

Appendix F

Resolutions and Letters of Support



SAVANNAH RIVER SITE
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November 5, 2007

PAD-2007-0015

Mr. Donald Leonard, Chairman
South Carolina State Transportation Infrastructure Bank
P.O. Box 191
Columbia, SC 29202

Dear Chairman Leonard:

I want to add my endorsement to the application for transportation funds to improve the access to Interstate 20, as well as the improvements to access the Savannah River Site. The Aiken City and County Councils have requested a grant of approximately \$63 million for nine major improvements to the transportation network connecting the Interstate and the major employers for this region. Significantly, the City and County have offered to provide almost 50% of the necessary funds for the total \$117 million program. This is real partnership with state government to solve critical road needs.

The Aiken Community has experienced significant population growth in the last 10 years. Much of that growth has been concentrated to the south along and near Aiken's major north-south corridor, S.C. 19 (Whiskey Road). This road also functions as the principle route between the Savannah River Site and the Aiken area for Site workers. The issue, then, is not just about traffic congestion; it is about ensuring adequate and prompt access to jobs at SRS. The federal government is in the process of building two more major facilities, the Mixed Oxide Fuel Fabrication Facility and Salt Waste Processing Facility. Both operations will create many additional jobs at the Site, and will continue to add traffic to the Aiken area road system. Also, the community's improvements envisioned to access Interstate 20 are desperately needed if our area is to continue its economic progress.

In addition to the significant Southside development, Aiken's north and west sides have growth on a level not realized in those areas during the past several decades. The University of South Carolina Aiken along S.C. 118 (University Parkway) has built new on-campus housing units, and a Super Wal-Mart store opened in October on U.S. 1 (Augusta Highway) across from this intersection. A large residential development, which is currently under construction near the University and the Aiken Regional Medical Centers campus, will include 3,000 single-family units and associated retail development.

In partnership with the Aiken Regional Transportation Planning Organization (ARTS), the City, the County, and SCDOT, we really can accomplish great things. Therefore, I write you to express my complete support for this funding application.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this significant issue, which addresses the future growth and economic strength of our community.

Sincerely,

R. Keith Wood, Director
Public Affairs

WASHINGTON SAVANNAH RIVER COMPANY

The WSRC Team: Washington Savannah River Company LLC • Bechtel Savannah River, Inc. • BNG America Savannah River Corporation • BWXT Savannah River Company • CH2 Savannah River Company



November 1, 2007

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Further, the improvements envisioned to access Interstate 20 are desperately needed if we are to continue our economic progress.

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Sincerely,



J. David Jameson
President/CEO



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October 31, 2007

Mr. Donald Leonard, Chairman
South Carolina State Transportation Infrastructure Bank
P.O. Box 191
Columbia, SC 29202

Dear Chairman Leonard:

I want to add my endorsement to the application for transportation funds to improve the access to Interstate 20, as well as the improvements to access the Savannah River Site.

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Therefore, I write you to express my complete support and that of my 1,000 employees for this funding application.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this significant issue which addresses the future growth and economic strength of our community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "K. D. Justyn". The signature is written in black ink and includes a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

K. D. Justyn
CEO/Managing Director



REALTOR®

AIKEN BOARD OF REALTORS® /MLS

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November 1, 2007

Mr. Donald Leonard, Chairman
South Carolina State Transportation Infrastructure Bank
P.O. Box 191
Columbia, SC 29202

Dear Chairman Leonard:

The Aiken Board of Realtors wants to add our endorsement to the application for transportation funds to improve the access to Interstate 20, as well as the improvements to access the Savannah River Site.

The Aiken City and County Council have requested a grant of approximately \$63 million dollars for nine major improvements to the transportation network connecting the Interstate and the major employers for this region. Significantly, the City and Council have offered to provide almost 50% of the necessary funds for the total \$117 million dollar program. This is real partnership with the state government to solve critical road needs.

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Therefore, the Aiken Board of Realtors writes to you to express our complete support for this funding application.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of the significant issue which addresses the future growth and economic strength of our community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kristyne Blake". The signature is written in dark ink and extends across the width of the page.

Kristyne Blake
Association Executive
Aiken Board of Realtors

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HOME BUILDERS ASSOCIATION OF AIKEN COUNTY

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Rusty Findley – President

Mary Ellen Brush – Executive Officer

November 1, 2007

Mr. Donald Leonard, Chairman
South Carolina State Transportation Infrastructure Bank
P.O. Box 191
Columbia, SC 29202

Dear Chairman Leonard:

The Home Builders Association of Aiken County wants to add our endorsement to the application for transportation funds to improve the access to Interstate 20, as well as the improvements to access the Savannah River Site.

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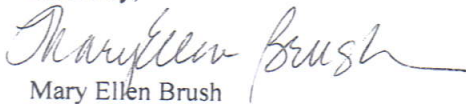
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Therefore, we write you to express our complete support for this funding application.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this significant issue that addresses the future growth and economic strength of our community.

Sincerely,


Mary Ellen Brush



A Higher Standard

November 1, 2007

Mr. Donald Leonard, Chairman
South Carolina State Transportation Infrastructure Bank
P.O. Box 191
Columbia, SC 29202

Dear Chairman Leonard:

I am writing, on behalf of the Legin Group, Inc., a small, minority-owned business in Aiken, to solicit your organizational support for the application for transportation funds to improve the access to Interstate 20, as well as the improvements to access the Savannah River Site.

The Aiken City and County Council have requested a grant of approximately \$63 million dollars for nine major improvements to the transportation network connecting the Interstate and the major employers for this region. Significantly, the City and County have offered to provide almost 50% of the necessary funds for the total \$117 million dollar program. This is real partnership with the state government to solve critical road needs.

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In partnership with the regional transportation planning organization (ARTS), the City, the County, and SCDOT, we really can accomplish great things.

Therefore, we write you to express our complete support for this funding application.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this significant issue which addresses the future growth and economic strength of our community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William E. Wisenbaker, Jr." with a stylized flourish at the end.

William E. Wisenbaker, Jr.
Vice President, Eastern Operations



November 1, 2007

Mr. Donald Leonard, Chairman
South Carolina State Transportation Infrastructure Bank
P.O. Box 191
Columbia, SC 29202

Dear Chairman Leonard:

I have been a resident of Aiken for my entire life and have seen Aiken grow and prosper into what it is today. We feel, however, for our continued economic progress, the partnership outlined below between our local governments and our state government is critical. Therefore, we want to add our endorsement to the application for transportation funds to improve the access to Interstate 20, as well as the improvements to access the Savannah River Site.

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Therefore, we write you to express our complete support for this funding application. Thank you for your consideration of this very important project to our community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "W. Marsh Burckhalter, Jr." with a stylized flourish at the end.

W. Marsh Burckhalter, Jr.
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**FREE MEDICAL
CLINIC OF AIKEN
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Mission Statement: The Free Medical Clinic of Aiken County is dedicated to improving the quality of life of impoverished, uninsured residents of Aiken County by providing ongoing, non-acute healthcare in a Professional setting.

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November 5, 2007

**Mr. Donald Leonard, Chairman
South Carolina State Transportation Infrastructure Bank
P. O. Box 191
Columbia, SC 29202**

Dear Chairman Leonard:

We want to add our endorsement to the application for transportation funds to improve the access to interstate 20, as well as the improvements to access the Savannah River Site.

The Aiken Community has experienced a huge population growth in the last 10 years. Much of that growth has been to the north-south corridor, SC 19 (whiskey road). This road is also the principle route between the Savannah River Site and the Aiken area for site workers. It is not just about traffic congestion; it is about insuring adequate and prompt access to jobs at SRS.

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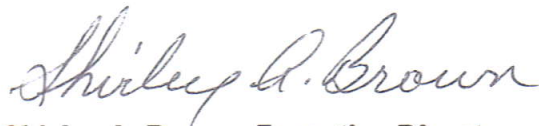
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Therefore, we write you to express our complete support for this funding application.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this significant issue which addresses the future growth and economic strength of our community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Shirley A. Brown".

Shirley A. Brown, Executive Director
Free Medical Clinic of Aiken County, Inc.

November 1, 2007

Mr. Donald Leonard, Chairman
South Carolina State Transportation Infrastructure Bank
P.O. Box 191
Columbia, SC 29202

Dear Chairman Leonard:

I am a small business owner in Aiken, S.C. On behalf of my management staff I am writing to add our endorsement to the application for transportation funds to improve the access to Interstate 20, as well as the improvements to access the Savannah River Site. My business is located in South Aiken on Whiskey Road so we are directly impacted by the traffic congestion in this area.

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Further, the improvements envisioned to access Interstate 20 are desperately needed if we are to continue our economic progress. Many of my customers travel Interstate 20 to come to our business. I often hear complaints that it takes longer to get from I20 to Whiskey Road than it does to travel from Columbia on Interstate 20 to Exit #22 in Aiken.

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Sincerely,

Marsha T. Hopkins

Marsha T. Hopkins, vp
Aiken Motorcycle Sales & Service, Inc.

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November 1, 2007

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Post Office Box 191
Columbia, South Carolina 29202

Dear Chairman Leonard:

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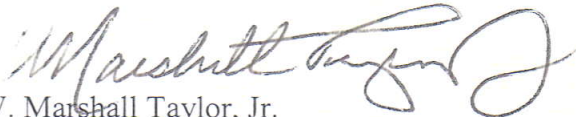
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Thank you in advance for your consideration of this significant issue which addresses the future growth and economic strength of the Aiken community.

Sincerely,


W. Marshall Taylor, Jr.

WMT/kcu

Aunt Pitty Pat's Old Country Store
113 Laurens St. SW
Suite 107
(803) 649-4858
Aiken, SC 29801
Owned and Operated by Twelve Oaks Plantation LLC

Date: 11/05/2007

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Further, the improvements envisioned to access Interstate 20 are desperately needed if we are to continue our economic growth and progress.

In addition to the significant Southside development, the north and west sections of Aiken have grown on a level not anticipated in those areas during the past several decades. The University of South Carolina Aiken along SC 118 has built on campus housing units, and a Super Wal-Mart store opened recently on US 1 across from this intersection. A large residential development, which is currently under construction near the University and the Aiken Regional Medical Center campus, will include 3,000 single-family units and associated retail development.

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Sincerely,

James T. Edwards Jr.

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Therefore, we write you to express our complete personal and business support for this funding application.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this significant issue which addresses the future growth and economic strength of our community.

Very truly yours,



Tom Young, Jr.

TY:ah

November 1, 2007

Mr. Donald Leonard, Chairman
South Carolina State Transportation Infrastructure Bank
P.O. Box 191
Columbia, SC 29202

Dear Chairman Leonard:

As a resident and businessperson in Aiken my company adds our endorsement to the application for transportation funds to improve the access to Interstate 20, as well as the improvements to access the Savannah River Site.

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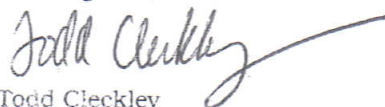
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Thank you in advance for your consideration on this important issue which addresses the future growth and economic strength of our community

Best regards,



Todd Checkley
Director of Community Outreach



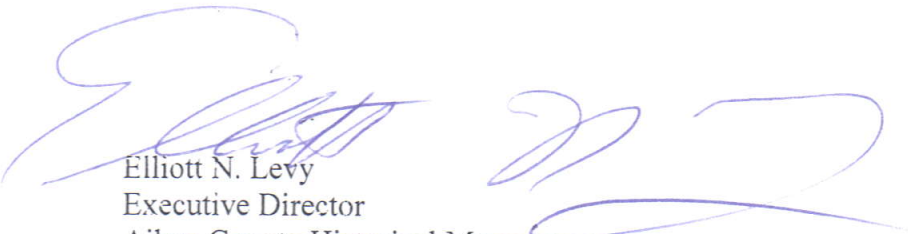
Mr. Donald Leonard, Chairman
South Carolina State Transportation Infrastructure Bank
P.O. Box 191
Columbia, S.C. 29202

November 5, 2007

Dear Chairman Leonard,

I was informed that an application had been filed to improve the access to Interstate 20 and to the Savannah River Site. I believe that a community willing to match such funds as requested for a transportation network is rare. This type of a commitment illustrates that Aiken is serious about its future and is willing to meet that challenge responsibly. We are not looking for a handout, we are looking for a partner.

Thank you for your consideration for the needs of Aiken County.



Elliott N. Levy
Executive Director
Aiken County Historical Museum
433 Newberry St. SW
Aiken, S.C 29801



November 1, 2007

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Sincerely,

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Thomas Meesseman
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November 1, 2007

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South Carolina State Transportation Infrastructure Bank
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Columbia, SC 29202

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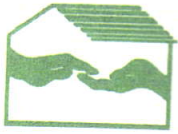
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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Greg Jensen", is written over the typed name.

Gregory D. Jensen
Senior Vice President
Cornerstone Mortgage Company



Home Medical

November 1, 2007

Mr. Donald Leonard, Chairman
South Carolina State Transportation Infrastructure Bank
PO Box 191
Columbia, SC 29202

Dear Chairman Leonard:

The Aiken City and County Council have requested a grant of approximately \$63 million dollars for nine major improvements to the transportation network connecting I-20 and the major employers of the region. I would like to point out that our local city and county governments realize that they should do their fair share and have committed to providing almost 50% of the total necessary funding of \$117 million for this needed project.

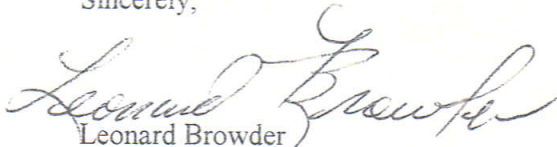
Our community has experienced significant population growth in the last 10 years. Most of this growth has been concentrated in south Aiken along Highway 19. It should be noted that this main north-south corridor is also the principle route utilized by the thousands of workers at the Savannah River Site. I am sure you will agree that adequate and prompt access to jobs at SRS is a top priority for the city of Aiken and Aiken County as most of the workers at SRS reside within these geographic boundaries. If we are to continue our economic progress we must improve our transportation network.

While the south side of Aiken has shown the most growth over the past several decades, the north and west side are starting to rapidly catch up. USC Aiken (located along SC 118 across from the Aiken Regional Medical Center complex) has built new on-campus housing units and a Super Wal-Mart store along with many other new retail outlets opened in October at the intersection of US 1 and SC 118, just down the road from USC Aiken. A large residential development including 3,000 single-family units and associated retail development is currently under construction near the USC and Aiken Regional Medical Centers campuses.

This transportation project is exactly the type of project that can and will help the Aiken community and by extension the entire state of South Carolina as we prepare for and remain proactive in our commitment to economic growth and prosperity for our great community and state.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


Leonard Browder
CEO

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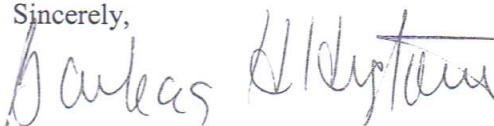
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Therefore, we write you to express our complete support for this funding application.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this significant issue which addresses the future growth and economic strength of our community.

Sincerely,



Your Name

Established in 1991, HopeHealth is a not-for-profit organization serving twelve counties in three regions of South Carolina. The organization receives funding support from private donations, the Aiken Foundation, the Pfizer Foundation, Augusta Housing and Economic Development, S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control, and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (Health Resources and Services Administration and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention).



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October 31, 2007

Mr. Donald Leonard, Chairman
South Carolina State Transportation Infrastructure Bank
P.O. Box 191
Columbia, SC 29202

Dear Chairman Leonard:

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Sincerely,


Khrista Villegas
Johnson Development Associates, Inc.
Head of Operations – Multifamily Division

November 1, 2007

Mr. Donald Leonard, Chairman
South Carolina State Transportation Infrastructure Bank
P.O. Box 191
Columbia, SC 29202

Dear Chairman Leonard:

The agents here at Meybohm Realtors want to add our endorsement to the application for transportation funds to improve the access to Interstate 20, as well as the improvements to access the Savannah River Site.

The Aiken City and County Council have requested a grant of approximately \$63 million dollars for nine major improvements to the transportation network connecting the Interstate and the major employers for this region. The City and County have offered to provide almost 50% of the necessary funds for the total \$117 million dollar program. This is real partnership with the state government to solve critical road needs.

I am sure that you are aware that the Aiken Community has experienced significant population growth in the last 10 years. Much of that growth has been concentrated to the south along and near Aiken's major north-south corridor, SC 19 (Whiskey Road). This road is used by site workers as the principle route between the Savannah River Site and the Aiken area. This project is not just about traffic congestion. It is about insuring adequate and prompt access to jobs at SRS.

If we are to continue our economic progress, the improvements envisioned to access Interstate 20 are desperately needed.

The growth on our Southside has certainly been significant. Aiken's north and west sides are experiencing growth as well, on a level not realized in those areas during the past several decades. Traffic on SC 118 (University Parkway) is being impacted by growth at the USC-Aiken campus, where new housing units were recently built, as well as a large residential development which is currently under construction near the University and the Aiken Regional Medical Center campus. This development will include 3,000 single-family units and associated retail development. Additionally, a Super Wal-Mart store opened in October on US 1 (Augusta Highway) across from this intersection.

We are writing you to express our complete support for this funding application. In partnership with the regional transportation planning organization (ARTS), the City, the County, and SCDOT, we really can accomplish great things!

The economic strength and future growth of our community depends on these improvements to our transportation network. Thank you in advance for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



Carolyn Moore
Meybohm Realtors



November 5th, 2007

Mr. Donald Leonard, Chairman
South Carolina State Transportation Infrastructure Bank
PO Box 191
Columbia, SC 29202

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In partnership with the regional transportation planning organization (ARTS), the City, the County, and SCDOT, we can really accomplish things, and we write you to express our complete support for this funding application!

Sincerely,

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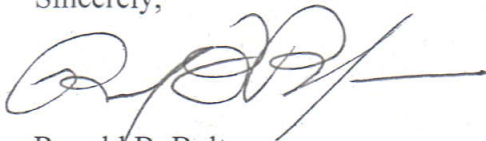
Dear Mr. Leonard:

I would like to endorse the application for transportation funds to improve the access to Interstate 20 and also for improvements to access the Savannah River Site in Aiken County.

We have had a significant population growth over the last ten years, not only on the south side of Whiskey Road (SC Highway 19) but also toward I-20. Also included in this growth is the west side of Aiken, especially along University Parkway near the USC Aiken campus and Aiken Regional Medical Center.

Therefore, your consideration of such a significant issue for the Aiken community is much appreciated.

Sincerely,



Ronald B. Bolton

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P.O. Box 191
Columbia, SC 29202

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Thank you in advance for your consideration of this significant issue which addresses the future growth and economic strength of our community.

Sincerely,

Daniel and Michelle Ackenbrack

SAVANNAH
RIVER
BANKING
COMPANY



November 5, 2007

Mr. Donald Leonard, Chairman
South Carolina State Transportation Infrastructure Bank
P.O. Box 191
Columbia, SC 29202

Dear Chairman Leonard:

Savannah River Banking Company would like to add our endorsement to the application for transportation funds to improve access to Interstate 20 and the Savannah River Site.

It is my understanding that the Aiken City and County Councils have requested a grant of approximately \$63 million dollars for nine major improvements to the transportation network connecting the interstate and the major employers in this region. To demonstrate our commitment to these projects and to partner with the state government to solve our critical road needs, the City and County have offered to provide nearly 50% of the necessary funds for the total \$117million dollar cost of the projects.

The Aiken area has experienced significant population growth during the past 10 years. Much of that growth has been concentrated to the south along and near SC Highway 19 (Whiskey Road), the major north-south corridor. This road also serves as the principle route between the Savannah River Site and the Aiken community. The issue is not only about traffic congestion, but also about ensuring adequate and convenient access to jobs at SRS. The improvements envisioned to access Interstate 20 are also desperately needed if we are to continue our efforts in economic development and diversification.

In addition to the significant development in south Aiken, the north and west sides of Aiken are experiencing growth on a level not realized in those areas during the past several decades. A new Super Wal-Mart store opened in October 2007 along US Highway 1 (Aiken-Augusta Highway) near the University of South Carolina Aiken, which has recently built new on-campus housing units along University Parkway near the SC 118 ByPass. A large residential development known as Trolley Run Station is currently under construction which will eventually include 3,000 single-family homes and associated retail development near the University and the Aiken Regional Medical Center campus.

I think you will agree that our community is fully committed to these projects; therefore, we write you to express our complete support for this funding application. In a partnership with the regional transportation planning organization (ARTS), the City of Aiken, the County of Aiken, and SCDOT, we really can accomplish great things.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this important issue which affects the future growth and economic strength of the Aiken community.

Sincerely,

Joe E. Lewis
Aiken Market President



November 1, 2007

Mr. Donald Leonard, Chairman
South Carolina State Transportation Infrastructure Bank
P.O. Box 191
Columbia, SC 29202

Dear Chairman Leonard:

I am requesting that you give your strongest consideration to the application for transportation funds to improve the access to Interstate 20, as well as the improvements to access the Savannah River Site.

As you know, the Aiken City and County Council have requested a grant of approximately \$63 million dollars for nine major improvements to the transportation network connecting the Interstate and the major employers for this region. Additionally, the City and County have offered to provide almost 50% of the necessary funds for the total \$117 million dollar program. I believe that this shows a good-faith effort to partner with you to address this pressing issue.

We have experienced significant population growth in the last 10 years. Much of that growth has been concentrated to the south along and near Aiken's major north-south corridor, SC 19 (Whiskey Road). This road also functions as the principle route between the Savannah River Site and the Aiken area for site workers. The issue, then, is not just about traffic congestion; it is about insuring adequate and prompt access to jobs at SRS.

These improvements should act as a catalyst for economic development.

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Please give this request your strongest consideration.

Sincerely,

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Chris Verenes
President



Stewart and Associates, Inc.

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November 1, 2007

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P.O. Box 191
Columbia, SC 29202

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November 1, 2007
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Thank you in advance for your consideration of this significant issue which addresses the future growth and economic strength of our community.

Sincerely,



Liz Stewart
President

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Randy Martin, Administrator

November 5, 2007

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Further, the improvements envisioned to access Interstate 20 are desperately needed if we are to continue our economic progress.

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In partnership with the regional transportation planning organization (ARTS), the City, the County, and SCDOT, we really can accomplish great things. Therefore, we write you to express our complete support for this funding application.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this significant issue which addresses the future growth and economic strength of our community.

Sincerely,

Randy Martin
Administrator

TJ LOCK & ELECTRIC
21 Inverness East
Aiken, SC 29803
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October 31, 2007

Mr. Donald Leonard, Chairman
SC State Transportation Infrastructure Bank
P O Box 191
Columbia, SC 29802

Dear Chairman Leonard:

Our company wishes to add our endorsement to the application for transportation funds to improve access to I-20, as well as improvements to access the Savannah River Site.

The Aiken City and County Councils have requested a grant of approximately \$63 million dollars for nine major improvements to the transportation network connecting the interstate and this region's major employers. With the City and County offering to provide almost 50% of necessary funds for the approximately \$117 million dollar project, this represents a real partnership with state government to achieve critical road needs.

Greater Aiken's explosive population growth in the last 10 years has been concentrated on the south side and the major north-south corridor SC 19 (Whiskey Rd) is also the principal route to and from the Savannah River Site and the Aiken area for its workers. This then makes adequate and prompt access to jobs at SRS a major issue as well as the need for alleviating major traffic congestion.

Further, proposed improvements to access I-20 are desperately needed in order to further our economic progress. Currently, it takes almost 30 minutes from Aiken's south side to reach I-20 (a distance of only 12 miles)

Aiken's north and west sides currently have new significant growth taking place with new USCA campus housing, a large 3,000+ residential and retail development along SC 118, along with a new Super WalMart store just opened on US 1 and University. The area is exploding.

We are writing to show our complete support for this funding application which utilizes the best in partnership with the regional transportation planning organization, the City, the County and SCDOT, and also addresses the future growth and economic strength of our community.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this significant issue. We now need to get ahead of the traffic issues here—because we are already so far behind.

Sincerely



Linda Schulte



October 31, 2007

THOMAS L. HALLMAN
CHANCELLOR

Mr. Donald Leonard, Chairman
South Carolina State Transportation Infrastructure Bank
P.O. Box 191
Columbia, SC 29202

Dear Chairman Leonard:

The \$63 million grant requested by Aiken City and County Councils will support nine major improvements to the transportation network connecting the Interstate and the major employers for this region. Significantly, the City and County have offered to provide almost 50% of the necessary funds for the total \$117 million dollar program. This is real partnership with the state government to solve critical road needs. I would like to add my endorsement to the application for transportation funds to improve the access to Interstate 20, as well as the improvements to access the Savannah River Site.

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Further, the improvements envisioned to access Interstate 20 are desperately needed if we are to continue our economic progress.

In addition to the significant Southside development, Aiken's north and west sides have growth on a level not realized in those areas during the past several decades. At the University of South Carolina Aiken, along SC 118 (University Parkway) we have constructed new on-campus housing units and a 4,000-seat Convocation Center. Additionally, a Super Wal-Mart store opened in October on US 1 (Augusta Highway) across from this intersection. A large residential development, which is currently under construction near the University and the Aiken Regional Medical Center campus, will include 3,000 single-family units and associated retail development.

I believe that if we form a partnership, with ARTS (the regional transportation planning committee), the City, the County, and SCDOT, the opportunities for productive planning are unlimited. As an active member of the Aiken Community, I completely support this funding application. This issue addresses the future growth and economic strength of our community. Thank you in advance for your consideration of this application.

Sincerely,

Thomas L. Hallman
Chancellor



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or 649-0041

November 1, 2007

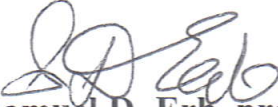
Mr. Donald Leonard
SC State Transportation Infrastructure Bank
P. O. Box 191
Columbia, SC 29202

Dear Chairman Leonard,

As owner of a downtown Aiken restaurant for twenty-six years, I have witnessed the growth of traffic and traffic needs first hand, and hope that you will strongly consider funding for the I-20 approaches to Aiken on U. S. Route 1 and 19, and for the Whiskey Road (Route 19 South) approach to the Savanna River Site, as well as the 118 By-Pass leading toward the University of South Carolina at Aiken.

I hope also to be making such a request in a different capacity soon. I am a candidate for a seat on the Aiken City Council, which will be decided at next week's election. At no time in this cities' history have we experienced the volume of traffic from most all directions. More and more rural residents are coming to Aiken, which now boasts a Walmart superstore and a regular Walmart with grocery.

Thank you for considering the partnership's application for this funding.


Samuel D. Erb, president

November 1, 2007

Mr. Donald Leonard, Chairman
South Carolina State Transportation Infrastructure Bank
P.O. Box 191
Columbia, SC 29202

Dear Chairman Leonard:

Aiken has enjoyed phenomenal growth in the past ten years. Unfortunately, our roads just have not been able to keep up with this growth and must be enhanced for us to continue on our path forward. Please accept this endorsement to the application for transportation funds improving access to Interstate 20, as well as improving access the Savannah River Site.

The grant that our Aiken City and County Councils have requested involves approximately \$63 million dollars for nine major improvements to the transportation network connecting the Interstate and the major employers for this region. In a rather significant partnership, our City and County have offered to provide almost 50% of the necessary funds for the total \$117 million dollar program.

Our continued growth predominantly concentrates around SC Highway 19 (Whiskey Road), Aiken's major north-south corridor. This road also serves as the main artery between the Savannah River Site and the Aiken area for site workers. Traffic congestion is not the only issue; it is about much needed safe and adequate access to jobs at SRS.

The north and west sides of Aiken are finally growing as well. The University of South Carolina Aiken along SC 118 (University Parkway) has built new on-campus housing units, and a Super Wal-Mart store recently opened US Highway 1 (Aiken-Augusta Highway) across from this intersection. A major residential development of 3000 single-family units with associated retail space is currently under construction near the University and near the ever-expanding Aiken Regional Medical Center campus.

We can continue our path of success in partnership with the regional transportation planning organization (ARTS), the City, the County, and SCDOT. Your support for full funding of this application is crucial.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of transportation needs that are vital to our community's continued economic strength.

Sincerely,



Diane D. Miniard
Broker Associate

Edward Jones
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Aiken, SC 29803
(803) 649-5134

Ryan Tripp
Financial Advisor

Edward Jones

October 31, 2007

Mr. Donald Leonard, Chairman
South Carolina State Transportation Infrastructure Bank
P.O. Box 191
Columbia, SC 29202

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Sincerely,


Ryan Tripp

October 31, 2007



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South Carolina State Transportation Infrastructure Bank
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Columbia, SC 29202

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Access roads, such as Banks Mill Road and White Pond Road, that enter into and exit out of SC19 (Whiskey Road) need resurfaced. Also, a traffic light and left turn lane from Whiskey Road unto White Pond road is needed to avoid someone getting killed. Several developments including Cedar Creek, Three Runs, Barrington and The Paddocks with over 1500 present residents growing to over 3000 residents over the next few years use these roads daily.

Therefore, we write you to express our complete support for this funding application.

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Sincerely,

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Glenn A. Olson
General Manager & Owner
Cedar Creek Development Corporation



October 31, 2007

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South Carolina State Transportation Infrastructure Bank
P.O. Box 191
Columbia, SC 29202

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Sincerely,

Courtney W. Conger, President



**American
Red Cross**

October 31, 2007

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South Carolina State Transportation Infrastructure Bank
P.O. Box 191
Columbia, SC 29202

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Sincerely,


Johanna Blue
Executive Director

Together, we can save a life



*Enabling eligible South Carolinians with disabilities
to prepare for, achieve and maintain competitive employment.*

Larry C. Bryant, Commissioner

October 31, 2007

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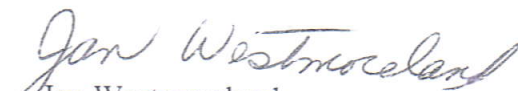
Dear Chairman Leonard:

I would like to take the opportunity to convey the Aiken Vocational Rehabilitation Department's support and commitment for your efforts to secure transportation funds to improve the access to Interstate 20, as well as the improvements to access the Savannah River Site. It is our understanding that Aiken City and County Council have requested a grant of approximately \$63 million dollars for nine major improvements to the transportation network connecting the Interstate and the major employers for this region. Significantly, the City and County have offered to provide almost 50% of the necessary funds for the total \$117 million dollar program.

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Again, I would like to express the Aiken Vocational Rehabilitation Department's support for the application for transportation funding. If additional assistance is needed, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,


Jan Westmoreland
Area Supervisor

November 5, 2007

Mr. Donald Leonard, Chairman
South Carolina State Transportation Infrastructure Bank
P.O. Box 191
Columbia, SC 29202

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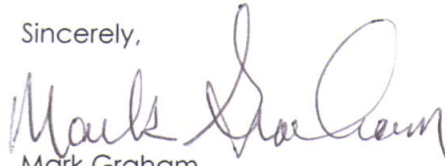
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Mr. Donald Leonard
November 5, 2007
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Sincerely,

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Mark Graham
President



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November 3, 2007

Mr. Donald Leonard, Chairman
South Carolina State Transportation Infrastructure Bank
P.O. Box 191
Columbia, SC 29202

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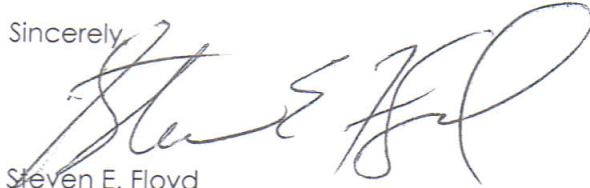
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November 3, 2007

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Sincerely,

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Steven E. Floyd
President