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May 11, 2018

Honorable Kevin L. Bryant, Lieutenant Governor
Office of the Lieutenant Governor
State House, 1st Floor
Post Office Box 142
Columbia, South Carolina 29202

Re: Intersection of US Hwy 25 and Bettis Academy Road (S-19-37)

Dear Lieutenant Governor Bryant:

I am enclosing a copy of a resolution that was unanimously passed by Edgefield County Council on May 8th requesting that the SC Department of Transportation install a traffic signal at the intersection of US 25 and Bettis Academy Road (S-19-37).

Bettis Academy Road (S-19-37) passes through the Sage Mill Industrial Park and connects I-20 and US 25. The safety of Bettis Academy Road has been listed as one of Edgefield County Council's priority items and passes the County's 25-acre recreational facility. A new charter school, the Bettis Preparatory Leadership Academy, is scheduled to open this fall and the primary route to the school will include travel on Bettis Academy Road (S-19-37)

The improvement of US Highway 25 will create additional traffic to this already busy highway. It is anticipated that additional development will take place along both Bettis Academy Road and US Highway 25 in the near future. This will make a dangerous intersection located in one of the most twelve deadly traffic corridors in South Carolina even more dangerous.

I appreciate your review of this matter and hope that you will assist with the SC Department of Transportation's approval of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Tommy Paradise", is written over a faint, larger version of the same signature.

Thomas L. "Tommy" Paradise
County Administrator

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
COUNTY OF EDGEFIELD)

RESOLUTION NO. 17-18-914

Resolution Supporting and Encouraging the Installation of a Traffic Signal at US Highway 25 and Bettis Academy Road (S-19-37).

WHEREAS, the Edgefield County Council has determined that improving traffic safety on Bettis Academy Road is a priority for County Council; and

WHEREAS, the South Carolina Department of Transportation is widening and improving US Highway 25 with a completion date of January 2019 and said improvements do not include installation of a traffic signal at US Highway 25 and Bettis Academy Road (S-19-37); and

WHEREAS, Bettis Academy Road (S-19-37) is a connector road for commercial traffic from Interstate 20 and US Highway 25; and

WHEREAS, Bettis Academy Road (S-19-37) provides the only travel route to Sage Mill Industrial Park where 2,240 people are employed; and

WHEREAS, Bettis Academy Road (S-19-37) provides the primary transportation route to Bettis Park, which is a 25-acre county operated recreation complex for sporting events and family outings; and

WHEREAS, Bettis Academy Road (S-19-37) provides the primary transportation route for the Bettis Preparatory Leadership Academy, a STEM focused free public charter school serving 5K through 5th grade; and

WHEREAS, Alternative routes through established neighborhoods in avoidance of the dangerous intersection of US Highway 25 and Bettis Academy Road (SC-19-37) have increased significantly;

WHEREAS, the said improvements of US Highway 25 will increase the annual average daily traffic of both commercial and passenger vehicle on US Highway 25; and


WHEREAS, the South Carolina Department of Transportation has identified that the intersection of US Highway 25 and Bettis Academy Road (S-19-37) is located within one of the twelve (12) most deadly traffic corridors in the State of South Carolina, where 30% of the traffic accidents occur on 5% of the roads; and

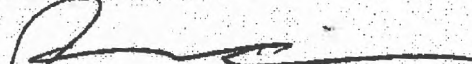
WHEREAS, Edgefield County Council is responsible for the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Edgefield County.


NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE EDGEFIELD COUNTY COUNCIL in session duly assembled this 8th day of May, 2018, that Edgefield County Council hereby supports and encourages the South Carolina Department of Transportation for the installation of a traffic signal at the intersection of US Highway 25 and Bettis Academy Road (S-19-37).

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ATTEST


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