### Legislative Oversight Committee May 26, 2016

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South Carolina DOT administers one lane mile for every 54 people in the State.

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Texas DOT administers one lane mile for every 140 people.

Georgia DOT administers one lane mile for every 208 people.

Ohio DOT administers one lane mile for every 235 people.

Florida DOT administers one lane mile for every 465 people.

California DOT administers one lane mile for every 754 people.

TABLE 2 – Comparing State and Total Lane Miles Per Unit of Land Area

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Texas DOT administers one lane mile for every 878 acres.

Florida DOT administers one lane mile for every 965 acres. California administers one lane mile for every 2,019 acres.

Table 3 SC Gas Tax, Cents/Gallon (1961-1016)

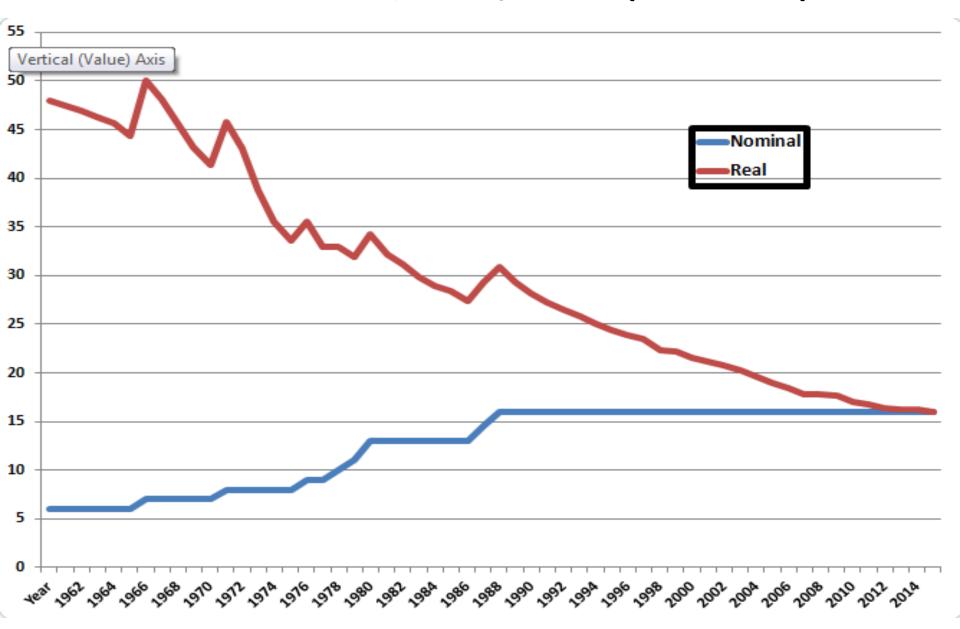


TABLE 4 – A Comparison of Fuel Taxes in 7 States

|       |            |            | Other State  |          |
|-------|------------|------------|--------------|----------|
|       | Federal    | State      | + Average    | Total    |
| State | Excise Tax | Excise Tax | Local Taxes* | Fuel Tax |
| CA    | \$0.184    | \$0.395    | \$0.4500     | \$1.0290 |
| FL    | \$0.184    | \$0.173    | \$0.1928     | \$0.5498 |
| GA    | \$0.184    | \$0.260    | \$0.0502     | \$0.4942 |
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| TX    | \$0.184    | \$0.200    | \$0.0000     | \$0.3840 |
| AVG   | \$0.184    | \$0.246    | \$0.1160     | \$0.5463 |
|       |            |            |              |          |
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- 1. The current price of gas is <u>lower</u> than it was in 1961 and 1987. This is due to today's <u>lower</u> fuel taxes relative to 1961 and 1987.
- The SC gas tax in 1961 was 50% <u>higher</u> than the federal gas tax. In 1987, the last time the SC gas tax was <u>raised</u>, it was 87% <u>higher</u> than the federal tax. Currently, the SC gas tax is 9% <u>lower</u> than the federal gas tax.
- 3. Combined, the current U.S. and S.C. taxes of 35.15 cents/gallon is 17.1% of the price of a current gallon of gas. *This rate is less than half the rate in 1961!*

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| Federal Gas Tax per Mile Driven                   | \$0.026 | \$0.013 | \$0.011      |
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| 4. The fuel efficiency of ALL motor vehicles in 2016 is 41% greater than it was in |         |         |              |  |  |

charging a combined 6.5 cents of fuel tax per mile driven in 1961 compared with 2 cents per mile driven in 2016.
5. To achieve in 2016, the equivalent of 1961's fuel tax per mile driven would require increasing the combined U.S./S.C. gas tax 325% from 35.15 cents per gallon to at least \$1.14 per gallon. This would be more than is currently charged

1961. This fact, when combined with the effective reduction in gas taxes as a

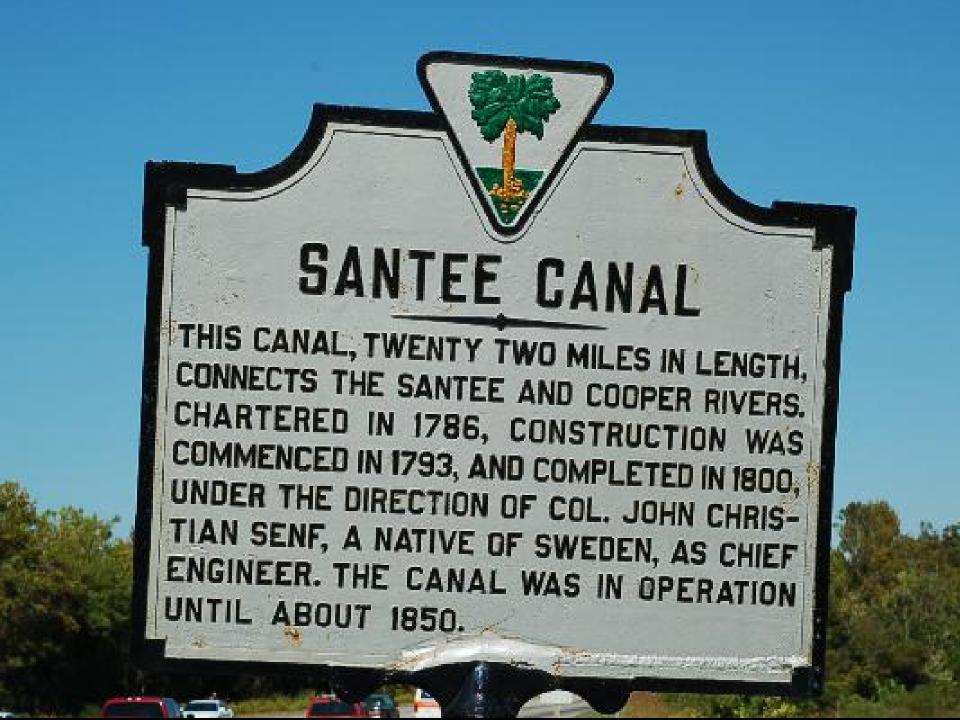
percentage of price means that in 1961, the U.S. and S.C. governments were

- in California, which has the highest gas taxes in the U.S.
  6. Increased proportionately, the U.S. gas tax would have to increase from its current 18.4 cents per gallon to 59.8 cents per gallon. The S.C. gas tax would have to increase from 16.75 cents per gallon to 54.4 cents per gallon.
- 7. With the higher taxes, the current (May, 2016) price of \$2.05/gallon would increase to \$2.84/gallon.

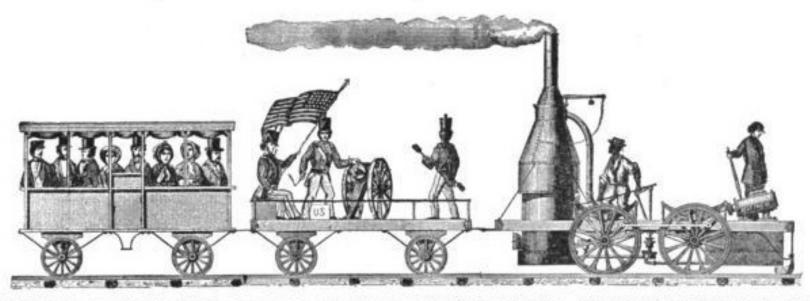


An Act to Establish a Company for the Inland Navigation from Santee to Cooper River.

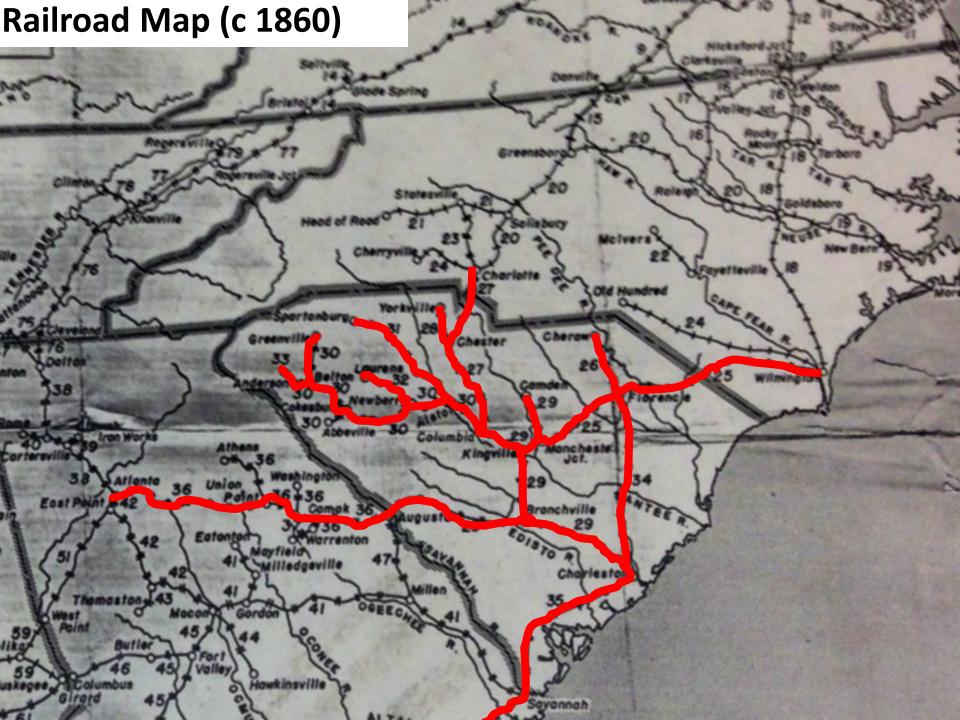
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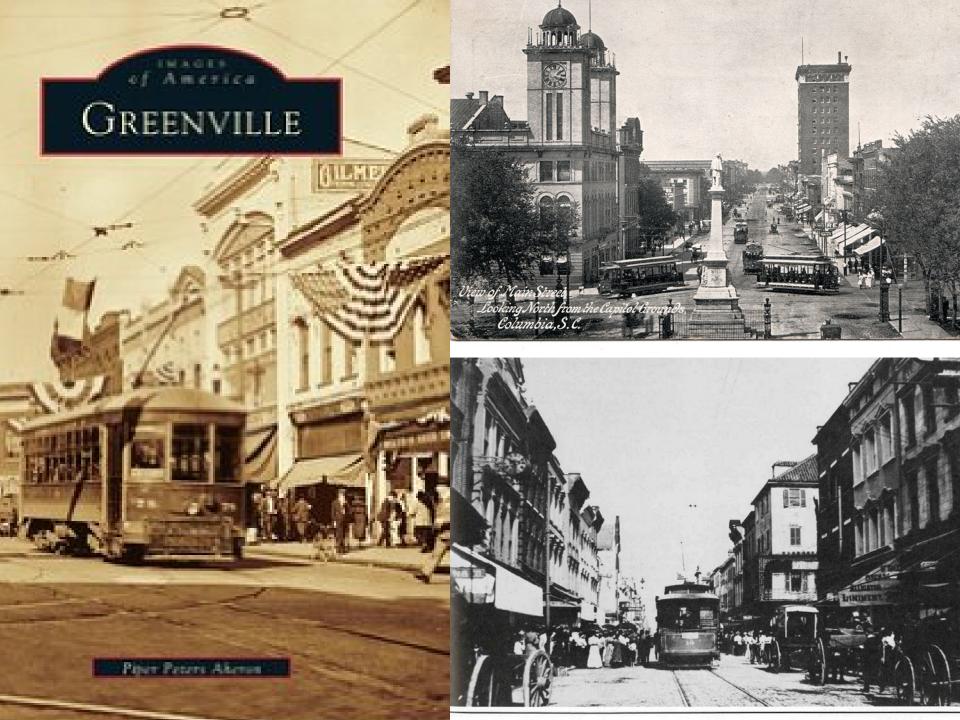


#### **Best Friend of Charleston (1830)**



FIRST PASSENGER TRAIN IN AMERICA TO BE DRAWN BY A LOCOMOTIVE IN ACTUAL SERVICE, SOUTH CAROLINA RAILROAD,





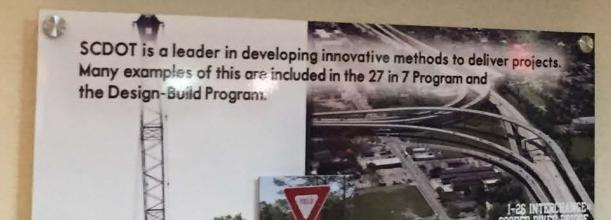
#### Federal Aid Road Act (July 11, 1916)

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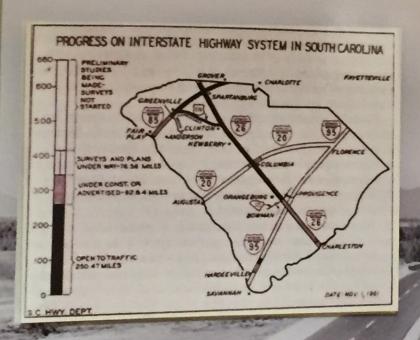








## South Carolina led the nation in interstate construction during the late 1950s and early 1960s.



In 1961, I-26 was open to traffic from Bowman to near the North Carolina state line in Spartanburg County.

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#### **Editorials**

# Pump up gas tax for roads

tate roads and bridges continue to deteriorate, yet the debate continues on how to fund overdue work and what reforms should be undertaken in the process. Sooner or later, legislators have to advance a repair and maintenance program — at the least.

Otherwise, they will get what they deserve from the voters, most of whom drive motor vehicles and know just how badly improvements are needed.

pledges unwisely taken by many legislators who are more interested in a populist gimmick to assist their re-election than in doing their duty to provide for safe and adequate highways.

Gas tax revenue also has the benefit of being bolstered by the money collected from out-of-state motorists every time they fill up at the pump in South Carolina. Those motorists, many of whom come to our state's coastal region on vacation, pay about one-third of the total tax.



#### Oyster situation

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# Transportation, education are essential to S.C. prosperity

BY GLENN McCONNELL

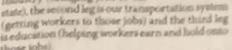
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If that sounds like an alarmise's exaggeration,

I assure you that it is not. Our collective future is dependent on the choices we make now regarding the livro and careers of South Cambinians.

In terms of our state's economic development, the idea

Imagine a three-legged stool One leg is the recruitment of McConnell industry (bringing jobs to the



Unfortunately, we are adequately investing in only one of the three legs, the recruitment of industry. And while our state leaders have done a remarkable and praiseworthy job using incenives to attract top-level businesses, our state will never significantly better the quality of life for all its citizens without increased investment in he other two logs.

counties, every corner of our state has serious problems with our deteriorating transportation infrastructure Some state leaders are talking about fixing the roads using the surplus revenue we currently have from the general fund, which to derived primarily from corporate and personal successe taxes and sales tax revenue. While that may sound like a good idea, it's not. For one, the general fund was never intended for roads, but rather for education and core services. And two, the state actually needs a dedicated and sustainable source of recurring funds for roads.

Think of it this way. You could take every hit of new revenue in the general fund for the next five years and dump it into the road system, and it will have the same effect that a raindrop has on Charleston's harbor tide. The road system needs \$42 billion, and depleting current one-time surplus monies (appensionately \$450 million) is not only short-nighted, but it will do next to nothing in addressing the overall and long-term problem. You don't fix a becken spine with a Band-Aid.

I agree with the South Carolina Chamber of Commerce and other leaders in the state when have called for an increased gas tax, indexed with inflation, to repair and expand our broken road system. Although some politicians may be staunchly opposed to ever raising one cent in taxes, now is not the time for stubborn ideology. but rather for mature governance. This modest

In fact, we need only look to our parents and grandparents for the path forward. When the Greatest Generation returned from World War II, they reached into their pockets and invested in infrastructure. And their investment paved the way for our state's and our nation's economic rise for decades. However, we are now riding and driving on their legacy, and it's time for our generation to do its part.

And that leads me to the third leg, education. Education is how we fill the knowledge and skills gap keeping South Caroliniana from top-line jobs. Here, at the College of Charleston, we take a holistic approach to educating our students. We train their minds to think critically, analytically and creatively so they can adapt to the challenges ahead. These are proven skills that cannot be robbed by time and technology.

But in order for the state's universities and colleges to continue to properly educate our students for the jobs of today and tomorrow. we need help when it comes to our classroom buildings. We need increased assistance that does not pull resources away from our academic and student experience as well as dollars from puz etudents' pocketa.

Across the state, the taxpayers' buildings at our public universities and colleges are leaking and falling into discepair Because the state has cut direct funding over the past 10 years to higher

on tuition and fees in order to partially address those needs. In troth, that means students have become the primary caregivers of these public buildings. And piling more debt on them is not

I encourage state leaders to reengage with higher education and their public missions by spend ing non-recurring surpluses on public buildings I also encourage legislators to pass a bond bill that will allow institutions to address their facilities needs without primarily relying on tuition and fees. In this low-interest-rate environment, the state has the capacity to borrow without affacting the state's operational budget one dime. It makes fiscal sense and just good business sense However, by not acting now and supporting our state's public universities, we - both our legislators and the citizens of the state - are giving our tacit approval in creating a generation of debtors

I believe we can make these necessary improvements in our roads and education without great financial sacrifice And in so doing, we will then truly live up to the spirit of the first (and perhaps lesser known) of our state mottos.

Animis Opihunque Parati - "Prepared in Mind

And thus, we will choose the path to greater

Glenn F. McConnell is the president of the College of Charleston, he formerly served as lieutenant governor and president protempore

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### Clinton urges \$275B infrastructure plan

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ORLANDO, FLA. — Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton said Wednesday that Republican rivals Ted Cruz and Marco Rubio would "slash" spending on projects to fix aging



Clinton

bridges, urging Congress to pass a plan to rebuild the nation's transportation system.

roads and

Appealing to a bellwether region in

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one of the nation's top swing states, Clinton promoted her plan to spend \$275 billion to fix the nation's crumbling bridges, highways and airports, saying it would create tens of thousands of "good-paying" jobs in

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#### **December 4, 2015**

"\$305 billion bill laden with enough industry favors...to gain support.

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# Congress passes transportation bill

BY JOAN LOWY Associated Press

WASHINGTON — After years of stymied efforts to address the nation's aging and congested highways and transit systems, Congress found the sweet spot for passage on Thursday — a 5-year, \$305 billion bill laden with enough industry favors, parochial projects, safety improvements and union demands to gain overwhelming support.

The bill was approved 359 to 65 in the House, and 83 to 16 in the Senate. The bill now goes to the White House for President Barack Obama's signature.

The bill boosts highway and transit pending and assures states that fedral help will be available for major rojects. It doesn't include as much noney or last quite as long as many

lawmakers and the Obama admin tration would have liked. Nor doe resolve how to pay for transportati programs in the long term.

Despite that, the 1,300-page billy hailed by industry and public office as a major accomplishment that will the cycle of last-minute short-term for that have kept the federal Highway Tund teetering on the edge of insolve for much of the past eight years.

Republicans leaders can point to bill's passage as evidence of their ity to govern, and Obama can oppose on addressing the nata aging and congested infrastruct major goal since the early days administration. Lawmakers in parties praised the bill as a mobipartisan cooperation and an intent step forward.

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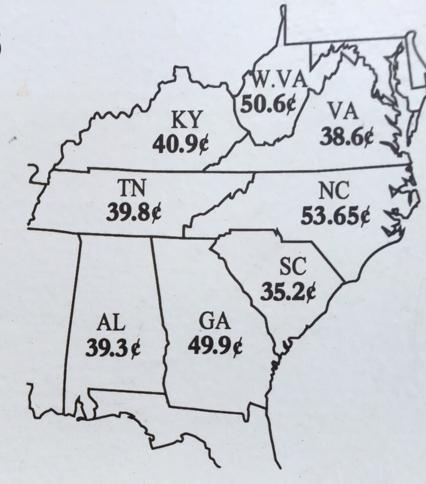
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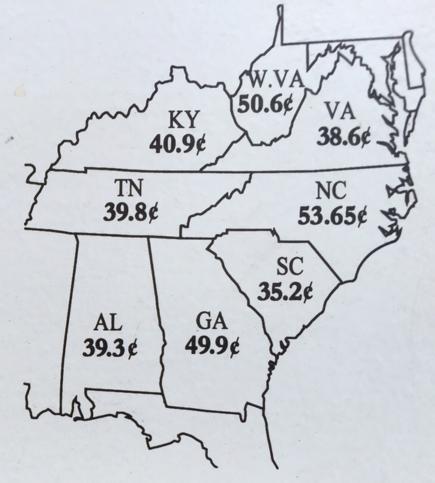
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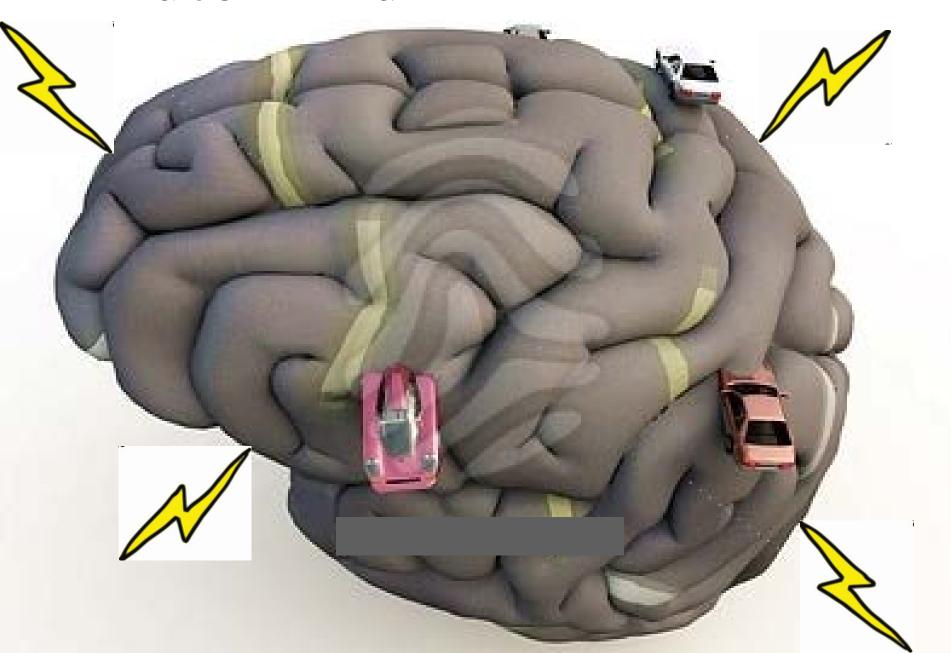
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"We will tax and tax, and spend and spend, and elect and elect."

~Harry Hopkins

### **Auto Mind**





#### Truth in Labeling?

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# Inland Port spurs talk of Upstate-Charleston passenger train

The success of the State Ports Authority's Inland Port has a group in the Upstate thinking about using the Charleston-to-Greer rail route for passenger service.

The South Carolina Passenger Rail Consortium is floating the idea of having twice-daily passenger service between the two cities, according to a report last week in The to be upgraded to passenger Greenville News.

coaches with vacationers and business travelers," Frank Ezell, founder of the consortium, told the newspaper.

The proposed route would include stops in Greer, Spartanburg, Union/Pacolet, Columbia, Orangeburg, Summerville and North Charleston. Amtrak, the federal passenger rail service, has trains that pass through South Carolina's major cities, but none of those trains

#### Grapevine

connect the Lowcountry with the Upstate.

So far, the consortium's plan has been met with lukewarm

That's largely because the cost would be prohibitive. The all-freight line would have rail quality, new tracks would "We believe we can fill the have to be installed, and passenger platforms and other infrastructure would have to be built. Norfolk Southern, which owns the track, has no plans to spend money on passenger service, and there is no money in the state budget for such a plan. There also are questions

about the demand for such a service, which would require the cooperation of Amtrak and be a pipe dream, the route bethe federal government.



A vintage Norfolk Southern passenger train arrives at the State Ports Authority's Inland Port near Greer in early 2014 as part of a special event.

lot of money, as a matter of fact. But it's something that needs to be done," Ezell told the news-

tween Charleston and the SPA's on track to move 100,000 cargo "It's going to take money — a Inland Port has been an over- containers this fiscal year.

whelming success, according to the maritime agency. The port, which moves freight such as Greer-made BMW cars on While passenger rail might trains running between the Upstate and the Holy City, is

Flying into the future

Passenger volume at Charleston International has soared 10 years into the future.

The Federal Aviation Administration projects the number of passengers for airports for several years ahead based on past performance. In Charleston's case, the FAA has said the airport would reach 1.6 million departing passengers in 2025.

"We are going to hit that number this year," said Sean Tracey. director of planning and development for the Charleston County Aviation Authority. "We are ahead about 10 years."

What that means is that the airport may have to move up plans for the next round of construction. The current \$189 million expansion of the main terminal is expected to be completed early next year. Airports well. director Paul Campbell has already mentioned the need for a Please see GRAPEVINE, Page D

third wing to add more gates, a second parking deck and more ticket counters.

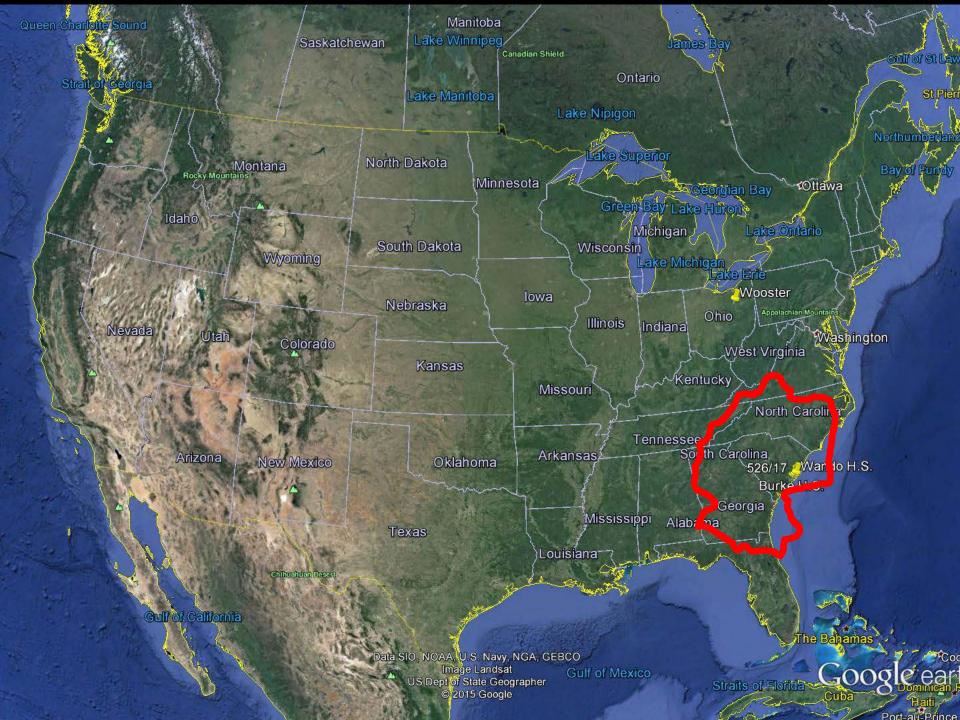
"We are slowly filling up our capacity," Campbell said. Additional parking and more ticket counters will be first up, taken up next year, he said. The new wing is about three years out, he added.

Last year, the airport saw a record 3.1 million passengers arriving and departing. Tha number is expected to rise thi year as the Charleston region continues to grow, especiall with the expansion of Boein and the announcements b Daimler and Volvo Cars t each build \$500 million aut manufacturing plants in th Lowcountry. Charleston thriving tourism industry drawing more air travelers

"The route between Charleston and the SPA Inland Port has been an overwhelming success...The port, which moves freight such as Greer-made BMW cars on trains running between the Upstate and the Holy City, is on track to move 100,000 cargo containers this fiscal year."













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