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BLYTHEWOOD ROAD WIDENING
PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. I live in Richland County District 2. I see the transportation meetings set for each district. I do not believe that I will be able to make the 2/21 nor 2/22 meeting. There are three (3) items I would like to see addressed in/near my district regarding transportation.
 - First, the intersections of Langford Road, Main Street and Blythewood Road in Blythewood is already extremely congested in the morning and afternoon due to school and work traffic. This back traffic up in all directions and even into the interstate. The crux of the problem is traffic backing up from cars trying to turn onto/from Langford Rod at this intersection. This needs to be addressed. As Richland County Council continues to approve new neighborhoods in the Blythewood area and the Scout plant coming, this will continue to get worse. Straightening Blythewood Road to go directly into Langford seems to be the best solution.
 - Second, trying to turn onto Blythewood road out of the multiple gas stations and restaurants between Main Street and the interstate is next to impossible certain times of the day. This is especially bad where McNulty Road meets Blythewood Road. Maybe a traffic circle, traffic light and/or closing off some of the gas/store entrances directly to Blythewood Road will help.
 - Third, when will the work on Hardscrabble road be finished? This has taken far too long. There have been 2 major interstate widening projects in Richland County (77 and 20) completed significantly quicker than the Hardscrabble road project. It is an eyesore and appears that there is little to no effort being made to complete it in a timely manner. While I don't live in that area, my family and I used to frequent that area for shopping and eating out. We no longer do this due to traffic issues from construction. I am sure this has hurt businesses, let alone frustration for Residents traveling it every day. I want to thank the County for having these meetings and getting input from its Citizens.
2. Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback for the transportation issues in Blythewood. I have lived in Blythewood 28 years. I've lived in Columbia for the majority of my life. I am now retired and thankful I can choose not to travel during peak traffic hours. One of the few perks of aging. I am babysitting my grands the night of the meeting. So I'll share my thoughts in this



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email. Blythewood is experiencing the same problem NE Cola experienced 30-40 years ago. Growth faster than the roads can handle.

- You need to address the Langford Rd/Hwy 21 intersection. It bottlenecks the traffic flow. A right turn lane onto Langford would be ideal. But the bldgs. are too close to the road. Redirecting Langford to line up with the Blythewood/21 traffic light could work. Good luck. Glad I don't live off that road.
- Widen Hwy 21 with a longer right turn lane onto Rimer Pond. The backup there is ridiculous.
- I sure hope the 'Scout' train going across Hwy 21 will go above 21 via a bridge. I'd hate to think someone was so shortsighted as to put it through the road and stop traffic flow with a train.
- I look forward to the roundabout on Blythewood Road being finished.
- Enforce speed limits for heaven's sake. I've started calling I-77 the autobahn. Only the autobahn would never have craters like 77 does.
- Killian Road, well it's just scary. But that's crazy drivers. The roads are fine.