



BEAUFORT COUNTY UPDATE TO STATE TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE BANK

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Important Facts About Beaufort County

- Beaufort County is Fastest Growing County in the State
- The population of Northern Beaufort County is projected to grow by approximately 53% and the population of Southern Beaufort County is expected to grow 100% over the next 20 years
- Beaufort County Supplies over 12,800 Direct Tourism Jobs from Domestic Travel in 2006
- 2nd Best Unemployment Rate, at 4.4 percent
- 3rd in Accommodations Tax Collection in 2006 totaling \$5.3 Million

Economic Engine of the State

- ❑ Statewide, Travel and Tourism Generates \$16.7 Billion a Year in Total Economic Demand
- ❑ Over 10% of Employment in this State is Generated by Travel and Tourism
- ❑ Beaufort County Received \$960 million in Domestic Travel Expenditures in 2006
- ❑ Gross Sales Were Up 4.4% in 2006 in Combined Tourism-Related Sectors

Public Benefits (Overview)

- **Economic Impact**
- **Hurricane Evacuation Improvements**
- **Tourism Impact**
- **Quality of Life**
- **Military Impact**
- **Military Bases**
 - Marine Corps Air Station
 - Parris Island Recruiting Depot
 - Beaufort Naval Hospital at Port Royal

Public Benefits

Economic Impact

- Beaufort County is ranked 7th out of all 46 counties in number of jobs in 2006
- Beaufort County has the highest average income in South Carolina with \$41,724
- Beaufort County ranked 1st for averaged assessed property value

Public Benefits

Hurricane Evacuation Improvements

- ❑ There are no hurricane shelters in Beaufort County
- ❑ A Category IV storm surge will flood all of Hilton Head Island
- ❑ All of Beaufort County must be evacuated in the event of a Category II storm
- ❑ It takes residents 13 – 18 hours to reach I-95 during a mandatory evacuation
- ❑ These three road projects will enhance the current evacuation plan

Public Benefits

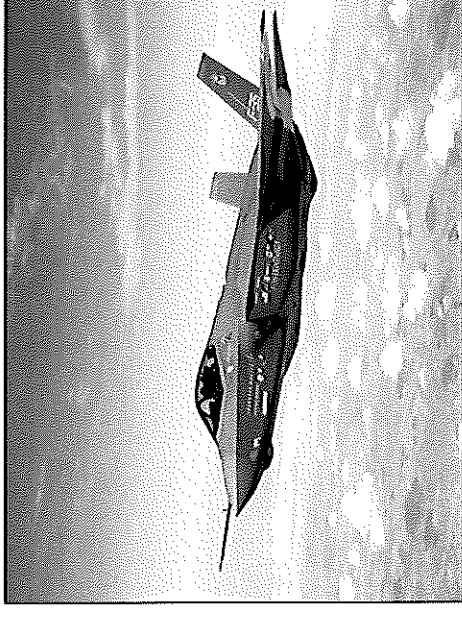
Tourism Impact

- Beaufort County received \$960,000,000 in domestic travel expenditures in 2006, second to Charleston County
- Beaufort County has over 12,800 direct tourism jobs
- Beaufort County generated more money from its accommodations tax dollars than all but two counties
- Statewide, the tourism industry contributes \$9.4 billion to the Gross State Product and supports 207,000 jobs. Beaufort is a major part of this industry
- Some 9,000 workers commute daily from neighboring counties to support this industry

Public Benefits

Military Impact

- The military presence in Beaufort County represents \$375,000,000 of Beaufort County's economy, employs 1,800 citizens and brings 6,500 active duty personnel to the area
- The federal budget for military installations in Beaufort County is \$58,000,000 per year
- The military presence in Beaufort supports a total of \$717.5 million in sales at local businesses. This spending provides for 17,500 jobs and \$614.6 million in personal income each year

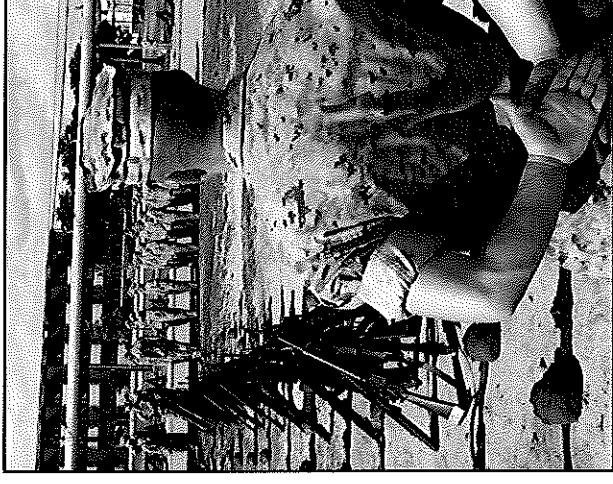


F-35 Joint Strike Fighter

Public Benefits

Military Bases

- **Marine Corps Air Station**
 - Joint Strike Fighter Program (JSF) is under review by BRAC to potentially be the first military base to get the JSF Program, a potential multi-million dollar Department of Defense budget increase for the County
- **Parris Island**
 - Visitors alone contribute over \$7,000,000 to Beaufort County's economy
- **Beaufort County Naval Hospital at Port Royal**
 - Ranked one of the best in the country
 - One of the few military hospitals fully capable of handling all patients



Financial Qualifications

- **Impact Fees:** Adopted in 2001 and identified to fund \$78,580,000 in Beaufort County Capital Improvement Projects
- **Local Accommodations:** Hilton Head Island contributes \$2,100,000 from their accommodations tax and hospitality tax to Beaufort County's road capital improvements program
- **Local Hospitality Tax:** The town of Hilton Head Island has designated \$400,000 toward the Bluffton Parkway project
- **Capital project Sales Tax:**
One-percent sales tax road improvement program approved in November 2006 to raise \$152 million over six years. \$98,700,000 of this is to go toward these three projects

Actual vs. Forecasted Sales Revenue

Fiscal Year	Date Received	Forecasted Receipts	Actual Receipts (Including Interest)
2008, 1st Quarter	9/30/2007	\$6,333,333	\$7,838,127
2008, 2nd Quarter	12/31/2007	\$6,333,333	\$7,275,319
2008, 3rd Quarter	3/31/2008	\$6,333,333	\$7,549,882
2008, 4th Quarter	6/30/2008	\$6,333,333	\$7,783,702
2009, 1st Quarter	9/30/2008	\$6,333,333	\$9,776,468
2009, 2nd Quarter	12/31/2008	\$6,333,333	\$7,358,061
2009, 3rd Quarter	3/31/2009	\$6,333,333	\$6,741,168
2009, 4th Quarter	6/30/2009	\$6,333,333	\$6,818,262
		\$50,666,664	\$61,141,029

Financial Plan

□ **Total Project Costs**

Bluffton Parkway	\$130,910,064
SC 170	\$ 32,183,780
SC 802	\$ 52,811,703
Total	\$215,905,547

□ **Amount of Local Contributions**

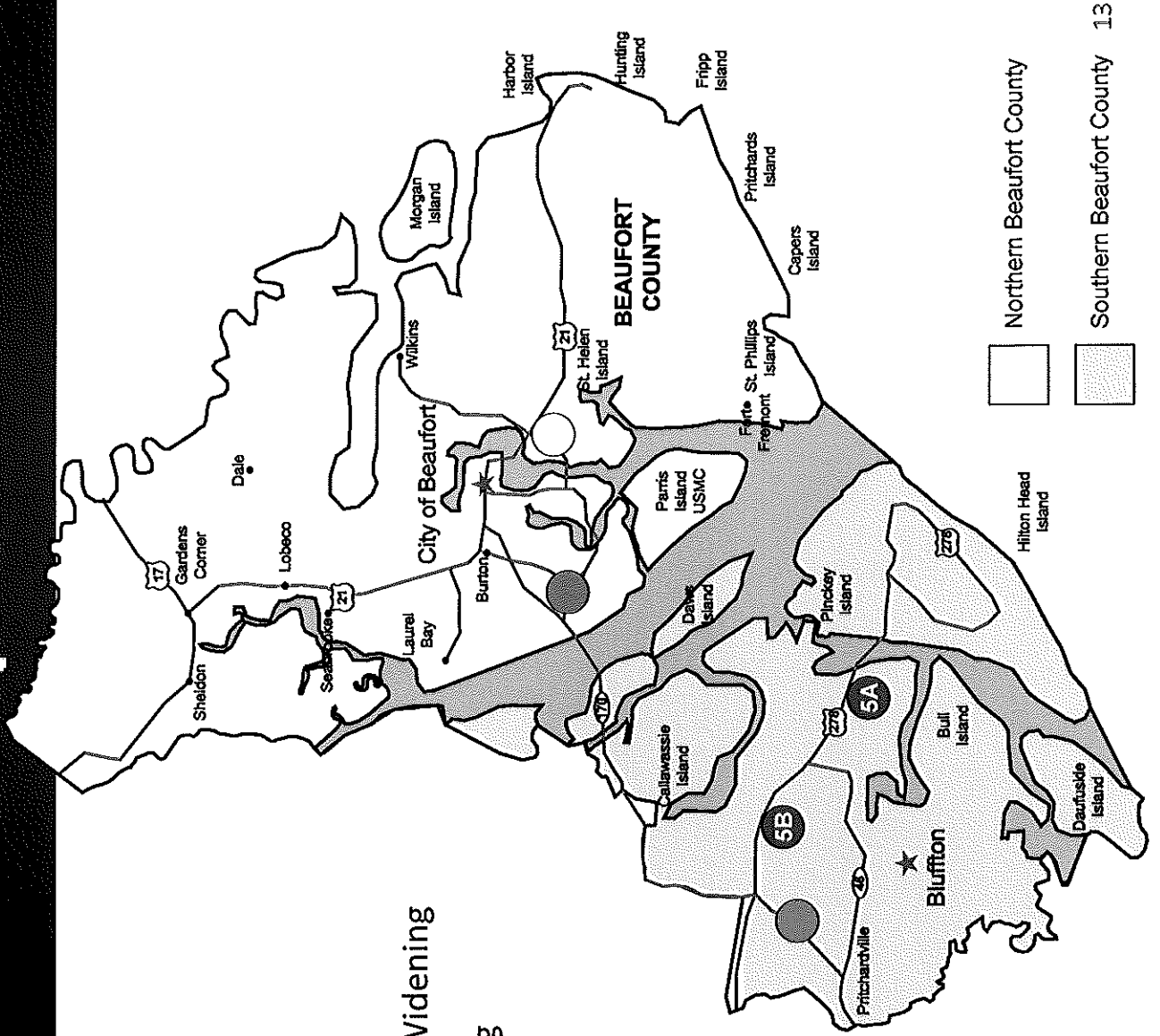
Beaufort County Match: \$129,543,328 (60% of total project costs)

□ **Amount of Assistance Requested from Bank:** Beaufort County formally requests a grant of \$86,362,219 (40% of the total project costs)

Project Descriptions

Location of Projects

- Bluffton Parkway
- SC 170 (Okatie Hwy.) Widening
- SC 802/US 21 (Lady's Island Dr.) Widening
- SC 802 (Savannah Hwy.) Widening



New Bridge Over Beaufort River

Location:

- Beaufort River

Description:

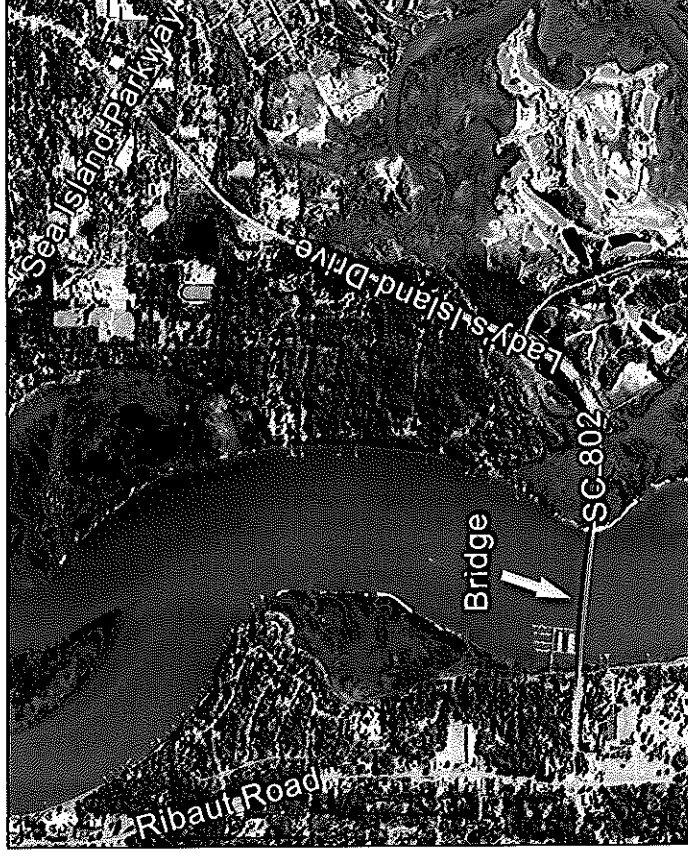
- Bridge Length is 4,211 LF
- Two Lanes with Shoulder and Separate Bicycle Paths
- Protected Pedestrian Walkway

Bridge Low Bid: \$34,573,368

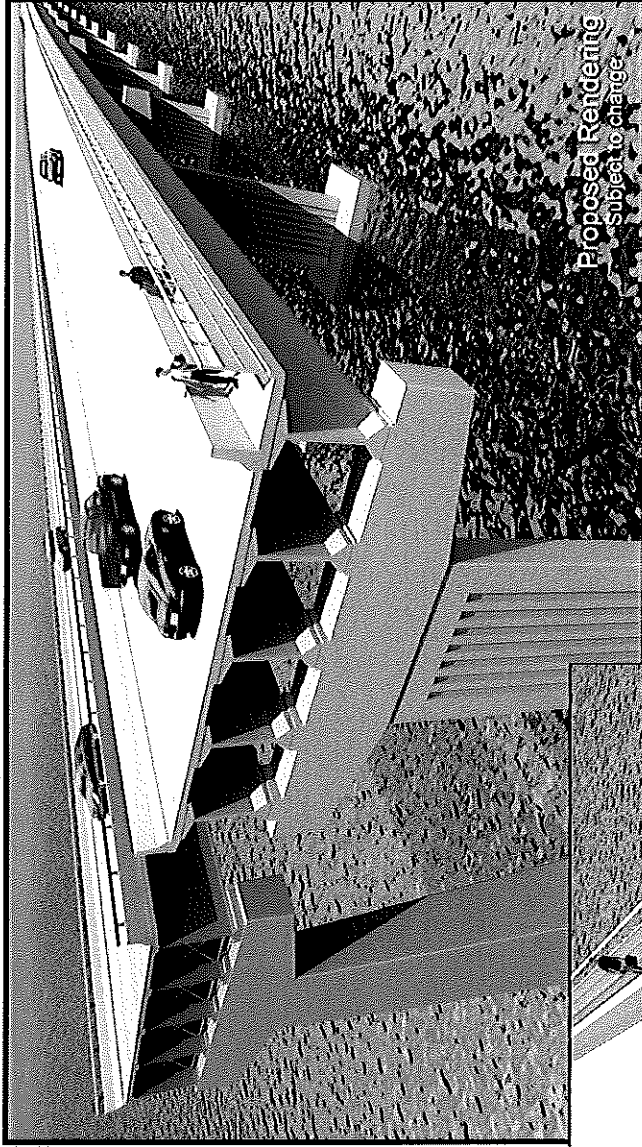
Contractor: United Contractors

Requested SIB Grant: \$10,111,702

Notice to Proceed Issued August 6, 2009



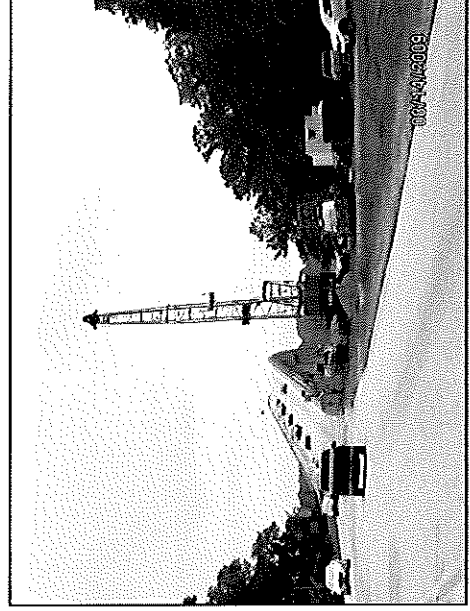
New Bridge Over Beaufort River



Proposed Rendering
Subject to change



Renderings of SC-802 Bridge



Crane mobilization for construction of the new SC 802 bridge

SC 802 Widening

Location:

- SC 170 (Robert Smalls Parkway) to Parris Island Gateway
- Ribaut Road to US 21 (Sea Island Parkway)

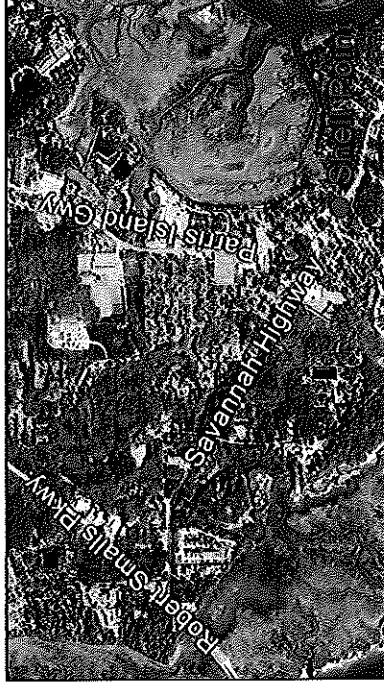
Description:

- 2.1 Miles, 5-lane Roadway, Planted Median, Sidewalks and Bike Lanes
- 2.8 Miles 4-lane Divided Roadway with New Sidewalks, Multi-use Pathways and Bike Lanes

Requested SIB Grant: \$10,111,702

Roadway Low Bid: \$5,470,549

Contractor: Sanders Brothers Construction Co., Inc.



Construction Notice to Proceed Issued on August 13, 2009

Bluffton Parkway Phase 5A

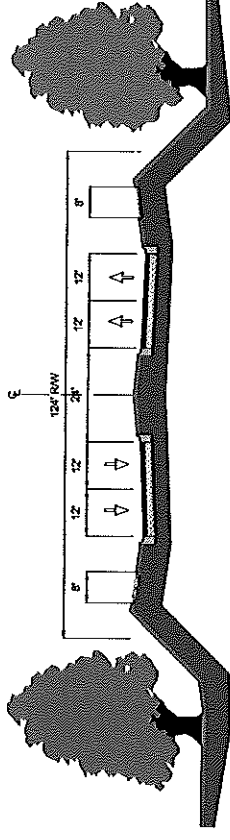
Location:

- Burnt Church Road to US 278 (Mackays Creek)

Description:

- 3 Miles, 4-lane Divided Road
- 8' Multi-use Pathways

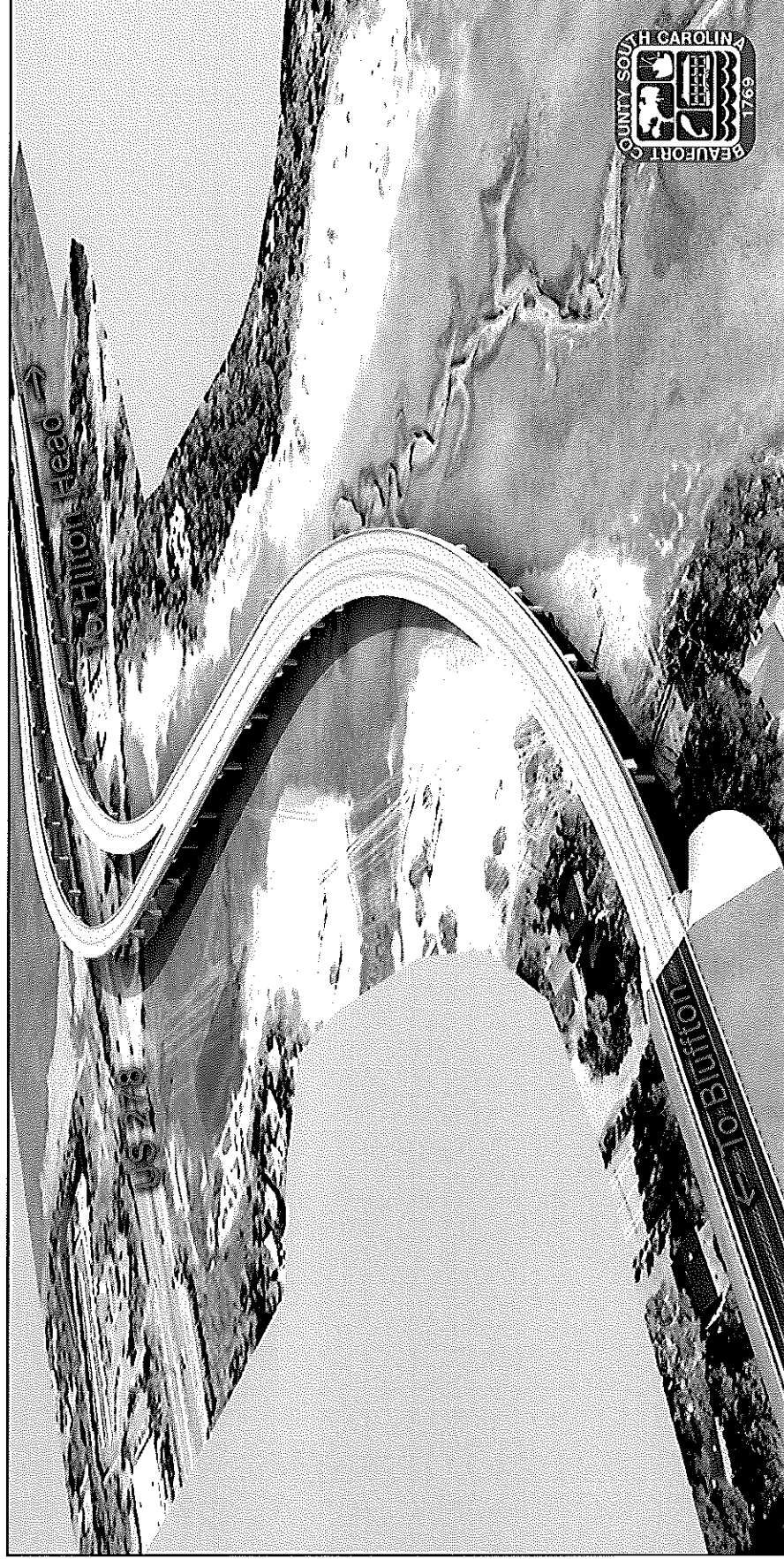
Requested SIB Grant: \$70,066,737



Project Status:

- Road and Bridge Final Design Plans are Complete
- Santee-Cooper has Completed Design Plans and Palmetto Electric has Begun Relocating Their Power Lines
- The United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) is Reviewing the Permit Application
- SCDOT Generously Donated the Necessary Saltwater Mitigation Credits

Bluffton Parkway Phase 5A



Rendering of Bluffton Parkway Phase 5A Bridges

Bluffton Parkway Phase 5B

Location:

- Buckwalter Parkway to Buck Island Road

Description:

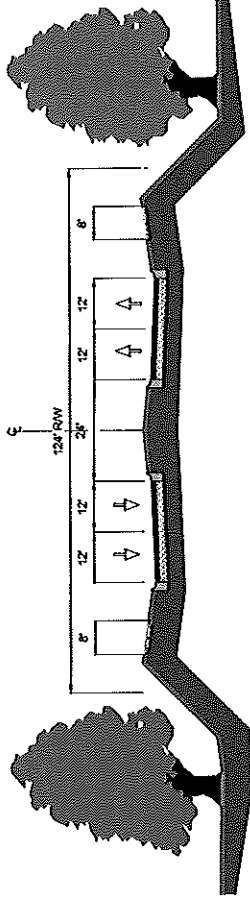
- 2.5 Miles, 4-lane Divided Road
- 8' Multi-use Pathways



Requested SIB Grant: \$70,066,737

Project Status:

- Final Right-of-Way plans and Final Utility Plans Have Been Submitted
- Preparing Permit for United States Army Corps of Engineers



SC 170 (Okatie Highway Widening)

Location:

- SC 46 (May River Road) to Tide Watch Drive (Rivers Bend)

Description:

- 6 Miles, 4 and 6-lane Divided Roadway
- Context-sensitive Design Based on Existing Trees
- Pathways/ Paved Shoulders

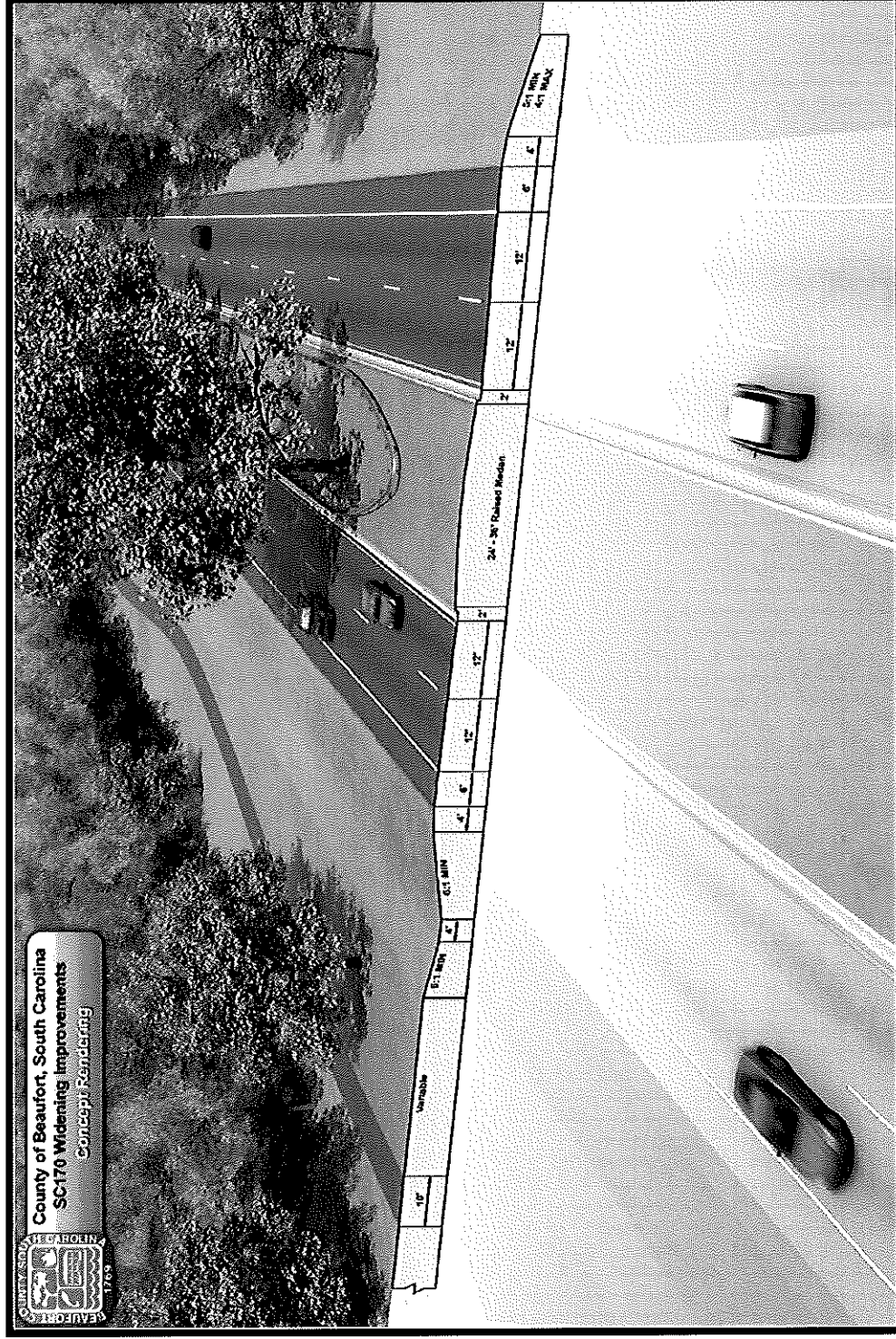
Requested SIB Grant: \$6,183,780

Project Status:

- Final Roadway Plans Under Development
- SCDOT issued Right-of-Way Notice-to-Proceed on July 14, 2009



SC 170 (Okatie Highway Widening)



Rendering of the SC 170



Questions?