
17 connection and what impact it will have on us.

18 And as for the geese, we have a large flock
19 that stroll across the road all hours of the day
20 and night. There's increased traffic. People that
21 don't live in our neighborhood that don't know
22 about those kinds of things -- we're afraid they
23 won't survive very long. So we are opposed -- I am
24 opposed to this connector.

25 I like the overall project. I think it

1 needs to be done. Particularly this is not vital
2 to the overall project. This is an addition and an
3 add-on it seems to be.

4 When we bought our home in 1982 on Tram Road
5 about every month or so we had a wreck in our yard.
6 We're right on the curve, Tram and Tudor. We had a
7 wreck in our yard and it was always midnight; it
8 was always a young man; and there was always
9 alcohol involved. They changed the drinking age;
10 they closed the cowboy bars; and it hasn't
11 happened.

12 With this connector we're now going to be
13 open all the way to Broad River. This would be
14 bring that kind of traffic through our
15 neighborhood, once again. That's what I'm
16 concerned about. I'm especially concerned about
17 that.

18 I've been told by several people after
19 speaking today that this will probably only be
20 light traffic that comes over. Well, if it's light
21 traffic, why bother to do it? If it's heavy
22 traffic, then Tram can't handle it and it will be
23 just a matter of a year or two until they come back
24 and say, "We have to four-lane this".

25 There goes Tram Road. All those houses will

1 go and the neighborhood will go. Thank you.

2 PHYLLIS PENDARVIS: I'm Phyllis
3 Pendarvis and they made my talk easy. I won't need
4 my full two minutes. I've been living in Whitehall
5 and Sulgrave Drive for 48 years, and we've seen a
6 lot of change in that time.

7 The drawings you-all have, or had an
8 opportunity to get, shows the big picture. There's
9 just a little piece of drawing that shows Tram Road
10 and Beatty Road. One little piece.

11 It looks simple, but if you've ever ridden
12 from Tram Road to Frontage Road you know that it's
13 almost like you were transported to the mountains.
14 It's a curvy, crooked, picturesque little road not
15 ready for 18-wheelers, not ready for 12-wheelers or
16 whatever. It truly will be a disaster. It's not
17 worth it.

18 People have been finding a way across that
19 interstate the whole time I've been there, and
20 we've never had people lost on one side and not
21 able to get to the other. Please don't mess up
22 Whitehall.

23 We're just a little piece of this puzzle.
24 The rest of it, I think, is beautiful. It's not
25 really in my backyard, but it's going to help us.

1 But that Tram Road decision could be your disaster.
2 Please don't do it.

3 THERESA MCCLURE (PUBLIC HEARING
4 OFFICER): Okay. We have Charlotte Fordham and
5 then Summer Hill. Charlotte Fordham?

6 CHARLOTTE FORDHAM: Hi. I'm Charlotte
7 Fordham. I live at 943 Bakersfield Road. I
8 definitely want to echo some of the two gentlemen
9 that own businesses on Bush River Road. I also
10 have very real concerns about there being an
11 economic dead zone. I also have very real concerns
12 about the fact that you're eliminating a very
13 important aspect on and off 26 to our
14 neighborhoods.

15 It's going to slow the response times of
16 EMS; potentially, fire. It's going to make it
17 harder for us to get access to hospitals. It will
18 make it longer for us to get there.

19 I'm also concerned about the fact that
20 you're going to have more traffic coming onto the
21 other exit, which is going to create a lot more
22 traffic for us. Then between that Colonial Life
23 Boulevard and that I-20 exit, where is all that
24 traffic going to go?

25 We already have major, major problems --

1 particularly, that intersection of Bush River and
2 Colonial Life -- and I just don't see where that's
3 going to go. Us living in a neighborhood that is
4 going to be very impacted by everyone trying to
5 escape the horrible traffic on Bush River Road, we
6 are going to end up with horrible traffic on Bush
7 River Road. Worse than it already is.

8 A lot of it looks great, but I think it's a
9 terrible, terrible idea eliminating that exchange.
10 I also think it's a terrible idea to put that --
11 the Tram/Beatty connector. Because now you've
12 sandwiched traffic coming in from Bush River Road
13 from both ends, which is going to exacerbate the
14 problem. That's all I have to say.

15 SUMMER STILL: Hi. My name is Summer Still and we
16 have property on Luster Lane and Morning Hill
17 Drive, which is absolutely directed -- and Gale
18 Drive, which has been impacted by this.

19 Of course we've been very concerned, but I'd
20 like to say, first of all, that up until this point
21 it's been handled very disrespectfully. A lot of
22 people in that neighborhood got notices; we have
23 not received notices. My parents own property
24 there. They bought property there 60 years ago so
25 that their children could live in a good

1 neighborhood and they could have a place to call
2 home for the rest of their lives.

3 Now, this is being impacted. Not only did
4 they not receive notification, or we would have
5 been at public hearings before, but even up until
6 on the way here. We have white vans with strange
7 men; they do not have identifications. There was
8 never any cards or anything that says there's going
9 to be survey mapping in your area.

10 They come on our property; we don't know who
11 they are. There are children in our
12 neighborhood -- thank goodness, we started getting
13 younger families and finally getting children in
14 our neighborhood -- and they couldn't go outside
15 and play for two weeks before school started
16 because we didn't know who these men in white vans
17 were.

18 We never got notification from SCDOT that
19 they're going to be in our area. They said, "Well,
20 about five years ago we sent something out that we
21 may be doing something in your area." And now
22 we're told that it's almost done?

23 The traffic, by moving it to Colonial Life
24 Boulevard, is going to impact the elderly people,
25 the senior people, the disabled that can now make

1 it a mile to go to the store on their own; to get
2 things on their own to be self-sufficient will no
3 longer be able to be self-sufficient.

4 A young boy -- 25 years ago when they ended
5 up building that Frontage Road there was a young
6 man that was 10 years old that was killed when a
7 construction worker ran over him.

8 So let's start by being respectful to the
9 people that are there. Let us know what's going
10 on. The EMS and getting to the hospital is very,
11 very, very important. That exit is always backed
12 up at two o'clock in the afternoon every afternoon.
13 So fix those things first.

14 We want crosswalks on Bush River Road. Fix
15 the hospital exit. Do the pre-work before you
16 impact these areas. Thank you.

17 THERESA MCCLURE (PUBLIC HEARING
18 OFFICER): Marjorie and after Ginger Brandt.

19 MARJORIE ERINCLOVE(PHONETIC): My name
20 is Marjorie Erinclove. I live at 292 Middlesex
21 Road in Whitehall for 50 years. And I'm very
22 concerned about, particularly, the overpass -- the
23 proposed overpass. It would have a serious
24 negative impact on the residents of Whitehall as
25 well as other subdivisions in close proximity.

1 It would overload Tram Road, which runs to
2 the heart of Whitehall and would in no way improve
3 Malfunction Junction congestion.

4 You're going to affect the quality of life
5 of over 1400 people. The noise pollution; the
6 sound pollution; increased crime; and decreased
7 property values.

8 And I have written this, and I would like it
9 to be clear as far I'm concerned, Whitehall -- it
10 has always been a pleasure living in Whitehall. Do
11 not build this bridge. I'm opposed to it. Thank
12 you very much.

13 GINGER BRANDT: Hi. I'm Ginger Brandt
14 and I live in Whitehall also. I've lived there for
15 nearly 30 years. I'm also opposed to the bridge
16 connector. I understand it was added later on
17 during the process and it came as quite a surprise
18 to us. I'm proud to live in Whitehall because it
19 is an established neighborhood with old grown
20 trees, nearby parks, good schools, and homeowners
21 who take pride in their property.

22 It was Mike Mungo's flagship development
23 where he chose to live in his adult life. His
24 vision and legacy will be destroyed if the planned
25 bridge is constructed. Indeed, I wonder if he were

1 alive if the bridge would even be under
2 consideration.

3 So that's basically why I'm opposed to it.
4 It's going to kill our neighborhood. Thank you.

5 CAROL DAVID: My name is Carol David
6 and I grew up in Whitehall and just recently bought
7 a house one block from where my mother still lives.
8 My intention was for this to be my last house, and
9 I retired recently from working for the State for
10 many years.

11 If this proposed bridge is approved, my
12 dreams will be dashed along with so many other
13 residents in the area. I have an attachment that
14 I'd like to be on the record without reading it.

15 THERESA MCCLURE (PUBLIC HEARING
16 OFFICER): Yes, of course you can submit it.

17 CAROL DAVID: We specifically believe
18 this bridge will be a detriment to our area and it
19 is just not necessary considering the negative
20 impact it's going to have. Thank you for your
21 consideration in doing away with this proposal.

22 MR. SINGH: My name is Mr. Singh. I'm
23 the owner of Beatty Gas. About 15 years ago we got
24 into this neighborhood. There was no growth. Many
25 properties were down. This property, we bought it

1 after it was closed for about 20 years. So we went
2 in there, rebuilt the whole thing, and spent almost
3 3/4 of a million dollars and got to where we are.

4 You don't see many properties now closed on
5 Bush River Road. Hardly, one or two, which is
6 almost zero. But if that goes the way they are
7 proposing, I think it's going to be 20 years back.
8 If you look at the picture on the Bush River, it's
9 going to be like that.

10 All of the small businesses, I think, are
11 helping these neighborhoods. You see these people
12 and they go to Midas; they go to sandwich places;
13 they go to gas stations. And we have neighborhood
14 relations.

15 So with that, this is going to have a very
16 big impact on our businesses, and afraid we'll go
17 back 20 years before it will go down. That's all I
18 wish to say.

19 SHARI TOLEN: Hello. My name is Shari
20 Tolen. I live in the Whitehall neighborhood. I'm
21 also opposed to the Beatty/Tram Road connector.
22 I've been there 30 years. When I moved to
23 Whitehall, we would see foxes in the yard. We
24 would see more than just the bluebirds and the
25 cardinals. We'd see deer. Now, they're either

1 dead or, you know, whatever happens to them on the
2 road.

3 Piney Grove Road, if you've traveled that
4 road, at the end of it is a sign that says "truck
5 or commercial vehicles" to make a right and down to
6 St. Andrews Road. I guess, it wasn't built to
7 handle the trucks or 18-wheelers, but now, I guess
8 because of progress, and Google maps, and Waze,
9 truckers can find their way up and down Piney Grove
10 Road. The road is starting to get torn.

11 Now, they're talking about putting a road in
12 the middle of one neighborhood -- I don't remember
13 the name on that side -- into Whitehall. That's
14 the Beatty and Tram connector. So now you've got
15 trucks coming from a nice quite neighborhood over
16 the interstate into a nice quiet neighborhood.
17 Both neighborhoods have winding, tree-lined roads
18 with homes, and to me I just don't see it. I don't
19 think it's a great idea and I oppose that
20 connection as well.

21 THERESA MCCLURE (PUBLIC HEARING
22 OFFICER): I offered the sign-in sheet to one
23 person before I started this hearing today. So the
24 last person, please, come up and introduce
25 yourself.

1 RICHARD BEST: I'm Richard Best from
2 Lexington and around. I have an opposition to part
3 of this project as it's been dropped. I see they
4 brought on a couple of roads in Whitehall and such
5 areas that seem to be causing some frustration, but
6 they forgot about Lexington Hospital. They had
7 several flyers there and it's totally forgotten.

8 The roads are backed up all the way, just
9 about, into the lanes right now. That needs to be
10 fixed. They also forgot about Killian and 317; the
11 most horrendous roads in the whole neighborhood.
12 There's constant weavings and wrecks there all the
13 time.

14 And schools, that's been forgot too.
15 The other part that's been forgot: There was a
16 great bypass they were going to do from Piney Grove
17 Road over to Killian Road, which would eliminate
18 everybody coming through Malfunction Junction and
19 would make a further extension of Killian Road into
20 Richland County, which would be really good, and
21 that's been forgotten.

22 I think, over the years I've seen so many of
23 these projects. In fact, we were in stagnation for
24 the last 30 years. About 40 years ago they had the
25 southwestern beltway that was going to void all

1 this Malfunction Junction, and that got forgotten.
2 That was coming in from 26 and gonna bypass that
3 Malfunction Junction and come into I-20, and they
4 forgot about that. There have been so many other
5 ones.

6 If you'll look on 20 right there you'll see
7 where they have these big circles. They were going
8 to expand all that and do that about 20 years ago
9 -- or 25 years ago, and that's been forgotten.

10 I would applaud what you're doing and I'll
11 probably be dead whenever it's done, but I'm
12 looking out for the kids -- kids and our futures.
13 These roads need to be, one day, an hour bypass
14 covering the whole area and it will eliminate all
15 this stuff, rather than trying to bringing these
16 roads in. That's just going to patch things up.
17 Thank you for your time.

18 THERESA MCCLURE (PUBLIC HEARING
19 OFFICER): Okay. We'll go ahead and conclude the
20 discussion today. What I'm actually going to do is
21 thank our project team and allow them to leave
22 right now, so they can get prepared to go over and
23 accept your public comments in a more one-to-one
24 fashion. Thank you for joining us today. We do
25 have another comment period at six o'clock tonight,

1 and we are here all day. So our project team is
2 going to go over to the other room.

3 Just a couple of reminders today. We
4 appreciate all of your time and coming and giving
5 us your feedback. We really hope that you take the
6 time to also fill out a comment form. You can do
7 that by one of our comments here today. You can
8 leave that with us. You can also take that home
9 and mail that to us. The formal comment period
10 ends on September 17th, so we're hoping you get
11 your written comment forms in by that term period.

12 Thank you so much for your time today.
13 Again, we're here until seven o'clock tonight, and
14 we encourage you and invite you into the other room
15 to take more comments and feedback.

16 We will be starting the rolling presentation
17 in this room here in a just a moment, so if you'd
18 like to stay and watch that video feel free and
19 keep your seat. Thank you.

20 (The hearing was concluded at 3:40
21 p.m.)

1 6:00 SESSION.

2 THERESA MCCLURE (PUBLIC HEARING
3 OFFICER): Okay. Everybody, thank you so much for
4 spending your evening with us tonight. Welcome to
5 the Public Hearing for The Carolina Crossroads
6 Draft Environmental Impact Statement and Recommend
7 Preferred Alternative meeting.

8 My name is Theresa McClure. I'm a member of
9 the project team. Tonight I will be conducting
10 this formal portion of today's public hearing.
11 This is our third session today to accept your
12 formal comments regard the DEIS and the Recommended
13 Preferred Alternative. You're not required to
14 provide your comment tonight. We're simply here to
15 listen and accept your written comments as well.
16 So thank you for being here.

17 The comment period for this proposal began
18 on August 3rd with the publication of the Notice of
19 Availability of the DEIS and the Federal Register.
20 If you're not able to provide written comments
21 tonight, we ask that you, please, do so by
22 September 17th. That's when all comments will end
23 for this milestone project.

24 This session tonight is also being recorded
25 by a court reporter over here in the corner and

1 that will be submitted as part of our formal
2 record.

3 Our meeting tonight is not a formal
4 question-and-answer session. You will be allowed
5 no more than two minutes to provide your comments
6 and then we will move on to the next person. I'll
7 call one speaker -- the first speaker and then the
8 second speaker, so you will know when your name
9 will be called and you'll be welcomed to the front.

10 Verbal comments given tonight are not being
11 responded to in written format, so it's really
12 critical that you get your written comment in as
13 well, especially if you'd like a response.

14 We have written comment forms that you can
15 get at our front desk or in our open house meeting
16 format. You can also submit your comments online
17 to our online system or through e-mail or through
18 our hotline.

19 Today we're going to ask you to follow a
20 couple of rules when you come up to give us your
21 comment. Please stop talking when your time is up.
22 We have Nicole over here in the corner and she has
23 some comment cards that will show you when you have
24 30 seconds and when your time has expired. The
25 time is not transferable, so you cannot give your

1 time that you signed up for to another person.

2 And in an effort to save time tonight, we
3 ask that if you agree with the comments of another
4 speaker that you verbally say that you agree with
5 that, and then move on with other points of your
6 comment and we will acknowledge your comment that's
7 in agreement with others.

8 No profanity or personal attacks. And,
9 again, only those that have signed up tonight will
10 be welcome to speak at the microphone. When you
11 come to the podium please state your name, your
12 address, and any group you might be representing
13 tonight, an HOA or any other organizations.

14 With that, we'll go ahead and start the
15 meeting. Our first speaker tonight, Mr. Archie
16 Arden and we'll follow Mr. Arden with Betsy Ford.

17 ARCHIE ARDEN: Archie Arden. 634
18 Augusta Street, West Columbia. And I'm President
19 of the Vineyard Neighborhood Association from the
20 river to 16th Avenue -- to 16th street behind
21 Zesto's.

22 First of all, I'd like to thank the SCDOT
23 for taking on a project that's well overdue but
24 it's a great and wonderful project. Do it the
25 right way and we'll appreciate you. And I'd like

1 to thank these two ladies that's doing their
2 service to all of us.

3 The major concern that I have with the
4 project as it is known at the current time is the
5 construction is going to take many, many hours of
6 heavy duty equipment hanging over existing
7 interstates, hanging over existing bridges, and
8 they're up above and the concrete, the bars and
9 everything's up there. Insurance company is going
10 to push the issue; you will not have traffic going
11 underneath while all that is overhead.

12 In my opinion -- my opinion only -- will
13 cause some rerouting of transportation or the
14 insurance companies going to drop the policy that
15 insures it.

16 Now, which one do we want to do? I don't
17 know the answer to that; that's going to be up to
18 the greater DOT to make the decision as to how
19 that's done. Now, when you reroute traffic -- one
20 of the major concerns in West Columbia is the
21 intersection where 26 and 378 cross is one of the
22 busiest intersections in the west Columbia area.
23 It is very, very busy. Any pregnant ladies do not
24 want to be sitting there.

25 All right. The next problem I have is any

1 rerouting of traffic down I-126 to -- I'm sorry.
2 We don't want it in downtown West Columbia either.
3 Thank you.

4 THERESA MCCLURE (PUBLIC HEARING
5 OFFICER): Thank you. Ms. Betsy Ford and following
6 Ms. Ford we have Susan Bowers.

7 BETSY FORD: Thank you. I'm Betsy
8 Ford. I live in the Whitehall subdivision at 101
9 Northman Drive. I thank you very much. This is a
10 huge project and it needs doing. I do have one
11 area that I'm unhappy about, and you will not be
12 surprised.

13 The Beaty Road and the Tram Road overpass
14 connector. We have a number of complaints with
15 that. The stated purpose of that bridge is to
16 divert local traffic off of the interstate and onto
17 local roads, which is fine. But then in the next
18 breath they say "it's not going to put more traffic
19 on Tram Road." This plan has no consideration for
20 degradation of lifestyles and property values of
21 the 1400 properties in Whitehall.

22 This degradation would be caused by increase
23 traffic and traffic noise, increased through
24 traffic and higher speed traffic. Tram Road is
25 narrow and hilly and winding. It has no shoulders;

1 it has no sidewalks. It's used by a lot of
2 pedestrians. We have children on that road. We
3 have dog walkers on that road. We have walkers and
4 joggers on that road. There is not room for
5 traffic on that road too. Tram Road is already
6 nearly at its practical carrying capacity and
7 speeders are already a problem.

8 There's no consideration for the concerns of
9 area residents about creation of a direct
10 connection of the one hundred percent single-family
11 residential Whitehall neighborhood; to Beatty Road
12 with its intensive commercial areas and its higher
13 crime areas. There's no plan for any change to
14 Tram Road. There's no consideration for the impact
15 of commercial development. There's no plan to
16 lower the contour of Jamil Road to make it more
17 manageable.

18 There's no plan to restrict the types of
19 vehicles on Tram Road. It would allow 18-wheelers.
20 They aren't allowed on Piney Grove Road because it
21 can't handle them, but somehow Tram Road could.
22 There's no plan to reengineer Tram Road.

23 Thank you very much. My time is out. Thank
24 you.

25 SUSAN BOWERS: My name is Susan Bowers.

1 I too live on Tram Road at 500. Very close to
2 where this Beatty bridge is proposed to come right
3 in front of my house almost.

4 I called it an engineer's dream and a
5 resident's nightmare. There is absolutely no good
6 reason, in my opinion, for this bridge to come
7 across. Now, people have said maybe there is, and
8 there might be, but none of us in Whitehall can
9 figure it out. And I have a real problem with
10 desecrating a neighborhood for people that don't
11 live in the neighborhood.

12 We have lived there for almost 40 years and
13 everything that she said -- I'm sorry. Ms. Ford I
14 absolutely agree with. I won't take a lot of time
15 and say it again, but I want to thank y'all.

16 But I hope that filing of this bridge will
17 be seen and the highway department will see fit to
18 say "no" and nix it and we don't want it. Thank
19 you.

20 THERESA MCCLURE (PUBLIC HEARING
21 OFFICER): Mr. Ryan Ramsey and next will be Kyle
22 Lacio.

23 RYAN RAMSEY: I'm used to a taller mic.
24 Sorry about that. My name is Ryan Ramsey. I live
25 at 101 Tram Court. My driveway is on Tram Road.

1 My driveway is about one tenth of a mile from the
2 end of the proposed connector between Tram Road and
3 Beatty Road and I'm here to speak against that. I
4 agree with the comments the previous two speakers
5 made.

6 My concerns are largely around safety and it
7 falls into several areas. The 200 block of Tram
8 Road right now is something between an obstacle
9 course and a Hot Wheels track. If you're old
10 enough to know what Hot Wheels is, you know what
11 I'm talking about. There are blind driveways and
12 curves. The road would not even be approved to be
13 built today, because it's unsafe as it is. School
14 buses use that road. Children get on school buses
15 on that road.

16 I'm concerned -- concerned about those
17 children getting on the school bus, people walking
18 their dogs, people checking their mail. And what
19 about the drivers who are unaccustomed to driving
20 on the road coming through there for their first?
21 They're bailing off the interstate because they're
22 late for work and they're going to take these great
23 new connecting roads.

24 Well, what happens when they come upon the
25 school bus and they're not anticipating it?

1 There's no guardrails or anywhere for them to go.

2 The Canadian geese use the 200 block of Tram
3 Road as a thoroughfare. By the way, they are
4 federally protected. They don't stand a chance
5 when you've got thousands more cars on the road.
6 They are going to be mowed down. Apparently,
7 they're not afraid of cars. I'm afraid they're
8 going to find out the hard way.

9 And what about the safety of people who live
10 there? If you look at the crime statistics -- I
11 don't know if any of you have -- this side of the
12 interstate to the other side is just a few hundred
13 yards apart, but the differences in crime rates are
14 staggering. Property crimes. Vehicle thefts.
15 Vehicle break-ins.

16 And those of you who live on the other side
17 of the interstate recognize that the jurisdiction
18 of law enforcement are different in the two areas.
19 There can be pursuit from one side to other or
20 protection from the high crime area on our side of
21 road. I think it's a bad idea for the safety of
22 people who live in Whitehall and who come through.
23 Thank you.

24 THERESA MCCLURE (PUBLIC HEARING
25 OFFICER): Mr. Lacio followed by Fred Ange.

1 KYLE LACIO: I'm Kyle Lacio. I live
2 downtown on Green Street. I think that a lot of
3 the proposals are a great idea. But it's the most
4 fatal accident part of the interstate in South
5 Carolina, and I hope they can solve that problem.
6 I just want to speak on a couple of things.

7 I think that the end of fossil fuels is
8 coming soon and that every project should consider
9 electric cars. We should consider carpool lanes.
10 We should consider light rail in the projects and
11 we should consider self-driving cars. Because this
12 is a project that goes into the future and it's
13 becoming the future that we will have self-driving
14 electric cars. Thank you.

15 THERESA MCCLURE (PUBLIC HEARING
16 OFFICER): Following Mr. Ange, Cindy Jones.

17 FRED ANGE: Good afternoon. My name is
18 Fred Ange. I live at 516 Woodrow Street in
19 downtown Columbia. I also have some property down
20 on the county road in Irmo. First of all, I'd like
21 to thank SCDOT. They've done a very good job of
22 trying to keep everybody informed and incorporated
23 in people's comments. There a few things I'd like
24 to suggest.

25 One of them is to remember that the purpose

1 of this project is to improve traffic flow. It's
2 not to widen 26 to 10 lanes or 12 lanes.

3 One of the biggest problems that we
4 experienced on the I-26 corridor between
5 Malfunction Junction and outer part of Bush River
6 Road is traffic that's backing up onto the
7 interstate from Harbison Boulevard; from Hunters
8 Road; from St. Andrews.

9 I realized it's outside of the scope of the
10 project but at some point you need to look at those
11 roads and how do we have an impact on them so the
12 traffic isn't backing up on to the interstate.

13 Second thing -- I think I've heard this from
14 the residents of Whitehall -- I don't have a skin
15 in the game, but I agree with you. I don't see the
16 purpose of a bridge from Beatty Road to Tram Road.
17 I lived in Irmo off and on for 31 years, and I've
18 never once considered, "gee, I wish I could get
19 across the interstate faster." I've always taken
20 Piney Grove Road or St. Andrews. It's always been
21 good enough for me.

22 I think the money would be better served
23 somewhere else such as, widening Piney Grove Road
24 or putting in an exit at Koon Road, which doesn't
25 have an exit. Because all of that traffic is being

1 pushed onto Lake Murray Boulevard and it's being
2 pushed onto Broad River Road. Thank you very much.

3 THERESA MCCLURE (PUBLIC HEARING OFFICER): Ms.
4 Cindy Jones followed by Bill Salter.

5 CINDY JONES: Hi, I'm Cindy Jones. I
6 live at 106 Loch Drive, which is in Whitehall. I'm
7 against the Tram Road/Beatty Bridge. I came to all
8 of the meetings.

9 In 2017, September they narrowed it down to
10 RA1, RA5, and I looked at them and there was
11 nothing on there that was going to affect our
12 neighborhood. Because that bridge is not on RA1
13 and not on RA5. September 2017 you can still look
14 at the website. You can look at the magazine from
15 2017. You can look at the online meetings from
16 2017 and the bridge is not there. It didn't show
17 up until August of this year. They didn't give us
18 very much time to fight this.

19 And I agree with everybody else. This is
20 going to be bad for our neighborhood. Thank you.

21 THERESA MCCLURE (PUBLIC HEARING
22 OFFICER): Mr. Bill Salter followed by Sylvia
23 Sutherland.

24 BILL SALTER: I live in Whitehall also.
25 I live on the other side of Whitehall from Jamil

1 Road and so forth. It's fairly plain. I think
2 this is a threat to the neighborhood. And it's a
3 disastrously bad idea to boot.

4 There's really no crying need for this
5 bridge and to spend the money to do that while in
6 the process destroying the neighborhood, it's
7 really just not going to do anything for the
8 neighborhood. And the idea that you're going to
9 funnel traffic through the neighborhood is frankly
10 insane.

11 So I just wanted to go on record echoing Ms.
12 Ford's comments, and I won't spend any more time.
13 Thank you.

14 THERESA MCCLURE (PUBLIC HEARING
15 OFFICER): Sylvia Sutherland followed by Seth
16 Armstrong.

17 SYLVIA SUTHERLAND: I'm Sylvia
18 Sutherland and my husband and I live at 157
19 Sandhurst Road there. We are against this new
20 bridge from Tram to Beatty Road. I want to just
21 agree with Ms. Ford's comments about the problems
22 that this would occur in Whitehall. I just want to
23 point out one thing.

24 It says that the volume of traffic on Tram
25 Road won't increase, so, therefore, this does not

1 really help the project overall with the traffic.

2 I do want to point out that we were told
3 that we had made a request for more access. I
4 wanted to point out that. There are two fire --
5 there's a fire station and hospital on either side
6 of the interstate for emergency services, so the
7 emergency responders, you know, needing that
8 overpass I don't think, you know, it is a great
9 benefit. So we are against it and, please, say no
10 to the Tram/Beatty Road.

11 THERESA MCCLURE (PUBLIC HEARING
12 OFFICER): I'd like to invite up Marcella Carraway
13 followed by Rich Hagberg.

14 ELIZABETH ARMSTRONG: Hi, I'm Elizabeth
15 Armstrong I live at 204 Shereditch Road. I'm
16 almost to the Seven Oaks Park, so I'm not right at
17 Tram Road. I've been in this neighborhood for over
18 20 years; it's a fabulous neighborhood.

19 I agree with Ms. Ford and the lady behind
20 her Ms. Sutherland. We don't need it in our
21 neighborhood. I used to work for the Department of
22 Corrections, and coming off of Piney Grove Road was
23 a terror at Thanksgiving or Christmas. And I agree
24 with the gentleman that said you need to come up
25 with a plan to get that back up off the interstate

1 there at those exits. Because once they found
2 Briar Park Road that was it; that was their
3 shortcut road.

4 And they love Tram and they love Nottingham
5 Road. I live off of Nottingham and Shaireditch,
6 about seven blocks in. They stop at our blocks.
7 They'd dead end at St. Andrews and come off of St.
8 Andrews at both exits. If they don't want to come
9 to the light, they go that way.

10 So I just want to say my husband and I are
11 against this. Thank you.

12 THERESA MCCLURE (PUBLIC HEARING
13 OFFICER): Marcella Carraway followed by Rich
14 Hagberg.

15 MARCELLA CARRAWAY: My name is Marcella
16 Carraway. I live at 1604 Luster Lane. I'm opposed
17 to this, because they are talking about taking
18 peace out of our community. They're talking about
19 relocating folks, tearing down houses in our
20 community right there on Fairhaven.

21 I'm really against it because we've been
22 fighting because we already have a difficult time
23 in the neighborhood from the traffic that comes
24 through there now. We have some nightclubs not too
25 far from the neighborhood. I had to call the cops

1 a couple of times coming home at night.

2 So if they're going to do what they say
3 they're going to do, they're going to give us more
4 traffic than we already have, and they're going to
5 cut us off from the Lexington hospital. There's an
6 access in and access out. I've lived in the
7 neighborhood for over 20 years. A lot of elderly
8 people, and disabled people live in my
9 neighborhood. I do not want to see this go through
10 the neighborhood.

11 One thing I thought about was right now
12 where I live I can see whether there's an accident
13 on 26 or 20, and I can also have access to go
14 around either one either way that would be
15 convenient to me. This would cut me off from
16 Lexington Medical Hospital completely. I'd have to
17 go all the around. Either I'd have to go down
18 Colonial Boulevard or go back up on the other side
19 of Whitehall or some place over there.

20 So I'm really against this. My neighbors
21 all got together and talked about it, and whatever
22 we need to do we are willing to try to do it to
23 oppose this.

24 Some of the money could be used for public
25 transportation. We have some buses coming through,

1 but it's not enough for anyone to really to
2 consider riding public transportation. So when you
3 talk about \$1 million dollars think about public
4 transportation and who would ride.

5 I rode public transportation for over 20
6 years, so I know public transportation is one way
7 to let people get to know their neighbors; people
8 get to know each other. Right now, we're cut off
9 from the world. Thank you.

10 THERESA MCCLURE (PUBLIC HEARING
11 OFFICER): Rich Hagberg followed by Ross Motley.

12 RICH HAGBERG: Rich Hagberg, 159 King
13 George Way, Columbia, South Carolina in the
14 Williamsburg's West subdivision. And I'm the HOA
15 president. Just to let you know on the outset, we
16 are in direct opposition to the Tram/Beatty Road
17 bridge and for the following reasons.

18 First reason is because of the degradation
19 of the neighborhoods. Depressed areas going into
20 better areas is not our vision for our communities.

21 The traffic problem -- we've been told that
22 there's been a traffic study to the north, where
23 Jamil Road meets Piney Grove. And that traffic
24 study -- I have done those in the past. I spent 23
25 years as a land surveyor, and I'm really not

1 understanding how they came up with traffic counts.

2 All the residents in our community are aware
3 of what it's like if you have inclement weather
4 where people cannot go to the lake and they're now
5 trying to go to the mall and you have standing
6 traffic that's for hundreds of yards.

7 It gets a whole lot worse when it comes to
8 holidays. At Christmas times, there's just times
9 you know you just can't leave your community and go
10 anywhere near that direction because it's
11 impassible and so you just avoid it for hours.
12 This is going to compound upon a great problem.

13 It's more than that. It's going to have a
14 terrible affect on our communities with the crime
15 rate that's already been mentioned, with the --
16 again, with the plummeting property values. But
17 the traffic is not in consideration at all and it's
18 not necessary. It's really not. Thank you.

19 THERESA MCCLURE (PUBLIC HEARING OFFICER): Rob
20 Motley followed by Judith Bowey.

21 ROB MOTLEY: My name is Rob Motley. I
22 live at 215 Whittington Court. I'm the Cottages at
23 Whitehall HOA president. I wanted to come today to
24 say we are against the Tram Road passageway.

25 And the reason that is, if you actually look

1 at the project they have it ends right at
2 Fredericksburg Way, which is our entrance and our
3 exit into our neighborhood. There are several
4 elderly that live there. I have a three year old
5 that lives there. There are plenty of kids that
6 live there. It would become a nightmare to get out
7 of my own little nook out of my neighborhood. And
8 the other people that come out of our neighborhood
9 would have no way to get out.

10 It just creates a large inconvenience that I
11 feel like that money could be put towards, maybe,
12 fixing the Jamil Road/Piney Grove Road entrance. I
13 don't know how far that spans that way, but it does
14 back up when you go up towards Jamil Road and you
15 go up to Piney Grove Road or whatever.

16 I could see that actually having some
17 benefit to our community, in terms of getting the
18 traffic out of Jamil Road and having any kind of
19 traffic backup.

20 But I agree with everyone that's come forth
21 before me about the Tram/Beatty Road overpass; it's
22 just not needed.

23 JUDITH DUBOWY: Hi, I'm Judith Dubowy.
24 I'm brand new to the Whitehall area. I've only
25 lived here a few years. I too am very much against

1 this bridge. I went to the meetings. I tried to
2 get online today to look at all of the charts and
3 things, but somehow they managed to disappear
4 online from yesterday to today. So I have to go to
5 the library.

6 But I don't see the purpose of this bridge.
7 It's not going to alleviate traffic, and it's
8 certainly going to degrade the area in which I live
9 in. That's very selfish, but I think most people
10 feel the same way about the area where they live.
11 I would hope that you would vote against this
12 project. Thank you.

13 THERESA MCCLURE (PUBLIC HEARING
14 OFFICER): Thank you. Pearline Lawsone followed by
15 Brett Hall.

16 PEARLINE LAWSON: Hi. Pearline Lawson.
17 I live in Emerald Valley. We're, like, right
18 behind I-20. I think, I've been to all the
19 meetings except one. And I've been putting a lot
20 of comments online and in writing about the noise
21 concern.

22 We're off of Broad River and 20, so when
23 you're doing this bridge I wish you would consider
24 traffic. Broad River is already crowded. We don't
25 need a whole lot more on there.

1 And also the noise concern, because right
2 now we can't even enjoy our backyard. If we do
3 cookouts or something in our backyard, you really
4 can't hear your company and it's, like, right up on
5 each other, so we really don't need any more noise.
6 If you could, please, consider a noise barrier when
7 you're building this bridge.

8 Again, I-20 so that may cut down the noise,
9 because we don't have many trees in that area. The
10 highway department has already taken some of those
11 down. The noise barrier will really be great if
12 you guys could consider Emerald Valley neighborhood
13 right off of 20.

14 THERESA MCCLURE (PUBLIC HEARING OFFICER: Brett
15 Hall followed by Charles Gossett.

16 BRETT HALL: Thank you. My name is
17 Brett Hall and we live at 263 Tram Road, so I have
18 a feeling most people know my opinion on this.
19 Two months ago I took residence on Tram Road. Our
20 dream home. After living 20 years on Shandon we
21 moved to Tram Road, because that's where we wanted
22 to be.

23 About two weeks ago we discovered that
24 someone wants to fundamentally change the whole
25 layout of our neighborhood. Inviting in a pathway,

1 as many people have mentioned, to undesirable high
2 crime area of town. No study on the drop of
3 property value was done during the plan of this
4 project. Their concern was the motion of the
5 traffic to increase the flow traffic, which is
6 wonderful.

7 The bridge at Tram and Beatty will not
8 affect the flow of traffic on 26. It will,
9 however, provide a direct path into our
10 neighborhood. Including, most likely eventually,
11 since there's no limitation on vehicle size or
12 access, the addition of city buses down that
13 already winding, curvy road with blind driveways,
14 and children, and geese who, yes, they are
15 protected. A bus driver is not needed through
16 Whitehall. You live in Whitehall; you own a car.
17 We don't need buses.

18 Mark my words they will be there. They came
19 down Piney Grove Road, around St. Andrews Road, and
20 if given a connector, it's natural, let's just go
21 ahead and run a bus through Whitehall. Not wanted;
22 not needed.

23 So, as I said when I started, you know my
24 opinion. Two months in and I'm already pretty
25 unhappy with what they're planning to do.

1 THERESA MCCLURE (PUBLIC HEARING

2 OFFICER: Charles Gossett followed by Sam Edwards.

3 CHARLES GOSSETT: I live on Ivanhoe
4 Drive off of Bush River. I work at Piney Grove and
5 I-26. I live, own a home, and work in the project
6 area. I'm also president of the Midlands Trains
7 and Riders Association. I am a vehicle owner, and
8 I'm a transit user.

9 At the outset of this project I had talked
10 about including -- I didn't expect to be standing
11 alone -- using trains as a means of relieving the
12 congestion in this area. And I was always under
13 the impression that would happen, only to find out
14 it was dropped because it was only deemed to be
15 considered as a stand alone project.

16 We clearly do need improvement on the
17 highway, but just adding lanes and creating your
18 own version of Katy Highway in Houston -- I invite
19 anyone to look that up. A smaller version of our
20 own. Clearly we're not Houston. It's just folly.

21 We will just be in this situation 20 years
22 from now because I remember when we worked with
23 this intersection 20 years ago and this was going
24 to be the end of all then. So we need a
25 comprehensive plan; not just a plan to add lanes

1 and that's all I have.

2 THERESA MCCLURE (PUBLIC HEARING

3 OFFICER: Okay. Sam Edwards followed by Lori
4 McGraw.

5 SAM EDWARDS: Hey there. Sam Edwards.
6 548 Brookshire Drive. I echo the remarks of all of
7 my neighbors in Whitehall, including the calls for
8 greater public transportation.

9 And I just want to say, first of all, both
10 Tram and Jamil have houses that aren't addressed in
11 this proposal at all. Not two months ago two
12 pedestrians were hit on Jamil Road. It's a dark,
13 curvy, hilly road. One woman died from that.

14 And Tram -- it's scary to leave your
15 driveway. My concern at the end of Brookshire
16 Drive is we're very close to I-26 and in a heavy
17 rain our house floods. Our crawl space, which had
18 to be replaced after the 2015 flood, gets filled
19 with water again.

20 So I'm very concerned that there's not a
21 commitment to a no right solutions from these
22 improvements to highway, and without that, that
23 will literally put us under water.

24 My family has two homes at that end of Whitehall,
25 both of which flood in heavy rains. So we

1 definitely need more studies on that environmental
2 impact. The data is really hard to look at and
3 decipher.

4 With that said, I really do agree with my
5 committee members and thank y'all for speaking too.

6 THERESA MCCLURE (PUBLIC HEARING

7 OFFICER: Lorie McGraw followed by Julius Williams.

8 LORIE MCGRAW: My name is Lorie McGraw.
9 And I live at 500 Shadowbrook Drive in Whitehall,
10 and I've been living there going on 23 years. It's
11 a beautiful neighborhood and I love it immensely.

12 This is a -- the Tram Road/Beatty Road
13 proposal is a train wreck. It's not going to help
14 out the traffic flow. There's going to be -- I
15 have a friend of mine who does long distance
16 trucking and I asked her -- I said -- I said "what
17 is this going to do", and she laughed. She said,
18 "the truckers will get off on Broad River Road.
19 They'll cut over. They'll go across Beatty.
20 They'll cut through Tram Road to go down to St.
21 Andrews and then cut up so that they go to the dam
22 and crossover that way."

23 And I said, "how often do you think?" And
24 she said, "whenever possible."

25 So that's one thing that really concerns me.

1 That road cannot handle the traffic. It has no
2 shoulders on it. There's kids on it; there's geese
3 on it, which we do love. The kids, and the
4 walkers, and the people who walk their dogs -- we
5 have a very friendly neighborhood. We want to be
6 able to continue that. Thank you.

7 THERESA MCCLURE (PUBLIC HEARING
8 OFFICER: Julius Williams followed by Katherine
9 Stephens.

10 JULIUS WILLIAMS: Hello, my name is
11 Julius Willams. I'm also with the Midlands Trains
12 and Riders Association with Charles over here, and
13 my biggest thing is, you know, I always thought
14 about, which is probably conceptualized, that we
15 want to go with a more multi-model option rather
16 than just widen the road. Because studies have
17 shown around, you know, the nation that if you add
18 more lanes to roads it just creates more traffic.

19 I understand, you know, the flow needs to be
20 a lot better. Right now, I was stuck in traffic; I
21 was almost late getting here. You know, I've been
22 a big advocate for train transit. I'm also a car
23 rider myself. I'm a part driver. I have a little
24 Honda that I drive around all the time. I was just
25 wondering, you know, something strange, like, what

1 if they don't do this whole Tram Road thing and the
2 money that was going to be used for that why don't
3 they allocate enough money to build, like, some bus
4 lanes, some carpool lanes, and some commuter rails
5 that go to downtown Columbia?

6 Because, honestly, when I do Uber and Lyft
7 and I have my riders all the time saying how they
8 wish they had a cheaper option to get into town,
9 you know, from Lexington, Irmo, and to get downtown
10 without taking an Uber or Lyft that cost a lot of
11 money over time.

12 It would be nice to have an option to jump
13 on the bus or the train to get there. We need more
14 transit options other than just cars. You know, I
15 feel like it will be a lot better, especially with
16 my generation. That's all.

17 THERESA MCCLURE (PUBLIC HEARING
18 OFFICER: Katherine Stephens.

19 KATHERINE STEPHENS: Hi. I live at 112
20 Tram Court. I'm neighbors with the Ramsey's. The
21 Beatty Road/Tram Road Bridge I feel like would be a
22 discredit to our neighborhoods. Both sides of the
23 interstate. It's really not needed. It will
24 create traffic influx. There will be more traffic.
25 I feel like if you could focus on repairing the

1 roads that we have -- if you drive on Sidney,
2 Graham, or Jamil you're going to hit pot holes.
3 You're going to hit rough roads. You're going to
4 have a lot of -- your car moves and it shifts, and
5 it becomes a little bit uneasy even if you go the
6 speed limit, much less the people that don't do the
7 speed limit.

8 On Tram Road speeding is an issue. It is
9 currently an issue. The speed starts at 30 in one
10 direction and it turns to 25 or vice versa if
11 you're coming from St. Andrews. And I tell you,
12 people are probably going 45 when I leave out of
13 Tram Court to try and take a left to go to St.
14 Andrews. Some days it's very challenging.

15 That presents a danger for the residents. I
16 used to walk my dog. She's elderly now and can't
17 go, but we'd have to be very careful to avoid Tram
18 Road, because the cars do not pay attention to
19 walkers, joggers, and anything else. It's already
20 a problem.

21 Another focus I think that could be
22 addressed would be the problem we have St. Andrews
23 -- I'm sorry. Jamil, Piney Grove, and Bower
24 Parkway. I'm constantly having to wait in traffic.
25 Tonight coming here I had to wait for two lights to

1 turn right on Piney Grove Road. Normally, there's
2 more. We end up having to, on holiday season, and
3 certain Saturdays, stop almost at CarMax to go
4 through that light to Bower Parkway.

5 I agree with the lady that's from Emerald
6 Valley -- thank you. I think we should build a
7 wall for them instead. Thank you.

8 THERESA MCCLURE (PUBLIC HEARING

9 OFFICER: Thank you for everybody who spoke this
10 evening. I'd like to thank the project team and
11 allow them to exit to get prepared for comments in
12 the next room.

13 Yes, ma'am. We're going to go ahead
14 and move to next portion of the session. As I said
15 before, this is not a question-and-answer session.
16 All of our project team representatives are located
17 in the next room. If you have any questions or
18 comments, I encourage you to go ahead into the next
19 room. We'll be here for about a half an hour
20 longer tonight until we've answered every question
21 that you have.

22 Again, we thank everybody for your time
23 today. We approach all your thoughts and comments
24 and input. As I said before, the most critical
25 component of this public hearing period is to get

1 your comment in. So if you haven't gotten a
2 comment form we have those at the front. We can
3 take those in written format online as well. We
4 also have a project hotline, and all of that
5 information is located on the back of your handout.

6 Again, thank you very much to each of you
7 and we'll meet you in the next room.

8 (The hearing was concluded at 6:40
9 p.m.)

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7 It would be great for pedestrian access
8 across 126 at the New Colonial Life Boulevard
9 overpass. A pedestrian and bicycle access, which
10 would potentially allow access from Colonial Life
11 to the new Saluda Riverwalk. I'm also
12 recommending, pedestrian and bicycle access from
13 that Colonial Life area across the Saluda River to
14 West Columbia. I think that's it.

15 Also, please, keep in mind pedestrian and
16 bicycle access throughout the design.

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25 As a member of the advisory committee for

1 noise this whole project, Carolina Crossroads, we
2 haven't met in two years. So we need to be more
3 informed with what's happening. So they keep
4 saying every six months we'll get something and
5 meet again, but it never comes to pass.

6 So I would say that the arbitrary allocation
7 of putting the bridge over Tram Road and Beaty Road
8 is not necessarily a good idea. And we have not
9 had that in any public hearing that we've had
10 before; we've not been made aware of that, so sort
11 of just thrown in at the last minute.

12 By law, there needs to be some more
13 work with the public transportation. Any time
14 federal or state funds are put towards road they
15 have to provide some information about public
16 transportation. Whether that's high-density
17 carpool lanes, or something like that. And I don't
18 see any of that listed in the information provided.

19 And, also, I've talked to a lot of
20 members of the local governments the municipalities
21 and they have not been asked to participate in of
22 the meetings or proposals and so, I think, that
23 would be a really good thing for South Carolina DOT
24 to have a day. Besides public input from the
25 citizens, but from the municipalities like the City

1 of Columbia, the City of Irmo, Lexington and
2 Richland County.

3 And then, finally, when they're doing
4 the papers, if they would talk in normal language
5 and not just in the codes of the civil engineers
6 that would be very helpful for the general public.
7 And that there's no legend on any of the maps ever
8 present and that's a no, no from basic geography
9 101. That you always have a legend with the map.
10 And by not providing that or anything for people
11 with visual disabilities, it's opening them up for
12 discrimination cases, because they are
13 discriminating against them.

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15 MAXINE RUSSELL

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20 My name is Maxine Russell and I have a
21 question. I live in the Arrowood Community and we
22 have heavy traffic on our road. 126 is right in
23 back of us and we have heavy traffic during rush
24 hour, coming through our roads to the point where
25 traffic is a backed up. Also, we have big

1 18-wheelers coming through -- sneaking through our
2 roads.

3 My question is that recently surveys
4 were taken to widen the road. Is this something
5 that would be considered? The widening of Arrowood
6 Road between Lorwood Drive -- Lorraine Drive,
7 because this would be a very great impact on the
8 community relieving the pressure of rush hour.
9 And, also, heavy duty trucks that's are coming
10 through. For example, the 18-wheelers.

11 You know, so this will be an
12 improvement to our community. Not having all that
13 rush hour traffic coming through our community.
14 And then, also, they use it as a race track really
15 because they are speeding through our community.
16 And, you know, our community has a lot of curves on
17 it. You know, which can pose a danger to those
18 that live in the community.

19 Matter of fact, the first year I moved
20 there a car knocked over my mailbox and my oak
21 tree. You know, so the widening of the road will
22 improve our community, and relieve that heavy
23 traffic impacting the community.

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6 My concern is with the Tram/Beatty Road
7 bridge that's being proposed. I don't understand
8 the need for it. It's not going to help the flow
9 of traffic. The way they have it designed it's
10 going to put more stop signs somebody can run and
11 it's going to change the way you drive out to Jamil
12 Road.

13 Getting off of Beatty Road bridge
14 coming over, people are going to look at it and
15 say, "I have to turn right to get back on Jamil,
16 I'll can go straight through Whitehall and go down
17 to St. Andrews."

18 And that's my concern. The increased
19 traffic that's going to hit on Tram Road. I live
20 on Middlesex, which if off of Tudor, which is cut
21 through to Tram. I get a lot of traffic from
22 people that decide they don't want the hilly part.
23 Tram is kind of hilly and curvy so they will just
24 cut through on Tudor and come on through.

25 We do not have sidewalks in Whitehall.

1 We walk our dogs, and our children ride their
2 bikes, and increased traffic is going been to be a
3 big problem. I know that they say "well, it's not
4 going to increase that much" but once it's open it
5 will. Because the traffic is going to come all the
6 way from Broad River Road, potentially, all the way
7 to St. Andrews.

8 There are no traffic lights so people
9 will see it as just cut on through. We're a
10 25-mile-an-hour zone, and I can see where it will
11 be 45 where people will be speeding.

12 Really I'm concerned about the traffic
13 and the whole idea that they would just not
14 consider the fact that they were rerouting traffic
15 through a subdivision with children and school
16 buses. There are school buses that go by us in the
17 morning and those that come down in the afternoon
18 and turn around and come back. So we have six
19 buses going by our house. If you add the afternoon
20 traffic to the morning traffic with the kids going
21 to school that's just going to be that much more.

22 And he said they checked the road --
23 the number of cars on the read; but I've never seen
24 them check out. We're on the State portion of the
25 road. Middlesex was a State road at one time. But

1 they really -- then they've got the hill coming
2 down on Middlesex that always needs to be repaired,
3 because they never come out and fix it. You have
4 to go up the hill; right at the bottom of the hill
5 there's always pot holes. They'll come out in a
6 month and fix a pothole, they're wait another month
7 and come back and put some more.

8 They said there was no plans to Tram,
9 or any of the roads, to upgrade that I know of.
10 Try more upgrades to Whitehall. They just want
11 dump the cars in and that's not okay.

12 I don't understand the turn they had to
13 come off of Jamil. The other problem is when they
14 do decide to go on Jamil and gone on up to Brower
15 Parkway the traffic is going to back up on Jamil.
16 They need to put a turning lane to the instate
17 there. That would be an improvement. We've got
18 two lanes coming there. Ones going to left on the
19 Piney Grove Road; one goes straight on Bower
20 Parkway, and you've got to sit there and wait to
21 make a right onto Piney Grove. They need to fix
22 that. That would make more sense than putting that
23 bridge, and take that \$3 million dollars and pave
24 our roads.

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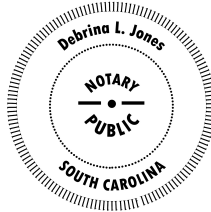
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