



## Appendix J

### Letters of Intent and Comments



January 17, 2017

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Re: Clements Ferry Road Widening: Jack Primus Road to SC 41. SCDOT PIN: P029503.

To Whom It May Concern:

Berkeley County has identified the need to improve safety, increase capacity, and provide bicycle and pedestrian accommodations on Clements Ferry Road (S-33) between Jack Primus Road (S-119) and SC 41. This project is funded by the 2014 Berkeley County Sales Tax Program and is being developed by the County and coordinated with SCDOT and several environmental resource and regulatory agencies. The proposed scope of improvements includes widening Clements Ferry Road from a two-lane roadway to a four-lane roadway with a center two-way left-turn lane or raised landscaped median, constructing intersection improvements within the project limits, and providing a shared-use path for bicyclists and pedestrians.

The purpose of this letter is to update you on this project as well as solicit any additional information that you may have related to the potential social, economic, and environmental impacts of the proposed project on the area. SCDOT, in consultation with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), are preparing an Environmental Assessment (EA) to evaluate the benefits and impacts from the proposed project, in accordance with the *National Environmental Policy Act* (NEPA) and implementing regulations.

A review of the National Wetland Inventory Mapping (NWI), aerial photography, and preliminary field work has indicated the existence of wetlands within the project corridor. The project will be designed to avoid wetlands and minimize impacts to them as much as practicable. Coordination with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) and the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (SCDHEC) will occur as the project moves forward.

A noise analysis will also be conducted for the study area to predict future noise levels in accordance with the SCDOT Traffic Noise Abatement Policy. The noise analysis will model individual noise receptors, potential sensitive receptors within the project corridor, and will measure and model existing noise levels and predicted future noise levels. A cultural resources survey will be performed and submitted to SCDOT and State Historic Preservation Office for review. In accordance with Section 7 of the *Endangered Species Act*, a database search and field survey was completed for federally protected species. The review of the habitat requirements and previous records for the federally listed species for Berkeley County, along with the field observations conclude that there is low potential for the presence of any federally protected

species along the project area. However, the project area does include limited suitable habitat for a number of protected species. Coordination with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and South Carolina Department of Natural Resources (SCDNR) under Section 7 of the ESA will take place to confirm the status of the protected species and their habitat if required.

As an integral part of the environmental process, SCDOT is soliciting input from agencies and individuals concerning the potential social, economic, and environmental impacts of the proposed project on the area. An EA will be prepared to evaluate the impacts of the proposed project in accordance with regulations of the Federal Highway Administration and the *National Environmental Policy Act*. To ensure that issues of the proposed project are fully evaluated, SCDOT requests your written response concerning any beneficial or adverse impacts of the project relating to the interest of your agency. SCDOT looks forward to receiving your comments on the project within 30 days of the receipt of this letter. Comments should be addressed to the following:

A. Mark Mohr  
SC Department of Transportation  
Environmental Services Office  
Post Office Box 191  
Columbia, SC 29201

Or by email: [Mohram@scdot.org](mailto:Mohram@scdot.org)

Your expeditious handling of this notice will be appreciated. Should you have any questions, please contact me at (803) 737-0925.

Sincerely,

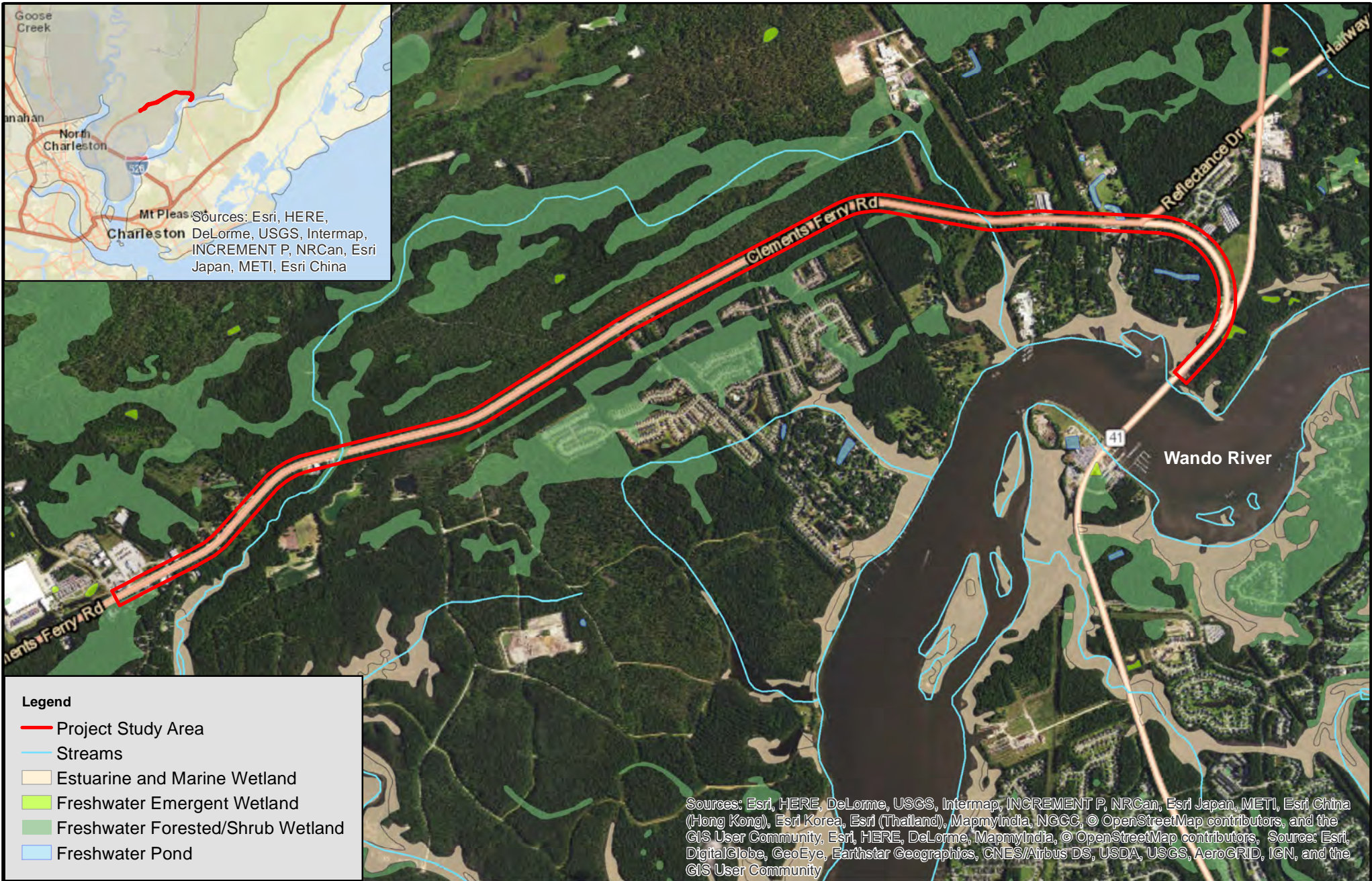


A. Mark Mohr  
NEPA Coordinator, Lowcountry RPG

ENC:

CC: Craig Winn, SCDOT  
Chad Long, SCDOT  
William Peagler, III, Berkeley County Supervisor





**Figure 1: Study Area Map**

S-33 (Clements Ferry Road)  
Widening Project  
Berkeley County, SC

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JAN 25 2017

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Columbia, SC 29201

**Re: Clements Ferry Road Widening Project**

Dear Mr. Mohr:

The map(s) enclosed with this correspondence are in response to your January 17, 2017 request for information regarding any potentially adverse environmental impacts in proximity to the project location(s) you provided. On the map(s) attached to this correspondence you will find "non-vulnerable" sites, within a half-mile radius of the selected project locations, that are either known, permitted or regulated by SCDHEC-BLWM and may adversely impact the project location(s). Excluded from the map output are sites that may adversely impact the project area but are designated by DHEC as "vulnerable" and therefore cannot be displayed on cartographic output provided to external parties. "Vulnerable" sites include Hazardous Waste Generators, Radiological Waste Generators and Nuclear Power Plants.

Please note that the data used to create the enclosed map(s) and any additional tables are subject to frequent changes. Although the data are believed to be fundamentally accurate, no guarantees as to the accuracy or completeness of the data are expressed or implied.

If you need further information regarding any site, you are encouraged to review the site file through a Freedom of Information (FOI) request. You may contact the SCDHEC FOI office at (803) 898-3817. If further information regarding this correspondence is required, please contact me at (803) 898-0587.

Sincerely,

Alison M. Post, M.S.  
Operator Training/Permitting Coordinator  
Underground Storage Tank Management Division  
Bureau of Land and Waste Management

**Clements Ferry Road Project (regulated entities within .5 mile radius)**

***Underground Storage Tanks***

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Berkeley County  
Clements Ferry Road

- 1/2 Mile Buffer
- Mine
- Dredging
- CERCLIS Site
- Underground Storage Tank
- Solid Waste Site
- Formerly Utilized Defense Site
- Infectious Waste Generator
- Treatment, Storage & Disposal Site
- Tier II Facility
- Tier III Facility

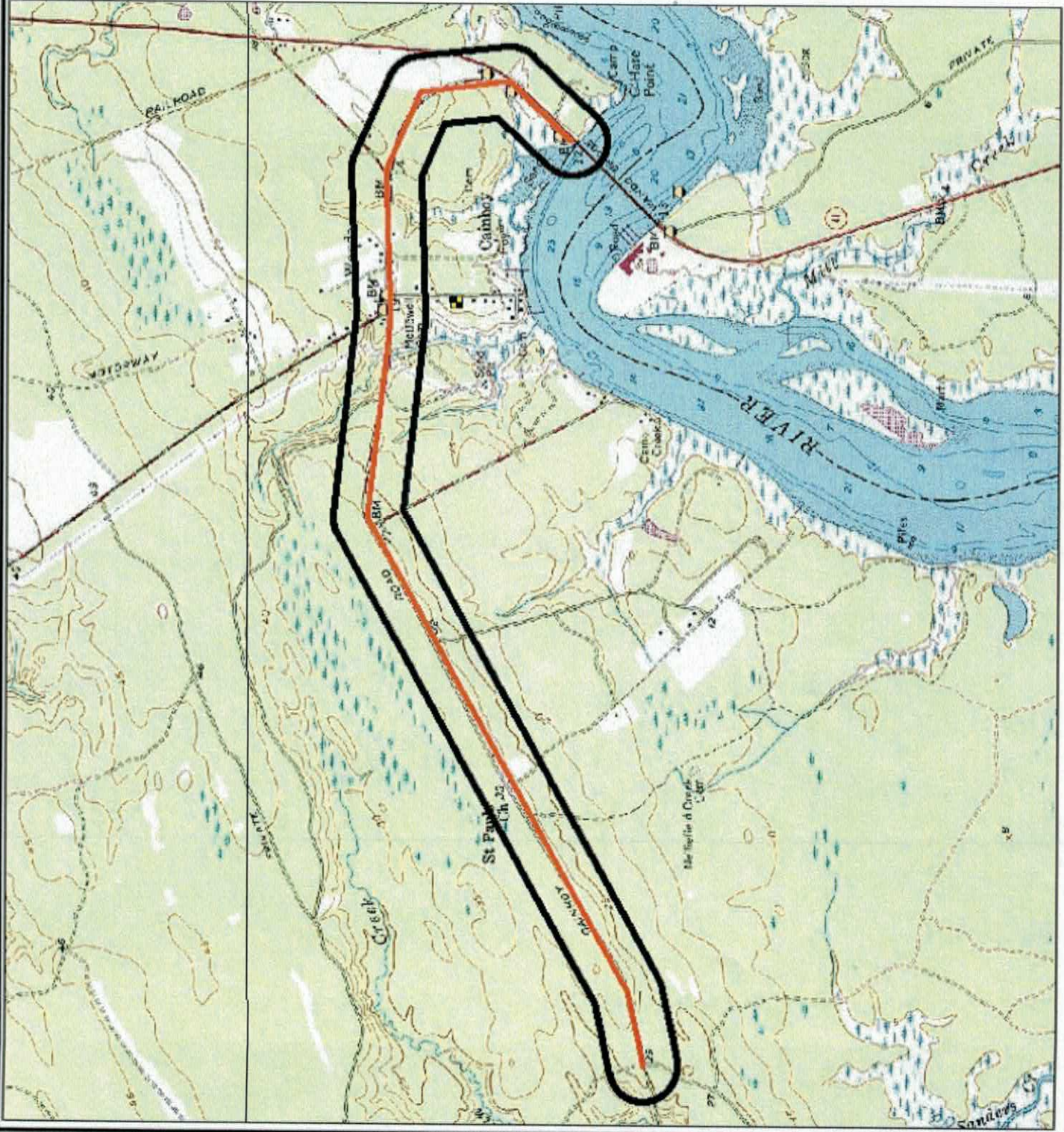


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Source: State of California, Department of Parks and Recreation, California State Lands and Marine Resources Agency







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Re: Berkeley County Clements Ferry Road Widening

Dear Mr. Mohr:

We received notice January 17, 2017 of the proposed Clements Ferry Road widening between Jack Primus Road and SC 41 in Berkeley County, SC. *Based on the information provided, I am responding on behalf of the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control, Bureau of Air Quality (Bureau).*

The Bureau is tasked with implementing the Federal Clean Air Act (1990, as amended) in the State of South Carolina. The Bureau is required to ensure compliance with the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) for criteria pollutants. Currently two criteria pollutants are of particular concern in South Carolina:

- o **Ozone** – The 2015 8-hour primary and secondary standards of 70 parts per billion (ppb) were finalized on October 26, 2015. The area represented in this proposal is currently meeting the 2015 ozone standards. Designations for these standards are anticipated in October 2017.
- o **Particulate Matter 2.5** (Particulates 2.5 microns in size and smaller) – The 2012 standard for maximum daily concentration is set at 35 micrograms per cubic meter. The 2012 standard for the maximum annual concentration is set at 12 micrograms per cubic meter. The area represented in this proposal is meeting the 2012 particulate matter 2.5 standards.

South Carolina is currently attaining all of the NAAQS, but may face nonattainment when designations for the new ozone standards are made. If a project is located in a nonattainment area, it may be subject to prescriptive requirements such as Transportation Conformity or air quality modeling.

An asbestos survey and project license may be required prior to any demolition activities such as deconstruction of a building or removal of structures in the right-of-way of a road project. If you have any questions regarding asbestos regulatory applicability you may contact Marc McKenna (with the Bureau's Asbestos Section) at (803) 898-4270 or [mckennmt@dhec.sc.gov](mailto:mckennmt@dhec.sc.gov).



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Re: Clements Ferry Road Widening Project in Berkeley County, SCDOT Project ID: P029503

Dear Mr. Mohr:

Based on the limited information provided about the proposed project, we are unable to provide any specific comments on potential impacts to natural resources at this time. We would, however, like to express some general comments regarding highway widening projects. As you are well aware, coastal South Carolina contains extensive acreage of both salt and freshwater wetlands. Wetland areas provide valuable habitat for fish and wildlife and are essential in maintaining water quality in adjoining water bodies. Review of National Wetlands Inventory Maps indicates that the road crosses several areas of freshwater wetlands. Any questions regarding freshwater wetland identification and regulation should be directed to the Corps of Engineers.

Means for avoiding and minimizing wetland impacts should be incorporated early on in the planning and design stages and should include such things as bridging and culverting wetland crossings and reduced median and shoulder widths. Mitigation for unavoidable wetland impacts should be addressed in the planning and environmental review stages of the project and should focus on the in-kind replacement of lost wetland functions.

We have reviewed our database for information concerning known populations of federal and/or state endangered or threatened species and other sensitive species inventoried in the vicinity of your project site. The database indicates no occurrence of species of state and/or regional concern along the existing road. Please keep in mind that this information is derived from our existing database, and we do not assume that it is complete or up to date. Additional ground truthing may be necessary to confirm the absence or presence of previously inventoried species. Careful consideration should be given to avoiding impacts to these sensitive species when present. Additional information concerning known populations of federal and/or state endangered or threatened species and other sensitive species can be obtained by contacting S.C. Department of Natural Resources staff within the Wildlife Diversity Section, Columbia, S.C. 29202, (803) 734-3917.

We ask that you consider the above outlined issues in the preparation of a NEPA document for this project. Please contact us for further comment when additional information becomes available.

Sincerely,

*Susan F. Davis*

Susan F. Davis  
Coastal Environmental Coordinator

**Mohr, Mark A.**

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**From:** Charleston Regulatory, FW4 <charleston\_regulatory@fws.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 17, 2017 4:48 PM  
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**Subject:** Your request has been received Re: NOI - Clements Ferry Road Widening: Jack Primus Road to SC 41. SCDOT PIN: P029503

**\*\*\* This is an EXTERNAL email. Please do not click on a link or open any attachments unless you are confident it is from a trusted source. \*\*\***

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, South Carolina Ecological Services Field Office (Service) has received the above subject project. You have submitted this project pursuant to the requirements of the Clean Water Act, the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899, the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, the Endangered Species Act of 1973 and/or the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act in order to solicit comments from the Service regarding potential impacts to Federal trust resources. The Service will review the proposed activity and respond accordingly. **Please allow a minimum of 30 days (unless otherwise required by law) from date of project submission to our office before inquiring as to your project's review status.** This allows time for your project submission to be received, complete intake processing, and staff assignment and initial review. **If you have not heard from us after 30 days, for quickest response submit a status request via e-mail to [charleston\\_regulatory@fws.gov](mailto:charleston_regulatory@fws.gov).**

E-mails with attachments are limited to a maximum size of 10 megabytes (10MB). If you have attachments that exceeds this threshold, please submit your project and attachments to:

South Carolina Ecological Services Field Office

Department of the Interior - U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

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### FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

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January 23, 2017

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Re: S.C. Department of Transportation, Clements Ferry Road Widening,  
Berkeley County, South Carolina  
FWS Log No. 2017-CPA-0027

Dear Mr. Mohr:

The South Carolina Ecological Services Field Office for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) received your notice and request for comments for the proposed improvements to a portion of Clements Ferry Road, Berkeley County, South Carolina. The South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) proposes to widen Clements Ferry Road from S-119 (Jack Primus Road) to its end at SC 41 in Berkeley County. SCDOT is seeking preliminary comments in preparation of an environmental assessment pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969.

Without specific information regarding the purpose of the project, proposed alignments, or construction methods, the Service cannot readily address specific project impacts. However, while this project is in the planning stage, the Service recommends SCDOT seek the least damaging alignment through avoidance of wetlands where possible, and increasing replacement bridge lengths (if applicable) to the maximum extent possible.

Habitat characteristics adjacent to the corridor of this roadway indicate potentially suitable habitat for the red-cockaded woodpecker, *Picoides borealis* (RCW), and a review of the Service's database indicates a presence of the RCW in the area. Additionally, active RCW colonies are found approximately two miles north of the project site increasing the likelihood of recruitment into undisturbed areas along the project corridor. Therefore, the Service recommends that SCDOT survey along the entire project corridor for the presence of the RCW or suitable foraging habitat.



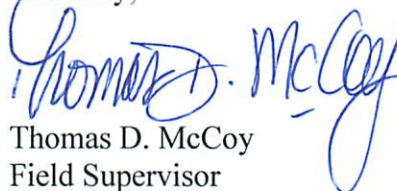
It should be noted that the frosted flatwoods salamander, *Ambystoma cingulatum*, may also occur in or near the project's corridor due to favorable habitat conditions. Historical records indicate the salamander was found along Clements Ferry Road near Rivers Reach Road. Further, critical habitat for the salamander has been designated in the Francis Marion Forest; the closest compartment is located on SC 41 just north of the current project. Considering the proximity of the salamander, the Service recommends that SCDOT perform a survey for this species as well.

For SCDOT's convenience the Service has included with this letter a list of species that may occur in Berkeley County and are currently protected under the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA). This list also includes species that are considered At Risk Species (ARS) that are either candidates for listing or have been petitioned for listing under the ESA. Appropriate survey time frames or windows for each species are included in the list. Although there are no Federal protections afforded to ARS, please consider including them in your project efforts. Incorporating proactive measures to avoid or minimize harm to ARS may improve their status and assist with precluding the need to list these species. Additional information on ARS can be found at:

<http://www.fws.gov/southeast/candidateconservation>

The Service appreciates the opportunity to provide input at this early stage of the projects' development. If you have any questions regarding our comments, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Mark Caldwell of the South Carolina Ecological Services Field Office at (843) 727-4707 ext. 215, and reference FWS Log No. 2017-CPA-0027.

Sincerely,

  
Thomas D. McCoy  
Field Supervisor

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## South Carolina List of At-Risk, Candidate, Endangered, and Threatened Species - Berkeley County

CATEGORY	COMMON NAME/STATUS	SCIENTIFIC NAME	SURVEY WINDOW/ TIME PERIOD	COMMENTS
Amphibian	Frosted flatwoods salamander (T, CH)	<i>Ambystoma cingulatum</i>	January 1-April 30	Larvae present in breeding ponds
	Gopher frog (ARS)	<i>Lithobates capito</i>	Breeding: October-March	Call survey: February-April
Bird	American wood stork (T)	<i>Mycteria americana</i>	February 15-September 1	Nesting season
	Bald eagle (BGEPA)	<i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i>	October 1-May 15	Nesting season
	MacGillivray's seaside sparrow (ARS)	<i>Ammodramus maritimus macgillivraii</i>	May-June	
	Red-cockaded woodpecker (E)	<i>Picoides borealis</i>	April 1-July 31	Nesting season
Crustacean	None Found			
Fish	American eel (ARS)	<i>Anguilla rostrata</i>	March 1-May 30; October 1-December 15	Temperature dependent: normally (17-20°C); can be found between 13-25°C
	Atlantic sturgeon* (E)	<i>Acipenser oxyrinchus*</i>	February 1-April 30	Spawning migration
	Blueback herring (ARS)	<i>Alosa aestivalis</i>	Mid-January-mid May	Peak: March-April
	Shortnose sturgeon* (E)	<i>Acipenser brevirostrum*</i>	February 1-April 30	Spawning migration
Insect	None Found			
Mammal	Rafinesque's big-eared bat (ARS)	<i>Corynorhinus rafinesquii</i>	Year round	Found in mines, caves, large hollow trees, buildings, and bat towers
	Tri-colored bat (ARS)	<i>Perimyotis subflavus</i>	Year round	Found in mines and caves in the winter
	West Indian manatee (E)	<i>Trichechus manatus</i>	May 15-October 15	In coastal waters
Mollusk	None Found			
Plant	American chaffseed (E)	<i>Schwalbea americana</i>	May-August	1-2 months after a fire
	Boykin's lobelia (ARS)	<i>Lobelia boykinii</i>	May-July/August	
	Bog asphodel (ARS*)	<i>Narthecium americanum</i>	June-July	
	Canby's dropwort (E)	<i>Oxypolis canbyi</i>	Mid-July-September	
	Carolina-birds-in-a-nest (ARS)	<i>Macbridea caroliniana</i>	July-November	
	Carolina bishopweed (ARS)	<i>Ptilimnium ahlesii</i>	May-July	
	Ciliate-leaf tickseed (ARS)	<i>Coreopsis integrifolia</i>	August-November	
	Pondberry (E)	<i>Lindera melissifolia</i>	February-March	
	Raven's seedbox (ARS)	<i>Ludwigia ravenii</i>	June-October	
	Sun-facing coneflower (ARS)	<i>Rudbeckia heliopsisidis</i>	July-September	
Reptile	Eastern diamondback rattlesnake (ARS)	<i>Crotalus adamanteus</i>	Most of the year	Peak: April-November
	Southern hognose snake (ARS)	<i>Heterodon simus</i>	Most of the year	
	Spotted turtle (ARS)	<i>Clemmys guttata</i>	February-mid April	





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February 7, 2017

A. Mark Mohr  
SC Department of Transportation  
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P.O. Box 191  
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RE: Clements Ferry Rd. Widening

Dear Mr. Mohr:

Thank you for your letter dated January 17, 2017 seeking input related to the widening of Clements Ferry Road I give my full support for the widening.

Clements Ferry Road is vital artery in the greater Charleston area and its expansion is vital for both economic growth and safety. The road is dangerous due to its increased traffic volume. Local support for the project is evident after the residents of Berkeley voted for funding this expansion in 2014.

Again, please know how crucial this project is to the economic growth, safety, and livability of this area. I give my full support to the widening of Clements Ferry Road Please let me know how I may be of assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Larry Grooms".

Larry Grooms

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