



South Carolina Department of Transportation

**COMMISSION
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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Meeting of

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OF
SOUTH CAROLINA

September 15, 1995

The regular monthly meeting of the Department of Transportation Commission was held at the Charleston County Office Building, Room 403, #2 Courthouse Square, Charleston, South Carolina, at nine o'clock a.m. on September 15, 1995. 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

H. B. "Buck" Limehouse, Chairman Presiding
Joseph Jefferson
Gary M. Loftus
B. Bayles Mack
Jack E. Mullinax
S. Lyman Whitehead

Absent

Francis L. Willis

Also Present: B. K. Jones, Director

SECTION 1: The Minutes for the meeting of August 24, 1995 copies of which had been previously mailed to each member of the Commission, were approved.

SECTION 2: The Commission unanimously passed a motion accepting a report by the Department of right of way payments on roads in State Secondary "C" Construction Program for Berkeley, Charleston, Hampton, Jasper and Richland Counties, as shown in detail in the Appendix.

SECTION 3: The Commission unanimously passed a motion accepting a report by the Department of quitclaim deeds, as shown in detail in the Appendix.

SECTION 4: The Commission unanimously passed a motion accepting a report by the Department for the sale of surplus right of way property for Land and Buildings, 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 resurfacing work, as shown in detail in the Appendix.

SECTION 6: The Commission unanimously passed a motion approving the action of the Department in extending existing bituminous retreatment contracts to include additional resurfacing work, as shown in detail in the Appendix.

SECTION 7: The Commission unanimously passed a motion correcting the description of the following section of state highways previously added to the State Highway System:

Addition
Number

Clarendon County

782



County road (Snug Harbor Road) at Lake Marion Shores Subdivision extending from Road S-469 approximately 0.35 mile east of Road S-396 northerly, easterly, and southerly; including two spurs - approximately 0.81 mile

Designated S-782

Added to System 8/16/90

Note: This revision is recommended by the CTC in order that two spur roads be extended to SC File 14.618 State Project No. C-618.

SECTION 8: Pursuant to Code Section 57-5-80, the Commission unanimously passed a motion removing the following described road sections from the State Highway System:

Addition
Number

Anderson County

✓ 1029



Section of road from Road S-29 approximately 0.1 mile northwest of Interstate Route 85 southwesterly and southeasterly to the Interstate Route 85 right-of-way line - approximately 0.12 mile

Designated S-1029

Added to System 9/15/77

Note: This road is being removed at the request of Anderson County to control traffic flow into solid waste site.

✓ 554



Bamberg County

East Baruch Street in Denmark from US Route 321 to Road S-168 - approximately 0.05 mile

Designated S-554

Added to System 11/19/76

Note: This road is being removed at the request of the City of Denmark to facilitate the construction of a new downtown park.

✓ Portion of
536



Section of road from point 1.14 miles south of Route 64 southerly to Road S-425 - approximately 0.49 mile

Designated S-27

Added to System 12/20/73

Note: This road is being removed at the request of the CTC and the Town of Olar.

✓ Portion of
317



Barnwell County

Merchant Street in Williston from Road S-136 westerly - approximately 0.03 mile

Designated S-317

Added to System 12/16/54

Note: This removal is recommended at the request of the Town of Williston.

Addition
Number

Georgetown County

- ✓ 595  Spur road east of Andrews from Road S-20 southerly to the Andrews Wire Mill - approximately 0.16 mile
Designated S-595
Added to System 9/18/69
Note: This revision is recommended by the SCDOT since this road is no longer needed for Department purposes.

Horry County

- ✓ 212  A loop road from Route 140 by the way of the Green Sea High School to Route 410; with parking lot at school - approximately 0.3 mile
Designated S-212
Added to System 6/24/54
- ✓ 217  A belt line road near Wampee from Route 90 via the high school to Route 90 - approximately 0.1 mile
Designated S-217
Added to System 3/17/55
- ✓ 307  Drive at Floyd High and Grammar Schools from Route 9 - approximately 0.3 mile
Designated S-307
Added to System 4/17/58
- ✓ 372  Drives at the Myrtle Beach Hospital from 78th Avenue (Road S-374) and Porcher Street (Road S-373) in Myrtle Beach - approximately 0.11 mile
Designated S-372
Added to System 2/18/60
- ✓ 438  Drives at Myrtle Heights Grammar School in Myrtle Beach from Oak Street near 34th Street - approximately 0.4 mile
Designated S-438
Added to System 4/20/61

Addition
Number

Horry County, continued

- ✓ 440  Drive at Cedar Creek School from Route 9 approximately 1.3 miles north of Road S-59 - approximately 0.4 mile
Designated S-440
Added to System 6/15/61
- ✓ 441  Drive at Green Sea Elementary School from Route 9 to Route 9 at Green Sea - approximately 0.1 mile
Designated S-441
Added to System 6/15/61
- ✓ 445  Drives at Bucksport School from Road S-48 approximately 0.9 mile south of US Route 701 - approximately 0.1 mile
Designated S-445
Added to System 6/15/61
- ✓ 449  Drive at Poplar School from Route 90 approximately 2.0 miles south of Wampee - approximately 0.05 mile
Designated S-449
Added to System 6/15/61
- ✓ 450  Drive at Sweet Home School from Route 9 approximately 3.0 miles west of Road S-55 - approximately 0.1 mile
Designated S-450
Added to System 6/15/91
- ✓ 454  Drive at Waccamaw School from Route 90 approximately 2.5 miles east of US Route 501 Business - approximately 0.15 mile
Designated S-454
Added to System 6/15/61
- ✓ 656  Drive at Cochran Grammar School near Conway - approximately 0.15 mile
Designated S-656
Added to System 7/15/65

Addition
Number

Horry County, continued

1108 

5th Avenue South at North Myrtle Beach from US Route 17 northerly to the boat ramp - approximately 0.4 mile
Designated S-1108
Added to System 12/16/76
Revised 6/21/79

1168 

Street at North Myrtle Beach from the northern terminus of Road S-1108 northerly to the Intra-Coastal Waterway - approximately 0.17 mile
Designated S-1108
Added to System 1/18/79

Note: These removals are recommended by the SCDOT since these roads are no longer needed for the Department purposes.

Williamsburg County

Portion of 198 

Second Avenue in Kingstree from a point 0.01 mile north of Road S-172 (Boone Street) northerly - approximately 0.04 mile
Designated S-62
Added to System 5/20/54
Portion Removed 10/21/82
Portion Removed 5/19/83

Note: This removal is recommended by the SCDOT since this road is no longer needed for Department purposes.

SECTION 9: Pursuant to Code Section 57-5-70, the Commission unanimously passed a motion adding the following roads to the State Highway System, maintenance jurisdiction by the Department of such roads to become effective when construction to State Highway standards shall have started:

Addition
Number

Clarendon County

✓ 793



County road extending from Road S-262 approximately 0.09 mile west of Road S-50 southerly - approximately 1.2 miles
To be designated S-793

Dillon County

✓ 946



Graham Road (unpaved road) near the Town of Latta extending southwesterly from Road S-17-244 (Legare Street) to terminus - approximately 0.1 mile
To be designated S-946

Fairfield County

✓ 508



Dirt road extending from Road S-221 northeasterly, northwesterly, and southwesterly to deadend - approximately 0.4 mile
To be designated S-508

✓ 509



Bird Island Drive extending from Road S-460 northwesterly 0.17 mile thence southwesterly and northeasterly for 0.26 mile approximately 0.43 mile
To be designated S-509

✓ 510



Stoney Circle (dirt road) extending from Road S-19 at Rion Post Office forming a loop back to Road S-19 - approximately 0.4 mile
To be designated S-510

SECTION 10: The Commission unanimously passed a motion amending the Transportation Enhancement Program as follows:

Item No. Aiken County

Revision

- 401,096 Adopt-An-Interchange project to provide landscaping at the interchange of I-20 and SC 230. Federal funds requested are \$40,000.00. Local matching funds of \$10,000.00 to be provided by the City of North Augusta.
- 401,151 Adopt-An-Interchange project to provide landscaping at the interchange of I-20 and US 1. Federal funds requested are \$40,000.00. Local matching funds of \$10,000.00 to be provided by the City of Aiken.

SECTION 11: On motion of Commissioner Whitehead, seconded by Commissioner Mack, the Commission unanimously passed a motion to adopt the vegetation maintenance policy, as shown in the Appendix.

SECTION 12: On motion of Commissioner Mack, seconded by Commissioner Loftus, the Commission unanimously passed a motion to adopt the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) as presented by the Department.

SECTION 13: On motion of Commissioner Loftus, seconded by Commissioner Mack, the Commission unanimously passed a motion adopting the following resolution regarding local option sales tax in Horry County.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, registered voters in Horry County will be asked to vote on or before March 5, 1996, in a public referendum on the question of whether to approve a one-cent local option sales tax, the proceeds of which would be used to fund completion of the Conway Bypass and other projects:

AND WHEREAS, in anticipation of questions that may be raised as to the effect the outcome of the referendum may have on the advancement of the Conway Bypass project, as well as on funding apportioned to Horry County for other Transportation projects.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION, in meeting duly assembled, affirms the following:

That the South Carolina Department of Transportation has entered into a partnership agreement with Horry County for the construction of the Conway Bypass, and pending a favorable vote on the local option sales tax referendum, has committed \$100 million toward completion of the project in addition to the approximate \$50 million already expended,

And that, the outcome of the referendum, be it favorable or unfavorable, shall in no way affect the formula for distribution of Federal and State Funding for highway construction projects in Horry County,

And that, the Commission recognized that, should the local option sales tax proposal fail, there will not be funding available to fund the Construction Partnership, and the alternative is for the SCDOT to fund the Conway Bypass by conventional means and by tolls, thereby delaying completion of the project for at least 25 years;

And that, the widening of Highway 544 and Highway 9 are in SCDOT's long range plans (20 years plus) but are currently unfunded, and the Carolina Bays Parkway is a local project, and not funded through SCDOT,

And that, the Commission is convinced that the surest way to fund major projects such as the Conway Bypass and others in the state and to advance them to early completion is through local partnership.

SECTION 14: There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

Larry C. Duke
Secretary

H. B. "Buck" Limehouse
Chairman

APPENDIX

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Meeting of

September 15, 1995

PAYMENT FOR RIGHTS OF WAY ON ROADS IN STATE
SECONDARY CONSTRUCTION "C" PROGRAM

Payment has been made for right of way on the following roads in the "C" Construction Program:

June 2, 1995	Project C-573 - Road S-474 - Hampton County, Hampton County Clerk of Court for Ruby Rose Beckett, et al, Tract 2	\$ 1 500 00
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The above is payment for final and complete settlement out of court of the right of way condemnation case.

June 26, 1995	Project C - Road S-20 - Charleston County, Marthanne Limehouse and Thomas P. Lowndes, Esquire	\$20 000 00
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The above is payment for final and complete settlement out of court of the right of way condemnation case.

June 21, 1995	Project C-725 -Road S-1278 - Berkeley County, Berkeley County, Clerk of Court for Mrs. Willie Lee, et al	\$ 300 00
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The above is payment for final and complete settlement out of court of the right of way condemnation case.

July 7, 1995	Project C-488 - Road S-49 - Jasper County, William W. Sprague, Jr., Trustee under the will of Mary Crowther Sprague	\$ 3 929 20
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The above is payment for full and complete satisfaction rendered in trial on May 31, 1995.

July 19, 1995	Project C-458A - Road S-2986 - Richland County, Honorable Barbara A. Scott, Clerk of Court on behalf of Ella Goodwin, et al	\$ 1 006 25
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The above is payment for full and complete satisfaction of non-jury verdict rendered on June 5, 1995.

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Project C-488 - Road S-49 - Jasper County, James King,
Mary M. King, Mary Frances Brown, Deloris Patterson and
Barbara Duncan \$ 445 74

The above is payment for full and complete satisfaction of non-jury verdict rendered on May 31, 1995.

July 10, 1995

Project C-330A - Road S-20 - Charleston County, Nancy
L. Carter and Thomas P. Lowndes, Esquire \$21 882 00

The above is payment for final and complete settlement out of court of the right of way condemnation case.

This report is being made in compliance with Section 9 of the minutes of December 19, 1957.

SURPLUS RIGHT OF WAY PROPERTY - LAND

1. File 32.761/40.147A - Route I-26 - Lexington County

During acquisition of right of way for construction of improvements on Road S-671 (Piney Grove Road) in Lexington County, the Department acquired right of way by Condemnation Notice dated April 27, 1993, from Carolina Interstate Services, Inc. under File 32.761/40.147A.

While under construction the Department made a modification for safety reasons, which eliminated an acceleration lane. This modification resulted in a 2,714.6 square foot reduction in the right of way needed. Therefore, a gratis quitclaim deed conveying approximately 0.062 of an acre of land to Carolina Interstate Services, Inc. was executed on August 8, 1995.

2. File 40.463 - Road S-1756 - Richland County

Right of way acquired by letter dated June 14, 1957, from the Town of Forest Acres dedicating Road S-1756 (Beverly Drive) to the Department for maintenance.

At the request of an adjoining owner, an investigation was made and it was determined that a portion of the above right of way was no longer needed and could be relinquished. Therefore, a gratis quitclaim deed conveying approximately 2.32 acres of land to the City of Columbia was executed on August 9, 1995.

3. File 15.593 - Road S-913 - Colleton County

During acquisition of right of way for construction of improvements on Road S-913 in Colleton County, the Department acquired right of way by Right of Way Easement dated August 4, 1993, from Lewis H. Wade under File 15.593.

At the request of an adjoining owner, an investigation was made and it was determined that the 50x50 foot triangular area could be reduced to a 35x25 foot triangular area, and the remainder could be relinquished. Therefore, a gratis quitclaim deed conveying approximately 0.02 of an acre of land to Lewis H. Wade and Reditha U. Wade was executed on August 23, 1995.

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

SURPLUS RIGHT OF WAY PROPERTY - SALE OF LAND AND BUILDINGS

1. Sale of 8.97 acres and 30.47 acres of land located on the Western side of U.S. Route 21 conveyed to Fairfield County by Contract of Sale dated April 21, 1994.

The Department will receive ten annual payments per contract recorded with the Fairfield County RMC Office in Book NA, Page D-100.

Ten Annual Payments	\$64,500.00
First Payment received April 21, 1995	\$ 8,211.66
Last Payment due April 21, 2004	\$ 8,211.70

2. Bids were taken by the Department on March 29, 1995, for the sale of a brick, veneer home for removal. This house was purchased by the Department as part of the future right of way for the Conway By-Pass on Highway 90. As a result, the high bidder failed to fulfill his obligation and therefore, has forfeited any rights to purchase this house. So the second highest bidder was given the opportunity to purchase the house, and kindly accepted. Therefore, as a result another award was made to the second highest bidder.

<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
One brick house to be removed and foundation located at 6601 Highway 90, Conway, South Carolina in Horry County (also known as Dogwood Neck Township). Tract #7.	
Ms. Earline Evans Woods P. O. Box 397 North Myrtle Beach, SC 29852	\$5,000.00

Recommendations 09/15/95

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:

CHARLESTON COUNTY:

Contract of Sanders Brothers Construction Company, Inc. - File No. 10.322A- extended to include an additional section of Project FAP STP-RF94(061) (File No. 10.322A) consisting of the resurfacing with asphalt concrete surface course of 0.421 mile on Road S-20 (Bolton Road) from U. S. Route 17 to Road S-57.

Estimated Cost of Extension \$ 32,718.48

HORRY COUNTY:

Contract of A. O. Hardee and Son Drainage, Inc. - File No. 26.848 - extended to include an additional section of State Project C-848 (File No. 26.848) consisting of the grading, drainage and surfacing of 0.609 mile on Road S-1360 (River Road) and 0.203 mile on Road S-1368 (Wedgewood Road) being streets in Cedar Creek Subdivision near Little River.

Estimated Cost of Extension \$274,925.48

CORRECTION: Extension previously approved by Commission November 4, 1994 - This is to correct mileage on Road S-1360 (River Road) to 0.609 mile in lieu of 0.48 mile and on Road S-1368 (Wedgewood Road) to 0.203 mile in lieu of 0.19 mile. This will also correct total estimated cost of extension to \$274,925.48 in lieu of \$198,000.00.

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Construction Contracts

LAURENS COUNTY:

Contract of Satterfield Construction Company, Inc. - File No. 30.802 - extended to include an additional section of State Project C-802 (File No. 30.802) consisting of the resurfacing with asphalt concrete surfacing of Road S-888 from Road S-765 (Martin Street) southerly for 0.14 mile in the Town of Joanna, and 0.26 mile on Road S-622 from S. C. Route 72 to Road S-623 and from Road S-623 to dead end in City of Clinton.

Estimated Cost of Extension \$ 32,303.92

ORANGEBURG COUNTY:

Contract of J. F. Cleckley & Company - File No. 38.118A - extended to include an additional section of Project C-118A (File No. 38.118A) consisting of the resurfacing with asphalt concrete surface course of 0.60 mile on Road S-74 from U. S. Route 321 to Road S-1198 (westerly leg), and 1.9 miles on Road S-751 from U. S. Route 301 to S. C. Route 400.

Estimated Cost of Extension \$111,857.20

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 contractor involved could not accept the additional work unless it were authorized without delay.

Recommendations 09/15/95

EXTENSION OF BITUMINOUS RESURFACING CONTRACTS
TO INCLUDE ADDITIONAL RESURFACING WORK

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

ALLENDALE, BAMBERG, BARNWELL & HAMPTON COUNTIES:

Contract of J. F. Cleckley and Company - File Nos. 3.10951, 5.10951, 6.10951 & 25.10951 - extended to include resurfacing (File No. 3.10951) of 0.85 mile on US 278 from Barnwell County Line to 0.85 mile South of Barnwell County Line.

Estimated Cost of Extension \$ 2,000.00

EDGEFIELD AND SALUDA COUNTIES:

Contract of Satterfield Construction Company, Inc. - File Nos. 19.10951, 19.10959, 41.10951, 41.483 and 19.553 - extended to include an additional section of Project C-553 (File No. 19.553) consisting of the addition of 6" Perforated Pipe underdrain and aggregate underdrain for S-19-344 (Maple Drive).

Estimated Cost of Extension \$ 6,540.00

York County:

Contract of REA Construction Company - File No. 46.10951 - extended to include resurfacing (File No. 46.10951) of 0.20 mile on Road S-46-1076 (Pinewood Drive) from S-46-214 to Dead End; 0.07 mile on Road S-46-1173 (Glendale Road) from S-46-30 to S-46-140; and 0.11 mile on Road S-46-1432 (Wright Terrace) from S-46-1267 to Dead End.

Estimated Cost of Extension No increase in Contract (\$) Amount

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.

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OUTDOOR ADVERTISING VEGETATION MAINTENANCE

PURPOSE

In an effort to maintain highway beautification in conjunction with proper land management and to acknowledge the advertising industry's need to maintain advertising displays, the SCDOT has developed a vegetation maintenance policy for Outdoor Advertising signs located along the SCDOT highways controlled by the Highway Advertising Control Act.

SCOPE

All sign owners with outdoor advertising signs along South Carolina interstates and freeway primary federal-aid highways who wish to maintain vegetation within the SCDOT's rights of ways will be required to comply with this policy for vegetation maintenance. Cooperation from these owners will be necessary to insure consistent maintenance of SCDOT rights of ways.

Cutting will be implemented statewide, phasing in the program by District and route.

POLICY

Each location will be allowed a 500' working area from each sign facing. The sign owner will develop a vegetation maintenance plan for this area. This plan may include a 300' clear cut window within the 500' working area. This will allow the applicant to determine the most advantageous area to be cut to allow for the best visibility of their sign. However, SCDOT will review each application and reserve the right to determine the final location of the 300' window within the working area.

Any sign owner who wishes to cut vegetation on SCDOT rights of ways will be required to apply for a permit and enter into a contract with the SCDOT to participate in the vegetation program for a ten (10) year period. Once initial vegetation contracts are executed at the beginning of this program, no new contracts will be issued for existing signs. However, those signs which have been in place less than two years on the initial contracting date will be allowed to participate in this program once they have been in existence two years. Any sign owners with eligible signs who do not choose to participate at the beginning of the program will not be issued a vegetation maintenance contract until the ten (10) year period has expired and new contracts are issued.

The initial fee will be \$200.00 for each location cleared and thereafter, a \$200.00 per year fee will be charged for each sign under this program. These fees and any applications to clear vegetation will be due September 1st of each year. One notice for remittance will be sent to each company thirty (30) days prior to the due date. Any vegetation fees unpaid on October 1st, will void the contract.

Sign owners will be responsible for the initial cutting of each sign location. After the initial cutting of all locations, the SCDOT will be responsible for mowing the locations until the end of the contract. This mowing will be in conjunction with the routine maintenance of the rights of ways.

The SCDOT will continue to use Vegetation Application Form 603, which will be required for each vegetation maintenance location. A comprehensive plan detailing the work to be performed must accompany each application. Any trees designated to be removed without proper justification will be omitted from the approved permit.

It will be necessary for each applicant to submit a performance and indemnity bond, protecting the SCDOT against all loss, injury, accident, etc., and guaranteeing that all work will be performed in accordance with the SCDOT's requirements. Work not completed satisfactorily will be remedied by the SCDOT and expenses drawn against the bond and borne by the permittee.

A standardized SCDOT bond form will be used to assist the SCDOT in processing applications as quickly as possible. Bonds will be of an amount to cover ALL work to be done in conjunction with the submitted agreement. Sign locations added at a later time will require an addendum to the agreement and collateral increases in bond coverage, subject to SCDOT approval.

Section 63-350(D) prohibits vegetation maintenance in front of signs which have been permitted less than two years.

Only sign locations which were visible at the time of installation will be allowed vegetation maintenance after two years. No signs constructed with obscured visibility will be allowed under this policy.

Any areas which may be deemed "protected corridors" by the SCDOT, will be reviewed to determine if vegetation maintenance will be feasible and limitations established before vegetation permits are accepted.

Sign locations which cannot be accommodated under these specifications, will be reviewed by the SCDOT for resolution on a case by case basis.

Procedures:

1. Applicant must submit:

- a vegetation maintenance application (Form SCDOT 603)
- vegetation maintenance plan with written justification for the extent of proposed work
- \$200.00 permit fee per location made payable to the SCDOT
- Performance and Indemnity Bond (format may be obtained from the Outdoor Advertising office)
- "300 Foot Vegetation Window Agreement", with Exhibit "A" listing all signs applicable to the agreement

2. Upon receipt of the application package, the Outdoor Advertising office will review the application and bond for approval.

The SCDOT District Outdoor Advertising Coordinator will field review all locations. The SCDOT will mark the 500 foot longitudinal distance, measuring from the sign's support nearest the main traveled way along a line parallel with the main traveled way. The 300' window will then be marked according to the application and any trees which are to remain will be flagged and photographed.

3. Following completion of the field review, the SCDOT will mail successful applicants a letter of approval for the bond, an approved application and an executed agreement.

Instructions outlining procedures to be followed and conditions of the permit will be included, such as:

- * No work under the permit can commence without a minimum advance notice of 48 hours to the SCDOT's appropriate Outdoor Advertising Coordinator.
- * No hardwoods (oak, hickory, etc.) in excess of 6 inches in diameter will be removed unless there are extraordinary circumstances warranting removal, such as hazard to life and/or property. All such cases will be thoroughly documented (report and pictures) before any tree removals are made.
- * Work areas are to be accessed from the sign side (private property) of the right-of-way fence.
- * All debris will be removed from the right of way before leaving the site.
- * All locations will be reviewed at completion for compliance.

Any sign owner who violates this policy will be subject to having their vegetation contract agreement and/or all sign permits involved cancelled.

*****SPECIAL PROVISION*****

Removal of non-conforming structures:

1. Two (2) vegetation control permit fees will be waived for the life of the contract for each SCDOT permitted non-conforming sign voluntarily removed. All non-conforming structures to be removed must be at least one hundred fifty (150) square feet, otherwise removal of two (2) nonconforming structures will be required to authorize the ten year waiver.

2. This waiver shall not be construed as a "taking" requiring just compensation and shall be excluded from the provisions in Section 57-25-180 of the S.C. Code of Laws.

*****SPECIAL PROVISION*****

Reduction in sign height:

1. Any pre-existing conforming sign structure exceeding 50 feet in height which is lowered to a height not to exceed 50 feet or 50% of its total height, whichever is lowest, will be permitted in the vegetation program for ten years without charge. All heights will be measured from ground level.

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