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The Honorable Nikki R. Haley  
Governor of the State of South Carolina  
1205 Pendleton Street  
Columbia, SC 29201

Dear Governor Haley:

First, thank you for your dedicated public service. I know that it absorbs a lot of your time and energy, and I want to publicly state that I am thankful we have good people like you working to help make our state better. This is a difficult political climate, and there has been a lot of frustration and paralysis on funding roads, which hopefully is about to break loose and begin the work of repairing our failing state infrastructure.

As a fellow public servant, I beg for your immediate help and assistance to finish a priority safety project on SC State Highway 165. I represent Dorchester County Council District 7 in which a portion of this road is located, but more importantly in which an overwhelmingly frustrated population resides who have to drive this road daily for school or work. Recently, after seeing their frustration reach a flash point, I distributed an online petition so folks could show support for funding and finishing this road, and also give some feedback.

As you are likely aware, the county placed the contract out for bid last summer and received only two bids. Both bids are over the budgeted and projected amount of the project. We need desperately to receive the additional funds to properly award this project and begin construction by this summer. I am sure that there are some who will point blame about why we are all here now, which can go back ten years or more, but I am simply interested in the public good and safety, and this road is quite possibly the most dangerous in the state for a state highway, especially one in which over two thousand high school students travel twice a day to attend Ashley Ridge High School. To ameliorate this issue quickly, we need your help at the next State Transportation Infrastructure Bank meeting to vote to fund the balance needed to allow Dorchester County to re-bid this project quickly and begin working.

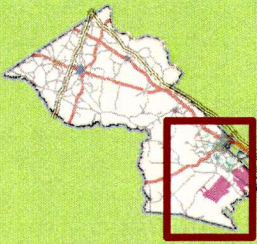
Please find included a map of the area, and the petition with names and comments of those who have signed over the weekend. I am sure more will keep signing, but in the interest of timing, I wanted to provide you with this public feedback. The good people of Dorchester County are relying on us to get this road fixed quickly for safety sake. Thank you again for your service and your time. I sincerely appreciate it, and I know that there will be thousands who will cheer loudly when we begin the construction of this road with your help.

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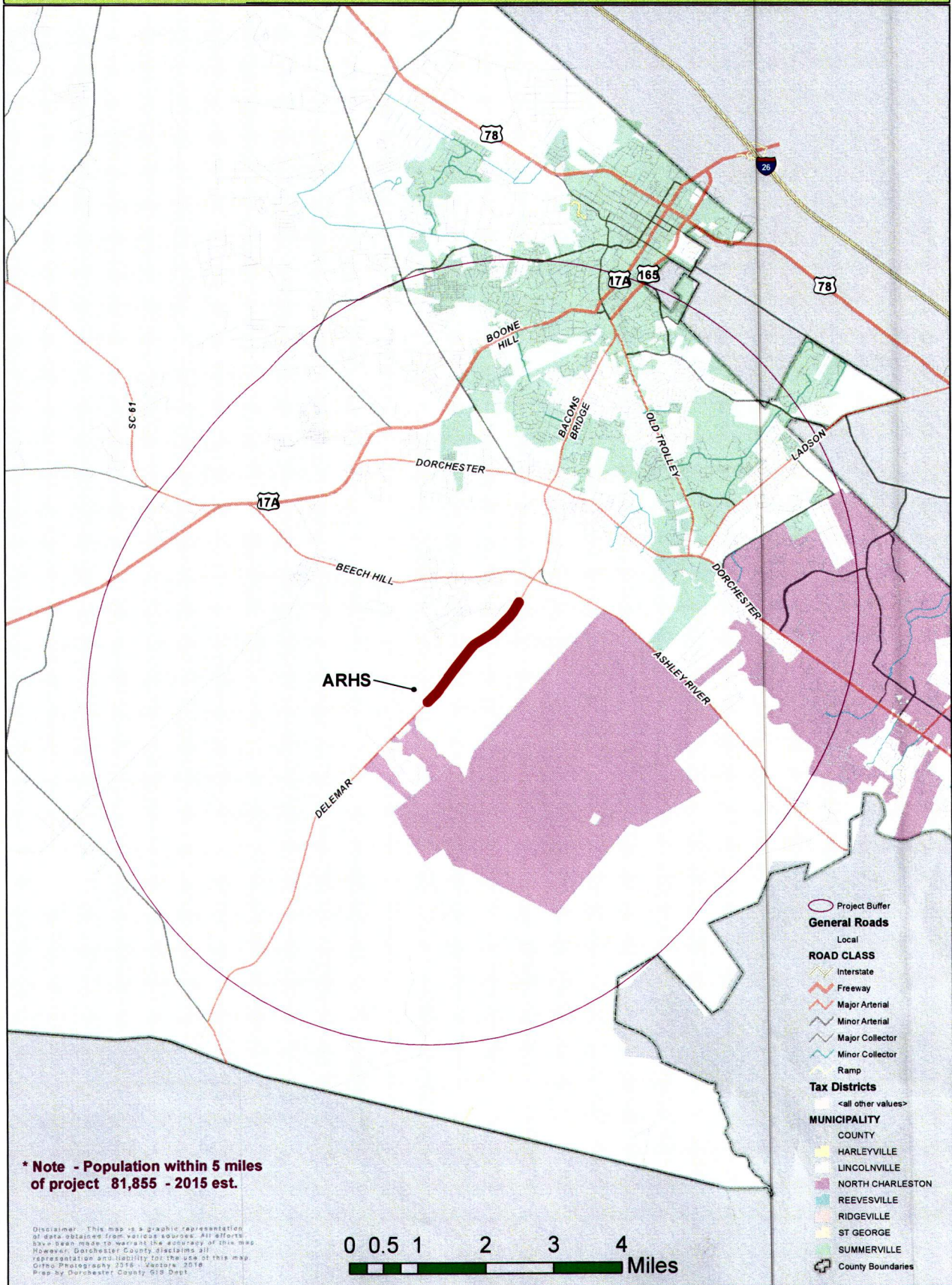
Yours very truly,

Jay Byars  
Dorchester County Council District 7

Enclosures



# Dorchester County Delemar Highway Project





This petition has collected  
683 signatures  
using the online tools at [iPetitions.com](http://iPetitions.com)

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# FUND and BUILD Deleamar Highway Now!

About this petition

Dear Neighbor and Concerned Citizen,

Deleamar Highway from Legend Oaks to Ashley Ridge High School (SC 165) is grotesquely unsafe. It is far past time to fully fund and build this road. Our local state delegation has been very supportive and instrumental in helping. Dorchester County was awarded funds from the state infrastructure bank to build this road in 2012. The county placed the project out for bid last summer after completions of permitting and design, however the bids for construction all came back higher than what is currently allocated and the state needs to allocate an additional funds to allow the county to place the project out for bid again quickly to get started.

We need to work constructively with the board of the South Carolina Infrastructure Bank, SCDOT, and our local delegation for getting this done. The county has even taken the new board chairman on this road in January to show the urgent need to get it fixed. Everyone is aware of the need. We need to let the decision makers in Columbia know with one strong and constructive voice that this road needs to be fully funded at the next meeting so this project can get started by this summer. **Please take a moment to add your name to the list and forward on to anyone who also may be of interest.** I will get this list along with a letter of support and request to the leaders in Columbia. Thank you! I am

Yours Truly,

Councilman Jay Byars