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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
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BLUFF ROAD WIDENING PHASE 2 PUBLIC COMMENTS

- There are both short term and long-term improvements that can be made. We urge implementations of numerous projects that will greatly enhance the appearance, safety, and quality of life in our community.
- Columbia is experiencing loss of the canopy. Heat mapping indicates Bluff Rd. is experiencing a significant rise in temperature. Plant canopy trees that will entrance residents use of the sidewalks and beautify a major city gateway.
- Any future project that imports the Olympic Neighborhood must consider the recommendation of the Capital City Mill District Plan.
- Places seems well thought out.
- Request inclusion of plants and trees in some public areas that will assist in environmental issues.
- Vegetation will contribute to the eye-appeal as one of area capital city "gateway."
- Read "Capital Mill District" planter consider it's integration.
- All look good for phase 2 first please finish at the appointed time and communicate if any delays.
- Long term, county should consider add sidewalks/ bike lane to make residents feel safer and community connections.
- I've seen the proposed changes to Bluff Road. Is there a rationale for not including buffered sidewalk facilities - or any sidewalks at all - in those areas of the proposed project without sidewalks currently?
 - Currently the proposed project will include sidewalks in areas of intersection improvements. The remaining areas will not include sidewalks at this time due to budget constraints.
- I appreciate that the project will have new sidewalks at the intersection improvement area. However, as the attachment illustrates, and as you know given your access to crash data, Bluff Road contains a significant number of pedestrian and bike fatalities and injuries in this map from 2009-2017 SCDPS data. This section of Bluff has a significant problem relative to Richland County, which already has the #2 worst pedestrian fatality rate in SC, which is #3 worst in the USA. Therefore, your project section of Bluff Road has a known and significant pedestrian safety problem, based on high risk and high demand (transit AND stadium route), resulting in these specified injuries and fatalities. Further, sidewalks are a FHWA proven safety countermeasure with a 65-89% reduced crash risk, so not applying them in your project area needs a full explanation of when they will be applied, and with what funding in the future. I look forward to a response. Thanks for your time and expertise.