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South Carolina Department of Transportation

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
OF
SOUTH CAROLINA

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The regular monthly meeting of the Department of Transportation Commission was held at the Marion City Hall/Council Chambers, Marion, South Carolina at 9:30 a.m. on July 21, 1999. In compliance with the Freedom of Information Act, the news media was advised in writing of the time, date and place of this meeting.

Present

Bobby T. Jones, Presiding
Hugh Atkins
Arnold S. Goodstein
John N. Hardee
J. "Moot" Truluck

Absent

L. Morgan Martin
W. M. "Mat" Self

Also Present: Elizabeth S. Mabry, Executive Director

SECTION 1: The Minutes for the meeting of June 17, 1999; copies of which had been previously mailed to each member of the Commission, were approved.

SECTION 2: On motion of Commissioner Goodstein, seconded by Commissioner Hardee, the Commission unanimously passed a motion delaying the award of contract for File 12.607 in Chester County pending a ruling by the Court on this project.

SECTION 3: The Commission unanimously passed a motion approving the sale of surplus right of way property - land, as shown in detail in the Appendix.

SECTION 4: The Commission unanimously passed a motion approving the action of the Department in extending an existing bituminous retreatment contract to include additional resurfacing work as shown in detail in the Appendix.

SECTION 5: The Commission unanimously passed a motion approving the action of the Department in extending existing construction contracts to include additional work, as shown in detail in the Appendix.

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SECTION 6: The Commission unanimously passed a motion approving the extension of contracts beyond the contracts, as shown in detail in the Appendix.

SECTION 7: The Commission unanimously passed a motion adding roads to the State Highway System, as shown in detail in the Appendix.

SECTION 8: The Commission unanimously passed a motion removing roads from the State Highway System, as shown in detail in the Appendix.

SECTION 9: On motion of Commissioner Truluck, seconded by Commissioner Hardee, the Commission unanimously passed a motion approving a resolution naming SC 908 in Marion County from SC 41 to Secondary Road 307 as the "E. Johnson Atkinson Memorial Highway", as shown in the Appendix.

SECTION 10: On motion of Commissioner Truluck, seconded by Commissioner Goodstein, the Commission unanimously passed a motion naming the southbound connector of the bridge to be built to replace the John P. Grace and the Silas N. Pearman bridges in Charleston County the "Lucille S. Whipper Connector" and to erect signs or markers containing this designation, as shown in the Appendix.

SECTION 11: On motion of Commissioner Hardee, seconded by Commissioner Atkins, the Commission unanimously passed a motion to approve the two contracts for Construction and Resource Managers substantially in the form submitted by the Department. Commissioner Jones voted proxies for Commissioners Martin and Self approving this motion.

SECTION 12: On motion of Commissioner Goodstein, seconded by Commissioner Truluck, the Commission passed a motion to adopt revised regulations for the Specific Information Service Signing, as shown in detail in the Appendix. Commissioner Jones voted proxies for Commissioners Martin and Self approving this motion. Commissioner Hardee, abstained from this vote.

SECTION 13: On motion of Commissioner Truluck, seconded by Commissioner Hardee, the Commission unanimously passed a motion authorizing the Department to file an emergency regulation amending the DBE certification requirements, specifically regarding hearings, to allow the hearings to go to the Administrative Law Judge whenever there is an appeal of a certification.

SECTION 14: There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

Larry C. Duke
Secretary

L. Morgan Martin
Chairman



APPENDIX

Department of Transportation Commission

Meeting of

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SURPLUS RIGHT OF WAY PROPERTY - LAND

1. File 32.308 – S-32-24 (Main Street) – Lexington County

During construction of improvements on Road S-32-24 (Main Street), under File 32.308 in Lexington County, near the Town of Gilbert, the Department acquired right of way for Road S-32-24 (Main Street), by Letter of Dedication from the Town of Gilbert dated March 27, 1950.

At the request of the Town of Gilbert to reduce the right of way on Main Street from 130' to 100', a request was circulated to the Engineering Sections to determine if the right of way could be reduced and declared surplus. After review it was determined that the right of way could be reduced and the parcel was surplus to Department needs. Therefore, a Gratis Quitclaim Deed for approximately 0.81 of an acre of land to the Town of Gilbert was executed on June 23, 1999.

2. File FAP 159 – U.S. Rte. 78 – Dorchester County

During construction of improvements on U.S. Rte. 78, under File 18.244 in Dorchester County, near the Town of Ridgeville, the Department acquired right of way for U.S. Rte. 78 under South Carolina Act Nos. 731 and 1193 of 1924.

To construct a block building to house the County's junction point for its fiber optic systems, the Dorchester County Administrator requested a portion of excess right of way which was created by the flattening of the curve at this location. The request was circulated to the Engineering Sections to determine if said parcel could be declared surplus. After review it was determined that the parcel was surplus to Department needs under the condition that deed would contain a reverter clause that would allow the Department to acquire the parcel Gratis, if and when it is needed as well as having no responsibility for payment to the County for any facilities that may be on the parcel at that time. Therefore, a Gratis Quitclaim Deed for approximately 0.82 of an acre of land, containing the above clause, to Dorchester County was executed June 22, 1999.

3. File 11.410 – I-85 Welcome Station – Cherokee County

During construction of improvements on the I-85 Welcome Center, under File 11.410 in Cherokee County, near the Town of Blacksburg, the Department acquired right of way for said Welcome Center by Notice of Condemnation from Mr. J.M. Francis dated December 23, 1966.

Pursuant to Addendum to Wastewater Treatment Agreement between the Department and the Town of Blacksburg, dated February 9, 1999, the Department has agreed to Quit Claim to the Town, the sewer pumping station at the welcome center. This agreement was negotiated by the Legal Section and the Director of Maintenance and provides that the Town of Blacksburg will take over the expense and responsibility of the existing treatment system. Therefore, a Gratis Quit Claim Deed for the Pump Station to the Town of Blacksburg was executed on June 8, 1999.

4. File 727.473 – U.S. Rte. 278 Conn. – Jasper County

During construction of improvements on U.S. 278 Connector, under File 727.473 in Beaufort and Jasper County, near the Town of Ridgeland, the Department acquired right of way for said Road by Title to Real Estate from Union Camp Corporation dated September 20, 1993. During construction of Road S-141, under File 27.287 in Jasper County, near the Town of Ridgeland, the Department acquired right of way for said road by Notices of Condemnation from Argent Lumber Company (Union Bag & Paper Company), W.W. McConnell and L.E. Hanna dated May 15, 1958, and by Right of Way Easement from W.S. Tillman dated March 31, 1958.

Pursuant to the request of the Jasper County Council and Administrator Henry P. Moss, Jr., for the County to assume responsibility and maintenance for Road S-141 between Highways 170 and 278, a request was made for the removal of said Road from the State Highway System. By action of the State Highway commission at its January and March 1999 meetings, these roads were removed from the state system. Therefore, a Gratis Quit Claim Deed for the roads to Jasper County was executed on June 22, 1999.

5. File 30.447 / 30.494 – S-30-76 @ S-30-120 – Laurens County

During construction of improvements on Road S-76 and S-120, under Files 30.447 and 30.494 in Laurens County, near the Town of Fountain Inn, Beulah Baptist Church conveyed 33' of right of way to the Department Gratis for said roads by Right of way Easements dated September 26, 1966 and June 9, 1971.

Beulah Baptist Church requested the right of way along Roads S-76 and S-120 be reduced from 33' to 25' in order that they might reconfigure their parking area to allow for three entrances/exits to their property as opposed to all of the parking spaces having access to the roads. The request was circulated to the Engineering Departments and it was determined that the right of way could be reduced at this location and that by such reduction, the overall safety and traffic situation at the location would be improved. Therefore, a Gratis Quit Claim Deed to Beulah Baptist Church for 0.14 of an acre of land was executed on June 24, 1999.

6. File 10.524 – U.S. Rte. 17 – Charleston County

During construction of improvements on U.S. Rte. 17, under File 10.524 in Charleston County, in the City of Charleston, the Department acquired right of way for U.S. Rte. 17 by Title to Real Estate from J. Aurthur Brown dated May 12, 1965.

A request to purchase the remainder of the above tract was received from an adjacent owner. The request was circulated to the Engineering sections to determine if said parcel could be declared surplus and after review, it was determined that the parcel was surplus to Department needs. A Bid Sale among the adjacent owners was arranged, with each getting notice of the sale and their right to make a bid. The Department received only one bid on the parcel. The bid was from the original requestor and was for \$101.50. It was recommended that the Department accept the bid, as the parcel in question is a small landlocked uneconomic remainder that has been in the inventory since 1965. Therefore, a Quitclaim Deed for approximately 0.04 of an acre of land to Samuel B. King, Jr. was executed on June 24, 1999 in consideration of \$101.50.

This matter is reported to the Commission in accordance with the requirements of Code Section 57-5-340.

7/21/99

Recommendations: 07/21/99

EXTENSION OF A BITUMINOUS RESURFACING CONTRACT

TO INCLUDE ADDITIONAL RESURFACING WORK

It is recommended that the Commission approve the action of the Department in extending an existing bituminous retreatment contract to include additional resurfacing work as follows:

LEXINGTON & RICHLAND COUNTIES:

Contract of C. R. Jackson, Inc. - File Nos. 32.10981 and 40.626A - extended to include resurfacing (File No. 40.626A) of Road 1, Road 2, Lot 1, Lot 2, Lot 4, Lot 5, Lot 7 and Lot 8 of various lengths on the Forestry Commission Property.

Estimated Cost of Extension:

\$ 97,629.08

This extension was authorized by the Department prior to formal approval by the Commission since the adjacent work had reached such a stage of completion that the contractor involved could not accept the additional work unless it was authorized without delay.

EXTENSION OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS

It is recommended that the Commission approve the action of the Department in extending existing construction contracts to include additional work, as follows:

CHEROKEE COUNTY:

Contract of Vulcan Materials Company LP- File No. 11.10991 - extended to include resurfacing (File No. 11.10991) with asphalt concrete surfacing on US 29, S-146, and S-171 for a total of 2.95 miles.

Estimated Cost of Extension: \$135,956.38

CHESTER COUNTY:

Contract of Rea Construction Company - File No. 12.10991 - extended to include resurfacing (File No. 12.10991) with asphalt concrete surfacing on SC 99 for 0.51 miles.

Estimated Cost of Extension \$ 66,036.33

CHESTERFIELD COUNTY:

Contract of APAC-Carolina, Inc. - File No. 13.10991- extended to include resurfacing (File No. 13.10991) with asphalt concrete surfacing on S-138 (Woodward Mill Road), S-138 (Fairview Church Road) and S-825 (Ridge Road) for a total of 3.20 miles.

Estimated Cost of Extension \$129,486.33

EDGEFIELD COUNTY:

Contract of Satterfield Construction Company, Inc. - File No. 19.575 - extended to include resurfacing (File No. 19.10991) with asphalt concrete surfacing on S-340 and S-331 for a total of 1.94 miles.

Estimated Cost of Extension \$ 48,755.46

FAIRFIELD COUNTY:

Contract of Satterfield Construction Company, Inc. - File 20.10992 - extended to include bituminous surfacing (File No. 20.10991) on SC 34 for 12.69 miles.

Estimated Cost of Extension \$ 94,379.25

Contract of Satterfield Construction Co., Inc. - File No. 20.10992 - extended to include bituminous surfacing (File No. 20.10991) on Road S-258 (Blink Bonnie Road) for 2.87 miles.

Estimated Cost of Extension \$ 32,247.97

Contract of Satterfield Construction Co., Inc. - File No. 20.10991 - extended to include resurfacing (File No. 20.10991) with asphalt concrete surfacing on S-164 (Fire Station Road) for 0.06 mile.

Estimated Cost of Extension \$ 2,795.40

GEORGETOWN COUNTY:

Contract of APAC-Carolina, Inc. - File No. 22.10991 - extended to include resurfacing (File No. 22.10991) with asphalt concrete surfacing on US 521 (Frazer Street) for 1.20 miles.

Estimated Cost of Extension \$140,004.12

GREENWOOD COUNTY:

Contract of Satterfield Construction Co., Inc. - File No. 24.10991 - extended to include milling and resurfacing (File No. 24.10991) with asphalt concrete surfacing on S-167 (Edgefield Street) and S-39 (West Durst Avenue) for a total of 1.80 miles.

Estimated Cost of Extension \$177,288.99

HORRY COUNTY:

Contract of APAC-Carolina, Inc. – File No. 26.106A – extended to include grading, drainage and asphalt concrete surfacing (File No. 26.10991) to construct a turning lane on US 17 in front of the Little River Medical Center and the resurfacing with asphalt concrete surfacing on Live Oak Drive leading to the Little River Medical Center for a total of 0.10 mile.

Estimated Cost of Extension \$ 26,506.46

PICKENS COUNTY:

Contract of F & R Asphalt, Inc. – File No. 39.10991 – extended to include resurfacing (File No. 39.10991) with asphalt concrete surfacing and pavement markings on S-304 for 1.9 miles.

Estimated Cost of Extension \$ 95,769.74

RICHLAND COUNTY:

Contract of Rea Construction Company – File No. 40.10992 – extended to add (File No. 32.912.1) a turn lane on S-1280 (Piney Grove Road) at US 176.

Estimated Cost of Extension \$ 89,239.00

YORK COUNTY:

Contract of Rea Construction Company – File No. 46.10991 – extended to include resurfacing (File No. 46.10991) with bituminous surfacing and asphalt concrete surfacing on S-284, S-503, and S-1347 for a total of 3.49 miles.

Estimated Cost of Extension \$127,775.00

Contract of Rea Construction Company – File No. 46.10991 – extended to include the stabilization and bituminous surfacing (File No. 46.10991) on Road S-1538 for 0.40 mile.

Estimated Cost of Extension \$ 19,208.84

These extensions were authorized by the Department prior to formal approval by the Commission since the adjacent work had reached such a stage of completion that the contractors involved could not accept the additional work unless it were authorized without delay.

EXTENSION OF CONTRACTS BEYOND CONTRACT LIMITS

It is recommended the Commission approve the extension of the following contracts beyond the contract limits as follows:

JASPER COUNTY:

Contract of Rea Construction Company – File No. 27.10991 – extended to include widening (File No. 7.10991) with asphalt aggregate base course on US 17 for 6.10 miles.

Estimated Cost of Extension	\$364,732.38
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LANCASTER COUNTY:

Contract of Boggs Paving, Inc. – File No. 29.51981 – extended to include resurfacing (File Nos. 13.682 & 29.641) with asphalt concrete surfacing on Road S-775.

Estimated Cost of Extension	\$154,816.00
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LEXINGTON COUNTY:

Contract of Rea Construction Company – File No. 32.232A – extended to include widening, grading, and drainage (File No. 32.912.1) of turning lanes, and asphalt concrete surfacing on SC 245 for 0.15 mile.

Estimated Cost of Extension	\$362,684.65
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These extensions are being requested in order to take advantage of lower unit prices available in these contracts as opposed to other contracts currently available for extension in Jasper, Lancaster, and Lexington Counties.

Recommendations 7-21-1999

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REMOVAL OF ROADS FROM STATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM

It is recommended the Commission remove the following sections of road from the State Highway System as follows:

Addition Number

Description

Barnwell County

Portion of
499

A section of River Road in Barnwell from a point .19 mile west of US 278/SC 3 southerly
- approximately 0.13 mile
(Designated S-499)
(Added to System 3-19-1964)

Note: The above road removal is requested by the City of Barnwell who will accept maintenance responsibility for this section of road and it qualifies under the Abandonment of Right-of-Way portion of the law.

Beaufort County

Portion of
439

A section of Russ Point Boat Landing Road from S-406 northwesterly to end – approximately 0.42 mile
(Designated S-439)
(Added to System 1-21-1965)

Portion of
81

Okatie Bluff Road from S-81 southwesterly – approximately 0.60 mile
(Designated S-523)
(Added to System 7-19-1951)

Note: The above road removals are requested by Beaufort County who will accept maintenance responsibility for these sections of road and the Department agrees to accept maintenance responsibility for Chowan Creek Road (1.37 miles). A request to add this section is being submitted for approval also. This qualifies under the exchange of mileage under the deletion and removal of roads from the Secondary System.

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Charleston County

Portion of 914 ✓ ✕
Forty First Avenue at Isle of Palms from S-919 (Waterway Boulevard) northwesterly to a dead end
- approximately 0.07 mile
(Designated S-914)
(Added to System 4-16-1959)

Note: The above road removal is requested by the Isle of Palms who will accept maintenance responsibility for this section of road and it qualifies under the Abandonment of Right-of-Way portion of the law.

Georgetown County

204 ✓ ✕
Spur road adjacent to Georgetown from Merriman Road northwesterly 365 feet with a loop via the jail
- approximately 0.12 mile
(Designated S-204)
(Added to System 9-15-1955)

334 ✓ ✕
Drives at the Community Center from Route S-34 approximately 0.25 mile north of Route 513
- approximately 0.06 mile
(Designated S-334)
(Added to System 11-17-1960)

712 ✓ ✕
Drive entrance to the Georgetown Airport from US Route 17
- approximately 0.4 mile
(Designated S-712)
(Added to System 5-16-1974)

884 ✓ ✕
Collector road in Georgetown County Airport Industrial Park from Road S-883 easterly including cul-de-sac
- approximately 0.2 mile
(Designated S-884)
(Added to System 3-17-1983)

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W/REMOVAL NOTE

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Georgetown County continued

- 885 ✓ ✓ ★ Collector road in Georgetown County Airport Industrial Park from Road S-884 northerly
- approximately 0.08 mile
(Designated S-885)
(Added to System 3-17-1983)
- 886 ✓ ✓ ★ Collector road in Georgetown County Airport Industrial Park from Road S-883 westerly
- approximately 0.11 mile
(Designated S-886)
(Added to System 3-17-1983)
- 887 ✓ ✓ ★ Collector road in Georgetown County Airport Industrial Park from Road S-886 northerly
- approximately 0.06 mile
(Designated S-887)
(Added to System 3-17-1983)
- 888 ✓ ✓ ★ Collector road in Georgetown County Airport Industrial Park from Road S-883 easterly including cul-de-sac
- approximately 0.06 mile
(Designated S-888)
(Added to System 3-17-1983)

Note: The above road removals are requested by Georgetown County who will accept maintenance responsibility for these sections of road and it qualifies under the Abandonment of Right-of-Way portion of the law.

ORIGINAL ADA DRAFT
w/ REMOVAL NOTE

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Hampton County

Portion of
12

4 ✓ X

Section of road (Turpentine Still Road) from S-43 to S-38
- approximately 2.04 miles
(Designated S-139)
(Added to System 12-1-1936)

68

4 ✓ X

Section of road from Road 12 (Route 361) at Richardsons Crossroads
northwesterly to Route 5
- approximately 1.2 miles
(Designated S-68)
(Added to System 6-27-1947)

Note: The above road removals are requested by Hampton County who will accept maintenance responsibility for these sections of road and it qualifies under the Abandonment of Right-of-Way portion of the law.

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ADDITIONS TO STATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM

It is recommended the Commission add the following sections of road to the State Highway System as follows:

Addition Number

Description

Beaufort County

837 ✓
114

Chowan Creek Road from U. S. Route 21 approximately 0.8 mile west of Road S-165 southwesterly – approximately 1.37 miles
To be designated S-837

Note: The Department has agreed to accept maintenance responsibility for the above section of road in exchange for Beaufort County accepting maintenance responsibility for Roads S-439 and S-523. A request to remove Roads S-439 and S-523 is being submitted for approval by the Commission.

Kershaw County

1055 ✓
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Smithfield Circle extending from S-47 (White Pond Road) northeasterly forming a loop back to Smithfield Circle – approximately 1.25 miles
To be designated S-1055

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the late E. Johnson Atkinson was one of the most outstanding citizens of Marion County, living a life of quiet but deliberate commitment to a higher quality of life for its citizens;

AND WHEREAS, Mr. Atkinson grew up in the Brittons Neck area and lived there until he and Mrs. Atkinson moved to Marion in 1956;

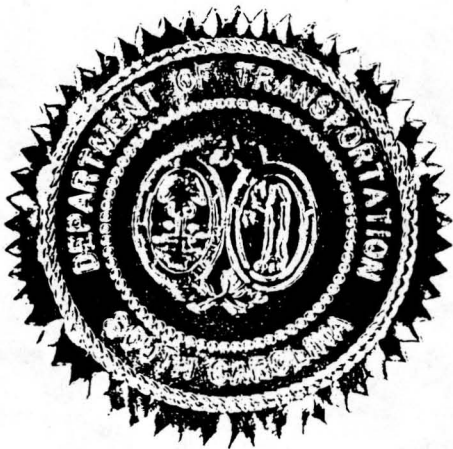
AND WHEREAS, in Brittons Neck he served as a member of the school board for over 40 years, and was chairman for nearly two decades;

AND WHEREAS, he was a rural mail carrier for 40 years, touching the lives of each and every citizen in the community, and was Brittons Neck Postmaster from 1909 to 1916;

AND WHEREAS, he was a leader in his church and one of the most respected individuals of his day, active in every progressive effort undertaken in the Brittons Neck Community;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the South Carolina Transportation Commission in meeting duly assembled this 21st day of July, 1999, does hereby name SC 908 in Marion County from SC 41 to Secondary Road 307 as the "E. Johnson Atkinson Memorial Highway."

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L. Morgan Martin, Chairman

Arnold S. Goodstein, First Congressional District

John N. Hardee, Second Congressional District

W. M. "Mat" Self, Third Congressional District

Hugh Atkins, Fourth Congressional District

Bobby T. Jones, Fifth Congressional District

J.M. "Moot" Truluck, Sixth Congressional District

ITEM 465

H. 4194.

Introduced by Representatives Mack, Altman, Breeland, Campsen, Inabinett, Whatley and Whipper.

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO NAME THE SOUTHBOUND CONNECTOR OF THE BRIDGE TO BE BUILT TO REPLACE THE JOHN P. GRACE AND THE SILAS N. PEARMAN BRIDGES IN CHARLESTON COUNTY THE "LUCILLE S. WHIPPER CONNECTOR" AND TO ERECT SIGNS OR MARKERS CONTAINING THIS DESIGNATION.

WHEREAS, the Honorable Lucille Simmons Whipper served with distinction as a member of the South Carolina House of Representatives from Charleston County from 1986-1996; and

WHEREAS, former Representative Whipper, a retired college administrator, was born in Charleston, South Carolina, earned an A.B. degree from Talladega College in Talladega, Alabama, in 1948, and a M.A. degree from the University of Chicago in 1955; and

WHEREAS, during her distinguished career in the South Carolina House of Representatives, Representative Whipper served as Chairman of the Subcommittee on Social Services and Mental Health; Chairman of the Subcommittee on Banking and Consumer Affairs; Second Vice Chairman of the Rules Committee; and a member of the Labor, Commerce and Industry Committee; and

WHEREAS, she has held many leadership roles in her community where she is highly respected and admired; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper that the southbound connector of the bridge to be built to replace the John P. Grace and Silas N. Pearman Bridges in Charleston County be named the "Lucille S. Whipper Connector" in honor of this distinguished South Carolinian.

ITEM 466

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:

THAT the members of the South Carolina General Assembly request the Department of Transportation to name the southbound connector of the bridge to replace the John P. Grace and the Silas N. Pearman Bridges in Charleston County the "Lucille S. Whipper Connector" and to erect appropriate signs or markers containing this designation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Honorable Lucille S. Whipper and the Department of Transportation.

State of South Carolina
In the House of Representatives
Columbia, South Carolina
June 24, 1999

We hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution passed in the House of Representatives and concurred in by the Senate.



David H. Wilkins

David H. Wilkins
Speaker

Sandra K. McKinney

Sandra K. McKinney
Clerk of the House

REGULATIONS

(REVISED July 2, 1999)

SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Chapter 63-338

Statutory Authority: Section 57-25-170 of the 1976
Code 63-338 Specific Information Service Signing

- A. Introduction. The South Carolina Department of Transportation has developed this program for the installation of specific service panels and business signs on fully controlled access highways.
- B. Purpose. The purpose of this program is:
- (1) To provide motorists with business identification and directional information for essential motorist services and for eligible attractions;
 - (2) To eliminate illegal outdoor advertising signs as required by the South Carolina Highway Advertising Control Act. 57-25-110, et seq.
- C. Definitions
- (1) **Department** is the South Carolina Department of Transportation or its authorized agents.
 - (2) A **Specific Service Panel** is an official sign, rectangular in shape, located within the highway right-of-way and carrying legend for one (1) (or a combination of up to three (3)) of the following services: gas, food, lodging, camping, or attraction along with directional information and space for one (1) to six (6) individual business signs.
 - (3) A **Business Sign** is a separately attached sign, rectangular in shape, mounted on the specific service panel to show the brand or trademark and name, or both, of a qualified motorist service available at or near the next interchange.
 - (4) A **Ramp Panel** is an official sign, rectangular in shape, located along an exit ramp and carrying legend for one (1) (or a combination of up to three (3)) of the following services: gas, food, lodging, camping or attraction together with directional information and space for one (1) to six (6) individual business signs of the same design as business signs, but smaller.
 - (5) A **Trailblazer Panel** is an official sign, rectangular in shape, located on the right of way of a highway with directional arrows and space for one (1) to four (4) individual signs of the same design as business signs, but smaller.
 - (6) A **Business** is an individual business that provides gas, food, lodging, camping or attraction services to motorists.
 - (7) **Continuous Operation** is the unremitting availability of motorist services within a prescribed number of hours.

- (8) **Drinking Water** is a water fountain and/or cups of water provide to all motorists at no charge.
- (9) **Public Telephone** is a coin operated telephone available to all motorists. Private or business phones may be allowed if the business is unable to obtain a coin operated telephone so long as its use is provided to motorists.
- (10) **Rest Room Facilities** are separate facilities for men and women, to include sink and toilet, and available to all motorists at no charge.

D. Specific Service Panels

- (1) A specific service panel bearing one (1) to six (6) separately attached business signs may be erected on fully controlled access highways between the previous interchange and the exit direction sign where space permits.
- (2) The specific service panel nearest to the interchange should be erected no closer than 1600 feet to the beginning of exit ramp taper of the approaching interchange with at least 800 foot spacing between the information panels. The specific service panel should be located longitudinally so as to take advantage of natural terrain and have the least impact on the scenic environment.
- (3) The number of business signs that may be displayed on specific service panels shall be limited to six (6) each for Gas, Food, Lodging, Camping, and Attractions at any interchange.
- (4) A combination panel is a specific service panel that may display a maximum of three (3) specific services. The total number of business signs on a combination panel shall be limited to six (6).
- (5) The size of specific service panels should be adequate to accommodate the number of business signs to be erected, using the required legend height and spacing in accordance with the latest Department specifications.
- (6) For double exit interchanges the specific service panel shall consist of two sections, one for each exit. The top or left section shall display the business signs for the first exit and the lower or right section shall display the business signs for the second exit. Where participation for one exit is less than three (3) businesses for a service, the specific service panel may be arranged to allow for four (4) to six (6) business signs to be displayed for the other exit. No more than six (6) business signs shall be displayed for any service at an interchange.
- (7) The background color of a specific service panel shall be blue with white reflectorized border. The words gas, food, lodging, camping or attraction and directional information shall be white reflectorized legend mounted on the blue panel.
- (8) Specific service panels shall not be erected at any interchange with another controlled access facility; nor shall they be erected at any interchange where there is no entrance ramp at the interchange or at another reasonably convenient interchange by which the motorist may proceed in the desired direction of travel without undue indirection or use of poor connecting roads.

- (9) No more than one specific service panel for gas, food, lodging, camping or attraction shall be erected in each direction approaching an interchange.
- (10) A maximum of four (4) specific service panels may be erected in each direction approaching an interchange.
- (11) Attraction signing shall not be used for facilities that have the primary purpose of retail sales.

E. Business Signs - Main Roadway

- (1) Business signs separately attached on a specific service panel shall show the brand or trademark and name, or both, of the gas, food, lodging, camping or attraction facility located at or conveniently accessible from an interchange. Nationally, regionally or locally known commercial symbols or trademarks shall be used when applicable. The brand or trademark identification symbol used shall be reproduced with the colors and general shape consistent with customary use. Any messages, trademarks or brand symbols which interfere with, imitate or resemble an official traffic control device will not be permitted.
- (2) Each business sign on a specific service panel shall be contained in a rectangular background area. Any business sign that does not display a nationally, regionally or locally known symbol or trademark shall display the business name in legend that contrasts effectively with the background.
- (3) If a food business is only open six (6) days a week, it will be required to incorporate into the design of its business signs a message indicating what day the business is closed. This message shall be legend that says "CLOSED" followed by the day of week the business is closed. The color of the legend shall contrast effectively with the background of the business sign.
- (4) Only one business sign may be shown in each direction of travel for each service provided by a business, even though the business may be accessible from more than one interchange. Signing will be provided at the interchange closest to the business, as determined by the Department.
- (5) Where the number of fully qualifying gas, food, lodging or camping businesses exceeds the available spaces on the specific service panel, businesses will be given preference in order of measured distance from the interchange as described in Section I(5). The business farthest from the interchange will be deleted from the program by the Department, but only after its business signs have been displayed for not less than one year from the date of the original agreement with the Department.
- (6) Where the number of fully qualifying Attraction businesses exceeds the available spaces on the specific service panel, businesses will be given preference in order of regional significance as determined by the Department.
- (7) When a business qualifies for business sign placement on more than one type of specific service panel and the maximum number of allowable participating businesses is exceeded, placement will be made only on that type panel which, as determined by the Department, best describes the main product or service. In circumstances of dual ownership (i.e., a motel and restaurant separately

owned and operated on the same premises), the Department's decision of main service will still apply.

F. Ramp Panels

- (1) When the Department determines that any participating business is not visible from the terminal or decision point of a ramp which permits traffic to proceed in more than one direction on the crossroad, a ramp panel shall be placed on the exit ramp or at its terminus.
- (2) Ramp signs shall not be erected for businesses not displaying business signs on a specific service panel.
- (3) A ramp combination panel is a ramp panel that may display a maximum of three (3) specific services. The total number of ramp business signs on a ramp combination panel shall be limited to six (6).
- (4) Ramp panels will be of an appropriate size to display the required number of ramp business signs.
- (5) The background color of a ramp panel shall be blue with white reflectorized border. The words gas, food, lodging, camping or attraction and directional information shall be in white reflectorized legend mounted on the blue panel.

G. Trailblazer Panels

- (1) When the Department determines that the route to a business requires a direction change, it is questionable as to which roadway to follow, or when additional guidance is needed, a trailblazer panel may be placed along a crossroad up to 500 feet prior to any required turn.
- (2) Trailblazer panels will be of an appropriate size to display the required number of trailblazer business signs.
- (3) The background color of a trailblazer panel shall be blue with white reflectorized border. White reflectorized directional arrows shall be mounted on the blue panel as needed for proper guidance.
- (4) Trailblazer panels shall not be erected for businesses not displaying business signs on a specific service panel and a ramp panel.
- (5) A trailblazer panel may contain various types of services on a single panel.
- (6) When space along the right-of-way limits the number of signs or panels that can be erected, all other Department signing shall take priority over trailblazer panels.

H. Business Signs – Ramp and Trailblazer

- (1) Ramp and trailblazer business signs shall be of the same design as business signs, but smaller.
- (2) Each business sign mounted on a ramp panel and trailblazer panel shall be contained in a rectangular background area. Any business sign which does not display a nationally, regionally or locally known symbol or trademark shall display the business name legend which contrasts effectively with the background.

- (3) If a food business is only open six (6) days a week, it will be required to incorporate into the design of its business signs a message indicating what day the business is closed. This message shall say "CLOSED" followed by the day of week the business is closed. The color of the legend shall contrast effectively with the background of the business sign.

I. Criteria

- (1) A business located at or conveniently accessible from an interchange on a fully controlled access highway shall be eligible to have its business sign placed on a specific service panel, a ramp panel, and on a trailblazer panel (but in accordance with Section F(1) and G(1)) if it meets the following conditions:

(a) Gas:

1. Located within three (3) miles of the interchange;
2. Vehicle services shall include fuel, oil and water;
3. Continuous operation at least sixteen (16) hours per day, seven (7) days a week;
4. Rest room facilities;
5. Drinking water;
6. Public telephone;

(b) Food:

1. Located within three (3) miles of the interchange;
2. Maintain a "Grade A" rating as defined by the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control;
3. Continuous operation at least twelve (12) hours a day, six (6) days a week;
4. Rest room facilities;
5. Public telephone;
6. Indoor seating capacity for at least twenty (20) persons and/or drive-thru service;

(c) Lodging:

1. Located within three (3) miles of the interchange;
2. Permit to operate by the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control;
3. Continuous operation, twelve (12) months per year;
4. At least ten (10) lodging rooms;
5. Public telephone;

(d) Camping:

1. Located within six (6) miles of the interchange;
2. Permit to operate by the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control;
3. Modern sanitary facilities including restrooms and showers;

4. Drinking water;
5. Overnight accommodations for all types of travel trailers, tents and camping vehicles;
6. Adequate parking accommodations for at least ten (10) camping vehicles;
7. Continuous operation, seven (7) days a week;
8. If operated on a seasonal basis, signs will be removed;
9. Public telephone.

(e) Attraction:

1. Located within fifteen (15) miles of the interchange;
2. Be an activity or location that is one of the following:
 - (i) Amusement Park: a permanent area, open to the general public, whose principle activities include boating, entertainment rides, hiking, picnicking, swimming, etc.;
 - (ii) Arena: an auditorium, civic or convention center, racetrack, sports complex, or stadium having a minimum seating capacity of 5,000;
 - (iii) College or University Facilities: an institution which is approved by a nationally recognized accreditation agency, has an enrollment of at least 500 fulltime students and which grants degrees;
 - (iv) Commerce Park: a group of commercial manufacturing or research facilities;
 - (v) Cultural Center: a facility for cultural events;
 - (vi) Facility Tour Location: a facility such as a factory, institution, or plant which conducts daily or weekly public tours on regular scheduled basis year-round;
 - (vii) Fairground: a tract of land where fairs or exhibitions are held and which has permanent buildings including, but not limited to, bandstands, exhibition halls, livestock exhibition pens, etc.;
 - (viii) Historical Site or District: a structure or area listed on the national or state historical register and recognized by the Department as a historic attraction or location. Historic districts shall provide the public with a single, central location, such as a self-service kiosk or welcome center, where motorists can obtain information regarding the district;
 - (ix) Recreational Area: a recreational attraction recognized by the Department including, but not limited to, bicycling, boating, fishing, hiking, picnicking, or rafting;
 - (x) Natural Phenomenon: a naturally occurring area which is of outstanding interest to the general public, such as a waterfall or a cavern;
 - (xi) Visitor Information Center: visitor information centers other than those operated by the South Carolina Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism must meet the criteria outlined in the South Carolina

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- (xii) Zoological/Botanical Park: a facility in which living animals or plants are kept and exhibited to the public;
 - 3. Maintain regular hours for that type of establishment;
 - 4. Public restrooms;
 - 5. Public telephones;
 - 6. Adequate parking accommodations.
- (2) Where space is available on an existing gas, food or lodging specific service panel, distances for participation may be extended to a total of six (6) miles from the interchange. Extension of distances will be at the sole discretion of the Department and will be measured as described in Section I (3). In all instances, businesses meeting all of the provisions of Section I will be given first priority.
- (3) In determining distances from the interchange, roadway mileages are to be used, measured from the off-ramp terminal (where the off-ramp intersects the crossing road or frontage road) nearest to the business under consideration. the measurement shall begin where the left edge of the off-ramp pavement intersects the near edge of the crossing road pavement. If the off-ramp terminal is channelized, the measurement shall begin at the intersection portion of the terminal nearest to the business under consideration.
- (a) For gas, food and lodging, the measurement will terminate at the main entrance of the building where payment is received for services rendered.
 - (b) For camping facilities, the distance will be measured to the registration office on the property of the camping facility.

J. Installation and Maintenance

- (1) The cost to the business for participation in the specific service signing program shall be determined by the Department based on each business sign installed. Fees will include yearly renewal and installation or removal of signs.
- (2) All business signs will be furnished to the Department by the business at no cost to the Department and shall be manufactured to the standard specifications and approved design of the Department. Business signs not meeting the specifications shall not be used.
- (3) The Department shall be responsible for all required installation, routine maintenance, removal and replacement of business signs upon the specific service and ramp panels.
- (4) The Department shall not be responsible for any damage, deterioration or loss of any business sign. The business shall be responsible for furnishing replacement business signs to the Department.

K. General Provisions.

- (1) Upon application to participate in the specific service signing program, a business shall give written assurance of its conformity with all applicable laws

concerning the provision of public accommodations without regard to race, religion, color or national origin.

- (2) If a business, at any time, fails to comply with applicable laws or these rules and regulations, the Department will take the necessary actions to remove the business signs and disqualify that business from further participation in the program, except when a business closing is due to damages sustained by fire, accident or similar causes and when the Department is notified in writing within ten (10) days of such closing. In such case the business sign shall be removed or covered until the business is re-opened.
- (3) Any business that maintains any form of illegal outdoor advertising as determined by the South Carolina Highway Advertising Control Act shall be ineligible to participate in this program until such illegal advertising devices are removed.
- (4) The Department reserves the right to cover or remove any or all business signs during maintenance or construction operations or for research studies, or whenever deemed by the Department to be in the best interest of the Department or the traveling public without advance notice. The Department reserves the right to terminate the program or any portion thereof by furnishing the business written notice of such intent not less than thirty (30) calendar days prior to such action.
- (5) The Department will prescribe the format and content of standard application and agreement forms to be used in the administration of this program.
- (6) After a business has received approval of its application for participation in the program, an agreement, in accordance with these regulations, will be entered into between the Department and the business. Designs for the business signs should be submitted, if required, for approval as soon as possible upon application approval.

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