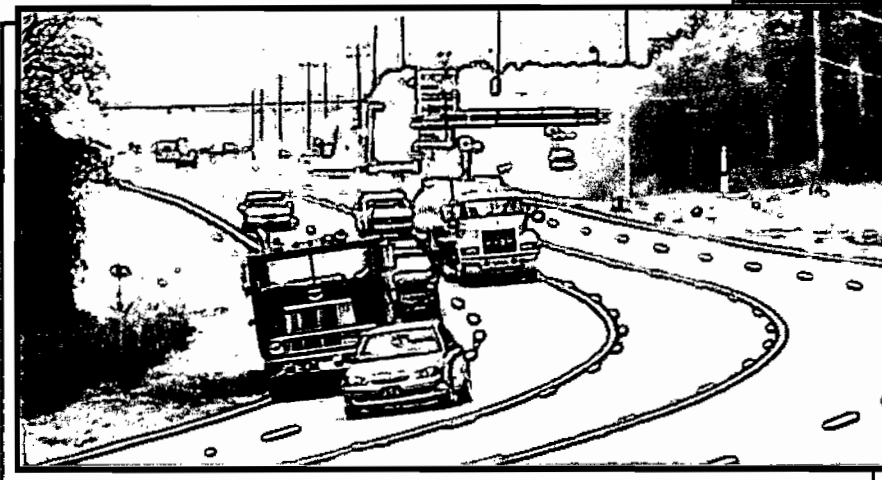
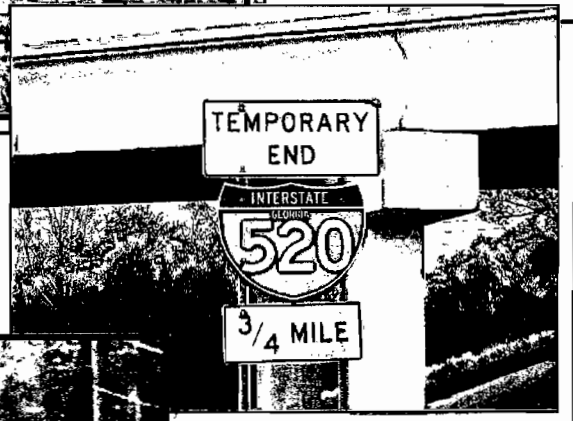
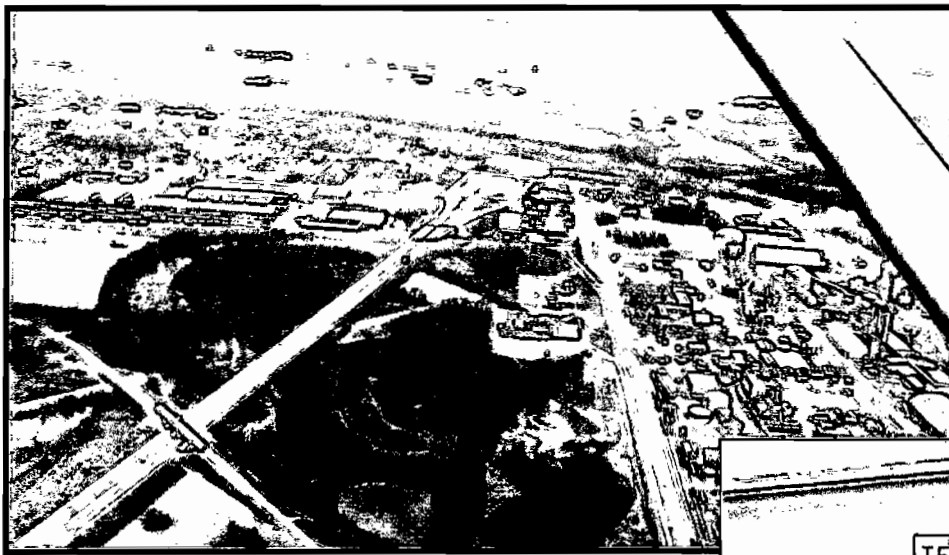


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Mr. Howard Covington  
Chairman  
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P.O. Box 191  
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Dear Chairman Covington:

The attached application for financial assistance for the Bobby Jones Expressway Extension (BJX) project in Aiken County is hereby resubmitted for consideration. Aiken County and the other associated governmental entities are pleased to support this application as indicated by the attached resolutions.

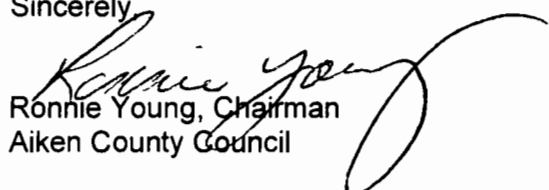
This resubmittal has incorporated the salient comments made by Mr. James Holly in regard to the previous July 25, 2000 application. Further, this application goes beyond the description of the BJX. It describes the multi-jurisdictional approach led by Aiken County in addressing road improvement needs countywide. These needs range from the paving of dirt roads to the reconstruction of city streets.

To fund these improvements, the various county and municipal jurisdictions joined forces to create a new one-cent sales tax dedicated for capital improvement projects, predominately roads. To do so, the Cities of Aiken and North Augusta agreed to simultaneously rollback their Accommodations and Hospitality fees by one cent. By doing so, the County will generate significantly more tax revenues for both the BJX and other road projects than if the two cities had dedicated the existing fees towards the BJX.

Construction of the BJX in Aiken County will provide access to more than 3,000 acres of undeveloped land in or near North Augusta. The importance of the BJX goes beyond the significant traffic diversion and accident reduction benefits that it will also provide in North Augusta. The traffic analyses summarized herein demonstrate the magnitude of non-local traffic flows through the study region, the importance of which is evidenced by the fact that the State of Georgia has committed to funding the BJX roadway connection in Georgia and half of the Savannah River Bridge costs.

For these reasons, Aiken County believes the BJX is a worthwhile project from the perspective of traffic analysis, public benefits, and economic development perspective. The County has garnered support from all local effected governmental entities including the State of Georgia. Financially, a creative package has been prepared that generates a substantial share of the total project costs over seven years.

Sincerely,

  
Ronnie Young, Chairman  
Aiken County Council

## Executive Summary

Aiken County hereby resubmits its application to the South Carolina Transportation Infrastructure Bank for assistance in its regional road improvement program. The envisioned road improvements comprise a wide array of projects ranging from the paving of dirt roads to the reconstruction of city streets to the completion of the Bobby Jones Expressway (I-520). This Aiken County Road Improvement Program (ACRIP) was developed with significant input over several years from local citizens and numerous public entities. The program intent is to provide the necessary transportation infrastructure and road improvements to accommodate the region's increasing population. By doing so the road improvements will alleviate traffic congestion and accidents, and help accommodate future economic development trends.

The overall ACRIP program will cost an estimated \$205 million, and will span eight years. An estimated \$47 million of the program costs will be funded from existing Aiken County, local municipal and private sources. Other inter-state contributions (from Georgia) towards bridge construction total \$16.2 million. In total, local and other contributions account for \$67 million, or 32.7 percent of the total program costs.

To help fund the local contribution the voters of Aiken County passed the One-Cent Capital Projects Sales Tax referendum on November 7, 2000. Proceeds from the seven-year tax are capped at \$54.6 million with \$44.2 million designated for transportation projects and \$10.4 million for recreation facilities. Of the tax proceeds designated for transportation, \$15 million has been statutorily committed for the Bobby Jones Expressway (BJX).<sup>1</sup>

The BJX and its extension have been a central part of the Augusta Regional Transportation Study (ARTS) plan since 1970. Completion of the circumferential route will provide full access for long-distance trips across the ARTS area, bypass around the cities of Augusta and North Augusta, and help to accommodate the latent developmental demand in South Carolina. Specifically, the BJX extension project stretches from Sandbar Ferry Road in Georgia to the U.S. Route 25/I-20 interchange in South Carolina and is estimated to cost \$173 million.

In addition to the referendum vote in support of the One-Cent Capital Projects Sales Tax, public hearing comments for the BJX from citizens and industry confirm widespread community support. However, for the County and surrounding area to reap the benefits of a completed BJX, financial assistance is needed from the South Carolina State Transportation Infrastructure Bank (STIB). Specifically, the Aiken County Council requests financial assistance from the STIB in the form of a grant to fund \$140 million of the total program costs. This assistance is to be dedicated entirely to the BJX. This represents 68 percent of the total Aiken County Road Improvement Program (ACRIP) costs of \$205 million.

The County Council acknowledges the limited funds available to and other debt service requirements of the STIB. For this reason, the Council gave considerable thought to

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<sup>1</sup> The legal requirements of the referendum require that the entire \$15 million dedicated toward the BJX be expended on the BJX or not collected (Ref. SC Code 4-10-300).

how best to provide a local contribution to the BJX and implement elements of the County's transportation program. Because both the cities of Aiken and North Augusta had enacted Hospitality and Accommodations fees at the maximum level permitted within their respective jurisdictions, countywide hospitality and accommodations fees were not available.

In cooperation with the Cities of Aiken and North Augusta the County evaluated several potential funding sources to implement a countywide transportation enhancement program. After review of the three authorized locally imposed countywide sales taxes available in South Carolina (i.e. the Local Option, Transportation Project and Capital Projects sales taxes), the Cities of Aiken and North Augusta agreed to roll back their respective Hospitality Fees if a countywide sales tax was approved. The decision was then reached to refer a one-cent Capital Projects Sales Tax to County voters at the 2000 General Election. The referendum passed and the tax that will be imposed beginning May 1, 2001. The statutory commitment of \$15 million in said tax revenues to the BJX and the earmarking of an additional \$39.6 million for County and city projects underscores the local commitment to help fund this important project and improve the road network countywide.

The following pages describe the project and detail its public benefits, cost estimates, financing assumptions, and program approach. This is done so in a manner that follows the application guidelines set forth by the STIB.

## Program Description

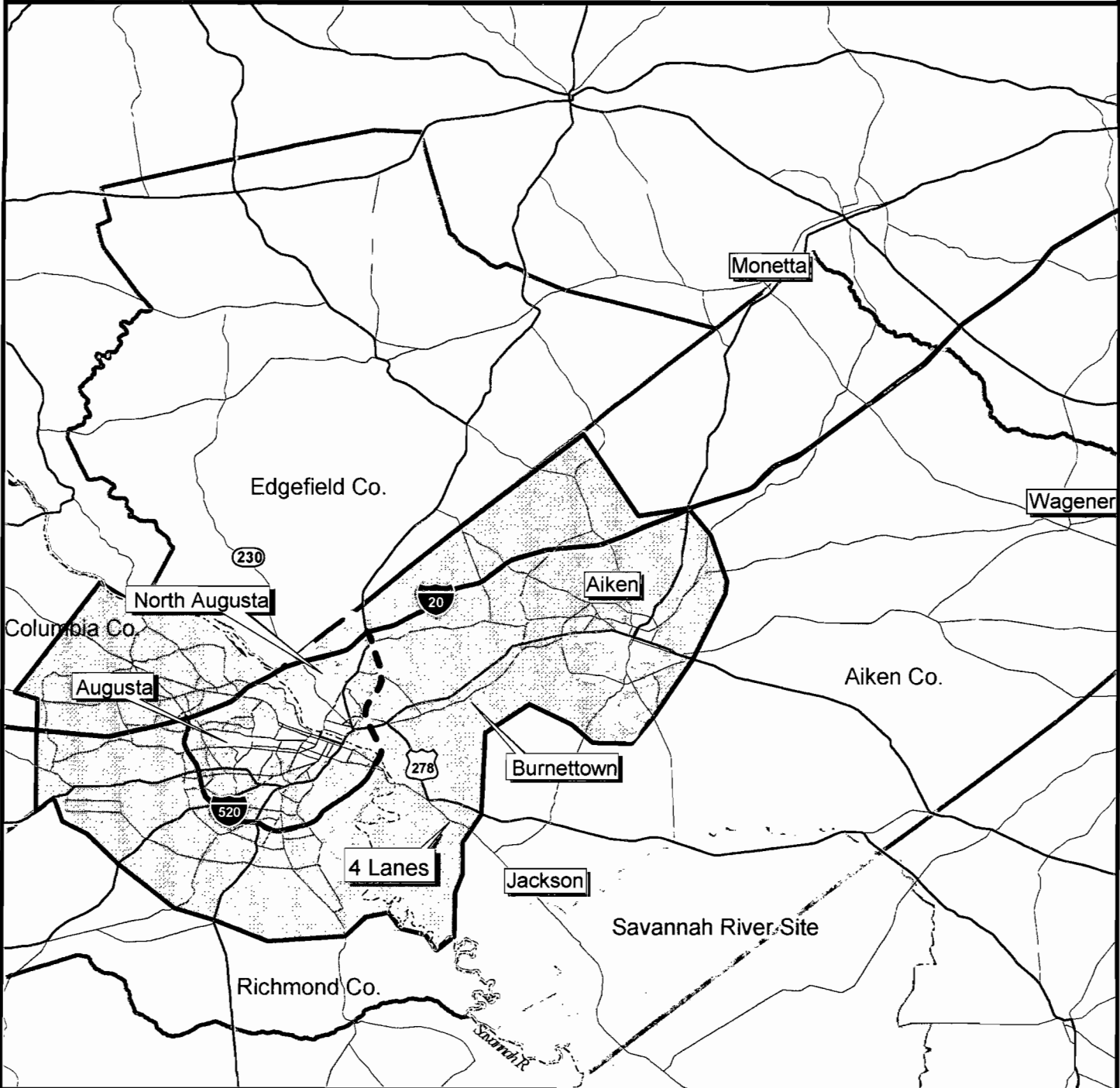
The Aiken County Road Improvement Program (ACRIP) includes ten road improvement projects in Aiken County, the centerpiece being the extension of the Bobby Jones Expressway (BJX) from Sandbar Ferry Road in Augusta, Georgia to the I-20 interchange at US-25 in South Carolina. The overall program, especially the BJX, represent a bi-state, multi-jurisdictional coordinated effort, as can be seen in **Exhibit 1**. In addition to showing the ARTS area and the proposed alignment of the BJX, the map shows the location of the other municipalities that have projects included in the program. Specifically, the ten road improvement projects include;

1. Bobby Jones Expressway - Savannah River to I-20
2. Paving 90 Miles of 54 Unpaved State & County Roads
3. Paving 88 Roads - City Of Aiken
4. Paving & Reconstruction - City of North Augusta
5. Paving of Sawyer Road - Town Of Monetta
6. Streetscape Projects - Aiken, North Augusta, Wagener & Jackson
7. Drainage System Improvements. – North Augusta, Aiken & Wagener
8. Sidewalks - North Augusta & Burnetown
9. Construction - Central Riverfront Blvd., North Augusta
10. West Avenue Extension - North Augusta










The current BJX is a partial-loop route that provides access between major radial arterials, services long distance trips across the ARTS area, and facilitates external travel demand by bypassing the City of Augusta. The BJX is on the National Highway System as an Interstate facility and is a primary component of the Strategic Highway Network (STRAHNET). The proposed Bobby Jones Expressway Extension in Aiken County will join the Georgia portion of the expressway to complete a circumferential route around the Cities of Augusta and North Augusta, and will serve the expanding North Augusta Area.

The project consists of two sections. Section 1, the first 1.5 mile segment, begins at Sand Bar Ferry Road in Georgia, includes two bridges across the Savannah River, and terminates at US1/78 in Aiken County. Section 2, a 6.0-mile segment begins at US1/78 and terminates at I-20. The map in **Exhibit 2** focuses on the BJX extension in South Carolina.

**Exhibit 1**  
**Regional Map**  
**Aiken County Road Improvement Program**



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-  I-520 Bobby Jones Extension
-  Interstate
-  US Highway
-  Minor Arterial
-  State Line
-  County Line
-  ARTS Boundary
-  Hydrography
-  City Limits



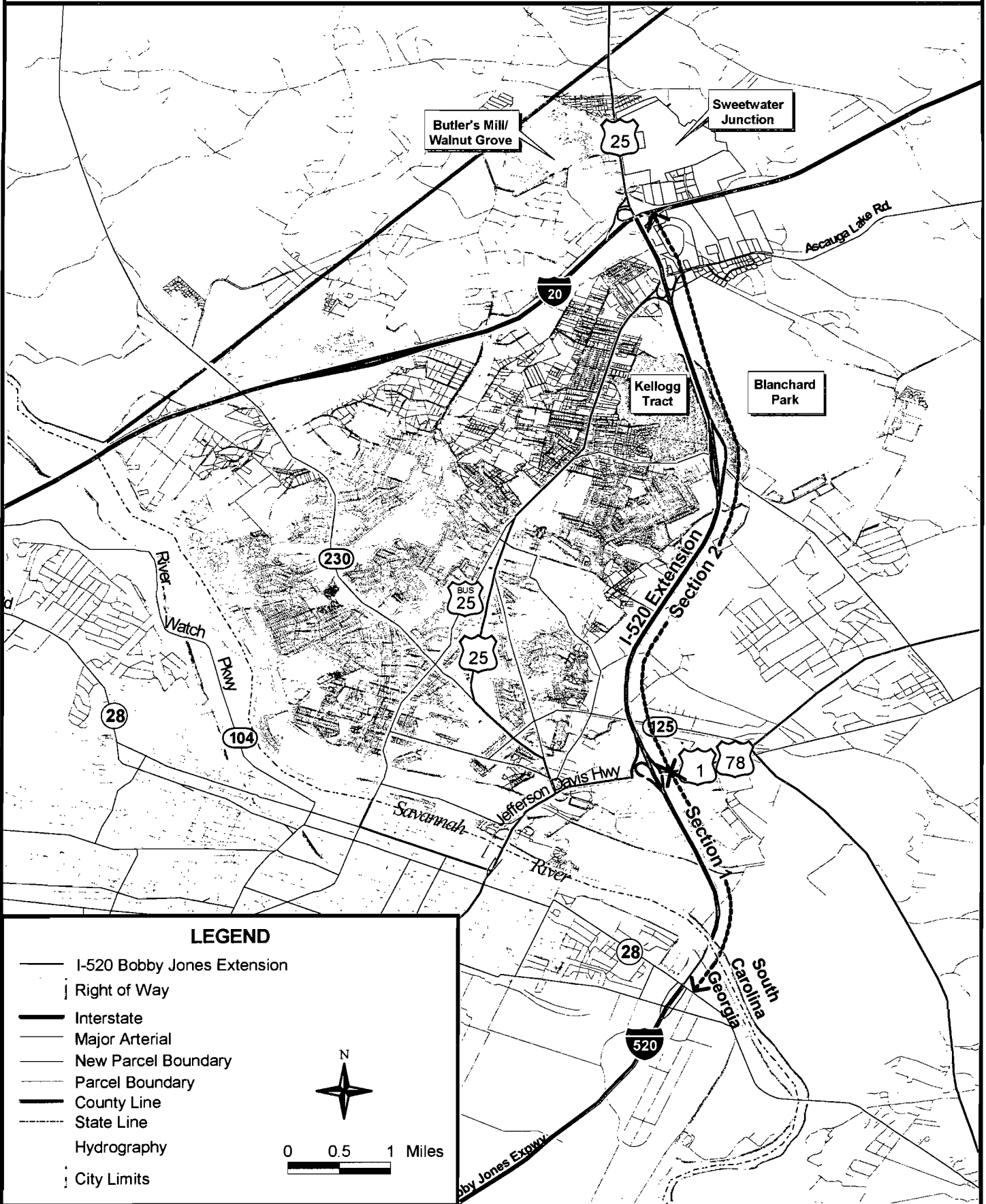
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**SOUTH  
 CAROLINA  
 GEORGIA**



**Exhibit 2**  
**The Existing and Proposed Bobby Jones Expressway**  
**Aiken County Road Improvement Program**



## Public Benefits

The public benefits associated with completion of the BJX include more efficient traffic flows, which will help facilitate "smart growth" development in North Augusta and Augusta.<sup>2</sup> In doing so, the expressway will transfer existing truck and through traffic from congested and busy downtown streets in North Augusta. This in turn will ameliorate traffic at accident-prone intersections. Additionally, the area along the north side of the proposed BJX (Section 2.) is undergoing major commercial and residential development, which will benefit from the expressway.

To substantiate these assertions of how the BJX will improve traffic mobility and safety, and economic development, public comments and government resolutions have been collected and are outlined below and presented in Appendix A. Specifically, the Appendix includes a copy of:

1. Aiken County Resolution (No. 01-02-24) – stipulating their support for the STIB application for BJX and countywide transportation capital projects program. This support is based on the identified "need for the countywide capital improvements to improve highway safety..., meet the current and future transportation needs..., and to promote economic development...".
2. City of North Augusta Letter and Resolution (No. 2001-04) – endorsing the BJX application and their opinion that the BJX extension is "essential to economic development in the North Augusta, Belvedere, and Clearwater areas of Aiken County."
3. City of Aiken Letter and Resolution – endorsing the BJX application and their opinion that the BJX extension is "essential to economic development in the North Augusta, Belvedere, and Clearwater areas of Aiken County."
4. City of Augusta Letter – stating that the BJX extension "will provide an economic development corridor for South Carolina similar to the economic development corridor along the Georgia portion of the roadway."
5. Aiken County Chamber of Commerce Letter – reaffirming its support of the BJX extension based on the "belief that...(it) will significantly enhance the regional transportation infrastructure, a factor critical to the continued economic development of the CSRA.
6. Greater North Augusta Chamber of Commerce Position Statement – indicating the critical element that the BJX will play in the managed growth and development of the Central Savannah River Area.
7. Augusta-Richmond County Planning Commission Letter - stating the traffic study findings indicate that the proposed extension "will prevent many area roads from operating over their capacity in the near future. It will also improve traffic flow as well as goods and services around the urbanized area."

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<sup>2</sup> Specifically, utilities currently exist within the circumferential BJX loop. Therefore, the improved highway access that the extension provides will help to lessen urban sprawl growth.

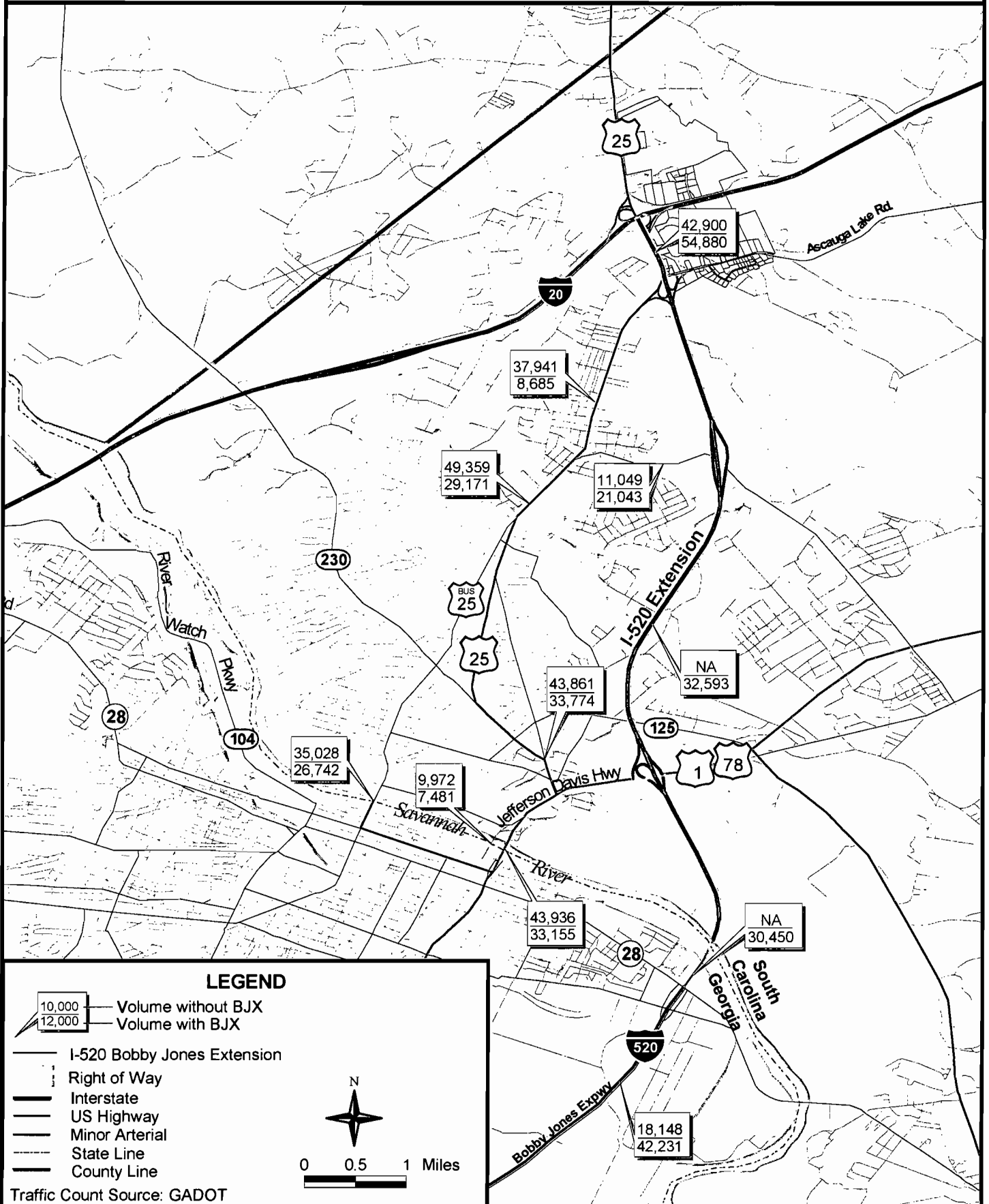
8. Savannah River Regional Diversification Initiative Resolution – endorsing the BJX and explaining that the “Projected increases in manufacturing and service industries indicate a need for higher capacity roads and safer highway facilities that can handle increased commuter travel as well as commercial traffic for shipping and receiving goods and raw materials.”
9. Lower Savannah Council of Governments Resolution - supporting the BJX based on its need to accommodate increases in manufacturing and service industries, and to address road capacity and safety issues.
10. Summarization of Aiken County Public Hearing Comments – concluding that “the overall impression of the comments was to proceed with completion of the project.”
11. Private Enterprise Support Letters – from a number of major private businesses and employers in the Augusta and Aiken County area that have expressed strong support for the Bobby Jones Expressway Extension. These include: DSM Chemicals, Westinghouse Savannah River Corporation, UCB Chemicals, and TTX Company.
12. E-mail Text from S.C. Department of Commerce – explains the Advisory Coordinating Council for Economic Development policy with regard to SIB applications. The CCED historically “...has opted not to involve itself in the Infrastructure Bank application process” since the resolutions of local economic development and government organizations may instead be considered by the board.
13. Newspaper Article – documenting the proposed plans of the 1,470-acre Blanchard Tract (a.k.a. Triple Crown Properties) development and the laying of 24” water main to service the commercial and residential development.
14. Private Land Donation – Two letters of right-of-way commitments by private landowners (presented in Appendix B, Financial Supporting Documents) further demonstrate local project support based on the belief that the BJX will help stimulate economic development.

Traffic Analysis – These resolutions, statements and letters of support bear witness to results from the traffic analyses that document the beneficial diversion of through traffic from congested urban area streets. The BJX services some of the most rapidly growing sections of the ARTS area: southern and western Richmond County and Columbia County<sup>3</sup>. The extension of the route into South Carolina will serve the rapidly growing North Augusta area and provide a direct connection to I-20. The extension will provide an additional bridge crossing of the Savannah River and relieve travel demand on Georgia and South Carolina’s Gordon Highway/Jefferson Davis Highway (US1) and three downtown Savannah River crossings (US1, 5th Street, and 13th Street/Georgia Avenue).

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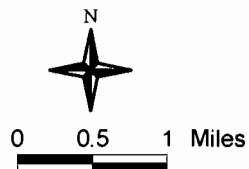
<sup>3</sup> See Exhibit 7 below

**Exhibit 3**  
**Traffic Volumes (AADT) w/ and w/o BJJ (2025)**  
**Aiken County Road Improvement Program**



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- Volume without BJJ
- Volume with BJJ
- I-520 Bobby Jones Extension
- Right of Way
- Interstate
- US Highway
- Minor Arterial
- State Line
- County Line



Traffic Count Source: GADOT

By the year 2025, the I-520 BJX Extension will serve over 30,000 vehicles per day (vpd) in Section 1 and the southern portion of Section 2 (the northernmost portion of the I-520 BJX Extension will serve almost 55,000 vpd). In accommodating this traffic, the BJX Extension will divert over 21,500 vpd from the Savannah River crossings of Augusta and North Augusta. Nearly 11,000 vpd will be diverted from the US 1 Savannah River crossing, and another 10,500 vpd will be diverted from the remaining two downtown bridges. The traffic flows across the Savannah River in 2025 are shown in Exhibit 3 with and without the I-520 BJX Extension.

Origin-Destination traffic flows across the BJX in year 2025 (assuming Section 1 construction only) are presented in Exhibit 4. Analysis of the traffic flows indicates that 57% of all trips (9,872) forecasted to use the proposed improvement have an origin or destination within the ARTS area. However, 43 percent of the trips (7,459) have an origin or destination outside the ARTS area. Of these, 35 percent are through trips (6,112) with origins and destinations outside the ARTS area. While this analysis assumes Section 1 construction only, it does demonstrate that in addition to benefiting residents of both the Georgia and South Carolina ARTS area, construction of the BJX Extension will serve a larger role as an Interstate facility.

Exhibit 4  
**Vehicles Per Day Savannah River Crossing (Section 1)**  
 Aiken County Road Improvement Program

	Origin			Total Trips	% of Trips
	Georgia	South Carolina	Ext.O/D Trips		
<b>Destination</b>					
ARTS - Georgia	6	3,933	1,206	5,145	30%
ARTS - S. C.	4,529	49	149	4,727	27%
External O/D	1,247	100	6,112	7,459	43%
<b>Total Trips</b>	<b>5,782</b>	<b>4,082</b>	<b>7,467</b>	<b>17,331</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>% of Trips</b>	<b>33%</b>	<b>24%</b>	<b>43%</b>	<b>100%</b>	

Source: GADOT

The BJX will also enable the rerouting of flammable materials and chemicals out of the City of North Augusta, especially SRS traffic. Indeed, extension of the BJX will enable SRS traffic to have uninterrupted 4-lane access to I-20. SRS employees, many of whom live in Columbia County, GA, will also benefit from a more direct interstate route, which will reduce their travel times.

Toll Road Analysis - In an effort to find alternative funding sources for the BJX, a toll study<sup>4</sup> was also conducted in 1997 to explore the feasibility of implementing tolls to fund its construction. However, the study found that the project would not generate sufficient revenues to cover operations, maintenance and debt service costs. For this reason tolls are not considered a viable way of paying for the BJX.

<sup>4</sup> Bobby Jones Expressway Extension Toll Feasibility Study, June 1997

**Accident Analysis** – Of the eight intersections with the most accidents over the past five years in Aiken County, four lie within close proximity of the BJX and will be improved by development of the BJX. These four intersections and their accidents are highlighted below in the **Exhibit 5** table and are mapped in **Exhibit 6**. The map also shows the two locations with fatalities.

**Exhibit 5**  
**Traffic Accidents at Hazardous Intersections (1995-99)**  
**Aiken County Road Improvement Program**

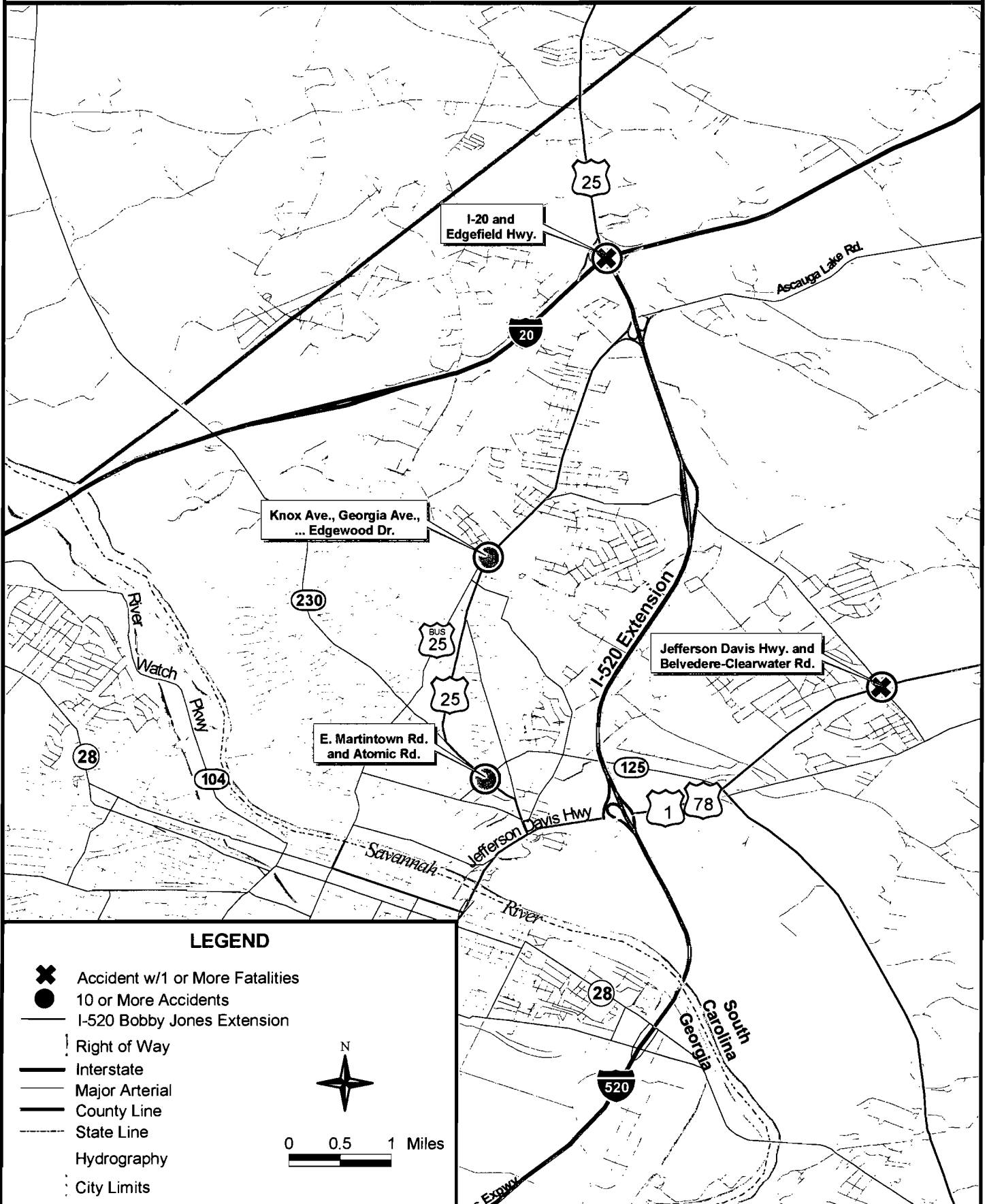
Intersection	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	5 Year
	Total Accidents	Total Accidents	Total Accidents	Total Accidents	Total Accidents	Accident Total
<b>Knox Ave/Georgia Ave/Five</b>						
Notch Rd/Bradleyville Rd/Edgewood Dr	0	31	11	22	18	82
Whiskey Rd @Pine Log	19	26	13	23	0	81
Richland Ave @SC 118 (RM Bell Pkwy)	19	14	12	0	0	45
I-20 @Edgefield Hwy (US 25)	0	16	0	10	18	44
J Davis Hwy (US 1) @Sudlow Lake	10	11	14	1	0	36
Richland Ave @SC 19 (Laurens St)	20	16	0	0	0	36
Martintown Rd @Atomic Rd (SC 125)	11	0	0	17	0	28
J Davis Hwy (US 1) @ Belvedere-Clearwater Rd (SC 126)	11	0	11	0	0	22

source: Aiken County











Considering the number of accidents, the area around the intersection of Knox Avenue and Georgia Avenue could be considered the most hazardous intersection in the County. Because the BJX will alleviate traffic in this area, the accident occurrence will decline dramatically. Additionally, traffic volumes currently overburden the confluence of Knox/Georgia Ave/Five Notch/Bradley. Diversion of transient and other traffic from these arterials to the BJX will help allow these roads to run closer to ideal capacity.

**Economic Development** – The development of the BJX in Georgia west of Augusta has helped accommodate the region's population, commercial and industrial growth. Similarly, completion of the BJX in South Carolina will help accommodate its socioeconomic growth. In **Exhibit 7**, census tract projections based on traffic analysis zones (TAZ) review show how the South Carolina ARTS area will grow over the next 25 years. The top portion of the exhibit shows population density in the year 2025, while the bottom portion shows density *change* between 2000 to 2005. The rapid growth in the Ascauga Lake Road area demonstrates the need to build the entire BJX now. Note these projections exclude the economic development effects of building the BJX. Nonetheless, the maps dramatize the need to build the expressway to accommodate the increasing population and traffic demand.

**Exhibit 6**  
**Locations of Hazardous Intersections (1995-99)**  
**Aiken County Road Improvement Program**




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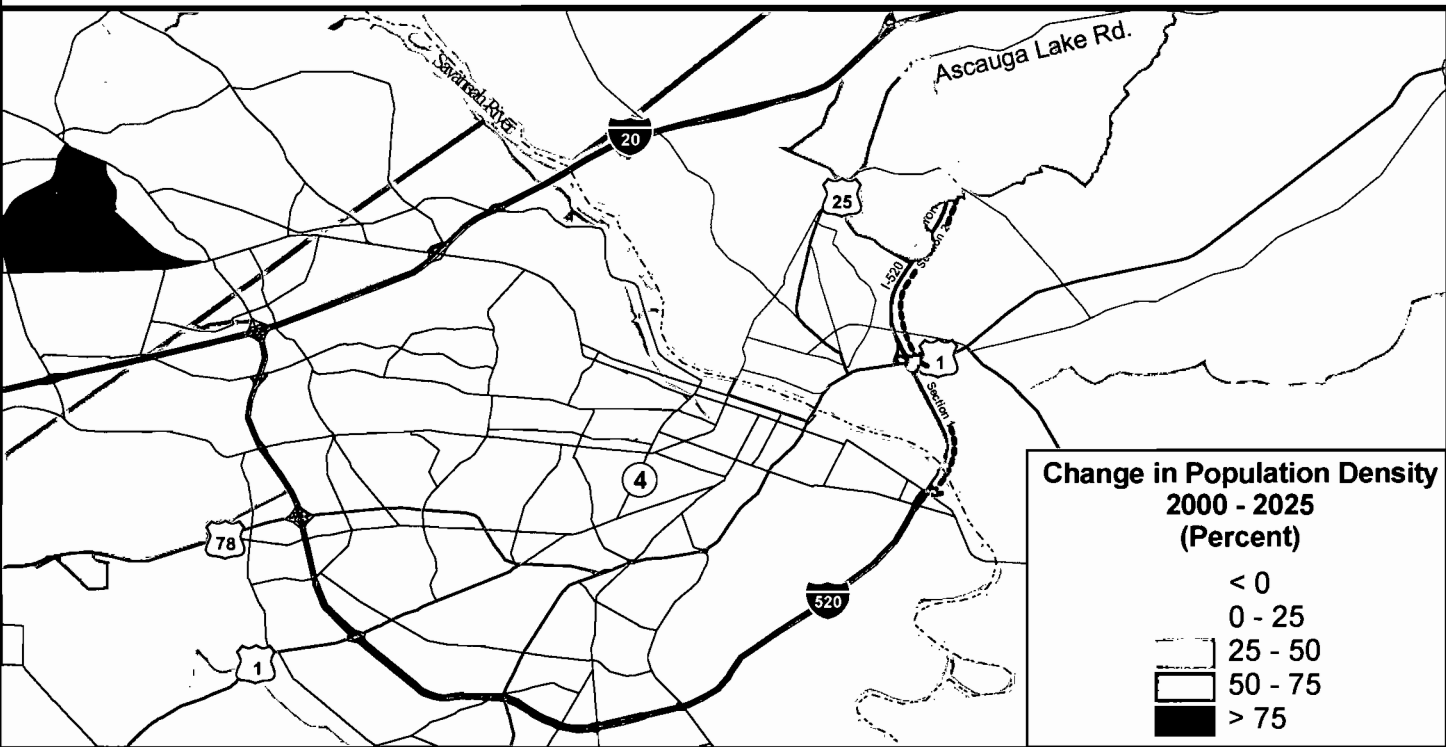
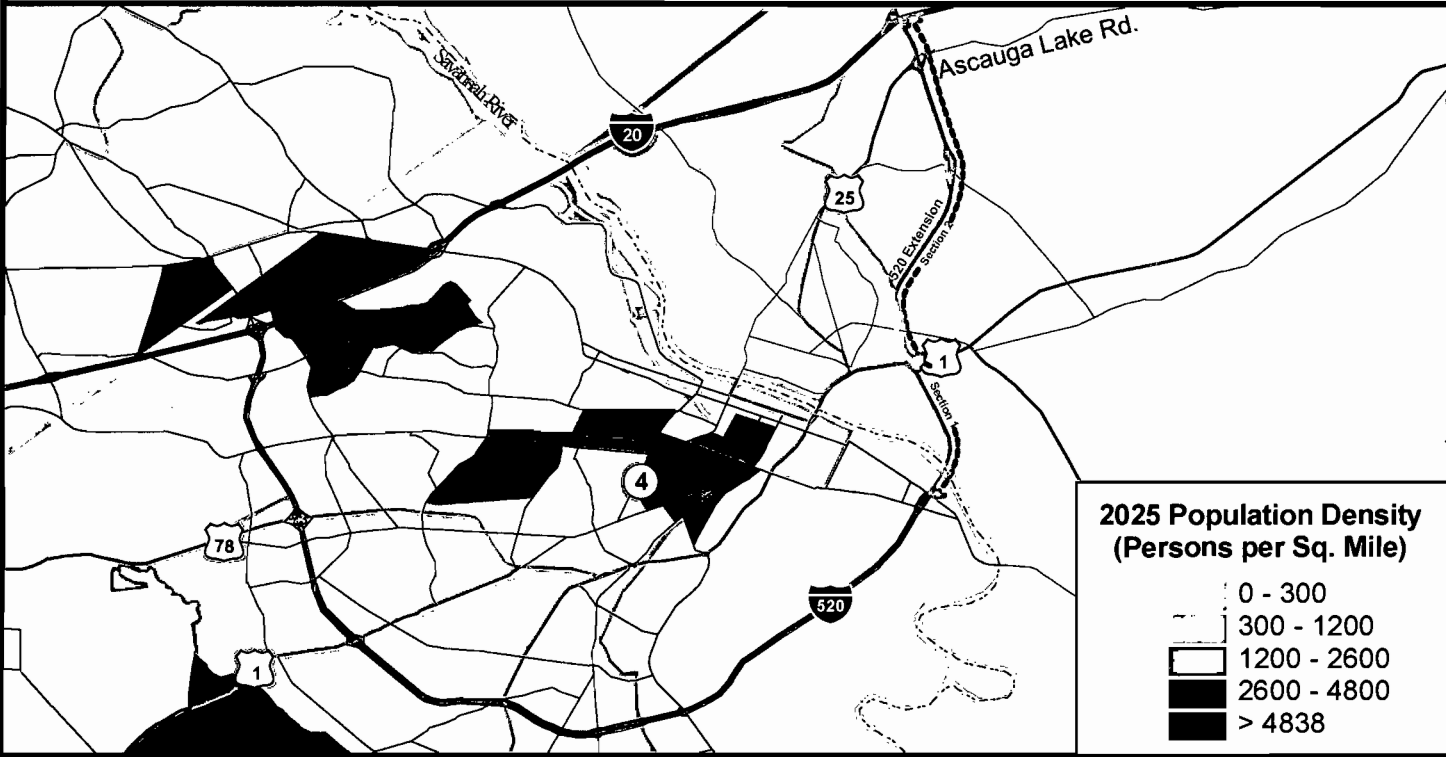
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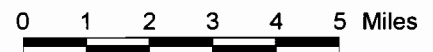


**Exhibit 7**  
**Population Densities and Change**  
**Aiken County Road Improvement Program**



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| — I-520 Bobby Jones Extension | — County Line    |
| — Interstate                  | - - - State Line |
| — US Highway                  | — Hydrography    |
| — Minor Arterial              | ⋮ City Limits    |



SOURCE: ARTS TAZ Projections 2000 - 2025



Along Section 2 of the BJX Extension in North Augusta there are several infrastructure developments are underway that will notably benefit from completion of the expressway. These include the Blanchard Park Planned Development for 1,500+ acres (as shown previously in Exhibit 2), a 24' diameter water line, and a 36" diameter sewer line. The Blanchard Park development program is outlined in Exhibit 2, showing 300 acres of light-industrial, 4,500 residential units, 300 acres of golf course and 35 acres of general commercial. To help service the development, North Augusta in conjunction with the Edgefield Water & Sewer Authority and the Aiken County Public Service Authority are building a 35,000 linear foot sewer trunk line (36" diameter), at a cost of \$6.2 million from Edgefield County through Blanchard Park. Additionally, a 20,000 linear-foot water pipeline (24" diameter), at a cost of \$2.2 million is being laid from North Augusta across Blanchard Park to Ascauga Lake Road. By dramatically improving highway access, the completion of the BJX will help these local government entities recoup their public investment faster.

There is also a significant amount of development underway or approved on the north side of I-20 within 1½ miles of Exit 5. Exit 5, the I-20 interchange with US 25, is the northern terminus of I-520, the Bobby Jones Expressway. The Butler's Mill, Walnut Grove and Arbor Place residential developments total more than 650 residential units are approximately 50% built-out. The Brandenburg / Winn Dixie Shopping Center is developed and provides 200,000 square feet of retail services to the northern end of North Augusta and southeastern Edgefield County. The 277 acre Sweetwater Junction Planned Development was recently approved by the City of North Augusta. Planned uses include hotel and motel, 997,700 s.f. of destination and highway oriented retail and 516 residential units. The Sweetwater Junction project will be served by the City's new 24" water line and 36" sewer trunk line.

## Financial Plan

The entire cost of the proposed Aiken County Road Improvement Program (ACRIP) in constant year 2001 values (i.e., exclusive of inflation) totals \$205 million. As the centerpiece of the Program, the Bobby Jones Expressway portion of the project totals \$173 million (84%). Total local contributions of \$47 million will consist primarily of revenues generated from the implementation of a One-Cent Capital Projects Sales Tax. Local land contributions are estimated at \$1.8 million. Other commitments from the State of Georgia for its contribution to link the BJX total \$16.2 million. Combined, the "Local" and "Other" contributions total \$67 million and represent 32.7 percent of the total program costs. These program costs are summarized by project and contribution source in **Exhibit 8**. Based on these cost projections, Aiken County is requesting State Transportation Infrastructure Bank grant assistance of \$140 million.

In Appendix B, a series of supporting documents detail the local contribution sources and commitments. Specifically, the Appendix includes a copy of:

1. Resolution No. 00-11-212 - on November 21, 2000 declaring the results of the Capital Projects Sales Tax referendum. The Resolution states the Registration/Election Commission referendum certification and outlines the sales tax rate, time span, revenue ceiling, and stipulated projects.
2. Official Election Results - of the Local Capital Projects Sales Tax and the ballot text.
3. Ordinance No. 00-08-23 - on August 8, 2000 outlining the intent of the County Council to include a referendum to include a One Percent Sales Tax Referendum on the November 2000 ballot.
4. S.C. Department of Revenue – estimation of what revenue a 1% (i.e., one-cent) sales tax will generate in Aiken County over the 7-year period. The DOR estimates that annual revenues will range between \$7.8 to \$12 million. The \$54.6 million stipulated in the above mentioned resolutions and ordinances reflect 7-year totals based on the minimum DOR estimate of \$7.8 million in annual receipts.
5. Minutes of Aiken County Meetings – pertaining to One-Cent Sales Tax Referendum on August 1, 2000 and August 8, 2000.
6. Aiken County Letter – concerning availability of Capital Projects Sales Tax funds, dedication of interest earned on the Tax, and administration of BJX.
7. Georgia Department of Transportation Letter - stating GADOT's commitment and financial contribution to the BJX project.
8. South Carolina Department of Transportation Letter – stating the completed Section 1 Right-of-way costs and expenditures thus far on preliminary engineering.
9. Letters of Intent – from private sources to donate parts of right-of-way on Section 2.

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**Exhibit 8**  
**Project Description and Contribution Source**  
 Aiken County Transportation Project Program  
 Constant \$2001 (w/o inflation)

Project Description	Contribution Source					Total
	Local /1	Other	Federal	SCDOT	STIB	
1 Bobby Jones Expressway - Savannah River to I-20	\$16,000,000	\$16,200,000	-	\$2,350,000	\$138,110,000	\$172,660,000
2 Paving 90 Miles of 54 Unpaved State & County Roads	18,314,000	-	-	-	-	18,314,000
3 Paving 88 Roads - City Of Aiken	1,400,000	-	-	-	-	1,400,000
4 Paving & Reconstruction - City of North Augusta	2,450,000	-	-	-	-	2,450,000
5 Paving of Sawyer Road - Town Of Monetta	25,000	-	-	-	-	25,000
6 Streetscape Proj. - Aiken, N. Augusta, Wagener & Jackson	4,541,000	-	725,000	-	-	5,266,000
7 Drainage System Imprv. - N. Augusta, Aiken & Wagener	1,720,000	-	-	-	-	1,720,000
8 Sidewalks - North Augusta & Burntettown	758,000	-	-	-	-	758,000
9 Construction - Central Riverfront Blvd.	1,500,000	-	-	-	-	1,500,000
10 West Avenue Extension - N Augusta	500,000	-	-	500,000	-	1,000,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$47,208,000</b>	<b>\$16,200,000</b>	<b>\$725,000</b>	<b>\$2,850,000</b>	<b>\$138,110,000</b>	<b>\$205,093,000</b>
<i>Percent of Total</i>	<i>23.0%</i>	<i>7.9%</i>	<i>0.4%</i>	<i>1.4%</i>	<i>67.3%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>

source: Aiken County, SCDOT, GADOT, Wilbur Smith Associates  
 /1 "Local Contribution" of projects 1-8 are funded primarily through the Aiken County Capital Projects Improvement Tax (\$44.2 million). An additional local contribution of \$1.0 million of the BJX is funded through locally donated ROW. Projects 9-10 are funded through North Augusta Hospitality & Accommodation Fees (\$2.0 million) and other sources including private developer contributions and tax increment revenue.

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**Exhibit 9**  
**Cash Flow Revenues & Expenditures**  
 Aiken County Transportation Project Program  
 Current Year \$000 (w/ inflation)

Description	99/00	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2023	Total
<b>Revenues by Source</b>											
Local Sales Tax /1	-	\$5,857	\$6,003	\$6,153	\$6,307	\$6,465	\$6,627	\$6,796	\$0	\$0	\$44,208
Local Fees & Rev. /2	-	667	667	667	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,001
Local ROW Cntrb. /3	-	-	-	1,103	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,103
Other (GADOT) /4	-	567	684	5,221	7,317	5,756	-	-	-	-	19,545
Federal /5	-	104	104	104	104	104	104	-	-	-	624
SCDOT /6	2,350	407	407	407	407	407	407	-	-	-	4,792
STIB /7	-	2,139	2,552	16,916	32,321	27,083	26,620	38,657	32,622	11,438	190,348
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$2,350</b>	<b>\$9,741</b>	<b>\$10,417</b>	<b>\$30,571</b>	<b>\$46,456</b>	<b>\$39,815</b>	<b>\$33,758</b>	<b>\$45,453</b>	<b>\$32,622</b>	<b>\$11,438</b>	<b>\$262,621</b>
<b>Expenditures by Project /8</b>											
BJX /8	\$ 2,350	\$4,872	\$5,513	\$25,630	\$42,287	\$35,646	\$29,589	\$41,284	\$32,622	\$11,438	\$231,231
Pave Dirt Roads	-	2,616	2,616	2,616	2,616	2,616	2,616	2,616	-	-	18,312
Pave Aiken City Rds	-	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	-	-	1,400
Pave & Recnstr.	-	325	350	350	350	350	350	350	-	-	2,425
Pave Sawyer Rd	-	25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	25
Streetscape	-	649	649	649	649	649	649	649	-	-	4,543
Drainage	-	246	246	246	246	246	246	246	-	-	1,722
Sidewalks	-	108	108	108	108	108	108	108	-	-	756
Riverfront Blvd	-	525	551	579	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,655
W. Ave. Extension	-	175	184	193	-	-	-	-	-	-	552
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$2,350</b>	<b>\$9,741</b>	<b>\$10,417</b>	<b>\$30,571</b>	<b>\$46,456</b>	<b>\$39,815</b>	<b>\$33,758</b>	<b>\$45,453</b>	<b>\$32,622</b>	<b>\$11,438</b>	<b>\$262,621</b>

- /1 Aiken County Capital Project Sales Tax receipts for transp.-related projects grow at 2.5% annually
- /2 North Augusta Hospitality & Accommodation Fee revenues, private developer contributions and tax increment revenues. Grown at 2.5% annually
- /3 For Section 2 of the BJX from private land owners (\$1.8 million grown inflated 5% annually)
- /4 GADOT funds dedicated towards BJX Expenditures (\$16.2 million inflated 5% annually)
- /5 Federal funds dedicated toward Streetscape Project (Aiken, N. Augusta, Wagener & Jackson), not inflated
- /6 SCDOT funds spent on ROW in 1999 for BJX (\$750,000) and future funds dedicated for the West Avenue Extension, inflated 5% annually
- /7 STIB funds needed for the BJX (see details in Exhibit 11).
- /8 Includes annual inflation rate of 5% for BJX, Riverfront and W. Ave. Extension. Other project costs are not inflated due to local tax revenue ceiling

Program Cash Flow – Realizing that the construction section of the Program will span an estimated eight years, the anticipated annual Program revenues and expenditures will be subject to inflationary effects. The cash flow exercise provides an opportunity to address these inflation effects and when revenues will be collected from the various sources. As shown in **Exhibit 9**, current year Program expenditures are estimated at \$261 million, versus the constant dollar cost of \$205 million. The difference reflects the inflationary impacts of the eight-year construction period and the BJX future repaving costs anticipated in year 2023.<sup>5</sup>

However, not all of the estimated revenues and expenditures for the Program will change due to inflation. The One-Cent Capital Project Sales Tax revenues have a ceiling of \$54.6 million, of which \$44.2 million is committed towards eight projects<sup>6</sup>. Since this local funding source is capped, any inflationary cost increases will either preclude low-prioritized projects from being funded, or require the difference to be obtained from other sources. It is important to reiterate that the entire \$15 million statutorily committed to the BJX will be allocated regardless of other sales tax funded project developments. These BJX costs and cash flow are broken out in the following subsections.

Bobby Jones Expressway Cost Estimate – The cost of the BJX in constant year 2001 values (i.e., exclusive of inflation) totals \$172.6 million, as detailed in **Exhibit 10**. Of this total, \$16.2 million (9.4%) is to be incurred by the State of Georgia. All of these Georgia costs will be incurred in the Section 1 portion of the project, and reflect the cost of roadway construction from Sandbar Ferry Road in Georgia to the Savannah River and one-half of the total bridge costs (\$25.1 million). The remaining \$156.4 million in BJX costs are to be born by South Carolina sources.

The total Section 1 costs of \$75.2 million represent 43.6% of the total project costs versus \$93.4 million (54.1%) for Section 2 and \$3.9 million for resurfacing 12-14 years after completion. These costs include construction, right-of-way (ROW), preliminary engineering and 20% engineering and contingency costs. Of these costs, SCDOT has already purchased the Section 1 ROW at a cost of \$850,000.

Bobby Jones Expressway Cash Flow – The local, other, SCDOT and STIB cash flow revenue requirements for the BJX are detailed by source below in **Exhibit 11**. Engineering and planning for Section 1 comprise the early costs in 2002 and 2003. In 2004 actual Section 1 construction is anticipated to begin. Additionally, ROW purchase and engineering and planning costs for Section 2 are anticipated to begin in 2004. The distribution of \$2.1 million in Capital Projects Sales Tax revenues in the early years of the project significantly lower the STIB grant requirements in the early years (\$2.2 and \$2.7 million in years 2002 and 2003, respectively). This financial structure indicates that the bulk of the STIB grant assistance will be needed in years 2004 through 2009.

<sup>5</sup> Detailed BJX costs are shown below in Exhibits 10 and 11

<sup>6</sup> Excludes the Riverfront Blvd. And W. Ave. Extension projects

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Exhibit 10			
<b>Cost Estimate</b>			
<b>Bobby Jones Expressway</b>			
Constant \$2001 (w/o inflation)			
		Year \$2001	
		Georgia	South Carolina
		Total	
<b>Section 1: From Sandbar Ferry Rd (GA) to US Route 1 (2.5 mi.)</b>			
Construction			
Georgia Roadway from Sandbar Ferry to Savannah River (0.2 mi.)	\$1,100,000	\$0	\$1,100,000
Savannah River Bridge (0.4 mi.)	12,400,000	12,700,000	25,100,000
Riverside Bridge	-	4,400,000	4,400,000
Railroad Bridge	-	3,700,000	3,700,000
Pitman Ct. Bridge	-	1,000,000	1,000,000
S.C. Roadway from Savannah River to U.S. Route 1 (1.5 mi.)	-	8,300,000	8,300,000
Interchange @ U.S. Route 1	-	14,300,000	14,300,000
Subtotal	\$13,500,000	\$44,400,000	\$57,900,000
20% Engineering & Contingencies	2,700,000	8,900,000	11,600,000
Total Section I Construction	\$16,200,000	\$53,300,000	\$69,500,000
Right of Way			
Previously Acquired ROW	\$0	\$850,000	\$850,000
Remaining ROW for Interchange North of U.S. Route 1	-	2,200,000	2,200,000
Subtotal	\$0	\$3,050,000	\$3,050,000
Preliminary Engineering			
Previously Pre. Eng. expenditures	\$0	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000
Remaining Pre. Eng. Costs	-	1,260,000	1,260,000
	\$0	\$2,760,000	\$2,760,000
<b>Total Cost for Section 1</b>	<b>\$16,200,000</b>	<b>\$59,110,000</b>	<b>\$75,310,000</b>
<b>Section 2: From US Route 1 to interstate 20 (approx. 5.0 mi.)</b>			
Construction			
Roadway - U.S. Route 1 to Ascuaga	\$0	\$27,600,000	\$27,600,000
Roadway - Ascuaga to I-20 Roadway	-	17,600,000	17,600,000
Interchange @ Clearwater Rd.	-	11,000,000	11,000,000
4 Bridges (2 twins)	-	8,800,000	8,800,000
Subtotal	\$0	\$65,000,000	\$65,000,000
20% Engineering & Contingencies	-	13,000,000	13,000,000
Total Section II Construction	\$0	\$78,000,000	\$78,000,000
Right of Way	\$0	\$11,030,000	\$11,030,000
Preliminary Engineering	\$0	\$4,410,000	\$4,410,000
<b>Total Remaining Cost for Section 2</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$93,440,000</b>	<b>\$93,440,000</b>
<b>Resurfacing (12-16 years after opening)</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$3,910,000</b>	<b>\$3,910,000</b>
<b>Total Project Costs (Section 1 and 2)</b>	<b>\$16,200,000</b>	<b>\$156,460,000</b>	<b>\$172,660,000</b>
source: SCDOT			

Exhibit 11											7-Mar-01
<b>Cash Flow Revenues &amp; Expenditures</b>											
<b>Bobby Jones Expressway</b>											
Current Year \$000 (w/ inflation)											
<u>Description</u>	<u>99/00</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>Revenues</b>											
Local	-	\$2,143	\$2,143	\$3,246	\$2,143	\$2,143	\$2,143	\$2,143	\$2,143	-	18,247
Other	-	567	684	5,221	7,317	5,756	-	-	-	-	19,545
SCDOT	2,350	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,350
STIB	-	<u>2,162</u>	<u>2,686</u>	<u>17,163</u>	<u>32,827</u>	<u>27,747</u>	<u>27,446</u>	<u>39,141</u>	<u>30,479</u>	<u>11,438</u>	<u>191,089</u>
Total	\$2,350	\$4,872	\$5,513	\$25,630	\$42,287	\$35,646	\$29,589	\$41,284	\$32,622	\$11,438	\$231,231
<b>Expenditures</b>											
Percent	0.4%	2.1%	2.4%	11.2%	18.4%	15.5%	12.9%	18.0%	14.2%	5.0%	100.0%
source: SCDOT, Aiken County, GADOT and WSA											

Any proceeds from the Capital Projects Sales Tax revenues designated for the BJX that are deposited into an interest bearing account will be disbursed to the BJX project as necessitated by incurred expenses (as outlined in Appendix B, Document 6, Aiken County Council Letter). The proposed budget submitted to the Bank includes future resurfacing costs of \$3.9 million (in constant year 2001 values, excluding inflation, as shown in Exhibit 10).

## Program Approach

The Cities of Aiken and North Augusta have worked closely with Aiken County in channeling the underlying public support of the proposed road improvements into a cohesive program. In doing so, other South Carolinian municipalities have been brought into the decision-making process. Additionally, the connectivity benefit of the BJX relative to the Augusta Regional Transportation Study (ARTS) helped to garner support from the Augusta-Richmond County Planning Commission and the Georgia Department of Transportation. Through this collaborative effort the project sponsor, Aiken County, has been able to garner financial contribution from local and other sources.

### Other Nine Projects

Currently, funding is secured for nine of the ten program projects – all except the BJX extension. The local community support led to passage of the One-Cent Sales Tax referendum that will fund the nine road improvement projects. Sales tax revenue collections are scheduled to begin in May, 2001. Since the nine projects do not require ROW acquisition, no environmental obstacles are foreseen. The local nature of the projects dictate that Aiken County in conjunction with the local municipalities are responsible for each projects management and completion. These projects are to begin in fiscal year 2002 and are scheduled to run through fiscal year 2007.

### Bobby Jones Expressway

The current status, project completion assurance and potential obstacles are discussed below.

Current Status – With an identified centerline, the SCDOT has conducted/sponsored preliminary design work for Section 1 of the BJX and has purchased the Section 1 ROW. The local funding contribution of \$15 million over 7 years has been secured through the implementation of the Capital Projects Sales Tax and dedicated towards the BJX (see Financial Plan and Appendix B). Additionally, letters of commitment for land donations have been obtained from two major property owners along the Section 2 alignment (Appendix B). The SCDOT sponsored the BJX feasibility<sup>7</sup> and toll feasibility<sup>8</sup> studies to determine if the previous EIS was still applicable (which it is) and whether or not the implementation of tolls was feasible (which it is not).

Project Completion Assurance – Section 2 ROW purchase and preliminary design will be conducted by SCDOT with local Aiken County/North Augusta assistance. Actual highway construction, construction management, and annual operation and maintenance will be supervised/conducted by SCDOT. In doing so, tort liability and highway ownership will be under the SCDOT. North Augusta and the S.C. State Highway Patrol will administer law enforcement

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<sup>7</sup> Feasibility Study Bobby Jones Expressway Extension From US1 to I-20, Aiken County, SC, April 1997

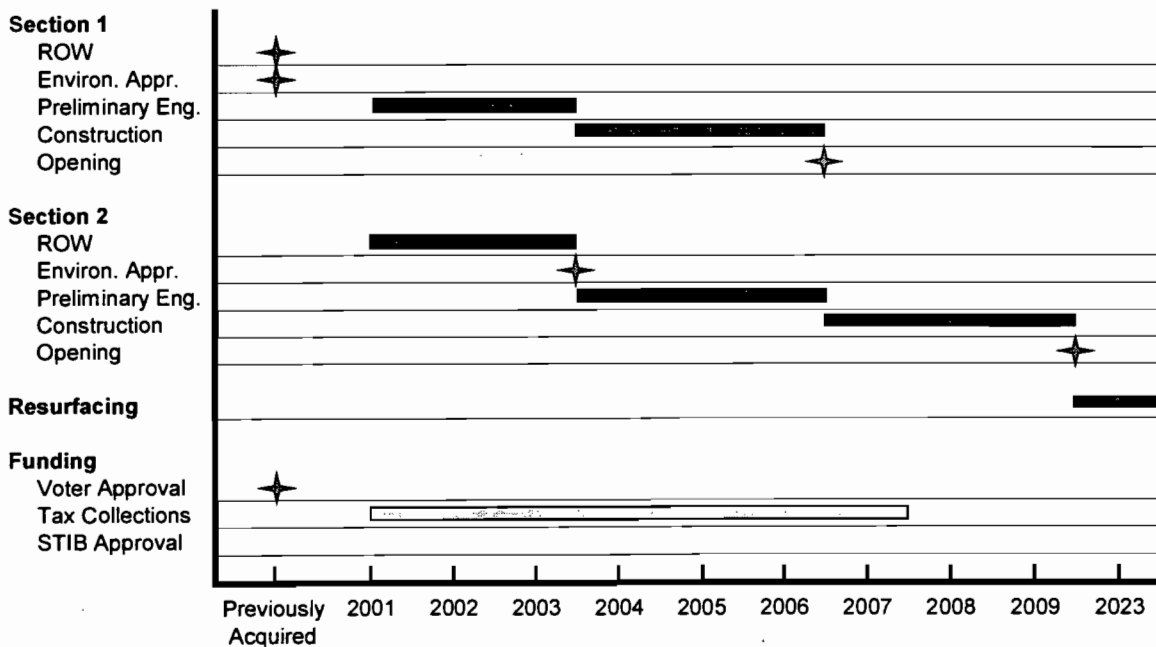
<sup>8</sup> Bobby Jones Expressway Extension Toll Feasibility Study, June 1997

**Obstacles** – Strong local support for the BJX has been demonstrated by passage of the Capital Projects Sales Tax, as referred to in the Public Benefits and Financial Plan sections detailed above and in Appendices A and B. Regarding environmental issues, a Feasibility Study update for the BJX was prepared in April 1997 that examined the corridor identified in the original EIS<sup>9</sup> to determine if the route was still viable.

The study concluded that although 18 years had passed since its preparation, and new development had occurred, the selected corridor remains a viable alternative. When funding becomes available, a reevaluation of the EIS will be required with modification of the northern end to represent a controlled access facility. The few potential environmental concerns include the displacement of approximately 10 residences and 3 businesses, and jurisdictional wetland mitigation of approximately six acres. The only potential hazardous waste sites identified in the EIS Feasibility update concern a displaced vehicle repair garage (north side of SC126 problems), a displaced paint and body shop (near US25/S33 intersection), and the potential displacement of two gasoline stations (along the US25 between Ascauga Lake Road and I-20).

**Schedule** – The Section 1 and 2 phasing of the BJX is shown by major work type in **Exhibit 12** below. With ROW acquired and substantial previous environmental work conducted, Section 1 of the BJX is anticipated to open in 2006. ROW, environmental and preliminary engineering for Section 2 can be undertaken during the Section 1 construction. This would enable construction of Section 2 to begin immediately after the opening of Section 1, with Section 2 completion in 2009.

**Exhibit 12**  
**Bobby Jones Expressway Time Flow Chart**  
Aiken County Road Improvement Program



<sup>9</sup> A Final Environmental Impact Study – US1 to U.S. 25, September 1979



# **APPENDIX A**

## **PUBLIC BENEFIT**

- **Document 1 - Aiken County Resolution**
- **Document 2 - City of North Augusta Letter and Resolution**
- **Document 3 - City of Aiken Letter and Resolution**
- **Document 4 - City of Augusta Letter**
- **Document 5 - Aiken County Chamber of Commerce Letter**
- **Document 6 - Greater North Augusta Chamber of Commerce  
Position Statement**
- **Document 7 - Augusta-Richmond County Planning Commission  
Letter**
- **Document 8 - Savannah River Regional Diversification Initiative  
Resolution**
- **Document 9 - Lower Savannah Council of Governments Resolution**
- **Document 10 - Summarization of Aiken County Public Hearing  
Comments**
- **Document 11 – Private Enterprise Support Letters**
- **Document 12 – E-mail Text from S.C. Department of Commerce**
- **Document 13 – Newspaper Article**
- **Document 14 – Private Land Donation**

**DOCUMENT 1**  
**AIKEN COUNTY RESOLUTION**

Sponsor(s) : County Council  
Committee Referral : N/A  
Committee Consideration Date : N/A  
Committee Recommendation : N/A  
Effective Date : February 7, 2001

RESOLUTION NO. 01-2-24

COUNCIL ADMINISTRATOR FORM OF GOVERNMENT FOR AIKEN COUNTY

(To Request that the South Carolina Transportation Infrastructure Bank Approve Aiken County's Request for Funding to Support the Countywide Transportation Capital Projects Program.)

WHEREAS:

1. Aiken County has identified the need for countywide capital improvements to improve highway safety in the County, meet the current and future transportation needs of the County, and to promote economic development through improved transportation facilities; and
2. The residents of Aiken County have expressed their support for a countywide capital projects program by approving a Capital Project Sales Tax referendum that provides \$54.6 million for capital projects over a seven year period; and
3. In addition to the capital projects funded by the Capital Project Sales Tax, Aiken County and the City of North Augusta have funded additional capital projects designed to support economic development with improved transportation facilities; and
4. The transportation projects are described in Attachment 'A' to this resolution; and
5. These projects provide public benefits to the residents of Aiken County by reducing traffic congestion, improving highway safety, and promoting economic development through improved access to existing industries and potential development; and
6. While the capital projects to be undertaken with the sales tax and other local funding are critical to the future of Aiken County, they do not address all of the immediate capital needs of the County; and
7. In addition to the projects to be completed with the sales tax and other local funding, identified transportation needs include completion of the Bobby Jones Expressway (I-520) in Aiken County; and
8. Completion of the Bobby Jones Expressway will provide public benefits to the residents of Aiken County by reducing traffic congestion, improving highway safety, and promoting economic development through improved access to existing industries and potential development sites.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE AIKEN COUNTY COUNCIL THAT:

1. The Aiken County Council supports and recommends for approval the application to the South Carolina Transportation Infrastructure Bank for additional funding to support the Bobby Jones Expressway (I-520) project that is included in the countywide transportation capital projects program.

Adopted at the regular meeting of Aiken County Council on February 6, 2001.

ATTEST:

Barbara A Strait  
Barbara A Strait, Acting Council Clerk

SIGNED:

Ronnie Young  
Ronnie Young, Chairman

COUNCIL VOTE: Unanimous



Sponsor(s) : County Council  
Committee Referral : N/A  
Committee Consideration Date : N/A  
Committee Recommendation : N/A  
Effective Date : December 20, 2000

RESOLUTION NO. 00-12-232

COUNCIL ADMINISTRATOR FORM OF GOVERNMENT FOR AIKEN COUNTY

(To Request That the South Carolina Infrastructure Bank Approve Aiken County's Request for Funding for the Bobby Jones Expressway Extension.)

WHEREAS:

1. Aiken County has submitted a financial assistance application to the South Carolina Infrastructure Bank for the Bobby Jones Expressway Extension in Aiken County from the Savannah River to I-20; and
2. The Bobby Jones Expressway Extension has been an identified Augusta Regional Transportation Study (ARTS) project since 1970; and
3. The socio-economic portion of the Original Federal Highway Administration Environmental Impact Study indicates that construction of this extension is essential to economic development in the North Augusta, Belvedere, and Clearwater areas of Aiken County; and
4. Projected increases in manufacturing and service industries indicate a need for higher capacity roads and safer highway facilities that can handle increased commuter travel as well as commercial traffic for shipping and receiving goods and raw materials; and
5. Traffic on existing roads (US 1, US 25, and SC 125) is projected to exceed the roads' capacities in a few years, adding to safety problems for motorists; and
6. The voters of Aiken County have endorsed this project by approving a local option sales tax which will provide the local match for this project.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE AIKEN COUNTY COUNCIL THAT:

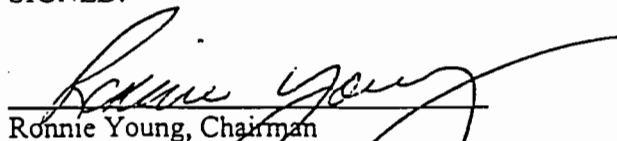
1. Construction of the Bobby Jones Expressway Extension is essential to economic development in the North Augusta, Belvedere, and Clearwater areas of Aiken County.
2. The Aiken County Council urges the South Carolina Infrastructure Bank to approve Aiken County's request for funding for the Bobby Jones Expressway Extension.

Adopted at the regular meeting of Aiken County Council on December 19, 2000.

ATTEST:

  
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Susan Pate, Council Clerk

SIGNED:

  
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Ronnie Young, Chairman

IMPACT STATEMENT:

COUNCIL VOTE: Unanimous

**DOCUMENT 2**  
**CITY OF NORTH AUGUSTA LETTER**  
**AND RESOLUTION**

December 19, 2000

Ms. Joan Wilson  
Acting County Administrator  
828 Richland Avenue, West  
Aiken, SC 29801

Dear Joan:

At its regular meeting of December 18, 2000, the Mayor and City Council for the City of North Augusta unanimously adopted Resolution No. 2000-31 supporting the extension and completion of the Bobby Jones Expressway and supporting Aiken County's application for financial assistance as submitted to the State Infrastructure Bank. Please find a copy of the adopted resolution enclosed.

If North Augusta can be of further assistance, please let us know.

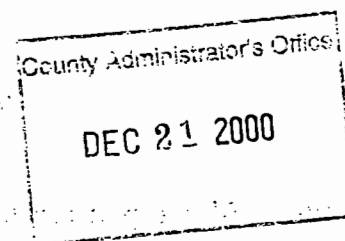
Sincerely,



Charles B. Martin  
City Administrator

CBM:dby

Enclosure



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RESOLUTION NO. 2001-04  
TO REQUEST THAT THE SOUTH CAROLINA TRANSPORTATION  
INFRASTRUCTURE BANK APPROVE AIKEN COUNTY'S  
REQUEST FOR FUNDING TO SUPPORT THE  
COUNTYWIDE TRANSPORTATION CAPITAL PROJECTS PROGRAM

WHEREAS, Aiken County, the City of North Augusta, and the City of Aiken have identified the need for countywide capital improvements to improve highway safety in the County, meet the current and future transportation needs of the County, and to promote economic development through improved transportation facilities; and

WHEREAS, the residents of Aiken County have expressed their support for a countywide capital improvement program by approving a Capital Projects Sales Tax referendum that provides \$54.6 million for capital projects over a seven year period; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the capital projects funded by the Capital Projects Sales Tax, Aiken County and the Cities of North Augusta and Aiken have funded additional capital projects designed to support economic development with improved transportation facilities; and

WHEREAS, the transportation projects are described in Attachment "A" to this resolution; and

WHEREAS, these projects provide public benefits to the residents of Aiken County by reducing traffic congestion, improving highway safety, and promoting economic development through improved access to existing industries and potential development; and

WHEREAS, while the capital projects to be undertaken with the sales tax and other local funding are critical to the future of Aiken County, the City of North Augusta, and the City of Aiken, they do not address all of the immediate capital needs in the County; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the projects to be completed with the sales tax and other local funding, identified transportation needs include completion of the Bobby Jones Expressway (I-520) in Aiken County; and

WHEREAS, completion of the Bobby Jones Expressway will provide public benefits to the residents of Aiken County, the City of North Augusta, and the City of Aiken by reducing traffic congestion, improving highway safety, and promoting economic development through improved access to existing industries and potential development sites.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of North Augusta in meeting duly assembled and by the authority thereof that:

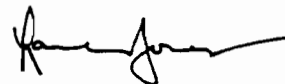
The City of North Augusta supports and recommends for approval the application to the South Carolina Transportation Infrastructure Bank for additional funding to support the Bobby Jones Expressway (I-520) project that is included in the countywide transportation capital projects program.



RESOLUTION REQUESTING FUNDING TO SUPPORT THE COUNTYWIDE  
TRANSPORTATION CAPITAL PROJECTS PROGRAM

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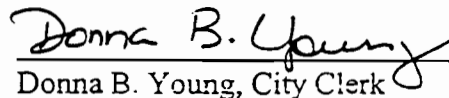
DONE, RATIFIED AND ADOPTED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY  
COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH AUGUSTA, SOUTH CAROLINA, ON THIS 5<sup>th</sup>  
DAY OF February, 2001.



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Lark W. Jones, Mayor

ATTEST:



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Donna B. Young, City Clerk



**DOCUMENT 3**  
**CITY OF AIKEN LETTER**  
**AND RESOLUTION**



# City of Aiken

Post Office Box 1177  
Aiken, S.C. 29802

March 25, 1998



Ms. Jeanene Knapp  
Aiken County Planning Department  
1680 Richland Avenue W., Suite 130  
Aiken, SC 29801

Dear Jeanene:

At the City Council meeting on March 9, 1998, the Aiken City Council voted to support the application for funding of the Bobby Jones Expressway Extension through the State Infrastructure Bank of South Carolina.

This should be a very positive project for this community, and we are looking forward to successful funding and completion.

Sincerely,

Fred B. Cavanaugh  
Mayor

FBC/eh/L\ARTS3/CMANAGER

Attachment: Resolution



# City of Aiken

Post Office Box 1177  
Aiken, S.C. 29802

RESOLUTION



ENDORING THE AIKEN COUNTY COUNCIL APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO THE STATE INFRASTRUCTURE BANK FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE BOBBY JONES EXPRESSWAY EXTENSION IN THE NORTH AUGUSTA, BELVEDERE, AND CLEARWATER AREAS OF AIKEN COUNTY.

WHEREAS, Aiken County Council has submitted a financial assistance application to the State Infrastructure Bank for The Bobby Jones Expressway Extension; and

WHEREAS, the Bobby Jones Expressway Extension has been an identified Augusta Regional Transportation Study (ARTS) project since 1970; and

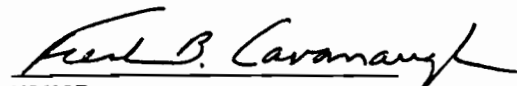
WHEREAS, the socio-economic portion of the original Federal Highway Administration Environmental Impact Study indicates that construction of the Bobby Jones Expressway Extension is essential to economic development in the North Augusta, Belvedere, and Clearwater areas of Aiken County; and

WHEREAS, the Aiken City Council supports the Aiken County Council application for financial assistance to build the Bobby Jones Expressway Extension as submitted to the State Infrastructure Bank.


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE AIKEN CITY COUNCIL that

1. Construction of the Bobby Jones Expressway Extension is essential to economic development in the North Augusta, Belvedere, and Clearwater areas of Aiken County.
2. The Aiken City Council supports the Aiken County Council application for financial assistance to build the Bobby Jones Expressway Extension as submitted to the State Infrastructure Bank.

Adopted by the Council of the City of Aiken on the 9th day of March, 1998.

  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
CITY CLERK

**DOCUMENT 4**  
**CITY OF AUGUSTA LETTER**



## OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

BOB YOUNG, MAYOR

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530 GREENE STREET, AUGUSTA, GA 30911  
(706) 821-1831 - FAX (706) 821-1838  
E-MAIL: mayoryoung@co.richmond.ga.us

January 26, 2001

Ms. Joan Wilson  
Interim County Administrator  
Aiken County  
828 Richland Ave., West  
Aiken, SC 29801

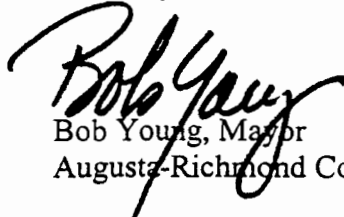
Dear Ms. Wilson:

Augusta-Richmond County would like to express its support of Aiken County's application to the South Carolina Transportation Infrastructure Bank. We support your efforts to complete the Bobby Jones Expressway, I-520 around the urban area.

We feel that the expressway will provide an economic development corridor for South Carolina similar to the economic development corridor along the Georgia portion of the roadway. Augusta-Richmond County has over two million square feet of retail space alone at intersections near the Bobby Jones Expressway. It has also encouraged office space and industrial space growth as well (see attached list). By its location near the expressway, it is clear that this development is a result of the construction of the Bobby Jones Expressway. This development has significantly strengthened Augusta's role as the economic center of this area.

The completion of this interstate highway will benefit the citizens of both our States by improving the flow of goods and services throughout the area. Again, we support your efforts to complete this much-needed roadway.

Sincerely,

  
Bob Young, Mayor  
Augusta-Richmond County

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County Administrator's Office

JAN 29 2001

**DOCUMENT 5**  
**AIKEN COUNTY CHAMBER OF**  
**COMMERCE LETTER**



January 22, 2001

Mr. Ronnie Young, Chairman  
Aiken County Council  
736 Richland Avenue, W  
Aiken, SC 29801

Dear Chairman Young:

The Aiken Chamber of Commerce would like to reaffirm its previous support for the expansion of the Bobby Jones Expressway through Aiken County. We do so premised on the belief that completion of this project will significantly enhance the regional transportation infrastructure, a factor critical to the continued economic development of the CSRA.

I-520, the designated interstate highway loop around the Aiken-Augusta Metropolitan Area, is essentially complete in Georgia. The Georgia Department of Transportation has committed \$15 million to complete the road to the river and pay half the cost of the Savannah River Bridge.

A lack of funding in South Carolina has served as a major barrier to proceeding with this project in the past; however, with the recent voter approval of the One-Cent Local Option Sales Tax in Aiken County, a new source of funding has been created to supplement a contribution from the South Carolina Infrastructure Bank. The Aiken County voters were well aware that \$15 million of sales tax proceeds would be used to support completion of the Bobby Jones Project.

Boosting economic development, easing traffic congestion and increasing safety margins, are just a few of the reasons we offer this support and request the South Carolina Infrastructure Bank give favorable consideration for Aiken County's application for funding the completion of the Bobby Jones Expressway.

Sincerely,



Steve Sucher  
Chair of the Board

County Administrator's Office

JAN 25 2001

cc: Senator Thomas L. Moore  
Senator Greg Ryberg  
Senator Nikki G. Setzler  
Representative Skipper Perry  
Representative Don Smith

Representative Charles Sharpe  
Representative William Clyburn  
Representative J. Roland Smith



**DOCUMENT 6**  
**GREATER NORTH AUGUSTA CHAMBER OF**  
**COMMERCE POSITION STATEMENT**



P. O. Box 6246  
North Augusta, SC 29861-6246

December 14, 2000

Mr. Ronnie Young, Chairman  
Aiken County Council  
736 Richland Avenue West  
Aiken, SC 29801

Dear Chairman Young,

The North Augusta Chamber of Commerce wholly supports the completion of the Bobby Jones Expressway Extension in South Carolina. We are pleased to learn that Aiken County will be re-submitting an application to the South Carolina Transportation Infrastructure Bank to assist in the funding of this project.

Enclosed you will find the position statement of the North Augusta Chamber of Commerce regarding the Bobby Jones Expressway Extension, which was adopted on February 15, 2000. We see this project through Aiken County as a critical element in managed growth and development of the Central Savannah River Area. For North Augusta, the project will facilitate "smart growth" development in North Augusta and Augusta, serve the expanding North Augusta Riverfront area, reduce traffic on crowded arterial roadways and significantly improve access to I-20.

The North Augusta, Aiken and Midland Valley Chambers of Commerce worked diligently to ensure the passage of the Local Option Sales Tax, which will provide the matching funds necessary to move forward with this project.

Aiken County is to be commended on your unrelenting pursuit to make this project a reality. The North Augusta Chamber of Commerce strongly supports your efforts and will assist in any way to see this project to completion.

Sincerely,

Lisa M. Thomas  
Executive Director

County Administrator's Office

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P. O. Box 6246  
North Augusta, SC 29861-6246

**Position Statement:  
Bobby Jones Expressway Extension**

**North Augusta Chamber of Commerce  
February 15, 2000**

The Greater North Augusta Chamber of Commerce strongly supports the completion of the Bobby Jones Expressway Extension in South Carolina. One of the few unfinished Interstate Highway links in the nation, the South Carolina extension of I-520 through Aiken County is a critical element in managed growth and development of the Central Savannah River Area. The project will improve access to major destinations on both sides of the Savannah River and facilitate desirable economic development in the region.

The Bobby Jones Expressway will facilitate "smart growth" infill development in North Augusta and Augusta, serve the expanding North Augusta Riverfront area, reduce traffic on crowded arterial roadways and significantly improve access to I-20. Additionally, transportation safety will be enhanced for anticipated future mission at the Savannah River Site.

The North Augusta Chamber of Commerce supports and encourages the States of South Carolina and Georgia, Aiken County and the Cities of North Augusta and Aiken to secure the funding necessary to complete the project.

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**DOCUMENT 7**  
**AUGUSTA-RICHMOND COUNTY**  
**PLANNING COMMISSION LETTER**



AUGUSTA-RICHMOND COUNTY  
PLANNING COMMISSION  
GEORGE A. PATTY  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
J. RANDAL HALL  
CHAIRPERSON  
525 GREENE STREET  
AUGUSTA, GEORGIA 30901  
PHONE: (706) 821-1796  
FAX: (706) 821-1806  
[www.co.richmond.ga.us/planz](http://www.co.richmond.ga.us/planz)

January 29, 2001

Ms. Joan Wilson  
Interim County Administrator  
Aiken County  
828 Richland Ave., West  
Aiken, SC 29801

Dear Ms. Wilson:

On behalf of the Policy Committee of the Augusta Regional Transportation Study, I would like to express our support of Aiken County's application to the South Carolina Transportation Infrastructure Bank for the Bobby Jones Expressway, I-520. This project has been a top priority in the MPO for more than thirty years.

The Policy Committee of the Augusta Regional Transportation Study includes representatives for each unit of government in the Augusta urban area. In total, fourteen units of government are represented on the Committee. The Policy Committee's support of this project therefore underlines its importance to the region.

According to our traffic studies, the Bobby Jones Expressway extension into South Carolina will prevent many area roads from operating over their capacity in the near future. It will also improve the flow of traffic as well as goods and services around the urbanized area. For these reasons, we feel the Bobby Jones Express extension into South Carolina plays a vital part in meeting our transportation needs.

If we can be of further assistance to you in this endeavor, please feel free to contact us. Again, you have our full support in your efforts to secure funding for the completion of the Bobby Jones Expressway.

Sincerely,

George A. Patty  
Executive Director

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**DOCUMENT 8**  
**SAVANNAH RIVER REGIONAL DIVERSIFICATION**  
**INITIATIVE RESOLUTION**



# SAVANNAH RIVER REGIONAL DIVERSIFICATION INITIATIVE

P.O. Box 696, Aiken, South Carolina 29802, (803) 593-9954 ext. 1409 FAX (803) 593-4296

*Two States One Future*

## MEMORANDUM

December 14, 2000

TO: South Carolina Infrastructure Bank

FROM: Savannah River Regional Diversification Initiative (SRRDI)  
Board of Directors

SUBJECT: Resolution in Support of the Bobby Jones Expressway Extension

## RESOLUTION

### WHEREAS:

1. Aiken County has submitted a financial assistance application to the South Carolina Infrastructure Bank for the Bobby Jones Expressway Extension in Aiken County from the Savannah River to I-20; and
2. The Bobby Jones Expressway Extension has been an identified Augusta Regional Transportation Study (ARTS) project since 1970; and
3. The socio-economic portion of the Original Federal Highway Administration Environmental Impact Study indicates that construction of this extension is essential to economic development in the North Augusta, Belvedere, and Clearwater areas of Aiken County; and
4. Projected increases in manufacturing and service industries indicate a need for higher capacity roads and safer highway facilities that can handle increased commuter travel as well as commercial traffic for shipping and receiving goods and raw materials; and
5. Traffic on existing roads (US 1, US 25, and SC 125) is projected to exceed the roads' capacity in a few years, adding to safety problems for motorists; and
6. The voters of Aiken County have endorsed this project by approving a local option sales tax which will provide the local match for this project; and
7. The Savannah River Regional Diversification Initiative (SRRDI) Board of Directors supports the completion of this project as soon as possible.

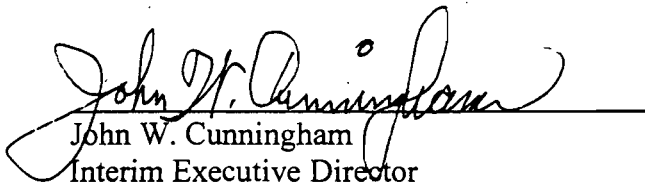


**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SRRDI BOARD OF DIRECTORS:**

1. Construction of the Bobby Jones Expressway Extension is essential to economic development in the North Augusta, Belvedere, and Clearwater areas of Aiken County.
2. The SRRDI Board of Directors fully supports the construction of the Bobby Jones Expressway Extension from the Savannah River to I-20 in South Carolina.
3. The SRRDI Board of Directors urges the South Carolina Infrastructure Bank to approve Aiken County's application for funding for this project.

Adopted at the regular meeting of the SRRDI Board of Directors on December 14, 2000.

SIGNED FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John W. Cunningham", is written over a horizontal line.

John W. Cunningham  
Interim Executive Director  
Savannah River Regional Diversification Initiative (SRRDI)

**DOCUMENT 9**  
**LOWER SAVANNAH COUNCIL OF**  
**GOVERNMENTS RESOLUTION**

**RESOLUTION**  
**SUPPORTING**  
**AIKEN COUNTY'S REQUEST FOR FUNDING TO SUPPORT**  
**COUNTYWIDE TRANSPORTATION CAPITAL PROJECTS**

WHEREAS, Aiken County, the City of North Augusta and the City of Aiken have identified the need for countywide capital improvements to improve highway safety in the County, meet the current and future transportation needs of the County and to promote economic development through improved transportation facilities; and

WHEREAS, the residents of Aiken County have expressed their support for a countywide capital improvement program by approving a Capital Projects Sales Tax referendum that provides \$54.6 million for capital projects over a seven-year period; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the capital projects funded by the Capital Projects Sales Tax, Aiken County and the Cities of North Augusta and Aiken have funded additional capital projects designed to support economic development with improved transportation facilities; and

WHEREAS, the transportation projects are described in Attachment "A" to this resolution; and

WHEREAS, these projects provide public benefits to the residents of Aiken County by reducing traffic congestion, improving highway safety, and promoting economic development through improved access to existing industries and potential development; and

WHEREAS, while the capital projects to be undertaken with the sales tax and other local funding are critical to the future of Aiken County, the City of North Augusta and the City of Aiken, they do not address all of the immediate capital needs in the County; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the projects to be completed with the sales tax and other local funding, identified transportation needs include completion of the Bobby Jones Expressway (I-520) in Aiken County; and


WHEREAS, completion of the Bobby Jones Expressway will provide public benefits to the residents of Aiken County, the City of North Augusta and the City of Aiken by reducing traffic congestion, improving highway safety and promoting economic development through improved access to existing industries and potential development sites; and

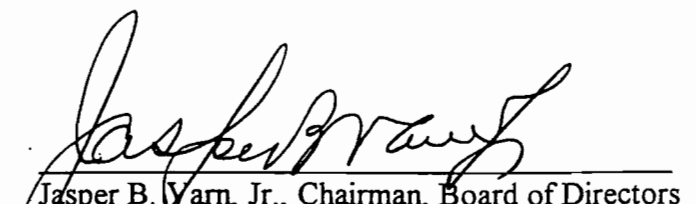
WHEREAS, these proposed improvements support and strengthen the Regional Economic Development and Transportation Planning objectives of the Lower Savannah Council of Governments.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Lower Savannah Council of Governments fully supports and recommends approval of Aiken County's application to the South Carolina Transportation Infrastructure Bank for additional funding to support the Bobby Jones Expressway (I-520) Project which is included in the Countywide Transportation Capital Projects Program.

ADOPTED BY THE LOWER SAVANNAH COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS  
THIS 8<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY 2001.

ATTEST

  
Eric P. Thompson, Executive Director  
Lower Savannah Council of Governments

  
Jasper B. Varn, Jr., Chairman, Board of Directors  
Lower Savannah Council of Governments



**DOCUMENT 10**  
**SUMMARIZATION OF AIKEN COUNTY**  
**PUBLIC HEARING COMMENTS**

## **Public Comments**

Of the twenty responses received at the public hearing for the Bobby Jones Expressway, fifteen were in support of building the project. Most of the positive comments addressed the increased mobility issue and the reduction of congestion on the US 1/US 78 corridor. Several people also commented on the potential boon to local businesses. Two or three of the positive comments noted that the Bobby Jones Expressway would make it easier for them to get to the Augusta Regional Airport.

The other five comments mostly expressed concerns for planners to investigate. They were comments concerning environmental, recreational facility, and property issues. Concerns over the cost of the proposed highway were also voiced.

In conclusion, the overall impression of the comments was to proceed with the completion of the project. The copies of the written comments will not be included because Aiken County is only authorized to use the comments internally. Actual individual comments may be requested in writing from SCDOT under the freedom of information act.

**DOCUMENT 11**  
**PRIVATE ENTERPRISE SUPPORT LETTERS**

# DSM Chemicals North America, Inc.



1 Columbia Nitrogen Road  
P.O. Box 2451, Augusta, Georgia 30903  
Telephone (706) 849-6600, Telefax (706) 849-6999

January 22, 2001

Ms. Joan Wilson  
Interim County Administrator  
Aiken County Government  
828 Richland Avenue W.  
Aiken, SC 29804

Dear Ms. Wilson:

DSM Chemicals North America, Inc. is located on the Georgia side of the Savannah in east Augusta and within sight of the current termination point of Bobby Jones Expressway. We produce caprolactam, which is an organic intermediate for making nylon, nylon polymer and ammonium sulfate. We ship substantial quantities of each from our Augusta plant including annual shipments of approximately 1500 truckloads of caprolactam to the Beaulieu plant on I-20 in Aiken County, 1200 truckloads of caprolactam to Honeywell in Columbia, SC and some 700 trucks of ammonium sulfate to various locations east on I-20.

Extension of the Bobby Jones Expressway would immediately allow these trucks to avoid travel through populated and congested areas of North Augusta and Belvedere to reach I-20 east of North Augusta. Delivery times and energy consumption would be reduced as well.

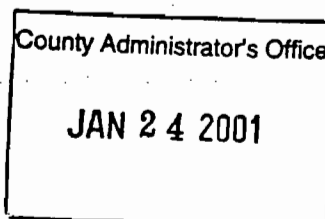
DSM Chemicals very much supports the extension of the Bobby Jones Expressway into South Carolina. We believe that direct access to the interstate system is very important to future development as well as improving upon current business conditions. It was the proximity to DSM that brought Beaulieu of America to its location along I-20 in Aiken County. Our shipments to the Honeywell plant in Columbia are a result of nylon recycle joint venture of DSM Chemicals and Honeywell that began operation on our site last year. Better and quicker access to South Carolina would be positive development for the area.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "J. W. Price".

J. W. Price  
President

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**Westinghouse**  
**Savannah River Company**  
Aiken, SC 29808



March 5, 2001

Mr. Ronnie Young, Chairman  
Aiken County Council  
828 Richland Avenue West  
Aiken, South Carolina 29804

Dear Mr. Young:

The Savannah River Site is one of the several government-owned, contractor-operated sites in the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) nuclear defense complex. The Site occupies 310 square miles in Aiken, Barnwell and Allendale counties in South Carolina, adjacent to the Savannah River. However, the Site's regional impact extends well beyond its boundaries into eight counties in South Carolina and Georgia. Through SRS employment, purchasing, education/outreach, technology transfer, business development and community assistance programs, it is estimated that between \$1.6 and \$2.7 billion of income is generated annually in the region. Westinghouse Savannah River Company (WSRC) and its partners employ approximately 12,800 employees. Of these, 4,036 reside in seven Georgia counties and travel daily through populated and congested areas of Augusta, GA and into North Augusta, SC, further adding to the existing traffic congestion and traffic related safety issues.

Westinghouse Savannah River Company strongly endorses the extension of the Bobby Jones Expressway into South Carolina. We recognize several derived benefits from the project:

- Immediate relief of traffic (especially industrial) congestion through the North Augusta and Belvedere area to reach I-20 east of North Augusta;
- A safer and more expedient route for our employees on the Georgia side of the river to and from work;
- Providing our commercial vendors/suppliers a more direct route for delivery of goods and services.

We appreciate the opportunity to comment on this issue. If we can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John N. Lindsay', written over a horizontal line.

John N. Lindsay  
Vice President and Director  
Business Development and Public Affairs

PTM/cls

cc: Skip Grkovic, City of North Augusta  
J.J. Buggy, WSRC  
Lessie B. Price, WSRC



## Chemicals

UCB Chemicals Corporation - 131 Revco Road - North Augusta, South Carolina 29841

March 1, 2001

Chairman Ronnie Young  
Aiken County Council  
Aiken County Government  
828 Richland Avenue W.  
Aiken, SC 29804

Dear Ronnie,

UCB Chemicals Corporation is located in North Augusta Industrial Park, Aiken County, South Carolina. We produce specialty polymers for the Coatings Industry. UCB Chemicals is the leading supplier of energy curable resins and monomers in the world. These products are converted from liquids to solids through exposure to ultraviolet light instead of heat. As a result they use less energy in industrial applications and are more environmentally friendly since they contain no solvents.

To serve our industry we ship and receive substantial quantities of materials by truck (approximately 50-60 truckloads per day). The majority of the trucks come to our plant via I-20/Highway 25. The extension of the Bobby Jones Expressway would allow these trucks immediate access to our site without traveling through the congested city areas of North Augusta. This would allow our trucking industry friends to improve delivery time and reduce energy consumption. UCB Chemicals believes that the extension of the Bobby Jones Expressway into South Carolina is key to improving business conditions and future growth.

We have seen an exceptional amount of support and commitment from the Aiken County Council, SC Economic Development and the SC Department of Commerce since our arrival in North Augusta.

We support the Bobby Jones Expressway Extension into South Carolina and are counting on the Aiken County Council's actions to help make it a reality.

Sincerely,

Michael P. O'Brien  
Vice President

Cc: Charles Martin  
Skip Garkovic, City of NA

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**TTX COMPANY**  
**HAMBURG DIVISION**  
1 HAMBURG ROAD  
NORTH AUGUSTA, SOUTH CAROLINA 29841  
(803) 279-1922  
FAX (803) 278-1280

March 6, 2001

Chairman Ronnie Young  
Aiken County Council  
Aiken County Government  
828 Richland Avenue W.  
Aiken, SC 29804

Dear Chairman Young:

TTX Company – SRD – Hamburg is located next to the Norfolk Southern Railway mainline in North Augusta, South Carolina. The proposed Bobby Jones extension right of way passes in close proximity to the eastern end of our property. Hamburg is a division of TTX Company which is headquartered in Chicago, IL. TTX owns and leases a fleet of over 100,000 rail cars. At Hamburg, we perform heavy refurbishment to this fleet of cars. We estimate that approximately 4,000 truck loads of material of various types come inbound to Hamburg each year. Many of these loads travel the I-20 corridor.

It is our opinion that the extension of the Bobby Jones Expressway would allow the 4,000 referenced loads to travel a more efficient and less time consuming route to Hamburg. State roads would receive less wear and tear and routing would be more simple.

TTX – Hamburg supports the extension of Bobby Jones Expressway into South Carolina. Not only would the extension allow for more efficient flow of materials to our facility but we believe the extension area would receive substantial economic development benefits.

Yours truly,

Charles C. Taylor  
General Manager

**DOCUMENT 12**  
**E-MAIL TEXT FROM S.C.**  
**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

-----Original Message-----

From: Liese Ross [mailto:LSTEARNS@commerce.state.sc.us]  
Sent: Thursday, March 08, 2001 4:51 PM  
To: 'Fred Humes'  
Subject: RE: Bobby Jones Expressway

Fred,  
After our initial conversation about Aiken's Infrastructure Bank application, and per your request for a letter from the Coordinating Council in support of the Bobby Jones Expressway, I did some checking to see what role, if any, the Coordinating Council has played relative to the Infrastructure Bank.

The Council's policy has been to take no position on projects applying for the Infrastructure Bank financing. Per Section 11-43-180 (B) 6, the Board may, among other factors, consider "whether the governing bodies of the county or the incorporated municipality in which the project is to be located provides to the bank a resolution which makes a finding that the project is essential to economic development in the political subdivisions, or the bank receives a resolution or certificate from the Advisory Coordinating Council for Economic Development of the Department of Commerce that the project is essential to economic development in the State, or both, at the option of the board." Since certification by CCED falls in the category of additional criteria the Board may consider, since it is just one of two options for such certification (the other being a local resolution), and since it is not required of Infrastructure Bank applicants, the Council has opted not to involve itself in the Infrastructure Bank application process.

The Council does in general support all projects that stand to enhance the economic development potential of South Carolina counties, cities, towns and regions, and on behalf of the Council, I wish the community of Aiken success with this important project.

Liese S. Ross  
Liese S. Ross  
Program Director  
SC Department of Commerce  
Division of Global Business Finance  
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**DOCUMENT 13**  
**NEWSPAPER ARTICLE**

# Building proposal offered

*Property company asks North Augusta to approve request that would lead to 1,470-acre development*

**By Josh Gelinas**  
*Staff Writer*

It's not often that a city votes to develop more than 12 percent of its total area.

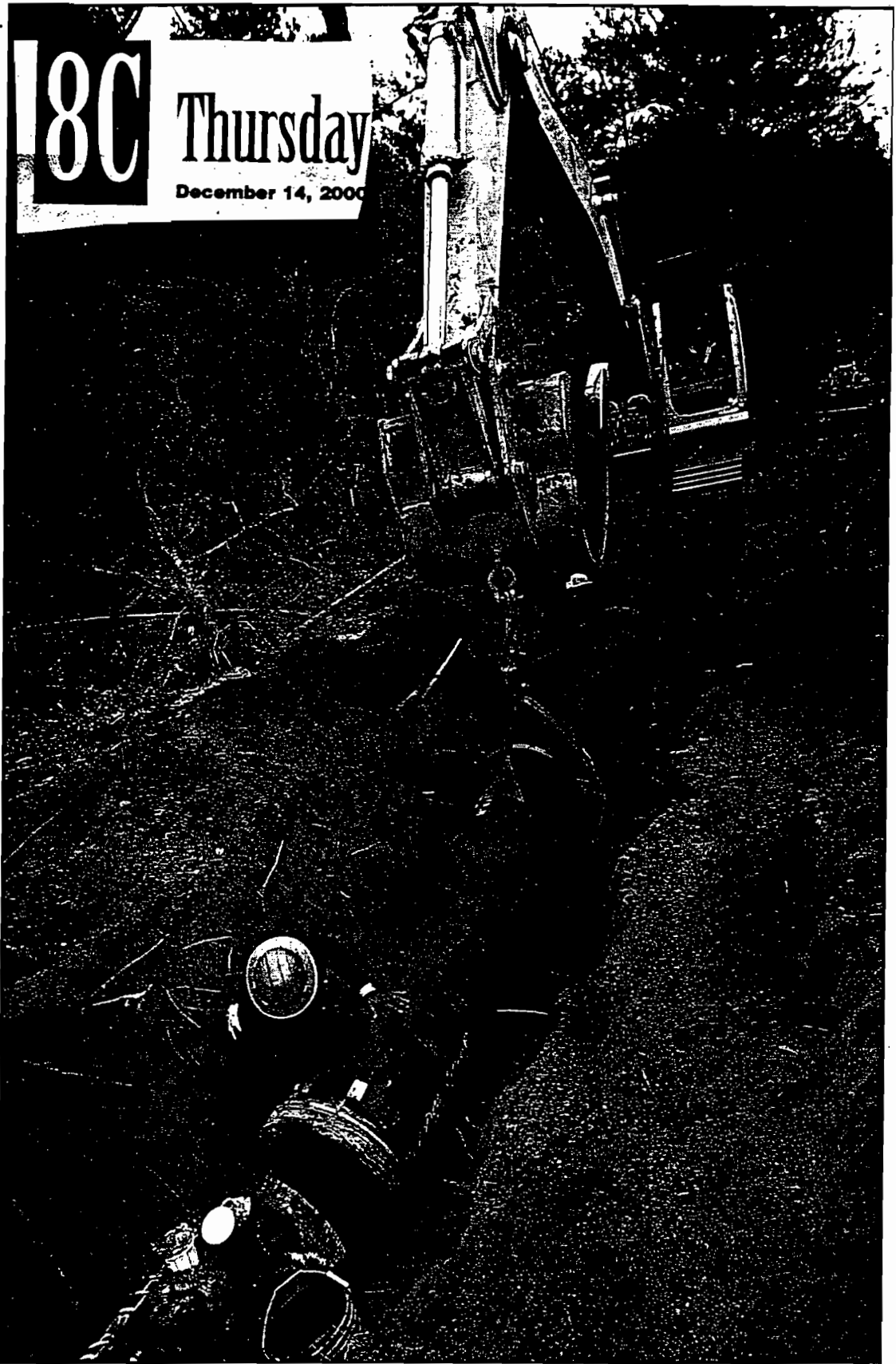
But in coming weeks, North Augusta is likely to approve a zoning request that would allow for just that. City officials are ironing out details that would lead to the development of approximately 1,470 of its 11,800 acres. The plot is northeast of the city's downtown.

The parcel of land known as the Blanchard Tract - so called because it was owned by George Blanchard until 1985 - has been dormant since its annexation by North Augusta 15 years ago. Now, new owners are ready to move ahead.

Triple Crown Properties LLC, of Ninety-Six, S.C., has plans for the acreage, including an 18-hole golf course, construction of about 3,500 homes - ranging from \$200,000 up to \$1 million in price - and more than 200 acres of light industrial and commercial use.

Triple Crown estimates the Blanchard Tract development, located between Ascauga Lake and Oldudlow Lake roads and U.S. Highway 25, would be worth roughly \$500 million when complete. But that is rejected for 20 years down the line.

Triple Crown purchased the Blanchard Tract about two years ago from the Canal Land Co., which bought the land from George Blanchard in 1985, according to Mr. Blanchard's great-grandson Tom



JONATHAN ERNST/STAFF

**A utilities crew installs a 24-inch water main on the 1,470-acre Blanchard Tract in North Augusta. A property company seeks to develop a golf course, 3,500 housing units and commercial areas.**

*Please see* **PROPERTY** *on* **11C**

# Proerty: City notes potential

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Blanchard III, of the Blanchard & Calhoun Real Estate Co. in Augusta.

A Triple Crown representative said development of the property, will be "upscale."

"North Augusta is a beautiful place," said Larry Redd, who shares principle ownership of Triple Crown with his son Cliff. "They seem to take pride in their property. We want to be an asset to them and not a liability."

Should North Augusta's Planning and Zoning commission decide to rezone the property from residential use to a planned development district, the ordinance change will be passed to city council for approval. With the council's blessing, construction could begin.

Planning and Zoning will meet at 7 p.m. today at council chambers, 400 E. Buena Vista Ave., to discuss the change.

"This development has been anticipated for 15 years," said Skip Grkovic, director of economic and community development. "On the front end, it will probably cost a little more than we receive in revenues. But by the same token, we've been collecting taxes on that property for 15 years."

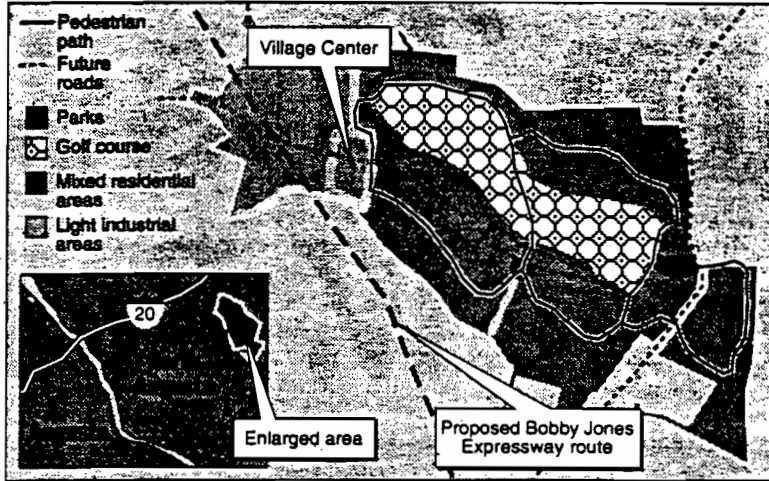
Commercial development would provide a positive revenue base for North Augusta, but more importantly, Mr. Grkovic said, it would bring jobs and services needed in the area. City officials have not projected the revenue potential of the developed property.

Mr. Redd said Triple Crown hopes to begin construction as soon as possible in 2001. The company is receiving assistance with land planning from Cranston, Robertson & Whitehurst P.C. of Augusta. Windsor-Aughtry Co. Inc. of Greenville, S.C., is marketing the project.

North Augusta is currently constructing a 24-inch water main that traverses the Blanchard property, in addition to a sewer line. The water main should be completed this spring, with sewer line completion estimated for

## Big growth in North Augusta

North Augusta officials are considering rezoning 1,470 acres known as the Blanchard tract, which would allow Triple Crown properties to construct a golf course and about 3,500 homes. The project is valued at close to \$500 million.



Source: North Augusta Planning Commission

NASSAB AHMADIE/STAFF

June 2003, Director of Public Utilities Mark Tate said.

Mr. Tate said development of the Blanchard Tract would not strain water or sewer service in North Augusta. The cost to the city for the water line will be \$1.6 million. The sewer line, which will serve parts of North Augusta, Edgefield, Aiken and Saluda counties, will cost \$6.5 million. North Augusta's share of that cost is \$2.9 million.

Blanchard Tract developers said the current plan is conceptual, and concerns on behalf of the city and its residents would be heard.

"We've listened to concerns of North Augusta residents, and we're sensitive to their requests," said Harrison Forrester, a real estate and development broker with Windsor-Aughtry. "We have intentions of having restrictive covenants on what goes in there."

Development would start with a four-lane "spine" road built in phases through the middle of the property, running from Old Sudlow Lake Road to U.S. Highway 25, according to a general development plan prepared by Cranston, Robertson & Whitehurst. It would be progressively developed from west to east.

Beginning construction of the tract's central roadway would be accompanied by light industrial growth, followed by a single family residential development. A third phase would include more residential construction and subsequently a golf course, town center and completion of the "spine road."

Approximately 300 acres is allotted to the golf course, 900 to residential construction, 200 to light industrial and 20 to the village center.

Triple Crown has granted North Augusta 28.1 acres for five parks on the tract, and 3.5 acres for construction of a city public safety facility. Developers plan to link the five parks, residential areas and golf course with a pedestrian path.

Mr. Grkovic praised Triple Crown's plan, saying it would increase the city's residential base.

"This is a good project," he said. "These guys know what they're doing and how to go about it."

"The proximity of this property to I-20 and the potential for Bobby Jones to go through here make this property ripe to industrial development."

Residents who live near the Blanchard Tract are not as sure. At an earlier meeting, some voiced concerns about traffic, pollution and buffer zones between homes and coming industry.

"At the time any large-scale development is proposed, you will get the same response," Mr. Grkovic said. "You'll get the same concerns expressed over traffic volume, demand for schools and a lot of other different things."

"The reason we go this process right now, this plan development process, is to identify all of those issues - what the costs and the impacts are going to be - and then deal with them throughout the process."

REACH Josh Geinas at (706) 823-3218...



**DOCUMENT 14**  
**PRIVATE LAND DONATION**  
**APPENDIX B DOCUMENT 9**

## **APPENDIX B**

### **FINANCIAL PLAN**

- **Document 1 – Resolution No. 00-11-212**
- **Document 2 – Official Election Results**
- **Document 3 – Ordinance No. 00-08-23**
- **Document 4 – S.C. Department of Revenue**
- **Document 5 – Minutes of Aiken County Meetings**
- **Document 6 – Aiken County Council Letter**
- **Document 7 – Georgia Department of Transportation Letter**
- **Document 8 – S. C. Department of Transportation Letter**
- **Document 9 – Two Letters of Intent**

**DOCUMENT 1**  
**RESOLUTION NO. 00-11-212**



**AIKEN COUNTY COUNCIL**  
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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF AIKEN

I, Susan R. Pate, do hereby certify that I am the  
Clerk to Aiken County Council, Aiken, South Carolina,  
and that the enclosed Resolution 00-11-212, is a  
true and correct copy of the Resolution adopted by said  
Council during its Regular Meeting of November 21, 2000 as  
such Resolution appears on record in the minutes of said  
Council.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Susan R. Pate", is written over a horizontal line.

Susan R. Pate, Council Clerk

(SEAL)

Sponsor(s) : County Council  
Committee Referral : N/A  
Committee Consideration Date : N/A  
Committee Recommendation : N/A  
Effective Date : November 22, 2000

RESOLUTION NO. 00-11-212

COUNCIL ADMINISTRATOR FORM OF GOVERNMENT FOR AIKEN COUNTY

(To Declare the Results of a Referendum Held on November 7, 2000, in Aiken County, South Carolina, for the Purpose of Determining Whether or Not a One Percent Sales and Use Tax Should be Imposed in Aiken County for Not More Than Seven Years to Raise the Sum of \$54,600,000 the Proceeds of Which Would be Expended for Road Improvements Pursuant to the Capital Project Sales Tax Act.)

WHEREAS:

1. The Aiken County Council has received a certification of the Registration/Elections Commission for Aiken County certifying that a Referendum was conducted on November 7, 2000, in Aiken County, South Carolina, for the purpose of determining whether or not a one percent sales and use tax should be imposed in Aiken County for not more than seven years to raise the sum of \$54,600,000 the proceeds of which would be expended for road improvements in Aiken County, which election resulted favorably on the question of the imposition of such sales and use tax pursuant to the Capital Project Sales Tax Act; and
2. The Aiken County Council has reviewed the proceedings and actions taken by the Registration/Elections Commission for Aiken County in order to ascertain that the Referendum on the imposition of a one percent sales and use tax was duly and properly held and conducted.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE AIKEN COUNTY COUNCIL THAT:

1. As an incident to the adoption of this Resolution, the Council finds that the facts set forth in the recitals hereof, as the preamble hereto, and the statements therein made, are true and correct.
2. A Referendum was held in the area of Aiken County, South Carolina, on November 7, 2000, at which the following question was presented to the qualified electors of Aiken County:

Must a special one percent sales and use tax be imposed in Aiken County for not more than seven (7) years to raise the amounts specified for the following purposes:

1. \$18,313,285 for County Road Paving Improvements – Pave approximately 90 miles of unpaved State and County Roads, including the following roads:
  - Square Circle Road (C-9)
  - Mt. Zion Road (C-15)
  - Fields Cemetary Road (C-16)
  - Old Graniteville Road (C-17)
  - Springdale Road (C-22)
  - Sandy Ridge Road (C-23)
  - Tomahawk Drive (C-33)
  - Avalon Lane (C-48)
  - Powerhouse Road (C-51)
  - Bradleyville Road (C-52)
  - Hancock Road (C-131)
  - Washboard Road (C-132)
  - Confederate Road (C-135)
  - Waterwheel Road (S-137)

Mayfield Road (C-138)  
Olive Heights Road (C-162)  
Gum Swamp Road (C-201)  
Westbrook Road (C-205)  
Blackstone Camp Road (C-219)  
Nantuckett Road (S-243)  
Boyd Pond Road (C-246)  
Bethcar Church Road (S-246)  
Redcliffe Road (C-244)  
Briar Patch Lane (C-257)  
Flowing Well Road (S-264)  
Anderson Pond Road (C-274)  
Medwell Hill Road (C-376)  
Mull Street (C-398)  
Andrew Circle (C-493)  
Pitts Branch Road (C-511)  
Cummings Road (C-519)  
Satcher Pond Road (C-520)  
Keys Pond Road (C-540)  
Fulmer Road (C-546)  
Cumbee Trail Road (C-549)  
Cato Road (C-587)  
Old Chalk Bed Road (C-632)  
Gunter Pond Road (C-650)  
Browns Pond Road (C-683)  
Vantage Vale Road (C-690)  
Day Road (C-707)  
Joyce Branch Road (C-710)  
Merritts Bridge Road (C-718)  
Cedar Creek Road (C-764)  
Old Tory Trail (C-777)  
Perron Garvin Road (C-790)  
Centerwood Road (C-795)  
Cedar Branch Road (C-801)  
Big Tree Road (C-809)  
Washington Road (C-874)  
Union Academy Road (C-895)  
Union Hill Road (C-897)  
Gregory Road (C-980)  
Association Central Building Road (C-1093)  
Snipes Road (C-296)

2. \$12,451,740 for the following projects in the City of Aiken with estimated costs:  
\$1,400,000 for the paving of the following streets:  
Maple Drive (Randolph Street to Palm Drive)  
Englewood Road  
Spyglass Drive  
Glenco Lane  
Cherry Hills Drive (Englewood Road to Ridgemoor Drive)  
Northwood Drive (Woodbine Road to Bypass)  
Doral Drive  
Oakmont Lane  
Summerwood Way  
Sandshifter Court

The Alley (Laurens Street to Newberry Street)  
Stratford Drive  
Belair Terrace  
Bordeaux Place  
Cherbourg Place  
Lorraine Drive  
Burkwood Place  
Cherry Hills Drive  
Medinah Drive  
Longleaf Drive  
Longleaf Court  
Lundee Drive  
Ravenwood Court  
Whitemarsh Drive  
Round Hill Court  
Minikahda Court  
Sperrin Court  
Overlook Drive  
Thorpe Lane  
Gatewood Drive  
Ashwood Drive  
East Hedge Road  
East Boundary Avenue  
Graystone Court  
Woodbridge Drive  
Woodvale Lane  
Driftwood Court  
Sessions Drive  
Fawnwood East  
Fawnwood West  
Inwood Drive  
Buckhead Court  
Deerwood Drive (Huntsman Drive to Pine Log Road)  
Deerwood Court  
Darrien Drive  
Suffolk Drive  
Antietam Drive  
Eustis Park Avenue  
Foxwood Drive  
Greenwich Drive  
Glencarin Drive  
Donegal Drive  
Longmeadow Court  
Kings Sport Way  
King Edward Way  
Charleston Row Boulevard  
Queens Court  
Cottonwood Drive  
Bedford Place  
Casaba Drive  
Mimosa Circle  
Rhododenron Place  
Oleander Drive  
Cabinet Drive

Representative Drive  
Trail Ridge Road (Bypass to Varden Drive)  
Woods Bend  
Cadence Court  
Whitney Drive  
Riviera Court  
Calhoun Place  
Hills Woodland Drive  
Riviera Road  
Jackson Trace  
Beauregard Lane  
Redwood Drive  
Water Oak Drive  
Cobbs Way  
Spring Forrest Circle  
Partridge Drive  
Penmar Street  
Hickory Ridge Road  
Alpine Drive  
Woodruff Court  
Trail Ridge Road  
Interlachen Court East  
Interlachen Court West  
Sandstone Boulevard

\$400,000 for storm drainage project in Hitchcock Woods

\$1,700,000 for streetscape projects for the following streets:

East Richland Avenue (York Street to Bypass)  
Hampton Avenue (York Street to Horry Street)  
West Richland Avenue (Waterloo Street to Rollingwood Road)  
US 1 (Richland Avenue) (Gregg Highway to SC 421)  
Park Avenue (Highland Park Drive to Union Street)  
Pendleton Street (Hayne Avenue to Barnwell Avenue)  
Newberry Street (Barnwell Avenue to Richland Avenue)  
Chesterfield Street (Richland Avenue to Park Avenue)  
York Street (Richland Avenue to Park Avenue)  
Hayne Avenue (Pendleton Street to Waterloo Street)  
Richland Avenue West (Rollingwood Road intersection)  
Richland Avenue East (Williamsburg Street to City Limits)  
Union Street (Richland Avenue to Park Avenue)  
Hayne Avenue (Waterloo Street to Richland Avenue)  
Richland Avenue West (Rollingwood Avenue to University Pkwy)  
Kershaw Street (Richland Avenue to Hampton Avenue)  
Barnwell Avenue (Pendleton Street to Newberry Street)  
Chesterfield Street (Richland Avenue to Hampton Avenue)  
Abbeville Avenue (York Street to Sumter Street)  
York Street (Park Avenue to South Boundary Avenue)  
Laurens Street (Park Avenue to South Boundary Avenue)  
Valley Road (Richland Avenue intersection)

\$900,000 for construction of the Aiken Center for the Performing Arts

\$400,000 for construction of Public Safety Station #5

\$7,651,740 for the construction of recreational facilities



3. \$7,522,905 for the following projects within the City of North Augusta with estimated costs:
  - \$150,000 for expansion of the Recycling Center
  - \$760,000 for Riverview Park improvements
  - \$130,000 for completion of Summerfield Park
  - \$80,000 for development of Walnut Lane Park
  - \$1,600,000 for the reconstruction of various city streets
  - \$850,000 for resurfacing city streets
  - \$1,100,000 for improvements to city drainage systems
  - \$752,905 for construction of sidewalks
  - \$1,500,000 for development of the Greenway Extension
  - \$600,000 for development of the Downtown
4. \$451,466 for the following projects in the City of New Ellenton with estimated costs:
  - \$435,000 for the construction of a new Civic Center to house police, fire, city and community functions
  - \$16,466 for the paving of Evans Field walking track
5. \$327,874 for the following projects in the Town of Wagener with estimated costs:
  - \$80,000 for the renovation of the Downtown Pavilion
  - \$220,000 for improvements to the Staley Road Sewer System
  - \$22,000 for the purchase of a new police car
  - \$5,874 for beautification project for Seivern Road
6. \$299,584 for the following projects in the Town of Jackson with estimated costs:
  - \$139,584 for improvements to the Town Hall and Community Center
  - \$50,000 towards the purchase of a new fire truck
  - \$50,000 for improvements and lighting for the Town Park and baseball field
  - \$35,000 for landscaping projects for Highway 125 and Main Street
  - \$25,000 for the purchase of a tractor and related equipment for landscaping maintenance work
7. \$72,030 for the following projects in the Town of Salley with estimated costs:
  - \$6,000 for upgrading the tennis court
  - \$600 for upgrading the basketball court
  - \$25,000 for development of a walking track
  - \$9,030 for renovation of the Town Hall
  - \$31,400 for construction of permanent public restrooms
8. \$67,831 for the following projects in the Town of Burnetown with estimated costs:
  - \$4,831 for the construction of sidewalks
  - \$5,000 for improvements to recreation facilities
  - \$58,000 for construction of a community center
9. \$42,772 for the following projects in the Town of Monetta with estimated costs:
  - \$25,000 for paving Sawyer Road (C-988)
  - \$17,772 for upgrading the Community Center
10. \$33,325 for the following projects in the Town of Perry with estimated costs:
  - \$33,325 for the purchase of old railroad property and development of the property into a fitness trail and walking track and restoration of a caboose
11. \$17,188 for the following projects in the Town of Windsor with estimated costs:
  - \$17,188 for recreation projects

12. \$15,000,000 for the construction of I-520, the Bobby Jones Expressway

TOTAL COST OF ALL CAPITAL PROJECTS: \$54,600,000

YES \_\_\_\_\_  
NO \_\_\_\_\_

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS.

All qualified electors desiring to vote in favor of imposing the tax for the stated purposes shall vote "YES" and all qualified electors opposed to levying the tax shall vote "NO".

CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS ON THE USE OF SALES AND USE TAX REVENUE COLLECTED UNDER THE CAPITAL PROJECTS SALES TAX ACT:


The capital projects sales and use tax shall be used and expended for procurement, design, engineering, construction or improvement of the highways, roads, streets, drainage systems, bridges, recreation facilities, equipment, and government infrastructure listed above, including payment of such sums as may be required in connection with the issuance of revenue bonds, the proceeds of which are applied to such capital projects. Net proceeds of the capital project sales and use tax, if approved, must be expended for the purposes stated, in the priority listed above. The expenditure of revenues from the capital projects sales and use tax, if approved, shall be subject to acquisition of property, right-of-way, design and engineering considerations, funding of projects from other sources, bids in excess of project estimates, qualifications of bidders, cost overruns, financing costs, exhaustion of insufficiency of net sales and use tax revenues to complete the projects in the order and priority stated above and other unforeseen circumstances and conditions.

Council finds that the said Referendum was duly and properly held and conducted in accordance with all applicable constitutional and statutory requirements.

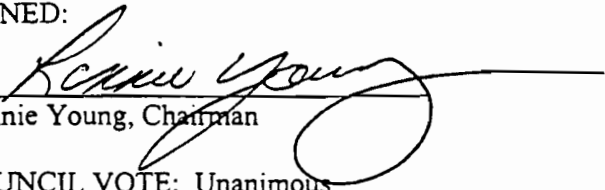
3. The said Referendum resulted favorably on the question of the imposition of a one percent sales and use tax in Aiken County for not more than seven years to raise the sum of \$54,600,000 the proceeds of which are to be expended for road improvements in Aiken County more particularly described in the Referendum question in the priority stated therein by a vote of 23,992 in favor of the question and 22,158 votes in opposition to the question. Council accordingly hereby declares that the Referendum resulted favorably on the question of the imposition of a one percent sales and use tax in Aiken County for not more than seven years to raise the amount of \$54,600,000 for the purpose stated in the Referendum question.
4. A copy of this Resolution, duly certified by the Council Clerk, shall forthwith be filed in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Aiken County, South Carolina, and a copy of this Resolution, duly certified by the Council Clerk, shall forthwith be transmitted with a copy of Aiken County Ordinance 00-8-23, duly certified by the Council Clerk to the South Carolina Department of Revenue, as provided by 4-10-310 et seq., S.C. Code Ann., as amended.

Adopted at the regular meeting of Aiken County Council on November 21, 2000.

ATTEST:

  
Susan Pate, Council Clerk

SIGNED:

  
Ronnie Young, Chairman

COUNCIL VOTE: Unanimous

**DOCUMENT 2**  
**OFFICIAL ELECTION RESULTS**

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**STUART T. BEDENBAUGH**  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
**FRANCES M. PENNINGTON**

**MEMORANDUM**

**Date:** January 10, 2001

**To:** Joan Wilson, Interim County Administrator

**From:** Stuart T. Bedenbaugh

**Re:** Requested Documents

Please find enclosed the certification paper for the November 7, 2000, General Election; the official results of the Local Option Sales Tax; and the ballot text of the Local Option Sales Tax.

If I may be of further assistance, please advise.

County Administrator's Office

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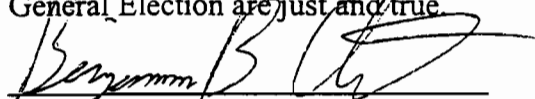
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**ACCOUNT OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF AIKEN COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA**

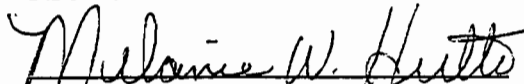
We, each one for himself, do hereby certify that the attached results of the November 7, 2000, General Election are just and true.

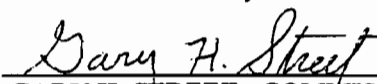
  
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GENERAL ELECTION  
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CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT NUMBER 3

==127: YES

==128: NO

LOCAL QUESTION NUMBER 1

==129: YES

==130: NO

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AIKEN #1	425	241	355	313
AIKEN #2	222	148	255	147
AIKEN #3	382	218	350	258
AIKEN #4	138	80	130	83
AIKEN #5	374	267	341	295
AIKEN #6	460	308	367	396
BATH #7	271	162	219	234
BEECH ISLAND #8	365	178	315	236
BELVEDERE #9	479	264	374	383
CAROLINA HEIGHTS #10	291	161	261	208
CHINA SPRINGS #11	332	208	280	286
CLEARWATER #12	232	123	192	167
COLLEGE ACRES #13	773	548	598	717
EUREKA #14	303	199	222	275
GLOVERVILLE #15	230	160	184	210
GRANITEVILLE #16	287	263	266	298
JACKSON #17	534	268	457	353
LANGLEY #18	324	256	247	334
LYNWOOD #19	238	159	192	220
MILLBROOK #20	630	368	546	440
MONETTA #21	246	182	179	252
MONTMORENCI #22	466	336	367	445
NEW ELLENTON #23	379	302	349	370
NEW HOLLAND #24	198	105	131	175
NORTH AUGUSTA #25	351	156	306	203
NORTH AUGUSTA #26	584	234	493	309
NORTH AUGUSTA #27	714	235	620	304
NORTH AUGUSTA #28	737	268	675	321
NORTH AUGUSTA #29	359	164	332	202
OAK GROVE #30	186	119	125	181
PERRY #31	199	155	179	182
SALLEY #32	184	111	164	136
SHAWS FORK #33	182	122	147	152
SHILOH #34	381	267	288	377
SIX POINTS #35	392	339	332	417
TABERNACLE #36	150	81	116	127
TALATHA #37	704	469	578	626
VAUCLUSE #38	174	127	135	165
WAGENER #39	397	344	343	446
WARD #40	288	223	204	302
WARRENVILLE #41	364	252	250	384
WHITE POND #42	157	126	117	174
WINDSOR #43	433	253	352	354
BELVEDERE #44	440	227	338	311
MISTY LAKES #45	431	211	372	290

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AIKEN #47		729	468	608	572
AMMOND #48		484	279	382	392
WILLOW SPRINGS #49		401	251	320	321
BREEZY HILL #50		339	279	293	352
WINDY TOWN #51		645	335	489	488
LEVELS #52		835	456	694	611
HOLLOW CREEK #53	1,403	745	1,081	1,059	
NORTH AUGUSTA #54		378	136	306	196
SOUTH AUGUSTA #55		425	156	395	196
BOUGHTON #56		317	268	247	360
REDD'S BRANCH #57		244	168	174	242
FOX CREEK #58		974	378	825	488
PINE FOREST #59		601	352	511	445
GEM LAKES #60		868	644	765	728
SILVER BLUFF #61		279	147	246	180
SELVEDERE #62		337	214	284	273
ASCAGA LAKE #63		555	284	442	352
BARRIER FREE #64		0	0	0	0
ABSENTEE #65		264	176	223	215
ABSENTEE #66		565	335	476	422
ABSENTEE #67		192	112	160	151
ABSENTEE #68		37	22	34	24
ABSENTEE #69		100	120	129	116
ABSENTEE #70		367	187	337	216
ABSENTEE #71		90	39	88	48
ABSENTEE #72		0	4	3	1
ABSENTEE #73		229	148	213	167
ABSENTEE #74		16	6	11	11
ABSENTEE #75		254	192	250	207
ABSENTEE #76		44	28	35	40
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"FAIL SAFE" #79		3	3	3	3
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Regular	26,524	15,717	22,009	20,516
Absentee	2,189	1,389	1,983	1,642
2ND US CONGRESS	7,028	4,636	5,726	6,015
3RD US CONGRESS	25,636	15,022	21,528	19,398
1ST SC SENATE #24	21,330	12,244	17,728	15,975
2ND SC SENATE #25	11,097	6,954	9,345	8,917
3RD SC SENATE #26	1,190	887	1,055	1,103
1ST SC HOUSE #81	10,866	7,051	9,061	8,937
2ND SC HOUSE #82	1,676	1,073	1,585	1,261
3RD SC HOUSE #83	7,515	3,320	6,453	4,305
4TH SC HOUSE #84	5,556	3,361	4,523	4,500
5TH SC HOUSE #86	7,650	5,179	6,075	6,962
COUNCIL SEAT 3	4,211	2,553	3,409	3,432
COUNCIL SEAT 4	5,936	2,575	5,180	3,333
COUNCIL SEAT 7	8,848	5,641	7,332	7,149
COUNCIL SEAT 8	5,472	3,493	4,712	4,400
SCHOOL BOARD 1	2,993	2,136	2,356	2,879
SCHOOL BOARD 4	4,064	1,771	3,572	2,287
SCHOOL BOARD 8	6,514	4,386	5,384	5,630
SCHOOL BOARD 9	6,635	4,046	5,446	5,207
NORTH AUGUSTA	7,515	3,320	6,453	4,305
BATH W&S	525	327	422	465

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YES 219 ➡

NO 220 ➡

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**DOCUMENT 3**  
**ORDINANCE NO. 00-08-23**



**AIKEN COUNTY COUNCIL**  
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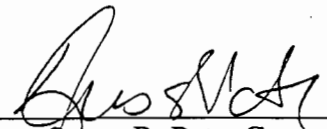
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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF AIKEN

I, Susan R. Pate, do hereby certify that I am the  
Clerk to Aiken County Council, Aiken, South Carolina,  
and that the enclosed Ordinance 00-08-23, is a  
true and correct copy of the Ordinance adopted by said  
Council during its Regular Meeting of August 8, 2000 as  
such Ordinance appears on record in the minutes of said  
Council.

  
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Susan R. Pate, Council Clerk

(SEAL)

Sponsor(s) : County Council  
 First Reading : July 18, 2000  
 Committee Referral : N/A  
 Committee Consideration Date : N/A  
 Committee Recommendation : N/A  
 Second Reading : August 1, 2000  
 Public Hearing : August 1, 2000  
 Third Reading : August 8, 2000  
 Effective Date : August 9, 2000

I [Signature]  
 Clerk to Council, certify that  
 this was advertised for Public  
 hearing on 7/14/2000

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COUNCIL ADMINISTRATOR FORM OF GOVERNMENT FOR AIKEN COUNTY

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14. The gross proceeds of sales of tangible personal property delivered after the imposition date of the tax levied under this article in a county, either under the terms of a construction contract executed before the imposition date, culminating in a construction contract entered into before or after the imposition date, are exempt from the sales and use tax provided in this article if a verified copy of the contract is filed with the Department of Revenue within six months after the imposition date of the sales and use tax provided for in this Ordinance.
15. Notwithstanding the imposition date of the sales and use tax authorized pursuant to this section, with respect to services that are billed regularly on a monthly basis, the sales and use tax authorized pursuant to this article is imposed beginning on the first day of the billing period beginning on or after the imposition date.
16. The revenues of the tax collected under this Ordinance must be remitted to the South Carolina Department of Revenue and placed on deposit with the State Treasurer and credited to a fund separate and distinct from the general fund of the State. After deducting the amount of any refunds made and costs to the Department of Revenue of administering the tax, not to exceed one percent of such revenues, the State Treasurer shall distribute the revenues quarterly to the County Treasurer in the County area in which the tax is imposed and the revenue must be used only for the purposes stated in the imposition Ordinance. The State Treasurer may correct misallocations by adjusting subsequent distributions, but these distributions must be made in the same fiscal year as the misallocation.
17. The Department of Revenue shall furnish data to the State Treasurer and the Aiken County Treasurer for the purpose of calculating distributions and estimating revenues. The information which must be supplied to counties and municipalities upon request includes, but is not limited to, gross receipts, net taxable sales, and tax liability to taxpayers. Information about a specific taxpayer is considered confidential and is governed by the provisions of South Carolina Code Ann. Section 12-54-240. Any person violating the provisions of this section shall be subject to the penalties provided for in South Carolina Code Ann., Section 12-54-240.
18. The Registration and Election Commission of Aiken County shall conduct a referendum on the question of imposing a capital projects sales and use tax in the area of Aiken County on Tuesday, November 7, 2000, between the hours of 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. under the election laws of the State of South Carolina. mutates mutandis. The Aiken County Registration and Election Commission shall publish in a newspaper of general circulation the question that is to appear on the ballot, with the list of capital projects and the cost of projects, and shall publish such election and other notices as are required by law.
19. The referendum question to be on the ballot of the referendum to be held in Aiken County on November 7, 2000, must read substantially as follows:

Must a special one percent sales and use tax be imposed in Aiken County for not more than seven (7) years to raise the amounts specified for the following purposes:

1. \$18,313,285 for County Road Paving Improvements – Pave approximately 90 miles of unpaved State and County Roads, including the following roads:
  - Square Circle Road (C-9)
  - Mt. Zion Road (C-15)
  - Fields Cemetary Road (C-16)
  - Old Graniteville Road (C-17)

Springdale Road (C-22)  
 Sandy Ridge Road (C-23)  
 Tomahawk Drive (C-33)  
 Avalon Lane (C-48)  
 Powerhouse Road (C-51)  
 Bradleyville Road (C-52)  
 Hancock Road (C-131)  
 Washboard Road (C-132)  
 Confederate Road (C-135)  
 Waterwheel Road (S-137)  
 Mayfield Road (C-138)  
 Olive Heights Road (C-162)  
 Gum Swamp Road (C-201)  
 Westbrook Road (C-205)  
 Blackstone Camp Road (C-219)  
 Nantuckett Road (S-243)  
 Boyd Pond Road (C-246)  
 Bethcar Church Road (S-246)  
 Redcliffe Road (C-244)  
 Briar Patch Lane (C-257)  
 Flowing Well Road (S-264)  
 Anderson Pond Road (C-274)  
 Medwell Hill Road (C-376)  
 Mull Street (C-398)  
 Andrew Circle (C-493)  
 Pitts Branch Road (C-511)  
 Cummings Road (C-519)  
 Satcher Pond Road (C-520)  
 Keys Pond Road (C-540)  
 Fulmer Road (C-546)  
 Cumbee Trail Road (C-549)  
 Cato Road (C-587)  
 Old Chalk Bed Road (C-632)  
 Gunter Pond Road (C-650)  
 Browns Pond Road (C-683)  
 Vantage Vale Road (C-690)  
 Day Road (C-707)  
 Joyce Branch Road (C-710)  
 Merritts Bridge Road (C-718)  
 Cedar Creek Road (C-764)  
 Old Tory Trail (C-777)  
 Perron Garvin Road (C-790)  
 Centerwood Road (C-795)  
 Cedar Branch Road (C-801)  
 Big Tree Road (C-809)  
 Washington Road (C-874)  
 Union Academy Road (C-895)  
 Union Hill Road (C-897)  
 Gregory Road (C-980)  
 Association Central Building Road (C-1093)  
 Snipes Road (C-296)

2. \$12,451,740 for the following projects in the City of Aiken with estimated costs:

\$1,400,000 for the paving of the following streets:

Maple Drive (Randolph Street to Palm Drive)



Englewood Road  
Spyglass Drive  
Glenco Lane  
Cherry Hills Drive (Englewood Road to Ridgemoor Drive)  
Northwood Drive (Woodbine Road to Bypass)  
Doral Drive  
Oakmont Lane  
Summerwood Way  
Sandshifter Court  
The Alley (Laurens Street to Newberry Street)  
Stratford Drive  
Belair Terrace  
Bordeaux Place  
Cherbourg Place  
Lorraine Drive  
Burkwood Place  
Cherry Hills Drive  
Medinah Drive  
Longleaf Drive  
Longleaf Court  
Lundee Drive  
Ravenwood Court  
Whitemarsh Drive  
Round Hill Court  
Minikahda Court  
Sperrin Court  
Overlook Drive  
Thorpe Lane  
Gatewood Drive  
Ashwood Drive  
East Hedge Road  
East Boundary Avenue  
Graystone Court  
Woodbridge Drive  
Woodvale Lane  
Driftwood Court  
Sessions Drive  
Fawnwood East  
Fawnwood West  
Inwood Drive  
Buckhead Court  
Deerwood Drive (Huntsman Drive to Pine Log Road)  
Deerwood Court  
Darien Drive  
Suffolk Drive  
Antietam Drive  
Eustis Park Avenue  
Foxwood Drive  
Greenwich Drive  
Glencarin Drive  
Donegal Drive  
Longmeadow Court  
Kings Sport Way  
King Edward Way  
Charleston Row Boulevard  
Queens Court

Cottonwood Drive  
Bedford Place  
Casaba Drive  
Mimosa Circle  
Rhododenron Place  
Oleander Drive  
Cabinet Drive  
Representative Drive  
Trail Ridge Road (Bypass to Varden Drive)  
Woods Bend  
Cadence Court  
Whitney Drive  
Riviera Court  
Calhoun Place  
Hills Woodland Drive  
Riviera Road  
Jackson Trace  
Beauregard Lane  
Redwood Drive  
Water Oak Drive  
Cobbs Way  
Spring Forrest Circle  
Partridge Drive  
Penmar Street  
Hickory Ridge Road  
Alpine Drive  
Woodruff Court  
Trail Ridge Road  
Interlachen Court East  
Interlachen Court West  
Sandstone Boulevard

\$400,000 for storm drainage project in Hitchcock Woods

\$1,700,000 for streetscape projects for the following streets:

East Richland Avenue (York Street to Bypass)  
Hampton Avenue (York Street to Horry Street)  
West Richland Avenue (Waterloo Street to Rollingwood Road)  
US1 (Richland Avenue) (Gregg Highway to SC 421)  
Park Avenue (Highland Park Drive to Union Street)  
Pendleton Street (Hayne Avenue to Barnwell Avenue)  
Newberry Street (Barnwell Avenue to Richland Avenue)  
Chesterfield Street (Richland Avenue to Park Avenue)  
York Street (Richland Avenue to Park Avenue)  
Hayne Avenue (Pendleton Street to Waterloo Street)  
Richland Avenue West (Rollingwood Road intersection)  
Richland Avenue East (Williamsburg Street to City Limits)  
Union Street (Richland Avenue to Park Avenue)  
Hayne Avenue (Waterloo Street to Richland Avenue)  
Richland Avenue West (Rollingwood Avenue to University Pkwy)  
Kershaw Street (Richland Avenue to Hampton Avenue)  
Barnwell Avenue (Pendleton Street to Newberry Street)  
Chesterfield Street (Richland Avenue to Hampton Avenue)  
Abbeville Avenue (York Street to Sumter Street)  
York Street (Park Avenue to South Boundary Avenue)  
Laurens Street (Park Avenue to South Boundary Avenue)

Valley Road (Richland Avenue intersection)

\$900,000 for construction of the Aiken Center for the Performing Arts

\$400,000 for construction of Public Safety Station #5

\$7,651,740 for the construction of recreational facilities

3. \$7,522,905 for the following projects within the City of North Augusta with estimated costs:

\$150,000 for expansion of the Recycling Center

\$760,000 for Riverview Park improvements

\$130,000 for completion of Summerfield Park

\$80,000 for development of Walnut Lane Park

\$1,600,000 for the reconstruction of various city streets

\$850,000 for resurfacing city streets

\$1,100,000 for improvements to city drainage systems

\$752,905 for construction of sidewalks

\$1,500,000 for development of the Greenway Extension

\$600,000 for development of the Downtown

4. \$451,466 for the following projects in the City of New Ellenton with estimated costs:

\$435,000 for the construction of a new Civic Center to house police, fire, city and community functions

\$16,466 for the paving of Evans Field walking track

5. \$327,874 for the following projects in the Town of Wagener with estimated costs:

\$80,000 for the renovation of the Downtown Pavilion

\$220,000 for improvements to the Staley Road Sewer System

\$22,000 for the purchase of a new police car

\$5,874 for beautification project for Seivern Road

6. \$299,584 for the following projects in the Town of Jackson with estimated costs:

\$139,584 for improvements to the Town Hall and Community Center

\$50,000 towards the purchase of a new fire truck

\$50,000 for improvements and lighting for the Town Park and baseball field

\$35,000 for landscaping projects for Highway 125 and Main Street

\$25,000 for the purchase of a tractor and related equipment for landscaping maintenance work

7. \$72,030 for the following projects in the Town of Salley with estimated costs:

\$6,000 for upgrading the tennis court

\$600 for upgrading the basketball court

\$25,000 for development of a walking track

\$9,030 for renovation of the Town Hall

\$31,400 for construction of permanent public restrooms

8. \$67,831 for the following projects in the Town of Burnetown with estimated costs:

\$4,831 for the construction of sidewalks

\$5,000 for improvements to recreation facilities

\$58,000 for construction of a community center

9. \$42,772 for the following projects in the Town of Monetta with estimated costs:

\$25,000 for paving Sawyer Road (C-988)  
\$17,772 for upgrading the Community Center

10. \$33,325 for the following projects in the Town of Perry with estimated costs:  
\$33,325 for the purchase of old railroad property and development of the property into a fitness trail and walking track and restoration of a caboose
11. \$17,188 for the following projects in the Town of Windsor with estimated costs:  
\$17,188 for recreation projects
12. \$15,000,000 for the construction of I-520, the Bobby Jones Expressway

TOTAL COST OF ALL CAPITAL PROJECTS: \$54,600,000

YES \_\_\_\_\_

NO \_\_\_\_\_

#### INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS.

All qualified electors desiring to vote in favor of imposing the tax for the stated purposes shall vote "YES" and all qualified electors opposed to levying the tax shall vote "NO".

#### CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS ON THE USE OF SALES AND USE TAX REVENUE COLLECTED UNDER THE CAPITAL PROJECTS SALES TAX ACT:

The capital projects sales and use tax shall be used and expended for procurement, design, engineering, construction or improvement of the highways, roads, streets, drainage systems, bridges, recreation facilities, equipment, and government infrastructure listed above, including payment of such sums as may be required in connection with the issuance of revenue bonds, the proceeds of which are applied to such capital projects. Net proceeds of the capital project sales and use tax, if approved, must be expended for the purposes stated, in the priority listed above. The expenditure of revenues from the capital projects sales and use tax, if approved, shall be subject to acquisition of property, right-of-way, design and engineering considerations, funding of projects from other sources, bids in excess of project estimates, qualifications of bidders, cost overruns, financing costs, exhaustion of insufficiency of net sales and use tax revenues to complete the projects in the order and priority stated above and other unforeseen circumstances and conditions.

20. In the referendum on the imposition of a special projects sales and use tax in Aiken County, all qualified electors desiring to vote in favor of imposing the tax for the stated purpose shall vote "yes" and all qualified electors opposed to levying the tax shall vote "no". If a majority of the electors voting in the referendum shall vote in favor of imposing the tax, then the tax is imposed as provided in Capital Project Sales Tax Act, Section 4-10-300 et seq., and this Ordinance. Expenses of the referendum must be paid by the governmental entity or entities that would receive the proceeds of the tax in the same proportion that those entities would receive the net proceeds of the tax.
21. Upon receipt of the returns of the referendum, the Aiken County Council shall, by Resolution, declare the results thereof. The results of the referendum, as declared by the Resolution of the Aiken County Council, are not open to question, except by suit or proceeding instituted within thirty (30) days from the date that Aiken County Council shall adopt a Resolution declaring the results of such referendum.
22. The imposition of a capital project sales and use tax in Aiken County is subject in all respects to the favorable vote of a majority of qualified electors casting votes in a referendum on the question of

imposing a capital project sales and use tax in the area of Aiken County in a referendum to be conducted by the Registration and Election Commission of Aiken County on November 7, 2000, and the favorable vote of a majority of the qualified electors voting in such referendum shall be a condition precedent to the imposition of a capital project sales and use tax pursuant to the provisions of this Ordinance.

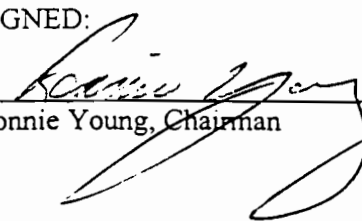
23. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon adoption.
24. All provisions in other County Ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.
25. If any provision of this Ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstances is held invalid, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or applications of the Ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application and to this end, the provisions of this Ordinance are severable.

Adopted at the regular meeting of Aiken County Council on August 8, 2000.

ATTEST:

  
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Susan Pate, Council Clerk

SIGNED:

  
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Ronnie Young, Chairman

IMPACT STATEMENT:

COUNCIL VOTE: Unanimous

State of South Carolina  
Department of Revenue  
301 Gervais Street, P.O. Box 125, Columbia, South Carolina, 29214

December 20, 2000

Ms. Joan L. Wilson  
Interim County Administrator  
Aiken County  
828 Richland Avenue, West  
Aiken, SC 29801

Dear Ms. Wilson:

This is in reference to your request for an estimate of what a 1% sales tax would generate in Aiken County.

Please be advised that a 1% sales tax is estimated to bring in approximately \$7.8 million to \$12 million per year, depending on how your retailers report. The \$7.8 million is DOR's original Local Option estimate, and the \$12 million is one-half (1 cent) of the amount that the Board of Economic Advisor's used to estimate a 2 cents sales tax in Aiken County for vehicle relief. However, please be advised that Section 4-10-340(B)(1) & (2) of the Capital Project Sales Tax law provides for the Department of Revenue to terminate collection of the tax on the earlier of:

- (1) the final day of the maximum time period specified for the imposition; or
- (2) the end of the **calendar month** during which the Department of Revenue determines that the tax has raised revenues sufficient to provide the net proceeds equal to or greater than the amount specified in the **referendum** question.

Aiken County's resolution states "not more than seven years to raise the sum of \$54,600,000." Thus, the Department will stop collection of the tax on the earlier of the 7 year period, or the sum of \$54,600,000, whichever occurs first. Regardless, we have to follow the requirements of the statute.

Item (C), which is enclosed, provides procedures for funds which might be collected in excess of the above amount. This would be simply due to the fact that once you are nearing the 7 year period or the \$54,600,000 amount, we would have to stop your retailers from collecting the tax. We cannot stop retailers from collecting in the middle of the month, therefore, there could be potential for some overage. This is why the statute says "the end of the calendar month." The excess amount would be disbursed to the local government to be used as outlined in Item (C) of Section 4-10-340. Once the month for cut-off has been determined, and the funds (including any overage) have been disbursed, any other revenue being remitted to the Department in accordance with the Aiken County Capital Project Sales Tax will be refunded to the taxpayers.

County Administrator's Office

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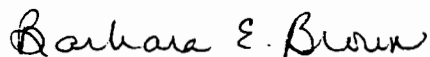
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Please be advised that any time a new county implements a new tax, there are going to be start-up problems with reporting. It's an education process until the retailers get used to reporting the new tax. Some current 1% counties are running between the DOR estimate and the 1% BEA estimate, some are at the DOR estimate, while others are at the 1% BEA estimate. This depends on your county and your retailers.

In summation, the Department will terminate the Capital Project Sales Tax in Aiken on the earlier of the 7 year period, or the \$54,600,000 amount, whichever occurs first.

We hope that this helps, and if we can be of any further assistance, please advise us.

Sincerely,



Barbara E. Brown  
Local Government Coordinator

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"SECTION 3. (A) Of the funds appropriated in Part I of the 1990-91 General Appropriation Act under formula funded Aid to Counties and Municipalities, an amount not to exceed six hundred fifty thousand dollars must be allocated to the South Carolina Tax Commission to defray the administrative start-up expenses incurred by the commission in fiscal year 1990-91 for implementation of the local sales and use tax provided for in Chapter 10 of Title 4 of the Code and as added in Section 1 of this act. The State Treasurer shall withhold this amount from the income tax distribution with counties and municipalities sharing equally. No funds provided for in this section may be drawn upon by the commission before November, 1990. However, funds may be drawn unless at least one favorable referendum has been conducted in which the electors of that county have approved the imposition of the tax. If the expenses are not incurred by the commission by May 31, 1991, the funds must be distributed to the counties and municipalities.

"(B) The amount allocated to the commission pursuant to subsection (A) must be reimbursed to the commission from the administrative expense provided to the commission in Section 4-10-90 of the 1976 Code, as added in Section 1 of this act."

Act No. 458, Part II, Section 88 of 1996 provides that whenever the term "Department of Revenue" appears in the Acts and Joint Resolutions of the General Assembly or the 1976 Code of Laws of South Carolina, it shall mean the "Department of Revenue."

**Effect of Amendment—**

The 1991 amendment by § 13, in subsection (A), inserted specific dates, such as December 1st and May 1st, in place of dates measured from a referendum or calendar quarter; by § 13, in subsection (C) deleted the former fifth and sixth sentences and replaced them with one sentence.

The 1993 amendment changed "Tax Commission" to "Department of Revenue."

The 1998 amendment, in subsection (C), added the last sentence.

**Cross References—**

Distribution of revenue of allocated to Property Tax Credit Fund, see § 4-10-40.

Discount allowed on amount of sales or use tax owed to state upon timely filing and payment of tax, see § 12-36-2610.

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Eligible unit within county area may not receive in current fiscal year any less of distribution of LOST funds than that unit received in previous fiscal year unless there is reduction in collections from previous year. This result applies to municipalities in Charleston County notwithstanding incorporation during current

year of Town of James Island, which is located in County of Charleston. Accordingly, municipalities in Charleston County are required to receive in current fiscal year at least as much LOST revenues as those entities received in prior fiscal year. 1993 Op Atty Gen No. 4

**§ 4-10-100. Commencement of local sales and use tax.**

Notwithstanding the date of general imposition of the local sales and use tax authorized pursuant to this chapter, with respect to services that are regularly provided on a monthly basis, the local sales and use tax is imposed beginning on the first day of the billing period beginning on or after the date of general imposition.

**HISTORY:** 1990 Act No. 317, § 1, eff February 2, 1990.

**Editor's Note—**

The reference in subsection (A) of this section, as amended by 1990 Act No. 317, to Chapter 35 of Title 12 is incorrect. Chapter 35 was repealed and replaced with a new Chapter 36. In the direction of the Legislative Council's Office, this reference has been corrected.

**ARTICLE 3**

**CAPITAL PROJECT SALES TAX ACT**

**SEC.**

- 4-10-300. Short title.
- 4-10-310. Imposition of tax.
- 4-10-320. Commission creation; composition.
- 4-10-330. Contents of ballot question; purpose for which proceeds of tax to be used.
- 4-10-340. Tax imposition and termination.
- 4-10-350. Department of Revenue to administer and collect local tax.
- 4-10-360. Revenue remitted to State Treasurer and held in a separate fund.



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- 4-10-370. Calculating distributions to counties; confidentiality.  
4-10-380. Unidentified funds; transfer and supplemental distributions.

§ 4-10-300. Short title.

This article may be cited as the "Capital Project Sales Tax Act".

HISTORY: Added by 1997 Act No. 138, § 3, eff July 1, 1997.

§ 4-10-310. Imposition of tax.

Subject to the requirements of this article, the county governing body may impose a one percent sales and use tax by ordinance, subject to a referendum, within the county area for a specific purpose or purposes and for a limited amount of time to collect a limited amount of money. The revenues collected pursuant to this article may be used to defray debt service on bonds issued to pay for projects authorized in this article. However, at no time may any portion of the county area be subject to more than one percent sales tax levied pursuant to this article, pursuant to Chapter 37 of Title 4, or pursuant to any local law enacted by the General Assembly.

HISTORY: Added by 1997 Act No. 138, § 3, eff July 1, 1997.

§ 4-10-320. Commission creation; composition.

(A) The governing body of any county is authorized to create a commission subject to the provisions of this section. The commission consists of six members, all of whom must be residents of the county, appointed as follows:

(1) The governing body of the county must appoint three members of the commission.

(2) The municipalities in the county must appoint three members, who must be residents of incorporated municipalities within the county, and who are selected according to the following mechanism:

(a) The total population of all incorporated municipalities within the county, as determined by the most recent United States census, must be divided by three, the result being an apportionate average.

(b) The respective population of each municipality in the county must be divided by the apportionate average to determine an appointive index.

(c) Each municipality in the county appoints a number of members to the commission equal to the whole number indicated by their appointive index. However, no single municipality may appoint more than two members to the commission; unless there is only one municipality in the county, and in such case the municipality is entitled to three appointments to the commission.

(d) When less than three members are selected to the commission in accordance with the prescribed appointive index method, the remaining member or members must be selected in a joint meeting of the commission appointees of the municipalities in the county. The member or members must be chosen from among the residents of the municipalities in the county that before this time have not provided a representative for the commission.

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(e) In the event no municipality is entitled to appoint a member to commission pursuant to the formula in subitem (c) of this subsection, municipality with the highest appointive index must be deemed to have appointive index of one.

(B) When the governing body of any county creates a commission, it must be created in accordance with the procedures specified in subsection (A) and upon the request of the governing body of the county. If within the thirty-day period following the adoption of a resolution to create the commission, one or more of the municipalities fails or refuses to appoint their proportionate number of members to the commission, the county governing body must appoint an additional number of members equal to the number that any such municipality is entitled to appoint. A vacancy on the commission must be filled in the manner of the original appointment.

(C) The commission created pursuant to this section must consider proposals for funding capital projects within the county area. The commission then formulate the referendum question that is to appear on the ballot pursuant to Section 4-10-330(D).

**HISTORY:** Added by 1997 Act No. 138, § 3, eff July 1, 1997.

§ 4-10-330. Contents of ballot question; purpose for which proceeds tax to be used.

(A) The sales and use tax authorized by this article is imposed by an enacted ordinance of the county governing body containing the ballot question formulated by the commission pursuant to subsection 4-10-320(C), subject to referendum approval in the county. The ordinance must specify:

(1) the purpose for which the proceeds of the tax are to be used, which include projects located within or without, or both within and without, the boundaries of the local governmental entities, including the county, municipalities, and special purpose districts located in the county area, and may include the following types of projects:

(a) highways, roads, streets, and bridges;

(b) courthouses, administration buildings, civic centers, hospitals, emergency medical facilities, police stations, fire stations, jails, correctional facilities, detention facilities, libraries, coliseums, or any combination of these projects;

(c) cultural, recreational, or historic facilities, or any combination of the facilities;

(d) water, sewer, or water and sewer projects;

(e) flood control projects and storm water management facilities;

(f) jointly operated projects of the county, a municipality, special purpose district, and school district, or any combination of those entities, for the projects delineated in subitems (a) through (e) of this subsection;

(g) any combination of the projects described in subitems (a) through (f) of this item;

(2) the maximum time, stated in terms of calendar or fiscal years or quarters or a combination thereof, not to exceed seven years from the date of imposition for which the tax may be imposed;

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(3) the maximum cost of the project or facilities funded from proceeds of the tax and the maximum amount of net proceeds to be raised by the tax; and

(4) any other condition precedent, as determined by the commission, to the imposition of the sales and use tax authorized by this article or condition or restriction on the use of sales and use tax revenue collected pursuant to this article.

(B) When the tax authorized by this article is imposed for more than one purpose, the enacting ordinance must set forth the priority in which the net proceeds are to be expended for the purposes stated. The enacting ordinance may set forth a formula or system by which multiple projects are funded simultaneously.

(C) Upon receipt of the ordinance, the county election commission must conduct a referendum on the question of imposing the sales and use tax in the area of the county that is to be subject to the tax. If the ordinance is received prior to October 1, 1997, a referendum for this purpose may be held on Tuesday, November 4, 1997; however, if the ordinance is received on October 1, 1997, or thereafter, a referendum for this purpose must be held at the time of the general election. Two weeks before the referendum the election commission must publish in a newspaper of general circulation the question that is to appear on the ballot, with the list of projects and the cost of the projects. This notice is in lieu of any other notice otherwise required by law.

(D) The referendum question to be on the ballot must read substantially as follows:

"Must a special one percent sales and use tax be imposed in (county) for not more than (time) to raise the amounts specified for the following purposes?

- (1) \$\_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_
- (2) \$\_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_
- (3) etc.

Yes   
No

(E) All qualified electors desiring to vote in favor of imposing the tax for the stated purposes shall vote "yes" and all qualified electors opposed to levying the tax shall vote "no". If a majority of the votes cast are in favor of imposing the tax, then the tax is imposed as provided in this article and the enacting ordinance. A subsequent referendum on this question must be held on the date prescribed in subsection (C). The election commission shall conduct the referendum under the election laws of this State, mutatis mutandis, and shall certify the result no later than November thirtieth to the county governing body and to the Department of Revenue. Expenses of the referendum must be paid by the governmental entities that would receive the proceeds of the tax in the same proportion that those entities would receive the net proceeds of the tax.

(F) Upon receipt of the returns of the referendum, the county governing body must, by resolution, declare the results thereof. In such event, the results of the referendum, as declared by resolution of the county governing body, are not open to question except by a suit or proceeding instituted within thirty days from the date such resolution is adopted.

HISTORY: Added by 1997 Act No. 138, § 3, eff July 1, 1997. Amended by 1999 Act No. 93, § 2, eff June 11, 1999.

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**Effect of Amendment—**

The 1999 amendment changed the election commission certification deadline in subsection from "December thirty-first" to "November thirtieth".

**§ 4-10-340. Tax imposition and termination.**

(A) If the sales and use tax is approved in the referendum, the tax is imposed on the first of May following the date of the referendum. If the certification is not timely made to the Department of Revenue, the imposition is postponed for twelve months.

(B) The tax terminates on the earlier of:

(1) the final day of the maximum time period specified for the imposition; or

(2) the end of the calendar month during which the Department of Revenue determines that the tax has raised revenues sufficient to provide the net proceeds equal to or greater than the amount specified in the referendum question.

(C) Amounts collected in excess of the required net proceeds must first be applied, if necessary, to complete a project for which the tax was imposed. Otherwise, the excess funds must be credited to the general fund of the governmental entities receiving the proceeds of the tax, in the proportion which they receive the net proceeds of the tax while it was imposed.

**HISTORY:** Added by 1997 Act No. 138, § 3, eff July 1, 1997.

**§ 4-10-350. Department of Revenue to administer and collect local tax.**

(A) The tax levied pursuant to this article must be administered and collected by the Department of Revenue in the same manner that other sales and use taxes are collected. The department may prescribe amounts that may be added to the sale price because of the tax.

(B) The tax authorized by this article is in addition to all other local sales and use taxes and applies to the gross proceeds of sales in the applicable area that is subject to the tax imposed by Chapter 36 of Title 12 and the enforcement provisions of Chapter 54 of Title 12. The gross proceeds of the sale of items subject to the maximum tax in Chapter 36 of Title 12 are exempt from the tax imposed by this article. The tax imposed by this article also applies to tangible personal property subject to the use tax in Article 13, Chapter 36 of Title 12.

(C) A taxpayer required to remit taxes under Article 13, Chapter 36 of Title 12 must identify the county in which the personal property purchased at retail is stored, used, or consumed in this State.

(D) A utility is required to report sales in the county in which the consumption of the tangible personal property occurs.

(E) A taxpayer subject to the tax imposed by Section 12-36-920, who owns or manages rental units in more than one county, must report separately in his sales tax return the total gross proceeds from business done in each county.

(F) The gross proceeds of sales of tangible personal property delivered after the imposition date of the tax levied under this article in a county, either under the terms of a construction contract executed before the imposition date, or a written bid submitted before the imposition date, culminating in a construction contract entered into before or after the imposition date, are exempt from the sales and use tax provided in this article if a verified copy of the contract is filed with the

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Department of Revenue within six months after the imposition date of the sales and use tax provided for in this article.

§ 3) Notwithstanding the imposition date of the sales and use tax authorized pursuant to this chapter, with respect to services that are billed regularly on a monthly basis, the sales and use tax authorized pursuant to this article is imposed beginning on the first day of the billing period beginning on or after the imposition date.

HISTORY: Added by 1997 Act No. 138, § 3, eff July 1, 1997. Amended by 1999 Act No. 93, § 3, eff June 11, 1999.

Effect of Amendment—

The 1999 amendment deleted provisions relating to municipalities and made grammatical changes in subsections (C) through (E).

§ 4-10-360. Revenue remitted to State Treasurer and held in a separate fund.

The revenues of the tax collected under this article must be remitted to the Department of Revenue and placed on deposit with the State Treasurer and credited to a fund separate and distinct from the general fund of the State. After deducting the amount of any refunds made and costs to the Department of Revenue of administering the tax, not to exceed one percent of the revenues, the State Treasurer shall distribute the revenues quarterly to the county treasurer in the county area in which the tax is imposed and the revenues must be used only for the purposes stated in the imposition ordinance. The State Treasurer may correct misallocations by adjusting subsequent distributions, but these adjustments must be made in the same fiscal year as the misallocations. However, allocations made as a result of city or county code errors must be corrected prospectively.

HISTORY: Added by 1997 Act No. 138, § 3, eff July 1, 1997. Amended by 1999 Act No. 93, § 4, eff June 11, 1999.

Effect of Amendment—

The 1999 amendment added the last sentence.

§ 4-10-370. Calculating distributions to counties; confidentiality.

The Department of Revenue shall furnish data to the State Treasurer and to the county treasurers receiving revenues for the purpose of calculating distributions and estimating revenues. The information that must be supplied to counties and municipalities upon request includes, but is not limited to, gross receipts, net taxable sales, and tax liability by taxpayers. Information about a specific taxpayer is considered confidential and is governed by the provisions of Section 12-54-240. A person violating this section is subject to the penalties provided in Section 12-54-240.

HISTORY: Added by 1997 Act No. 138, § 3, eff July 1, 1997.

§ 4-10-380. Unidentified funds; transfer and supplemental distributions.

Annually, and only in the month of June, funds collected by the department from the local option capital project sales tax, which are not identified as to the governmental unit due the tax, must be transferred, after reasonable effort by the department to determine the appropriate governmental unit, to the State Treasurer's Office. The State Treasurer shall distribute these funds to the county treasurer

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in the county area in which the tax is imposed and the revenues must be used or for the purposes stated in the imposition ordinance. The State Treasurer shall calculate this supplemental distribution on a proportional basis, based on the current fiscal year's county area revenue collections.

**HISTORY:** Added by 1999 Act No. 93, § 5, eff June 11, 1999.

**ARTICLE 5**

**PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION SALES TAX ACT**

**SEC.**

- 4-10-510. Article title.
- 4-10-520. Purpose.
- 4-10-530. Meaning of "county".
- 4-10-540. Imposition of sales and use tax to replace vehicle tax.
- 4-10-550. Ordinance and referendum; certification of results.
- 4-10-560. Date of imposition.
- 4-10-570. Petition to rescind; referendum.
- 4-10-580. Administration and collection.
- 4-10-590. Distribution of revenues.
- 4-10-600. Availability of data to calculate distributions.

**Editor's Note—**

2000 Act No. 387, Part II, § 99C, provides as follows:

"This section [enacting this article—Article 5 of Chapter 10, Title 4] takes effect upon ratification of an amendment to Section 3, Article X [subject to referendum in November, 2000] of the Constitution of this State authorizing the governing body of a county by ordinance to exempt private passenger motor vehicles, motorcycles, general aviation aircraft, boats, and boat motors from property tax levied in the county pursuant to a referendum held in the county."

**§ 4-10-510. Article title.**

This article may be cited as the "Personal Property Tax Exemption Sales Tax Act".

**HISTORY:** Added by 2000 Act No. 387, Part II, § 99A (see Editor's Note at article heading relative to effective date).

**§ 4-10-520. Purpose.**

This article provides the only method in which the governing body of a county by ordinance may exempt private passenger motor vehicles, motorcycles, general aviation aircraft, boats, and boat motors from property taxes levied in the county as provided in Section 3, Article X of the Constitution of this State.

**HISTORY:** Added by 2000 Act No. 387, Part II, § 99A (see Editor's Note at article heading relative to effective date).

**§ 4-10-530. Meaning of "county".**

As used in this article, a county has the meaning provided for "county areas" in Section 4-10-10(1).

**HISTORY:** Added by 2000 Act No. 387, Part II, § 99A (see Editor's Note at article heading relative to effective date).

**DOCUMENT 5**  
**MINUTES OF AIKEN COUNTY MEETINGS**

M I n u t e s

COUNCIL ADMINISTRATOR FORM OF GOVERNMENT FOR AIKEN COUNTY  
Council Chambers 736 Richland Avenue, Aiken, S. C.

July 18, 2000  
7:00 p.m., Meeting 2000 – 13

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(A) CALL TO ORDER

Determining that a quorum was present Chairman Young called the meeting to order.

Council Members present:                      Chairman Ronnie Young  
   Kathy Rawls  
   Susan W. Giddings  
   LaWana McKenzie  
   Eddie Butler  
   Phil Napier  
   Joel Randall  
   Rick Osbon  
   Willar H. Hightower, Jr.

Also present:                                      Mr. William Shepherd, Administrator  
   Lawrence Brown, Assistant County Attorney  
   Susan R. Pate, Clerk to Council

(B) INVOCATION

Councilman Hightower led in the Invocation.

(C) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilman Osbon led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

(D) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1.        June 19, 2000 Worksession
2.        June 19, 2000 Regular Meeting
3.        June 20, 2000 Regular Meeting

Councilman Butler moved for the adoption of the minutes. Councilwoman McKenzie seconded.

Passed by unanimous vote.

(D) APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilwoman McKenzie moved to amend the agenda by adding Consent item #26A, and delete Consent item #6. Councilman Butler seconded.

Passed by unanimous vote.

(F) AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

1.        Proposed Resolution to Commend Carl Josh Durden for Advancing to the National Junior Olympic Championships.



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(McKenzie)

- a. Councilwoman McKenzie moved for the adoption. Councilman Hightower seconded.
- b. Passed by unanimous vote.

2. Employee Recognition Program:  
(Mr. William Shepherd, County Administrator)

Mr. Otis Barr, Public Works/Engineering – Twenty-Five Years  
Mr. Darryl M. Ables, Coroner's Office – Fifteen Years  
Ms. Lori B. Cantwell, Public Defender's Office – Ten Years  
Mr. John D. Atkinson, Public Service Authority – Five Years  
Mr. Arthur Kenner, Public Works/Engineering – Five Years

(G) PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Proposed Ordinance to Amend Chapter 2, Division 8, Grievance Procedure of the Aiken County Code of Ordinances.

No comment.

2. Proposed Ordinance to Amend the Aiken County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 5.5 Cable Television, Changing the Requirements for the Construction of New Systems in Aiken County.

No comment.

3. Request for Approval of a Proposed Amendment to the Aiken County Official Zoning and Development Atlas to Rezone 5 Parcels on Mims Grove Church Rd (C-2446) and Ridge Rd (S-253) in Council District 4 from RD to UD.

No comment.

(H) OLD BUSINESS

1. Proposed Ordinance to Authorize the Council Chairman to Execute the Necessary Documents to Purchase Property to be the Site of the Langley Pond Aiken County Park.  
(Young, McKenzie) (Third Reading)

- a. Councilwoman Rawls moved for the adoption. Councilman Randall seconded.
- b. Passed by a vote of 8 – 1, with Councilwoman Giddings abstained due to the process.

(I) CONSENT AGENDA/INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING

I. REGULAR CONSENT AGENDA

1. Proposed Resolution to Appoint One Member to Designated Boards, Commissions and Committees with Terms of the Appointees to Run Concurrent with that of the Councilmember from Districts 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and At-Large.  
(Rawls, McKenzie, Butler, Napier, Randall, Osbon, Hightower, Young)
2. Proposed Resolution to Approve the Allocation of Funds for Various Non Profit Agencies from the FY 2001 Council Contingency Fund.  
(County Council)
3. Proposed Resolution to Approve the Consolidation of the Valley Public Service Authority and Warrenton Water & Sewer District by a Specific Plan.  
(Development Committee)
4. Proposed Resolution to Authorize the Addition of One Vehicle to the County Fleet for the Sheriff's Office.  
(Judicial and Public Safety Committee)
5. Proposed Resolution to Establish a Committee to Review EMT and Dispatcher Salaries and Related Matters.  
(Judicial and Public Safety Committee)
6. Proposed Resolution to Authorize the Council Chairman to Execute a Lease with Access Point, Inc. for Telephone Services.  
(Judicial and Public Safety Committee)
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7. Proposed Resolution to Authorize the Council Chairman to Enter into an Agreement with Konstruction Services, Inc. for Renovation to the White Pond Community Center.  
(Development Committee)
8. Proposed Resolution to Dedicate the New Aiken County Wire Road Detention Center in the Name of Doris Gravat.  
(Judicial and Public Safety Committee)
9. Proposed Resolution to Authorize the Council Chairman to Enter into Agreements with ProPace, Inc.; Xpedex; E.I. Jackson Co.; Interboro Packaging Corporation; Action Team Medical; Calico Industries, Inc.; Joseph Gartland, Inc.; Don Swann Distributors; A.R. Feaster & Co., Inc.; and S & S Distributing Co. for Janitorial Supplies.  
(Administrative Committee)
10. Proposed Resolution to Authorize the Council Chairman to Enter into an Agreement with Jack-Mar, Inc. for Purchase of Bio-Solids from Aiken County Public Service Authority.  
(Development Committee)
11. Proposed Resolution to Authorize the Council Chairman to Enter into an Agreement with APS-Legal Ease for Civil Process Service.  
(Judicial and Public Safety Committee)

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12. Proposed Resolution to Authorize the Central Procurement Division to Purchase a Rescue Truck Body to be Mounted on a County Owned Chassis from Transmed Industries.  
(Judicial and Public Safety Committee)
13. Proposed Resolution to Authorize the County Administrator to Secure Proposals for the Design and Construction of a Research Laboratory at the Savannah River Research Campus.  
(Administrative Committee)
14. Proposed Resolution to Direct that Speed Limit Signs be Erected on Kimball Pond Road (C-351) and Cullum Trail Road (C-2381) Located in County Council District 2, and on Fulmer Road (C-546) Located in County Council District 6.  
(Giddings, Randall)
15. Proposed Resolution to Accept an Additional Grant Award to the ABBE Regional Library in the Amount of \$500 from the South Carolina State Library for the LSTA Project IIIA Statewide Staff Development and Training.  
(Administrative Committee)
16. Proposed Resolution to Accept a Deed for Silver Fox Way (an Extension of C-2412), Stirrup Cup Court, Hunters Crossing, and Hounds Tooth Road Located in Hunters Gate, Phase V in Council District 5.  
(Napier)
17. Proposed Resolution to Assign the Official Road Names to Existing Un-Named Private Roads in County Council District 1, 2, 3, and 6.  
(Rawls, Giddings, McKenzie, Randall)
18. Proposed Resolution to Authorize the Council Chairman to Execute a Revised "Establishing Agreement" with the Lower Savannah Council of Governments.  
(Development Committee)
19. Proposed Resolution to Authorize the Aiken County Registration/Elections Commission to Execute Agreements with the Town of Salley to Conduct a Municipal Election on August 8, 2000 and with the City of North Augusta to Conduct a Special Election on November 7, 2000.  
(Development Committee)
20. Proposed Resolution to Authorize the Council Chairman to Enter into an Agreement with Mundy & Salley, Inc. for Repairs to the Emergency Generator at the Horsecreek Wastewater Treatment Plant.  
(Development Committee)
21. Proposed Resolution to Authorize the Council Chairman to Enter into an Agreement with Jack Rogers Tire, Inc. for Pursuit and Mileage Radials.  
(Development Committee)
22. Proposed Resolution to Authorize the Council Chairman to Enter into an Agreement with Harley's Auto Parts for Auto Parts at the County Maintenance Shop.  
(Development Committee)
23. Proposed Resolution to Waive the Building Permit Fees for Bath Volunteer Fire Department.  
(Judicial and Public Safety Committee)

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24. Proposed Resolution to Authorize the Council Chairman to Enter into an Agreement with Satterfield Construction Company, Inc. for Paving Lincoln Avenue and Lloydtown Road. (Development Committee)
25. Proposed Ordinance to Amend Chapter 2, Division 8 Grievance Procedure of Aiken County Code of Ordinances. (Administrative Committee) (Second Reading)
26. Proposed Ordinance to Amend the Aiken County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 5.5 Cable Television, Changing the Requirements for the Construction of New Systems in Aiken County. (Development Committee) (Second Reading)
- 26a. Proposed Resolution to Recognize the 2000 Millenium Hightower Family Reunion in Aiken County.

II. CONSENT AGENDA/INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING

27. Proposed Ordinance to Amend Certain Sections of Chapter 24, Zoning and Development Standards of the Aiken County Code of Ordinances Relating to Junkyards. (County Council)
28. Proposed Ordinance to Levy and Impose a One Percent Sales and Use Tax, Subject to a Referendum, Within Aiken County Pursuant to the Capital Project Sales Tax Act, S.C. Code Ann. Section 4-10-300, et seq.; to Define the Specific Purpose or Purposes and Designate the Projects for Which the Proceeds of Such Tax May be Used; to Provide the Maximum Cost of the Projects or Facilities Funded from the Proceeds of Such Tax and the Maximum Amount of Net Proceeds to be Raised by Such Tax; to Provide for a County-Wide Referendum and to Prescribe the Contents of the Ballot Question in Such Referendum; to Provide Conditions Precedent to the Imposition of Such Tax and Condition or Restrictions on the Use of Such Tax Revenue; to Establish the Priority in Which the Net Proceeds of Such Tax, if Approved in a Referendum, are to be Expended for the Projects and Purposes Stated; to Provide for the Conduct of Such Referendum by the Registration and Election Commission of Aiken County, to Provide for the Administration of Such Tax, if Approved; to Provide for the Payment of Such Tax; and to Provide for Other Matters Relating Thereto. (County Council)
29. Proposed Ordinance to Amend the Agreement for Development of a Joint County Industrial Park Dated as of December 31, 1996, Between Aiken County (the "County"), South Carolina and Edgefield County, South Carolina ("Edgefield County") to Include Additional Property in the County as Part the Joint County Industrial Park and to Extend the Term of the Agreement to December 31, 2021. (County Council)
  - a. Councilman Butler moved for adoption. Councilwoman McKenzie seconded.
  - b. Passed by unanimous vote.

(J) NEW BUSINESS

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1. Request for Approval of a Proposed Amendment to the Aiken County Official Zoning and Development Atlas to Rezone 5 Parcels Located on Mims Grove Church Rd (C-2446) and Ridge Rd (S-253) in Council District 4 from RD to UD:
  - A. Proposed Ordinance to Approve a Proposed Amendment to the Aiken County Official Zoning and Development District Atlas to Rezone 5 Tax Parcels (00-014-01-092, 093, 094, 095, and 588) Located on Mims Grove Church Rd (C-2446) and Ridge Rd (S-253) in Council District 4 from RD to UD.  
(Butler) (First Reading)
  - a. Councilman Napier moved for the adoption of A. Councilman Butler seconded.
  - b. Passed by unanimous vote.

or

- B. Proposed Resolution to Disapprove a Proposed Amendment to the Aiken County Official Zoning and Development District Atlas to Rezone 5 Tax Parcels (00-014-01-092, 093, 094, 095, and 588) Located on Mims Grove Church Rd (C-2446) and Ridge Rd (S-253) in Council District 4 from RD to UD.  
(Butler)

(K) ITEMS FOR INFORMATION AND THE PUBLIC RECORD

1. Monthly Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Cash Position, General Fund of Aiken County for the Month Ending May 31, 2000. (p. 200)
2. Fiscal Year 2001 Aiken County Contingency Report as of July 1, 2000. (p. 201 – 202)

(L) ADJOURNMENT

Councilwoman McKenzie moved for adjournment. Councilman Osbon seconded.  
Passed by unanimous vote.

(M) INFORMAL MEETING OF WHOLE

Citizen Regina Dehart spoke to Council about Cumbee Trail Rd., and ask when it will be paved. Ms. Dehart was referred to the Aiken County Transportation Committee Chairman Earl Sasser for answers to her questions.

Calvin Smith, Valley Public Service Authority, asked, "What procedures the county uses to notify utility companies when they are going to pave roads?" They were not notified about the paving of Old Chavious Rd., and they have a water line that needs to be moved. Mr. Shepherd prefers that he continues to talk with Joe Berry about the situation, being that he is the one handling it. It is policy to notify.

(N) EXECUTIVE SESSION

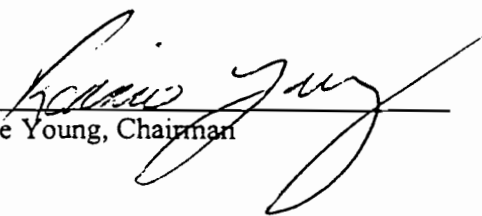
1. Legal Matters:
  - a. Status Report on Pending Litigation, Legal Claims and Legal Advice.  
(County Attorney) (Verbal)
2. Contractual Matters:
4. Personnel Matters:

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Respectfully submitted:

  
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Susan R. Pate, Clerk to Council

SIGNED:

  
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Ronnie Young, Chairman

MINUTES

COUNCIL ADMINISTRATOR FORM OF GOVERNMENT FOR AIKEN COUNTY  
Council Chambers 736 Richland Avenue, Aiken, S. C.

August 1, 2000  
7:00 p.m., Special Meeting 2000 - 14

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(A) CALL TO ORDER

Determining that a quorum was present Vice-Chairwoman McKenzie called the meeting to order.

Council Members present: Vice-Chairwoman LaWana McKenzie  
Kathy Rawls  
Susan W. Giddings  
Eddie Butler  
Phil Napier  
Joel Randall  
Rick Osbon  
Willar H. Hightower, Jr.

Council Members absent: Chairman Ronnie Young

Also present: William Shepherd, Administrator  
Robert M. Bell, Attorney  
Susan R. Pate, Clerk to Council

(B) INVOCATION

Councilman Hightower led in the Invocation.

(C) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilman Osbon led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

(D) PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Proposed Ordinance to Levy and Impose a One Percent Sales and Use Tax, Subject to a Referendum, Within Aiken County Pursuant to the Capital Project Sales Tax Act, S.C. Code Ann. Section 4-10-300, et seq.; to Define the Specific Purpose or Purposes and Designate the Projects for Which the Proceeds of Such Tax May be Used; to Provide the Maximum Cost of the Projects or Facilities Funded from the Proceeds of Such Tax and the Maximum Amount of Net Proceeds to be Raised by Such Tax; to Provide for a County-Wide Referendum and to Prescribe the Contents of the Ballot Question in Such Referendum; to Provide Conditions Precedent to the Imposition of Such Tax and Condition or Restrictions on the Use of Such Tax Revenue; to Establish a Formula by Which Multiple Projects are Funded Simultaneously; to Provide for the Conduct of Such Referendum by the Registration and Election Commission of Aiken County, to Provide for the Administration of Such Tax, if Approved; to Provide for the Payment of Such Tax; and to Provide for Other Matters Relating Thereto.

Britton Williams – ...Chairperson elect 2001 North Augusta Chamber of Commerce representing this body, very much in favor of this referendum and strongly supports this Council...

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Lee Wilson – ...resident of Belvedere, asked that Council consider some changes when paving roads, opposes this tax...

Councilman Randall - ...agrees that the county should be more cost efficient when paving roads...

John Lindsey - ...Vice-Chair, Aiken Chamber of Commerce representing this body, fully support this referendum and strongly urges to approve...

Michael Anaclerio -... Aiken City Councilmember and a member of the Sales Tax Commission, strongly supports this tax...

Ricky Napier -... supports this cause but is concerned that the unincorporated areas were left out...

Peggy Hancock -... supports this referendum and asked several questions...

Herman Arden -...resides on Colbert Bridge Rd., opposes the way county roads are paved...

Jack Montgomery -...supports the use of the sales tax and asked that Council be sure there are no alternatives...

Keith Coones, SCANA -... Chairman of the Sales Tax Commission, strongly supports this tax and the purposes...

Kent Sullivan -...North Augusta City Council, Member Sales Tax Commission, supports this referendum and urges council to pass...

Councilwoman Giddings -... this is an opportunity for all citizens of Aiken County to decide...

Councilman Hightower -... this is an excellent opportunity for all citizens of Aiken County no matter where you live...

Councilman Osbon -... I agree with Councilman Hightower, support it, encourage, and will work to get the citizens to vote for it... I received a letter today from the Aiken Downtown Association and would like to go on record that they are in full support of this referendum...

Councilman Napier -... support local option sales tax, it's a start...

Councilman Butler -...this money is going to improve Aiken County and I support it, what happens to this referendum is going to be important to Aiken County...

Councilwoman Rawls -... I am in full support of this, I have over 700 miles of dirt road in my district and these citizens need this...

Councilwoman McKenzie -...I am in this for the dirt roads, if it were left up to me the whole list would be dirt roads...

(E) CONSENT AGENDA/INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING

I. REGULAR CONSENT AGENDA

1. Proposed Ordinance to Levy and Impose a One Percent Sales and Use Tax, Subject to a Referendum, Within Aiken County Pursuant to the Capital Project Sales Tax Act, S.C.



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Code Ann. Section 4-10-300, et seq.; to Define the Specific Purpose or Purposes and Designate the Projects for Which the Proceeds of Such Tax May be Used; to Provide the Maximum Cost of the Projects or Facilities Funded from the Proceeds of Such Tax and the Maximum Amount of Net Proceeds to be Raised by Such Tax; to Provide for a County-Wide Referendum and to Prescribe the Contents of the Ballot Question in Such Referendum; to Provide Conditions Precedent to the Imposition of Such Tax and Condition or Restrictions on the Use of Such Tax Revenue; to Establish a Formula by Which Multiple Projects are Funded Simultaneously; to Provide for the Conduct of Such Referendum by the Registration and Election Commission of Aiken County, to Provide for the Administration of Such Tax, if Approved; to Provide for the Payment of Such Tax; and to Provide for Other Matters Relating Thereto.  
(County Council) (Second Reading)

- a. Councilman Butler moved for the adoption. Councilwoman Rawls seconded.
- b. Passed by unanimous vote.

(F) ADJOURNMENT

Council adjourned at 8:45 PM

Respectfully submitted:

  
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Susan R. Pate, Clerk to Council

SIGNED:

  
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Ronnie Young, Chairman

## MINUTES

### COUNCIL ADMINISTRATOR FORM OF GOVERNMENT FOR AIKEN COUNTY Council Chambers 736 Richland Avenue, Aiken, S. C.

August 8, 2000  
7:00 p.m., Meeting 2000 – 15

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#### (A) CALL TO ORDER

Determining that a quorum was present Chairman Young called the meeting to order.

Council Members present:                      Chairman Ronnie Young  
   Kathy Rawls  
   Susan W. Giddings  
   LaWana R. McKenzie  
   Eddie Butler  
   Phil Napier  
   Rick Osbon  
   Willar H. Hightower, Jr.

Council Members absent:                      Joel Randall

Also present:                                      William Shepherd, Administrator  
   Robert M. Bell, Attorney  
   Susan R. Pate, Clerk to Council

#### (B) INVOCATION

Councilman Hightower led in the Invocation.

#### (C) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilman Osbon led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### (D) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. July 18, 2000 Worksession
2. July 18, 2000 Regular Meeting
3. August 1, 2000 Special Meeting

Councilwoman McKenzie moved for the adoption of the minutes. Councilman Butler seconded.  
Passed by unanimous vote.

#### (E) APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilwoman McKenzie moved to amend the agenda to add Consent #22A, and to delete Consent #8 and #9, and delete Awards and Recognition's #2. Councilwoman Rawls seconded.

Passed by unanimous vote.

#### (F) AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

1. Employee Recognition Program:  
(Mr. William Shepherd, County Administrator)

Ms. Susan B. Shaw, Planning & Development – Twenty Years  
Ms. Debra L. Folk, Information Services – Fifteen Years  
Mr. Clyde S. Goforth, Sheriff's Office – Fifteen Years  
Ms. Lois C. Key, Information Services – Fifteen Years  
Mr. William J. Mulherin, Information Services – Fifteen Years  
Ms. Heidi K. Wilbanks, Clerk of Court's Office – Fifteen Years  
Mr. Ron C. Flaherty, Tax Assessor – Ten Years  
Mr. Charles L. Truesdale, Sheriff's Office – Ten Years  
Ms. Maureen K. Cunning, Treasurer's Office – Five Years  
Mr. John L. Fogle, Sheriff's Office – Five Years  
Ms. Tesa P. Medlin, Public Defender's Office – Five Years  
Ms. Francine Merkle, Solicitor's Office – Five Years  
Ms. Carolyn M. Miles, Museum – Five Years  
Ms. Patricia S. Morales, Sheriff's Office – Five Years  
Ms. Sharon C. Wilson, Treasurer's Office – Five Years

2. Proposed Resolution to Express Condolences to the Family of Ray Garvin.  
(Rawls)

delete.

(G) OLD BUSINESS

1. Proposed Ordinance to Amend Chapter 2, Division 8 Grievance Procedure of Aiken County Code of Ordinances.  
(Administrative Committee) (Third Reading)
  - a. Councilman Butler moved for the adoption. Councilman Osbon seconded. Councilwoman McKenzie moved to amend by adding
  - b. Since Council will act in the nature of an appellate body in such a grievance, it shall be improper for an employee to contact member(s) of County Council concerning the grievance and it shall be improper for Council members to discuss the grievance with the employee or anyone on employee's behalf or to receive and review material regarding a grievance other than through procedures provided for in this section of the Code prior to discussing the grievance or receiving and reviewing material regarding a pending grievance, he or she shall immediately disqualify himself or herself from further discussion or action on the grievance. Councilman Butler seconded.
  - c. Amendment passed by unanimous vote.
  - d. Original motion passed by unanimous vote.
  - e. Councilwoman Giddings is in agreement with this under the understanding that there will be a written statement signed by the employee understanding this new adoption of the policy.
2. Proposed Ordinance to Amend the Aiken County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 5.5 Cable Television, Changing the Requirements for the Construction of New Systems in Aiken County.  
(Development Committee) (Third Reading)
  - a. Councilwoman McKenzie moved for the adoption. Councilman Osbon seconded.
  - b. Passed by unanimous vote.

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3. Proposed Ordinance to Levy and Impose a One Percent Sales and Use Tax, Subject to a Referendum, Within Aiken County Pursuant to the Capital Project Sales Tax Act, S.C. Code Ann. Section 4-10-300, et seq.; to Define the Specific Purpose or Purposes and Designate the Projects for Which the Proceeds of Such Tax May be Used; to Provide the Maximum Cost of the Projects or Facilities Funded from the Proceeds of Such Tax and the Maximum Amount of Net Proceeds to be Raised by Such Tax; to Provide for a County-Wide Referendum and to Prescribe the Contents of the Ballot Question in Such Referendum; to Provide Conditions Precedent to the Imposition of Such Tax and Condition or Restrictions on the Use of Such Tax Revenue; to Establish a Formula by Which Multiple Projects are Funded Simultaneously; to Provide for the Conduct of Such Referendum by the Registration and Election Commission of Aiken County, to Provide for the Administration of Such Tax, if Approved; to Provide for the Payment of Such Tax; and to Provide for Other Matters Relating Thereto.  
(County Council) (Third Reading)
  - a. Councilwoman Giddings moved for the adoption. Councilman Butler seconded.
  - b. Councilman Hightower moved to amend the Ordinance to include the addition of Snipes Road C-296 under the sections that list the roads for paving for Aiken County dirt roads. Councilman Osbon seconded.
  - c. Amendment passed by a vote of 6 – 2 with Councilwoman Rawls and Councilwoman McKenzie abstained.
  - d. Original motion passed by unanimous vote.

(H) CONSENT AGENDA/INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING

I. REGULAR CONSENT AGENDA

1. Proposed Resolution to Appoint One Member to Designated Boards, Commissions and Committees with Terms of the Appointees to Run Concurrent with that of the Councilmember from Districts 1, 3, 4, 6, 7, and At-Large.  
(Rawls, McKenzie, Butler, Randall, Osbon, Young)
2. Proposed Resolution to Appoint Three Members to the Aiken County Employee Grievance Committee to Fill Expired Terms.  
(Administrative Committee)
3. Proposed Resolution to Approve the Allocation of Funds for Various Non Profit Agencies from the FY 2001 Council Contingency Fund.  
(County Council)
4. Proposed Resolution to Authorize the Council Chairman to Execute a Contract with Hewitt, Coleman & Associates, Inc. for the Administration of Insurance Claims.  
(Administrative Committee)
5. Proposed Resolution to Direct that Speed Limit Signs be Erected on Campbell Court (C-253) Located in County Council District 3, and on Mixon Road (C-34) Located in County Council District 6.  
(McKenzie, Randall)
6. Proposed Resolution to Accept a Deed for Right-of-Way on Kedron Church Road (C-561) in Wire Road Estates, Phase III Located in Council District 1.  
(Rawls)
7. Proposed Resolution to Waive the Recreation Fees for the 2000 Sassafras Festival and to Authorize Reimbursement of Rental Fees for the Roy Warner Park Community Center for the Reach Out and Read Program.

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(McKenzie, Randall, Young, Rawls)

8. Proposed Resolution to Authorize the County Council Chairman to Execute an Annexation Agreement with the City of Aiken for the New Aiken County Detention Center.  
(Judicial and Public Safety Committee)  
  
deleted
9. Proposed Resolution to Direct the Issuance of Complaint and a Notice of a Public Hearing, Charging that a Situation Exists that is Injurious to the Public Health, Safety, Welfare and Constitutes a Nuisance Located at 227 Duncan Road, North Augusta, South Carolina, Case No. 179, Tax Parcel No. 20-010-07-026.  
(McKenzie)  
  
deleted
10. Proposed Resolution to Commission Mr. Robert M. Rollins as an Enforcement Officer for Aiken County as Authorized by the South Carolina Code of Laws, Section 4-9-145.  
(Development Committee)
11. Proposed Resolution to Direct the Issuance of Complaint and a Notice of a Public Hearing, Charging that a Situation Exists that is Injurious to the Public Health, Safety, Welfare and Constitutes a Nuisance Located at 115 Bath Mill Street, Bath, South Carolina, Case No. 233, Tax Parcel No. 00-056-01-138.  
(McKenzie)
12. Proposed Resolution to Direct the Issuance of Complaint and a Notice of a Public Hearing, Charging that a Situation Exists that is Injurious to the Public Health, Safety, Welfare and Constitutes a Nuisance Located at 108 Wallace Green Street, Aiken, South Carolina, Case No. 234, Tax Parcel No. 30-023.0-03-001.  
(Hightower)
13. Proposed Resolution to Authorize the Extension of Contract with Gary T. Fischbach, MD for the Hepatitis B Program and Drug Screening of County Employees.  
(Administrative Committee)
14. Proposed Resolution to Authorize the Council Chairman to Enter into an Agreement with Mock, Inc. for Roof Repairs at the DSS Building.  
(Development Committee)
15. Proposed Resolution to Call for a Public Hearing on the Issuance of Up to \$100,000 of General Obligation Bonds by the Belvedere Fire District.  
(Judicial and Public Safety Committee)
16. Proposed Resolution to Authorize the Council Chairman to Enter into an Agreement with Mobex Communications, Inc. for Radio Maintenance.  
(Judicial and Public Safety Committee)
17. Proposed Resolution to Authorize the Council Chairman to Execute a Contract with Richardson Forest Consultants, Inc. to Represent Aiken County in the Preparation of Trees for Harvesting at the Savannah River Research Campus.  
(Administrative Committee)

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18. Proposed Resolution to Authorize the Transfer of Approximately 600' of Right-of-Way of the Old Roadway of Glenwood Drive to Mr. Larry Coker.  
(Development Committee)
19. Proposed Ordinance to Amend Certain Sections of Chapter 24, Zoning and Development Standards of the Aiken County Code of Ordinances Relating to Junkyards.  
(County Council) (Second Reading)
20. Proposed Ordinance to Approve a Proposed Amendment to the Aiken County Official Zoning and Development District Atlas to Rezone 5 Tax Parcels (00-014-01-092, 093, 094, 095, and 588) Located on Mims Grove Church Rd (C-2446) and Ridge Rd (S-253) in Council District 4 from RD to UD.  
(Butler) (Second Reading)
21. Proposed Ordinance to Amend the Agreement for Development of a Joint County Industrial Park Dated as of December 31, 1996, Between Aiken County (the "County"), South Carolina and Edgefield County, South Carolina ("Edgefield County") to Include Additional Property in the County as Part the Joint County Industrial Park and to Extend the Term of the Agreement to December 31, 2021.  
(County Council) (Second Reading)

II. CONSENT AGENDA/INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING

22. Proposed Ordinance to Declare Certain Property, Located on SC Highway 421, as Surplus and Authorizes Its Transfer to the Horse Creek Midland Valley Veterans Park Corporation.  
(County Council)
- 22A. Proposed Ordinance Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of General Obligation Bonds, Series 2000, of Aiken County, South Carolina, in the Principal Amount of not exceeding \$2,500,000; Fixing the form and details of the bonds; authorizing the Administrator of the County or his legally authorized designee to determine certain matters relating to the Bonds; Providing for the payment of the bonds and the Disposition of the proceeds thereof; and other matters relating thereto.
  - a. Councilman Butler moved for the adoption. Councilman Hightower seconded.
  - b. Councilman Hightower abstained from Consent #12.
  - c. Passed by unanimous vote.

(I) ITEMS FOR INFORMATION AND THE PUBLIC RECORD

1. A-95 Review from Aiken/Barnwell Counties CAC, Inc. for Child Development Head Start for Preschool Children Aged 3 – 5. The Program Provides Education, Health, Nutrition, Social and Disability Services for a Total Cost of \$2,446,482.  
  
Councilman Hightower favorable comments.
2. Fiscal Year 2001 Aiken County Contingency Report as of July 19, 2000. (p. 142 – 143)

(J) ADJOURNMENT

Councilwoman McKenzie moved for adjournment. Councilman Butler seconded.  
Passed by unanimous vote.  
Council adjourned to Executive Session 7:35 PM.

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(K) INFORMAL MEETING OF WHOLE

(L) EXECUTIVE SESSION

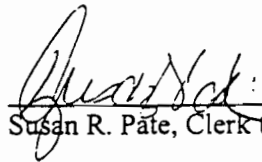
1. Legal Matters:

a. Status Report on Pending Litigation, Legal Claims and Legal Advice.  
(County Attorney) (Verbal)

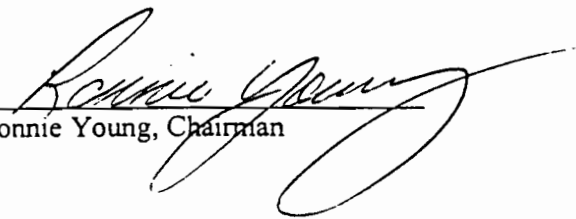
2. Contractual Matters:

2. Personnel Matters:

Respectfully submitted:

  
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Susan R. Pate, Clerk to Council

SIGNED:

  
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Ronnie Young, Chairman

**DOCUMENT 6**  
**AIKEN COUNTY COUNCIL LETTER**





**AIKEN COUNTY COUNCIL**  
736 RICHLAND AVENUE, AIKEN, SOUTH CAROLINA 29801  
TELEPHONE 642-1690

February 26, 2001

Mr. Howard Covington  
Chairman  
South Carolina Infrastructure Bank  
PO Box 191  
Columbia, SC 29202

Dear Mr. Covington,


Mr. Jim Holley, attorney for the South Carolina Infrastructure Bank, has requested that Aiken County state its position on several items relating to the use of Infrastructure Bank funds for the Bobby Jones Expressway continuation in Aiken County.

The Capital Projects Local Option Sales Tax is scheduled to be implemented in Aiken County businesses on May 1, 2001, and the County anticipates receiving these funds beginning in July 2001. The Bobby Jones' pro-rata portion share of each collection will be set aside each month for this project. When the South Carolina Department of Transportation requests Aiken County's local share for the project, we will forward the funds for use by SCDOT. If sufficient funds have not been collected at that time, we plan to obtain a letter of credit which could be used for required payments on the project.

It is Aiken County's intention for the South Carolina Highway Department to serve as the lead agency for this project, responsible for all design, right-of-way acquisition and construction. Funding will be disbursed as outlined above.

In addition, Aiken County will deposit all sales tax revenue in a separate interest-bearing account. All interest earned from these revenues will be earmarked for the Bobby Jones Project, in case of cost over-runs.

Sincerely,

  
Ronnie Young, Chairman  
Aiken County Council

Ronnie Young  
Chairman

Kathy Rawls  
District #1

Susan W. Giddings  
District #2

LaWana McKenzie  
District #3

Chuck Smith  
District #4

Phil Napier  
District #5

Joel F. Randall  
District #6

Rick N. Osbon  
District #7

Willar H. Hightower, Jr.  
District #8

**DOCUMENT 7**  
**GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF**  
**TRANSPORTATION LETTER**



# Department of Transportation

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February 6, 2001

Elizabeth S. Mabry  
Executive Director  
South Carolina Department of Transportation  
PO Box 191  
Columbia, SC 29202-0191

Subject: Extension of I-520 (Bobby Jones Expressway)

Dear Ms. Mabry:

The Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) received an inquiry from officials in Aiken, South Carolina regarding the availability of funds to complete I-520 on the Georgia side of the Savannah River. In response, we request you forward this letter to the South Carolina Transportation Infrastructure Bank Board.

We estimate Georgia's cost to extend the Bobby Jones Expressway, to the Savannah River and provide 50% of the bridge cost, will total approximately \$16.2 million. These funds will be restored to our projects when South Carolina has identified construction funds for Bobby Jones Expressway, Phase I. The Georgia Department of Transportation is prepared to proceed in accordance with South Carolina's funding and construction schedule.

We sincerely hope the financial contributions of the State of Georgia and Aiken County, South Carolina demonstrate our mutual support for completing Bobby Jones Expressway. We encourage you to proceed expeditiously with Phase I and look forward to the ultimate completion of I-520. Completion of this facility will provide an important link in the Interstate System and significantly benefit the citizens of both States.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "J. Tom Coleman, Jr." in a cursive style.

J. Tom Coleman, Jr.  
Commissioner

JTC:ERS

cc: James L. Lester, GDOT 10<sup>th</sup> District Board Member  
Harold Linnenkohl, GDOT Deputy Commissioner  
Frank L. Danchetz, GDOT Chief Engineer  
George Patty, ARTS Study Director  
Phil England, Aiken County Planning and Development, Director  
Skip Gerkovic, North Augusta Economic and Community Development, Director

**DOCUMENT 8**  
**S. C. DEPARTMENT OF**  
**TRANSPORTATION LETTER**



South Carolina  
Department of Transportation

March 2, 2001

**File 2.885, PIN 16190 – Bobby Jones Expressway from Savannah River  
to Interstate Route 20, Aiken County**

Mr. G.M. "Skip" Grkovic  
Director of Economic and Community Development  
City of North Augusta  
P.O. Box 6400  
North Augusta, SC 29861-6400

Dear Mr. Grkovic:

This is in reference to your request for information regarding preliminary engineering and right of way acquisition for Bobby Jones Expressway from the Savannah River to Interstate 20.

To date the Department has spent approximately \$1,500,000 on preliminary engineering for the Bobby Jones Expressway. Likewise, the Department has spent approximately \$850,000 on right of way for Phase I only. We have acquired all necessary property between the Savannah River and U.S. Route 1, however, no property has been purchased north of U.S. Route 1.

I hope that this information is helpful. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me a telephone number 803-737-3511.

Sincerely,

Mark C. Lester  
Program Manager

MCL

File: PC/MCL



**DOCUMENT 9**  
**TWO LETTERS OF INTENT**

January 30, 2001

The Honorable Senator Greg Ryberg  
P.O. Box 1077  
Aiken, South Carolina 29802

RE: Right of Way – Bobby Jones Expressway

Dear Senator Ryberg:

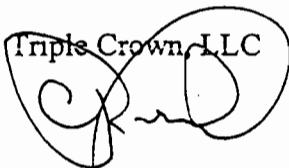
Pursuant to your discussion with, Andy Parnell, at Windsor-Aughtry Company, I wanted to write you and pledge our support toward the future construction of the Bobby Jones Expressway.

Our owners, Triple Crown, LLC would be willing to contribute a portion of the road right of way needed for construction of the freeway. Our specific offer is to agree to donate a strip of land which is along the common boundary with the Kellogg tract and an additional larger strip which traverses the Triple Crown tract. Of course we would encourage the road design to minimize the loss of utility of our property and this right-of-way would need to be negotiated with S.C.D.O.T.

Finally, Triple Crown's offer to contribute the right of way would be conditioned upon our review and input regarding alignment and at least two points of access at the north and south end of our property.

We look forward to working with you and the City Planning Department for this very worthwhile project. Thank you for your help.

Best regards,

Triple Crown, LLC  


Cliff Redd  
Managing Member

cc: ✓ Skip Grkovic, City Economic Development for North Augusta, SC  
Andy Parnell  
Harrison Forrester  
Royce J. Carter  
Elizabeth Mabry, S.C.D.O.T. Executive Director

The Honorable W. Greg Ryberg  
Senator, South Carolina  
203 Gressette Bldg  
P.O.Box 142  
Columbia, SC 29202

Re: Bobby Jones Expressway Extension

Dear Senator Ryberg;

2/28/01

The owners of the Kellogg Tract, a 530 acre tract of Longleaf timber and wetland bottom located in Belvedere and North Augusta, South Carolina, would like to thank you once again for the attention you have given our property in its current state of jeopardy.

As you are aware, the original 1979 routing plan for the extension of I-520 -the Bobby Jones Expressway, bisects our property at its lowest point -directly impacting and threatening the destruction of a small creek, a collection of springs, and the forest and ecosystem that surround them.

In addition to containing one of the oldest and largest privately held stands of Longleaf Pine in the area, the tract contains a wetlands hardwood stand with 80-year old trees as well as other features of ecological and aesthetic value.

While we understand the importance and necessity of the I-520 extension to the economic well-being of the surrounding region, we are eager to prevent or minimize the consequent damage to our property.

In the course of discussions with the City of North Augusta regarding the impact of the development of "Blanchard Park" (the 1,465 acre mixed-use development East of us), the possibility of re-aligning the expressway to the East -partially onto the Blanchard Park land, was introduced.



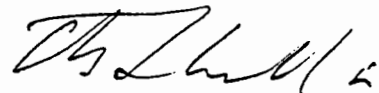
Subsequent to those discussions, we have learned that they have written to you and SCDOT, formalizing their willingness to negotiate for the donation of right-of-way in exchange for access to the expressway.

We are interested in pursuing discussions with Aiken County, SCDOT, and the City of North Augusta to explore this option in greater detail. We will carefully consider the possibility of donating a portion of the right-of-way in order to minimize to the greatest extent practical, the adverse impact of a proximate expressway to our property.

Any willingness to negotiate for a right-of-way donation would be conditional upon our participation in the planning process and the commitment of SCDOT engineers to minimize the impact of the expressway upon our property.

We are grateful for your attention and consideration in this matter, and hope that an equitable solution can be attained.

Sincerely,



John L. Carroll jr.  
Property Manager,  
Kellogg Tract

cc: Elizabeth Mabry, SCDOT Executive Director

✓ Skip Grkovic, City of North Augusta Dir. of Econ. Development

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