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SPEARS CREEK CHURCH ROAD PUBLIC COMMENTS

- There is no way to navigate the intersection of Southridge way and spears creek church road without having an accident.
- It requires a traffic light but you are going to say traffic light is way out of our budget so go to state dot. They will say Southridge way is not something we maintain. So, nothing will happen.
- At a minimum, see if you can throw a crooked stop sign at least. The two roads are not even marked or painted.
- I understand that it would require federal involvement to widen the bridge over I-20, but the traffic from Percival to the bridge and on the bridge is already stand still in the morning and afternoon rush hours. I'm afraid widening Spears Creek without widening the bridge and extending 5 lanes to Percival Rd. will only make a bad situation worse rather than helping.

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- New project needs to widen the bridge at Spears Ck I-20 exit. Unable to make left turn. Need another access for Liberty Ridge to exit onto Jacobs Mill Pond or I-20 service rd to next I-20 ramp. Light needed immediately at Liberty Rd Dr and Spears Ck. Halt all building sales until infrastructure is in place for effective traffic flow. If Verizon call center traffic returned before this project is would be much worse

"Thank you for your comments on the proposed Spears Creek Church Road widening project. Your concerns regarding the I-20 interchange are noted; however, the County does not currently have funding available for improvements to the bridge, and improvements to the interchange are outside of the scope of this project. As part of ongoing construction, the developer will be installing a traffic signal at the Liberty Ridge Drive and Spears Creek Church Road intersection."

- Bridge over I-20 is the bottleneck. Widening the road upstream and downstream will not make the traffic over the bridge any better. Please consider widening the bridge. Is any consideration given to sanitary sewers capacity? With more houses coming to Spears Ct and the NE area some type of consideration needs to be given to the sewer system. Likewise, the storm sewers need to be oversized for all the future construction coming to this side of the town.

"Thank you for your comments on the proposed Spears Creek Church Road widening project. Your concerns regarding the I-20 interchange are noted; however, the County does not currently have funding available for improvements to the bridge, and improvements to the interchange are outside of the scope of this project. As part of this project, drainage improvements will be made throughout the corridor and result in increased capacity for

conveying stormwater along and across the facility. Major drainage structures will also be design to accommodate larger flood events."

- Concerns about Greenhill Parish Entrance Sign and Fences. They appear to be outside const. zone. Would like to confirm to ease homeowners' concerns.

"Thank you for your comments on the proposed Spears Creek Church Road widening project. If the entrance sign and/or fence at Greenhill Parrish are impacted by the project, they will be relocated or replaced."

- While the expansion of lanes from Two Notch to I-20 is great. However, the 2-lane highway over I-20 will get worse with heavy traffic. Not expanding the bridge over I-20 will cause more backed up traffic down ramp and onto I-20 itself posing safety issues.

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- As a resident of Spears Creek Village Neighborhood, I am specifically concerned about the impact of the widening project on the location and operation of the gate (security) at the main entrance/exit of our community. See #57 on Exhibit 2 of 5. I am also concerned that the proposed widening project will not totally alleviate the traffic congestion at peak times based on the bottleneck that will still remain at Two Notch Rd (crossing to Bookman Rd). Another concern is the great need for multiple lanes and widening of the bridge across I-20. Thanks for your attention to these concerns.

"Thank you for your comments on the proposed Spears Creek Church Road widening project. Preliminary plans are not expected to impact the gate at Spears Creek Village. The project will improve congestion and operations at the Two Notch Road intersection. Based on traffic analysis, additional turn lanes at the intersection will be constructed as part of this project, as well as improvements to the signal timing. Your concerns regarding the I-20 interchange are noted; however, the County does not currently have funding available for improvements to the bridge, and improvements to the interchange are outside of the scope of this project."

- Very excited to see this project. Problem is the bridge over route 2 isn't wide enough - causes traffic to back up not only on Spears Creek Church Road but backs up onto the highway (Route 20). Bridge needs to be 2 lanes each way. The roundabout at Liberty Ridge Drive needs to be 2 lanes wide due to the traffic coming off of Jacobs Mill Pond Rd. This roundabout is going to cause many accidents. Bridge over Route 20 also looks to be old and unsafe. Also, lots of potholes.

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- Looking at the plans, it looks as the proposal will alleviate a lot of the traffic issues on Spears Creek Church Rd. My primary concern is the safety of the residents while construction is taking place. I understand that these changes are needed, but what will be done to ensure the area is safe and also that this project does not make traveling worse for those in this area. Traffic is already a nightmare, and I can only imagine it getting worse. I would hate for those who work outside of the home to be forced to begin their commute hours early to navigate the construction traffic. I've been told that the entire project could last 3 years. I just hope that it has been thoroughly considered how residents will be affected, primarily residents that reside off Spears Creek Church Rd. Thank you for your time.

"Traffic control measures will be installed during construction to ensure safe conditions for both drivers and construction workers. Unfortunately, it is likely that travel times through the corridor will be increased during construction; however, these impacts will be minimized as much as possible."

- Please don't waste thousands and maybe millions with sidewalks on either or both sides on Spears Creek like you did on Clemson and Polo roads. What a waste! I never see anyone walking on Clemson Rd and rarely on Polo Rd.

"Thank you for your comments on the proposed Spears Creek Church Road widening project. At this time, sidewalks are not included in this project."

- I think this project would be great and is greatly needed. I hope there will be reflective markings used on the roads since lighting isn't an option any road.

"Thank you for your comments on the proposed Spears Creek Church Road widening project."

- Thank you for the opportunity for residents to be able to have input in the new road construction plans. I have lived in the area of Spears Creek Church Rd and have traveled this road for the past 12 years and the growth has become concerning for a number of reasons. Safety and Congestion being the main two. My son works at the new Starbucks just off the exit, it worries me, with him being a young driver, having to make an impulsive decision turning out into the intersection. A traffic light is imperative for that intersection, so is a median. Especially from the Shell station all the way back towards Two Notch. Not sure if there are ballot options for residents to vote, or if this email serves as that but here are my two cents.

"Response sent by Allison Steele previously"

- Dear Richland County Transportation Team, We appreciate the opportunity to provide comments regarding the proposed widening of Spears Creek Church Road between I-20 and Two Notch Road. We were disappointed to learn that neither a multi-use path or sidewalks would be provided as part of the revised widening project, for which the City's comprehensive plan, Columbia Compass: Envision 2036, recommends a sidepath/multi-use path for the length of the project. Mid-block crossing improvements are also recommended within the stretch of roadway between Earth Road and just north of Spears Creek Court. The recommendations of the Walk Bike Columbia plan are not only adopted as part of the City's comprehensive plan, but also are incorporated into the COATS MPO/CMCOG regional plan, which meets with the February 2021 SCDOT Departmental Directive regarding Complete Streets. As development along the Spears Creek Church Road corridor continues, please take note that the City's Engineering Regulations and Unified Development Ordinance generally require the provision of sidewalks by developers. Also, sidewalks currently exist along the corridor or are planned as follows: in front of the Dollar General (562 Spears Creek Church Road), the Verizon property (from Southridge Way north to the end of the property), and the Quick Trip (567 Spears Creek Church Road) where Planning Commission approval of the included installation of a minimum of 10' wide sidewalks as part of site plan approval. From our review of the proposed plans, it does not appear that the Verizon sidewalk will be affected, and a rerouting and provision of a new sidewalk in front of the Dollar General property is planned. The impact of the increased right-of-way along the Quick Trip is unclear. We would continue to urge Richland County to relocate and replace any affected pedestrian improvements along the project corridor, and would appreciate any information regarding plans for those under construction at this time.

"Thank you for your comments on the proposed Spears Creek Church Road widening project. Your concerns regarding sidewalks and/or a multi-use path are noted. Any impacted pedestrian infrastructure will be replaced during construction; however, additional pedestrian improvements are not included as part of this project at this time."