

FY2010 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Requests

**Project Title:** African American Family Center for Biblical Dialogue  
**Amount:** \$500,000  
**Intended Recipient:** African American Family Center for Biblical Dialogue, Charleston SC  
**Purpose/Description:**

Federal assistance is requested to restore the interior of a 5,000 square foot educational building which will be used to train single head of household, primary caregivers and their children. The African American Family Center for Biblical Dialogue endeavors to establish a year-round atmosphere where inner-city young women and 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> graders will have an opportunity to improve their social, interpersonal, academic and cognitive skills. Once established, it will address issues of economic and social deprivation, low commitment to schools, academic failure, low neighborhood attachment, community disorganization and provide an opportunity to make positive choices concerning their future endeavors.

**Project Title:** Bluffton Parkway Phase 5  
**Amount:** \$1,000,000  
**Intended Recipient:** Beaufort County, SC  
**Purpose/Description:**

This project will extend the Bluffton Parkway from S-7-163 to US 278. US 278 is a principal arterial in the US Highway system and federal funding would ensure the timely construction of this critical improvement in full partnership with state and local government. This facility would serve as an alternate route to US 278 offering improved connections, alleviate congestion on US 278 and provide a more continuous limited-access roadway between SC 170 and Hilton Head Island. According to completed studies this project will significantly improve the hurricane evacuation of Hilton Head Island and the surrounding communities.

**Project Title:** Brookland-Lakeview Empowerment Center  
**Amount:** \$500,000  
**Intended Recipient:** Brookland-Lakeview Empowerment Center, West Columbia, SC  
**Purpose/Description:**

Federal assistance is requested to establish an enrichment complex for families and children to enhance and demonstrate collective works and responsibility; to mobilize the support of various institutions of health, education and economics and to improve the quality of life for the citizens of the surrounding areas and the Lakeview community. Funding is needed in order to allow for the conversion of a now empty building into a hub of community activity that will allow for people to change their lives in ways that will improve their social and economic conditions, work with families to help them work together as loving units, and collaborate with the community to revitalize housing, recreation areas, parks and raise community pride.

**Project Title:** Easley Campus Infrastructure Improvements  
**Amount:** \$500,000  
**Intended Recipient:** Tri-County Technical College, Pendleton, SC  
**Purpose/Description:**

Tri-County Technical College purchased 37.5 acres of property in Easley, SC in December of 2008 in order to begin development of a campus to serve Pickens County. Research has

determined that Pickens County is not being adequately served by the College, and access to their services is determined to be the cause for this. While enrollment has increased by 10%+ for Anderson and Oconee County, Pickens County enrollment has remained stagnant despite increases in population in the county. The College obtained \$6.0 million from the State of South Carolina to fund the construction of a classroom building and \$1.0 million was obtained by Pickens County from CDBG/SC Dept. of Commerce funds to construct a QuickJobs workforce training center on the site. The 37.5 acre tract of property was purchased for \$1.25 million using College funds. The College is requesting federal support for the development of infrastructure on the site.

The project will involve the development of infrastructure on the site which will serve the classroom building, the QuickJobs Center, and additional future development on the site. Infrastructure on site will include water, sewer, roadways, parking lots, and grading.

**Project Title:** Harden Street Improvements  
**Amount:** \$1,000,000  
**Intended Recipient:** City of Columbia, SC  
**Purpose/Description:**

The Harden Street Improvements project will improve mobility, increase safety and promote economic development along a major central Columbia arterial that serves several institutions of higher education and low and moderate income neighborhoods. The requested federal funding will be used to complete the design, engineering and environmental review of Phase II of this project. Phase II of this project runs from Gervais Street to the Norfolk Southern Railroad Trestle. Specific improvements will include: street reconstruction and resurfacing, modern traffic control signals, realignment of some intersections, intersection improvements, improved street lighting, new driveways, parking, improved sidewalks (including ADA compliance), trees and other landscaping, the burying of utility lines and other improvements.

**Project Title:** I-95/U.S. Hwy. 301 Interchange Improvement Project  
**Amount:** \$1,000,000  
**Intended Recipient:** County of Orangeburg, SC  
**Purpose/Description:**

Currently US Hwy 301 stops at the intersection of I-95, causing the 301 traffic to enter onto an extremely busy I-95 for just one mile in order to exit off onto Hwy 6. This planned project continues US Hwy 301 over I-95 with continual and systematic flow to Hwy 6. With the installation of an interchange at the intersection of US Hwy 301 and I-95, traffic will be able to flow smoothly in all directions.

At the intersection of US Hwy 301 and I-95, current public/private partnerships are providing critical investments in the area. The interchange, which is on the State Transportation Infrastructure Plan (STIP) as part of the Lower Savannah Long-Range Transportation Plan, will be a catalyst for expansion of the I-95 Corridor that, in turn, will bring about economic growth opportunities for Clarendon, Dorchester, Calhoun and Sumter counties, as well as the entire region. Additionally, it will supply the demand for a transportation hub servicing the entire Southeast. The interchange is the critical infrastructure piece that currently is missing.

**Project Title:** Interstate 26 and Savanny Hunt Creek Road Interchange  
**Amount:** \$500,000  
**Intended Recipient:** Calhoun County, SC  
**Purpose/Description:**

Calhoun County is located on I-26 between Orangeburg and Richland Counties. This area has become a major center for economic development. Existing industries are making major investments in their facilities such as Southeastern Frozen Foods with a 50,000 square foot expansion and continued growth of Carolina Eastman. These companies continually struggle with interstate access and have voiced their concern that this will hinder their growth. Zeus industrial has also expressed a future need for expansion, but have concerns due to the lack of access. Increased traffic on the two lane frontage road has also caused safety issues that have been expressed by all parties including the County EMS.

**Project Title:** National I-73/I-74 Corridor Impact Study  
**Amount:** \$200,000  
**Intended Recipient:** National I-73/74 Corridor Association, Myrtle Beach, SC  
**Purpose/Description:**

Funds will allow the National I-73/74 Corridor Association, which is based in Myrtle Beach, SC to partner with the local university to complete a national study of the I-73/74 corridor and its impacts on employment, transportation and social welfare for each state after completion along the entire corridor. The Association recently completed an assessment of the impact construction of I-73 in South Carolina, which showed that the project would add over \$4 billion in total economic output, a total of 38,600 positions, and increase household income by nearly \$1.4 billion.

**Project Title:** Salters Road Expansion Along I-85, Greenville, SC  
**Amount:** \$1,000,000  
**Intended Recipient:** City of Greenville, SC  
**Purpose/Description:**

The City and County of Greenville are requesting federal assistance to expand Salters Road along Interstate 85. With current and anticipated development exploding in the high-growth area along I-85 between Laurens and Woodruff Roads and downtown Greenville, a more adequate transportation infrastructure is sorely needed for what is becoming a growing business and commercial nucleus for the Upstate of South Carolina. In order to facilitate ease of movement along the innovative business and educational corridor that includes Clemson University's ICAR, Millennium Park, and the planned South Financial headquarters campus, and around the congested major traffic corridors surrounding the "power corridor," Salters Road must be expanded. This would entail the widening of Salters Road from Verdae Boulevard over I-85 to Millennium Drive, providing necessary infrastructure support for the ICAR/Millennium Park and Verdae developments. Completion of this project will help accommodate explosive growth in the area along I-85 between Laurens and Woodruff Roads and provide the necessary infrastructure to support developments.

**Project Title:** Shackleburg Road Bridge  
**Amount:** \$1,000,000  
**Intended Recipient:** Anderson County, SC  
**Purpose/Description:**

Built in 1961, the Shackleburg Road Bridge is a single span structure that is 42 feet long. This project would replace and widen the bridge to 34 ft. curb-to-curb allowing for two lanes with safety shoulders and raising the height of the bridge and its approaches would minimize current waterway obstructions from flooding. The current bridge is not adequate for emergency services or school bus traffic. A new bridge would serve these vehicles. In addition, three large residential subdivisions have located within one mile of this structure since 2000. Additional residential and commercial growth in the area is highly anticipated, particularly given the proximity to the interstate system and community services. The bridge's current sufficiency rating is only 39.6 out of a possible 100. The SCDOT Inspection Report rated this bridge condition basically intolerable requiring it to be a high priority for replacement.

**Project Title:** Taxiway 'B' Bypass North  
**Amount:** \$1,000,000  
**Intended Recipient:** South Carolina Technology and Aviation Center, Greenville, SC  
**Purpose/Description:**

As the largest non-commercial airport in South Carolina, Donaldson Field serves the Upstate and the aviation industry with over 1,400 jobs. The taxiway on the west side of the runway is not to FAA design standards due to its size/condition. This requires aircraft to back-taxi on the runway, an inefficient, and potentially unsafe, condition for aircraft operation. The Airport is planning for the continuation of a new parallel Taxiway 'B' to be constructed to FAA airfield design standards. The first half of this parallel taxiway was constructed in 1999, with local monies.

**Project Title:** Town of Lexington Unified Traffic Plan (Phase I)  
**Amount:** \$1,000,000  
**Intended Recipient:** Town of Lexington, SC  
**Purpose/Description:**

The Town of Lexington, SC is working with SCDOT to develop the modifications of this ongoing project. SCDOT has completed the majority of the preliminary engineering and has had a number of public hearings. This project consists of the improvement of the intersection of two US highways, US Hwy 1 and US Hwy 378, as well as two ancillary intersections.

**Project Title:** Woodrow Wilson Family Home Restoration Project  
**Amount:** \$500,000  
**Intended Recipient:** Historic Columbia Foundation, Columbia, SC  
**Purpose/Description:**

The federal government plays a leading role in supporting infrastructure projects with benefit to the greater community, especially those with ties to an historic federal figure such as President Woodrow Wilson. The Woodrow Wilson Family Home is South Carolina's only historic site associated with a United States president. It is also the only home ever owned by the 28th president's parents. Moreover, this project has secured financial support from the Richland County government, the federal government, and the private sector. Funding would be used for preservation and renovation of the historic landmark.