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Planning*



South Carolina Department of Transportation

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The regular monthly meeting of the Department of Transportation Commission was held at the headquarters building in Columbia, South Carolina at 11:00 a.m. on March 15, 2000. 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

L. Morgan Martin, Chairman, Presiding
Hugh Atkins
John N. Hardee
Robert W. Harrell, Sr.
B. Bayles Mack
J. "Moot" Truluck
Eugene C. Stoddard

Absent

Also present: Elizabeth S. Mabry, Executive Director

SECTION 1: The Minutes for the meeting of February 10, 2000, copies of which had been previously mailed to each member of the Commission, were approved.

SECTION 2: The Commission unanimously passed a motion approving the sale of surplus right of way property - land, as shown in detail in the Appendix.

SECTION 3: The Commission unanimously passed a motion authorizing the Department to advertise, select and negotiate with a consulting engineering firm experienced in all phases of underwater bridge inspection, as shown in detail in the Appendix.

SECTION 4: 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.

SECTION 5: The Commission unanimously passed a motion approving the action of the Department in removing a section of road in Colleton County from the State Highway System, as shown in detail in the Appendix.

SECTION 6: The Commission unanimously passed a motion approving the action of the Department in removing sections of roads in Horry County from the State Highway Secondary System, as shown in detail in the Appendix.

SECTION 7: The Commission unanimously passed a motion approving the action of the Department in adding a section of road in Fairfield County to the State Highway System.

SECTION 8: On behalf of the members of the Commission, Chairman Martin presented resolutions to former Commissioners Arnold S. Goodstein, Bobby T. Jones and W. M. "Mat" Self, in recognition of their dedicated service to the Department and the State. Copies of the resolution are shown in the Appendix.

SECTION 9: On motion of Commissioner Hardee, seconded by Commissioner Truluck, the Commission unanimously passed a motion adopting a resolution naming the interchange at US 76/378 and Interstate 77 the "Heyward McDonald Interchange", as shown in the Appendix.

SECTION 10: On behalf of the members of the Commission, Chairman Martin presented resolutions commending employees Lynn Martin, Josh Upchurch and Tommy Johnson for bravery above and beyond the call of duty. Copies of the resolutions are shown in detail in the Appendix.

SECTION 11: On behalf of the members of the Commission, Chairman Martin presented a resolution to Executive Director Mabry commending the employees of the Department for outstanding effort and a job well done in keeping the state's highways open and safe and for informing the traveling public about road conditions during the winter snow storm of 2000. A copy of the resolution, which is shown in detail in the Appendix, will be displayed in each district office.

SECTION 12: On motion of Commissioner Atkins, seconded by Commissioner Harrell, the Commission unanimously passed a motion adopting a Concurrent Resolution to name the portion of Highway 221 between Highway 176 and Interstate 85 in Spartanburg County as "David Pearson Boulevard", as shown in detail in the Appendix.

SECTION 13: On motion of Commissioner Truluck, seconded by Commissioner Atkins, the Commission unanimously passed a motion commending Department employees for their hard work and dedication during the flood in Horry County.

SECTION 14: On motion of Commissioner Hardee, seconded by Commissioner Truluck, the Commission unanimously passed a motion authorizing the Department to have a resolution prepared to be presented at the next meeting of the Commission to the family of Valentine Burroughs.

SECTION 15: There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

L. Morgan Martin
Chairman



APPENDIX

Department of Transportation Commission

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SURPLUS RIGHT OF WAY PROPERTY - LAND

1. **File 37.692 - Road S-637 - Oconee County**

During construction of improvements on Road S-637, under File 37.692 in Oconee County, near the Town of Westminister, the Department acquired right of way for Road S-637, by Letter of Dedication from the Town of Westminister dated July 15, 1975.

During improvements to Road S-637, at the request of the Town of Westminister Road S-637 was relocated by the Department. An inquiry was circulated to the Engineering Sections who determined that the old road bed of S-637 was surplus to Department needs and the land should be returned back to the Town of Westminister. Therefore, a Gratis Quitclaim Deed for approximately 0.40 of an acre of land was executed to the Town of Westminister, on January 27, 2000.

2. **File 32.308 - Road S-24 (Main Street) - Lexington County**

During construction of improvements on Road S-24 (Main Street), under File 32.308 in Lexington County, near the Town of Gilbert, the Department acquired right of way for Road S-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 0.07 of an acre of land to the Town of Gilbert was executed on January 27, 2000.

3. **File 21.157A - Road S-1033 - Florence County**

During construction of improvements on Road S-1033 in Florence County, near the Town of Florence, the Department acquired right of way for Road S-1033 from Dorothy B. Motte (Mother of Grantee) by dedication under File 21.598 dated September 13, 1966 as recorded in Plat Book W at page 151.

At the request of the adjacent owner, a 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. Therefore, a Gratis Quitclaim Deed for approximately 0.18 acres of land to Patricia McKinzie Blackmon was executed on January 27, 2000.

4. File 4.150 - SC Route 81 - Anderson County

During construction of improvements on SC Route 81, under File 4.150A in Anderson County, near the Town of Starr, the Department acquired right of way for SC Route 81, by Title to Real Estate from Albert Stevenson dated November 9, 1999.

During negotiations for new right of way on SC Route 81 from West Carolina Rural Telephone and Cooperative, Inc., it was decided that the Department would deed a portion of the adjacent property already acquired by SCDOT to the above party in exchange for new right of way needed on the SC Route 81 Project.

Therefore, a Gratis Quitclaim Deed for approximately 0.03 acres of land to West Carolina Rural Telephone & Cooperative, Inc. was executed on February 3, 2000.

5. File 10.134A - Road S-1326 - Charleston County

During construction of improvements on Road S-1326 and Road S-2527, under File 10.134A in Charleston County, near the Town of Mt. Pleasant, the Department acquired right of way for Road S-2527, by Title to Real Estate from Addco Mining Co. dated November 16, 1988.

At the request of the adjacent owner to purchase a strip of right of way on Road S-1326, a request was circulated to the Engineering Sections to determine if the parcel was surplus. After review it was determined that the parcel was surplus to the Departments needs. Therefore a Quitclaim Deed for approximately 0.27 acres of land to J. Paul Taylor, in consideration of \$5,610.00 was executed on November 18, 1999.

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

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Underwater Bridge Inspection Project No. 13

The Department's Bridge Maintenance Office seeks approval to advertise, select, and negotiate with a Consulting Engineering Firm experienced in all phases of underwater bridge inspection. This is a required inspection process for certain bridges under the FHWA National Bridge Inspection Standards (**NBIS**). The cost of these inspections is estimated at \$500,000 and will be paid out of Federal Aid Bridge Funds.

The Department does not have all the resources to perform this type work so the use of a Consulting Engineering Firm is justified.

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 Banks Construction Company, Inc. - File 10.442A - extended to include an additional section of Project FAP IM-5264(177) (File No. 10.442A) to include emergency crossover ramps on I-26.

Estimated Cost of Extension \$ 69,726.00

Contract of Banks Construction Company - File No. 10.51991 - extended to include resurfacing (File No. 7.639) with asphalt concrete surfacing, paint, bituminous curb, milling existing asphalt, and pavement markings on US 17 bridge ends over Lockwood Boulevard in the City of Charleston.

Estimated Cost of Extension \$143,572.00

LEXINGTON COUNTY:

Contract of C. R. Jackson, Inc. - File No. 32.21991 - extended to include widening (File No. 40.395A) grading, drainage, paint and resurfacing with asphalt concrete surfacing on a section of SC 6 in the Red Bank area of Lexington County.

Estimated Cost of Extension \$ 81,659.93

GREENWOOD COUNTY:

Contract of Eagle Construction Company, Inc. - File No. 24.762 - extended to include an additional section of Project FAP BRT-0035(131) (File No. 24.762) consisting of the reconstruction of a two-block section of US 25 Business in the town of Ware Shoals.

Estimated Cost of Extension \$ 83,567.80

YORK COUNTY:

Contract of Blythe Construction, Inc. - File No. 46.633A - extended to include resurfacing (File No. 46.80991) with asphalt concrete surfacing on S-1614 for 0.700 mile.

Estimated Cost of Extension	\$ 25,064.80
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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.

Recommendations 3-15-2000

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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

Colleton County

247

Connecting road between Road 62 and Road ⁵³73 via Berea Church
- approximately 0.12 mile
(Designated S-247)
(Added to System 12-19-1957)

Note: The above road removal is requested by Colleton 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.



REMOVAL OF ROADS FROM STATE HIGHWAY SECONDARY SYSTEM

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

Addition Number

Description

Horry County

172

A belt line road from Road 21 at or near the Aynor Town Limits southerly approximately 0.15 mile along 8th Avenue to the school, thence westerly to Road 21
- approximately 0.25 mile
(Designated S-172)
(Added to System 4-16-1953)

1195

Entrance drive at Aynor High School from Road S-32 (Ninth Avenue) westerly, southerly, and easterly to Road S-32 (Ninth Avenue)
- approximately 0.15 mile
(Designated S-1195)
(Added to System 9-18-1980)

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

Recommendations 3/15/00

ADDITION TO STATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM

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

Addition Number

Description

Fairfield County

521	Veterans Drive extending from Road S-3 west of its intersection with Road S-151 southwesterly – approximately 0.17 miles To be designated S-521
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RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING ARNOLD S. GOODSTEIN FOR HIS SERVICE AS A MEMBER OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION.

WHEREAS, Arnold S. Goodstein, of Summerville, has represented the First Congressional District as a member of the South Carolina Department of Transportation Commission from 1996 to 2000; and

WHEREAS, as a member of the Commission, he has provided the leadership, key to development of a cooperative bonding program, the first of its type in the state. This program has allowed the acceleration of projects in the overall Charleston Area Transportation (CHATS) Program by providing funds on a matching basis which let individual regional planning agencies throughout the state determine their own particular project needs and priorities.

WHEREAS, he has been instrumental in advancing highway projects in the CHATS program, including the replacement of the Cooper River Bridges and the widening of Interstate 26; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Goodstein also played a role in developing initiatives for the funding of the proposed expansion of the Mark Clark Expressway and Stono River bridges, and

WHEREAS, he has served his community and state in numerous other capacities. He served two terms in the South Carolina House of Representatives from Charleston County, and in 1975, he was elected to the South Carolina Senate to fill the unexpired term of Gov. James B. Edwards. He was re-elected to the Senate in 1976, where he served on the Transportation Committee, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Goodstein is an attorney with the Charleston firm of Rosen, Goodstein and Hagood, and is a real estate developer. He serves as president of Dicari Development Company, and of Lambs, Inc., and as attorney for Dorchester School District 2 and the Charleston County Aviation Authority.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by South Carolina Department of Transportation Commission in meeting duly assembled this 15th day of March 2000, that Arnold S. Goodstein, of Summerville, is recognized and commended for his outstanding public service as a member of the South Carolina Department of Transportation Commission and in many other ways.

L. Morgan Martin, *Chairman*

Elizabeth S. Mabry, *Executive Director*

RESOLUTION

**RECOGNIZING BOBBY T. JONES, OF CAMDEN,
FOR HIS SERVICE AS A MEMBER OF
THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION.**

WHEREAS, Bobby T. Jones, of Camden, has represented the Fifth Congressional District as a member of the South Carolina Department of Transportation Commission from 1996 to 2000; and

WHEREAS, he served previously with distinction as a member of the state Highways and Public Transportation Commission from 1988 to 1992, prior to the agency's restructuring; and

WHEREAS, he has worked tirelessly in behalf of statewide transportation issues, and has served as chairman of the Commission's I-73 Corridor Committee; and

WHEREAS, the new Wateree River Bridge on US 1/601 between Camden and Lugoff is named in his honor, in recognition of his service, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jones, a native of Bethune, served 30 years in the Kershaw County School System as a teacher, coach and Principal at Midway High School (now Midway Elementary School). He has served also in leadership capacities in Kershaw County, including as a member of the Zoning and Planning Commission, Chairman of the County Transportation Committee, and Chairman of the County Democratic Party.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by South Carolina Department of Transportation Commission in meeting duly assembled this 15th day of March 2000, that Bobby T. Jones, of Camden, is recognized and commended for his outstanding public service as a member of the South Carolina Department of Transportation Commission and in many other ways.

L. Morgan Martin, *Chairman*

Elizabeth S. Mabry, *Executive Director*

RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING WILLIAM MATHEWS (MAT) SELF, OF GREENWOOD, FOR HIS SERVICE AS A MEMBER OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION.

WHEREAS, William Mathews (Mat) Self, of Greenwood, has represented the Third Congressional District as a member of the South Carolina Department of Transportation Commission from 1996 to 2000; and

WHEREAS, as a member of the Commission, he has called upon his expertise as a businessman to provide leadership, and worked hard to secure a more favorable return on gasoline tax dollars sent to Washington; and

WHEREAS, he previously served with distinction as a member of the state Highways and Public Transportation Commission from 1987 to 1992; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Self is chairman and CEO and of Greenwood Mills, Inc., and has been active in numerous civic and service organizations; and

WHEREAS, he is a past president of the South Carolina Chamber of Commerce; past director of the Greenwood Y.M.C.A., past chairman on Piedmont Excellence Process, and past vice president of Greenwood Chamber of Commerce Life-long Learning, and

WHEREAS, he is a past member of the S.C. Human Affairs Commission, Star Fort Historical Commission, State Development Board, and the National Cotton Board,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by South Carolina Department of Transportation Commission in meeting duly assembled this 15th day of March 2000, that William Mathews (Mat) Self, of Greenwood, is recognized and commended for his outstanding public service as a member of the South Carolina Department of Transportation Commission and in many other ways.

L. Morgan Martin, *Chairman*

Elizabeth S. Mabry, *Executive Director*

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Heyward Elliott McDonald was a native son of South Carolina, a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy, and a Magna Cum Laude graduate of the University of South Carolina Law School;

AND WHEREAS, he served his community in leadership capacities in numerous professional, religious, fraternal and civic organizations;

AND WHEREAS, Heyward McDonald devoted much of his life to public service, with his election to the SC House of Representatives 1963-66, Richland County School District One Board of Trustees 1968-70, his candidacy for the US Congress, 1970, and his service in the SC Senate, 1977-83;

AND WHEREAS, he served his country with distinction in the US navy and the US Naval Academy and later in the Korean War;

AND WHEREAS, the Richland County Legislative Delegation has requested that the interchange near the W.J. Bryan Dorn Veterans Hospital, be named in his honor;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the South Carolina Department of Transportation Commission, in meeting duly assembled this 15th day of March, 2000, that the interchange at US 76/378 and Interstate 77 be named the Heyward McDonald Interchange in honor of his life of service.



L. Morgan Martin, *Chairman*

Bob Harrell, *First Congressional District*

John N. Hardee, *Second Congressional District*

Eugene C. Stoddard, *Third Congressional District*

Hugh Atkins, *Fourth Congressional District*

B. Bayles Mack, *Fifth Congressional District*

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

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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, around 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, February 17, Mr. Tommy Johnson, Trades Specialist III for the South Carolina Department of Transportation, was traveling along Alverson Road in route to the Campobello Maintenance Shed, when he spotted a truck ablaze against a guardrail;

AND WHEREAS, the driver, Eugene Russell was trapped in the vehicle, which had ignited after a gas can on the passenger's side floorboard had spilled;

AND WHEREAS, at the risk of his own life, Mr. Johnson broke the glass of the truck with a bush axe, and pulled Mr. Russell away from the flaming truck;

AND WHEREAS, although most regrettably Mr. Russell later died of complications from his burns, Mr. Johnson's heroic effort is deserving of the appreciation and the highest recognition of the South Carolina Department of Transportation and the State of South Carolina;

AND WHEREAS, Mr. Johnson exemplifies the true meaning of the RIGHT TEAM values;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the South Carolina Department of Transportation Commission, in meeting duly assembled this 15th day of March, 2000, that Tommy Johnson be thanked and commended for his courage and bravery in going above and beyond the call of duty in an effort to save a motorist's life.

L. Morgan Martin, *Chairman*

Bob Harrell, *First Congressional District*

John N. Hardee, *Second Congressional District*

Eugene C. Stoddard, *Third Congressional District*

Hugh Atkins, *Fourth Congressional District*

B. Bayles Mack, *Fifth Congressional District*

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

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, on Sept. 21, 1999, Mr. Josh Upchurch and Ms. Lynn Martin were driving from the South Carolina Department of Transportation Blacksburg Maintenance Shop in Cherokee County when they came upon a tractor-trailer that had just run off the Interstate highway, struck a bridge and guardrail, and ended up in an embankment;

AND WHEREAS, sparks from striking the concrete rail had started a fire in the underside of the truck cab, and the dazed driver was trapped inside, hanging upside down and yelling for help;

AND WHEREAS, Mr. Upchurch and Ms. Martin, both Trades Specialist II, bolted from their SCDOT truck to render assistance. Upchurch called 911 on his cellular phone, scaled a five-foot fence and ran to the truck cab, leaping over flames, and untangling the driver, shortly before flames engulfed the interior of the truck. Ms. Martin directed traffic, keeping onlookers from interfering with emergency vehicles arriving on the scene;

AND WHEREAS, Mr. Upchurch and Ms. Martin are both former volunteer firefighters, and their training helped them in this emergency situation;

AND WHEREAS, Mr. Upchurch and Ms. Martin are deserving of the thanks and the highest recognition of the South Carolina Department of Transportation and the State of South Carolina, and exemplify the true meaning of the RIGHT TEAM values;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the South Carolina Department of Transportation Commission, in meeting duly assembled this 15th day of March, 2000, that Mr. Josh Upchurch and Ms. Lynn Martin be thanked and commended for going above and beyond the call of duty to save a life and to ensure that traffic moved safely through an accident scene.

L. Morgan Martin, *Chairman*

Bob Harrell, *First Congressional District*

John N. Hardee, *Second Congressional District*

Eugene C. Stoddard, *Third Congressional District*

Hugh Atkins, *Fourth Congressional District*

B. Bayles Mack, *Fifth Congressional District*

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

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the winter storm of January 2000 caught forecasters by surprise and involved most of the state; and

WHEREAS, dedicated employees of the South Carolina Department of Transportation were prepared and ready to go into emergency mode. They worked tirelessly round the clock to keep roads open during the unusually hazardous winter weather conditions; and

WHEREAS, SCDOT maintenance employees worked twelve-hour shifts, twenty-four hours a day, for nine consecutive days without a day off to keep major traffic arteries open; and

WHEREAS, employees from around the state pulled together to help areas hardest hit. Many worked despite personal hardships which included the lack of power or running water in their households; and

WHEREAS, a twenty-four hour call center at SCDOT Headquarters, staffed by SCDOT employees and volunteers from the private sector, received more than twelve thousand calls from the public and provided up-to-date road condition information to each caller; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the South Carolina Transportation Commission, in meeting duly assembled this 10th day of February, 2000, to express our heartfelt appreciation and to commend the employees of SCDOT under the leadership of Executive Director, Elizabeth S. Mabry, for an outstanding effort and a job well done in keeping the state's highways open and safe and for informing the traveling public about road conditions during the winter snow storm of 2000.

L. Morgan Martin, *Chairman*

Arnold S. Goodstein, *First Congressional District*

John N. Hardee, *Second Congressional District*

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COMMITTEE REPORT

February 24, 2000

H. 4598

Introduced by Rep. D. Smith

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Read the first time February 15, 2000.

THE COMMITTEE ON INVITATIONS AND MEMORIAL RESOLUTIONS

To whom was referred a Concurrent Resolution (H. 4598), to request that the Department of Transportation name the portion of Highway 221 lying between Highway 176 and Interstate 85 in Spartanburg County, etc., respectfully

REPORT:

That they have duly and carefully considered the same, and recommend that the same do pass:

RONALD N. FLEMING, for Committee.

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

TO REQUEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF HIGHWAY 221 LYING BETWEEN HIGHWAY 176 AND INTERSTATE 85 IN SPARTANBURG COUNTY AS THE "DAVID PEARSON BOULEVARD".

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:

That the members of the General Assembly, in recognition of the outstanding stock car racing career of David Pearson, his sterling example of sportsmanship over many years in the highly competitive sport of stock car racing, and his being chosen by Sports Illustrated as the top stock car driver of the twentieth century, request that the Department of Transportation name the portion of Highway 221 lying between Highway 176 and Interstate 85 in Spartanburg County as the "David Pearson Boulevard" and install appropriate markers or signs at places along the highway the department considers advisable containing the words "David Pearson Boulevard".

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Department of Transportation.

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