

Mr. John B. White, Jr., Chairman,
S.C. Transportation Infrastructure Bank
955 Park St. Suite 120B
Columbia, S.C. 29201

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Dear Chairman White,

It has come to our attention that no less than \$650 million currently is available at the South Carolina Transportation Infrastructure Bank for priority road projects. We believe there is no greater transportation priority than the modernization of our interstate system.

No other single transportation project in South Carolina could have as broad-ranging or long-lasting an impact on our state's economic future than widening to a minimum of three lanes in each direction the four core interstates that carry our goods, connect our people and ensure our prosperity: I-20, I-26, I-95 and I-77.

Attached please find our application for the granting of those funds now to the South Carolina Department of Transportation to begin the project and, furthermore, to continue funding the project as more funding becomes available annually until the project is successfully completed.

This request is made *by* the citizens of the state of South Carolina *on behalf of* the citizens of South Carolina for the economic benefit of all South Carolinians.

Our state has an opportunity with a single initiative to do something truly transformative – reshape our core transportation infrastructure in a way that fast-tracks the optimization of our tourism, commerce and workforce traffic. This will allow us to compete for economic development projects with any state in the country, maximize the employment opportunities for our citizens and deliver on the promise we make to our existing industries that we will do everything in our power to help them succeed locally, regionally and globally.

No other single transportation project has such a high return, promising not just smoother commerce but safer roads for our workers and our families. No other single transportation project benefits so many people statewide. And no other transportation project showcases the best of what state government can achieve to provide the best possible future for the most number of people.

Respectfully,

By the citizens of South Carolina

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