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Ms. Sandra Bivens  
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**RE: I-85/I-385 Interchange Improvement Project, Greenville County, South Carolina  
PIN No. 38111\_RD01; State File No. 23.03811**

Dear Ms. Bivens:

Thank you for contacting Governor Haley regarding the noise levels in the vicinity of the Townes at Cardinal Creek. Governor Haley has requested that we respond to you directly regarding your concerns.

The South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) completed a detailed noise study in March of 2012, which included the analysis of the existing and future noise levels near the project corridor. The noise analysis was completed in accordance with SCDOT's Traffic Noise Abatement Policy, which was developed and approved by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA).

During this noise study, SCDOT contacted Greenville County to obtain available information on building permits for new home construction. Based on this information, only a portion of the lots within the Townes at Cardinal Creek had active building permits. The information received from Greenville County was included in the noises analysis. The future plan of the area was not known prior to March 2012 and was not included in the noise analysis. This process is in accordance with the SCDOT Traffic Noise Abatement Policy. At this time, there is no additional study planned for noise along the project corridor.

Thank you for bringing your concerns to our attention. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 803-737-7900 or Heather M. Robbins, Director of Environmental Services at 803-737-1399.

Sincerely,

Leland D. Colvin, P.E.  
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