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The Honorable Tom Davis
South Carolina Senate, District 46
203 Gressette Building
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RE: Okatie Highway (SC 170) Intersection Modifications

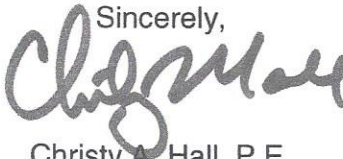
Dear Senator Davis:

Thank you for your email requesting a review of several intersections along Okatie Highway (SC 170) in Bluffton, South Carolina. After receiving your email, SCDOT staff re-evaluated the Seagrass Station / SC 170 intersection and the Tidewatch Drive / SC 170 intersection.

First of all, we conducted an updated review of the Tidewatch / SC 170 intersection. Based on our recent review and updated traffic counts, we agree that it would be helpful and would enhance safety to add a protected left-turn phase to the Tidewatch / SC 170 intersection signal. The modifications to the signal have been ordered and it is my understanding that it should be in place within the next 2-4 weeks.

We also reviewed the intersection of Okatie Highway (SC 170) and Seagrass Station Road for possible signalization. This review included obtaining new traffic counts on January 30, 2023. Unfortunately, even with the updated traffic counts, the warrants for signalization remain far from being met. We do believe that other improvements could be made at this intersection and we will continue our efforts to partner with Beaufort County and the Lowcountry Area Transportation Study's (LATS) planning staff to discuss the potential inclusion of this intersection into the LATS Transportation Improvement Plan.

Thank you again for reaching out to me and please let me know if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

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