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U.S. Highway 278/William Hilton Parkway Corridor

The S.C. Department of Transportation has released its preferred alternative and Environmental Assessment for the William Hilton Parkway Corridor Project, which includes the replacement of the U.S. Highway 278 bridges to Hilton Head Island and other roadway improvements on the William Hilton Parkway. Please feel free to use our talking points to help draft your comments. If you are planning to speak at the public hearing on Thursday, July 22, remember that each speaker is limited to two minutes.

Please join us in advocating for:

- A plan that does not negatively impact the Stoney community, a native Gullah community on Hilton Head Island. This community would be better served by a road that is narrower than the SCDOT's proposed plan; has better bike and pedestrian access; and includes traffic-calming measures like tree-lined streets and vegetated buffers.
- Support for the recommendations in the MKSK study. The Town of Hilton Head Island has retained MKSK to study the Stoney area. We need to take the company's recommendations for reducing impacts to the Stoney community seriously and allow them time to complete their study.
- Broadening the SCDOT's study area. Traffic congestion in the area is mainly caused by commuters traveling on and off the island. Some of the traffic problems in the area are created by conditions both north and south of the project study area defined by the SCDOT.
- Improved bike and pedestrian infrastructure.
- A plan that includes group transit solutions, like organizing a system of vanpools and encourages employers to allow for flexible work hours for commuters. These strategies would prevent traffic congestion.
- The completion of an Environmental Impact Statement, an assessment method that is more rigorous than the simpler Environmental Assessment.