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The Honorable Heather Ammons Crawford
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Re: Holmestown Road - Shared Use Path Project

Dear Representative Crawford:

Please accept this letter as confirmation of Horry County's support of the Holmestown Road Shared Use Path project. The county is estimating total costs at approximately **\$6 million** to complete the project (8' shared use path between SC 707 and US 17 Bypass). This project is identified as a need in the Burgess Area amendment to the Horry County Bicycle and Pedestrian plan.

As you are aware, Holmestown Road (S-1240) serves the rapidly growing South Strand region of Horry County as a vital link in the local transportation network by providing a direct, multilane connection between two of the county's major thoroughfares (SC 707 and US 17 Bypass), and it also receives relatively frequent use by bicyclists and pedestrians from the surrounding communities.

As the volume of through traffic on our major urban roads continues to grow, the frequency of conflicts between motorized and non-motorized users of the roadway will likewise continue to increase. On Holmestown Road, there have been a total of three (3) separate fatal crashes involving bicyclists (2) and a pedestrian (1) during recent years. The proposed shared use path would help address public safety by providing a safe space for bicyclists and pedestrians to travel along this corridor without having to "share the road" with other motorized vehicles. In addition, the proposed shared use path would complete a missing link by connecting to the existing pedestrian facilities at both ends of the project (on Glenn's Bay Road and on SC 707).

Please contact me if you need more information or if you have any questions regarding the county's support for this important project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "S. Gosnell", is written over a light blue circular stamp.

Steven S. Gosnell, P.E.
Horry County Administrator

Cc: Assistant County Administrators