

# TOWN OF HOLLYWOOD, SC

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February 3, 2023

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The Honorable Matthew Leber  
S.C. House of Representatives #116.  
436-A Blatt Building  
Columbia, SC 29201

Dear Representative Leber,

Thank you for taking the time to visit the Town Hall this morning to discuss your efforts to assist the people of St. Paul's Parish.

My staff will provide additional information via email or I may be able to bring it with me as my council and I participate in the Municipal Association training in Columbia next week.

Thank you for reaching out to me. I look forward to working with you for the people we represent.

Best Personal Regards

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**AN ACT TO AMEND THE BUDGET TO CONTUNE TO FUND SC RIA FOR \$380 Million as suggested in the Governor's Proposed Budget for Infrastructure Funding**

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

**Assistance and intervention For Rural Infrastructure Authority to meet funding requests from ARPA funding.**

SECTION 1. Infrastructure Projects to be funded.

In 2022, the state Rural Infrastructure Authority (RIA) received \$800 million in ARPA funds to replace, repair, and consolidate our state's aging and outdated rural water, sewer, and stormwater infrastructure, through competitive grants. Demand exceeded supply, and RIA received grant applications in 2022 for almost \$2 billion. I am recommending the General Assembly appropriate \$380 million in remaining ARPA funds to RIA so that they may continue awarding these transformative grants. All projects that were considered for Rural areas within the State of South Carolina including but not limited to the Town of Hollywood, South Carolina SCIIP application for \$4.88 million shall be funded by the RIA following the standards implemented by RIA to account for such grants.

SECTION 2. Additional projects to be funded. The Legislature finds it is needed and desirable to fund other projects but for the competition with the urban applicants would have been funded for the much needed infrastructure projects in the State of South Carolina. \$375.12 Million shall be allocated to SC RIA for these projects and applicants.

**AN ACT TO AMEND THE BUDGET TO FUND THE TOWN OF HOLLYWOOD SEWER SYSTEM ENHANCEMENT AND REPAIRS**

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

Section 1. The Legislature considers the expansion and enhancement of the Town of Hollywood Sewer system vital to improving the health and safety of the people of the area served and the environment of the Stono River marshlands in Charleston County, South Carolina. But for the funding of improvements to Pump Stations #4 and #5 growth of the conversion for septic systems to gravity sewer and service to 500 new homes to be built within the collection system identified, the Town's system would fail to meet the growth curve predicted over 20 years ago and accidental discharge and contamination of salt water wetlands.

Section 2. The Total funds requested is \$1.3 Million. The Town will have to fund any other repairs, upgrades, or enhancements required.

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Town of Hollywood SC Infrastructure needs:

Sewer Repairs/upgrades: SC RIA has provided \$500,000 for rehabilitation of Pump Station #7, the largest pump station in our transport system. The most recent bids came in for **\$802,000**

**-Connection to new CWS pump station.** SC RIA provided \$500,000 to Charleston Water System to “get Hollywood out of the marsh”. Bids came in for \$1.3 Million. CWS has agreed to fund the difference.

**Man hole repairs (300).** The Town requested a \$4.8 Million SCIP Grant. This was funded by the Legislature in 2021 for RIA approval. Awaiting confirmation grant made in through the final review process. If not funded the Town will be seeking RIA grant funds to stop water infiltration into the Sewer system.

**Pump Station 4 and 5 Repairs:** These heavy flow stations require updated panels and pumps to collect waste water from the bottom of the system and transport it to pump station number 7 before the waste water separates into damaging Hydrogen Sulfide Gas. Estimate is **\$1.2 Million**

**SC Office of Resilience Grant:** SC DHEC has refused to expedite any ground water/ storm water repairs where the outfalls cross into their boundaries. All SC DOT storm water along US 17 flows to the Toogoodoo River (mostly in the marshlands of Meggett, SC). The County and State stopped maintaining the outfalls in 2005. The Town residents flood during heavy rains (Baptist Hill Road, SC Highway 162, Anavesta Road, Toogoodoo Road, Wilson Road, Ethel Post Office Road, Petersfield Road, Oyster Road, Storage Road, New Road Extension are the most commonly flooded roads.) No emergency vehicles can traverse these roads when flooded.

**Opportunity Zone expansion:** The Town’s core district was not included in the Opportunity Zones passed by Congress. Governor McMaster staff wants the push to come from Washington, DC. Senator Scott’s office needs help from the State requesting the State’s request.

**ROADS and Maintenance:** The town has worked with SC DOT to complete the SC Highway 162 and SC Highway 165 repaving projects. The life expectancy of the new pavement is expected to be 12 years with normal use and 9 years with heavy truck traffic. Automatic funding and priority of the road paving needs to be built into the budgets for the future years by the Legislature. Raising the roadways above the flood zones will also save money as the rain water undermines the pavement and quickly deteriorate the surface.

Wilson Road would need to be raised 4' in elevation.

Davison Road would need to be raised 3' in elevation.

Caboose, Railroad, Sam King Road, Oyster Road, Dixie Plantation Road all need to be rocked to provide an all weather surface road way.