

FY2011 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Requests

Project Title: African American Family Center for Biblical Dialogue
Amount: \$200,000
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 1st & 2nd 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: Airport Boulevard Project
Amount: \$1,000,000
Intended Recipient: City of Cayce, SC
Purpose/Description:

The Airport Boulevard Project will provide road improvements, striping of bike lanes, sidewalks, ADA improvements, signage and overhead power line removal along Airport Boulevard (SC 302) as you exit the Columbia Metropolitan Airport (CAE) and continue to Knox Abbott Drive into Cayce, SC. This stretch of roadway is the main entrance to the region when flying into CAE. Redevelopment of the Airport Boulevard corridor will result in the elimination of blight and the creation of jobs through the attraction of private investment. This project will improve the safety and potential development for areas from the airport into downtown Columbia. As such, the goal is to improve this important gateway to the region believing that this stretch of roadway not only benefits Lexington County but the entire Columbia Metropolitan Area.

Project Title: Bus Technology Installments
Amount: \$250,000
Intended Recipient: City of Greenville, SC
Purpose/Description:

The City of Greenville requests federal funding for the purchase of new fare boxes, video surveillance equipment and a communication system for the Greenville Transit Authority's (GTA) bus fleet. Many of the buses currently used throughout the GTA (Greenlink) service area have outdated or dysfunctional equipment. Updated and operational bus technology is necessary for operating a successful and safe transit system.

Although GTA is acquiring a total of nine new buses over the next twenty-four months (seven were purchased using American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funds), the current fleet will have reached seventy-five percent of its useful life by the time the new buses are activated. Funding will enable eighteen buses to have new fare boxes installed as well as video surveillance equipment and a new communication system. These three installations will greatly impact the safety, as well as the efficiency, of the Transit operational team in addition to making public transportation a more pleasant experience for all.

Project Title: Celriver Road Improvements, SC

Amount: \$1,000,000
Intended Recipient: City of Rock Hill, SC
Purpose/Description:

The Celriver Road Improvements Project proposes to construct the SC Route 161 Extension and directly support increased traffic flow associated with the Riverwalk Development. The project will widen and improve the existing two lane rural section of S-50 from US Route 21 to approximately 0.100 miles north of S-645. Proposed improvements include widening to a five lane urban arterial roadway with construction of curb and gutter, underground storm sewer systems, and concrete sidewalks.

Project Title: Cheraw Stabilization Project
Amount: \$200,000
Intended Recipient: Town of Cheraw, SC
Purpose/Description:

The Town of Cheraw seeks federal funding to move forward with a condemnation program which currently has over 30 properties needing to be demolished. The removal of these structures would help create safer neighborhoods and eliminate eyesores and assist in selling the area to potential new businesses and jobs which are desperately needed. The Town does not have the funds available to move forward with this project. The project would be a major economic tool as dilapidated buildings and houses will be removed to create a more appealing environment which will be an advantage in efforts to recruit new business and industry to the area.

Project Title: Hardeeville Exit 3 Project
Amount: \$500,000
Intended Recipient: City of Hardeeville, SC
Purpose/Description:

Should a hurricane or other disaster strike the Southeastern portion of South Carolina, the congestion on the heavily trafficked evacuation route would put many lives in danger. Federal funding would allow for construction and creation of a new exit off of Interstate 95. The Exit 3 project, included on the South Carolina Transportation Improvement Project list, would provide the terminus for the Bluffton Parkway (Highway 278A) and the I-95 interchange. The project, in concert with the new section of Purrysburg Road, will create a permanent, alternate hurricane evacuation route for Southern Beaufort County and the outlying communities. Funding is specifically requested for preliminary justification reports, the NEPA study, interstate justification reports and other required reports relating to the broader Exit 3 request.

Project Title: Harden Street Improvements
Amount: \$500,000
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 III of the Harden Street Reconstruction Project runs from Gervais Street north to Read Street; the first half of Phase III comprises the segment from Gervais Street to Taylor Street. Specific improvements will include: street reconstruction and resurfacing, modern traffic control

signals, realignment of some intersections, intersection improvements, improved street lighting, new driveways, and parking.

Project Title: Hardscrabble Road Widening
Amount: \$1,000,000
Intended Recipient: Richland County, SC
Purpose/Description:

Growth in the Northeastern Area of Richland County has placed an immense burden on the traffic infrastructure along Hardscrabble Road. Congested intersections, the lack of left-turn lanes, and the absence of shoulders along the roadway have increased the number of accidents along Hardscrabble Road, while reducing safety on the roadway. The County does not have the resources to fully fund a roadway improvement project of this magnitude, and Federal funding would allow the County to move forward with this important project. This project will help relieve congestion through increased roadway capacity; improve safety for motorists and other roadway users by providing safer, dedicated facilities; and help to improve air quality in the region by reducing idling time for motor vehicles. Federal funds will be used to conduct preliminary engineering, right-of-way acquisition, and construction to improve and widen 6.84 miles of Hardscrabble Road in Northeast Richland County.

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.

Project Title: John N. Hardee Expressway
Amount: \$1,000,000
Intended Recipient: Central Midlands Council of Governments, Columbia, SC
Purpose/Description:

The purpose of this project is to complete the John N. Hardee Expressway in Columbia, SC. Phase I of the project was completed in July, 2004. It included widening the existing 2-lane roadway, Airport Road, from S.C. Route 302 (Airport Boulevard) to S.C. Route 602 (Platt Springs Road). Federal funding will complete Phase II of the project which will go from I-26 to S.C. Route 302 (Airport Boulevard). All engineering design is complete and all construction permits have been received.

This project will promote economic development and the creation and retention of jobs in the emerging major employment center surrounding the Columbia Metropolitan Airport. It will result in safer, more efficient travel for passenger vehicles and freight, will support the competitiveness of the airport, and will benefit Fort Jackson and families of Fort Jackson military trainees. Completion of the project ensures the citizens will receive the full economic and transportation benefit of the project.

Project Title: Kingtree Train Depot Renovation Project

Amount: \$200,000
Intended Recipient: City of Kingstree, SC
Purpose/Description:

The City of Kingstree seeks federal funding to complete The Kingstree Train Depot Renovation Project. The working Amtrak station will be upgraded to meet the current passenger needs and provide handicap accessible restrooms to the public. The Williamsburg County Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Center will be provided with space for offices and a meeting room, currently unusable by the community. Finally and most important, this funding will enable business to locate and provide economic development in downtown.

Project Title: Myrtle Beach International Airport Expansion
Amount: \$500,000
Intended Recipient: Horry County, SC
Purpose/Description:

The purpose of this project is to provide the necessary equipment to increase security at the newly expanded Myrtle Beach International Airport (MYR). Myrtle Beach is a tourist destination with 14 million tourists annually. The project will include the purchase of security cameras to survey the new terminal and extended areas where a new road extension will come into the airport. Federal funding is needed to be able to purchase the entire monitoring, recording and storing of the airport perimeter. Additionally, card readers, baggage belt door monitors, switches and controllers are needed for the expanded terminal.

Project Title: Shoulder Widening and Paving of S.C. Highway 22
Amount: \$1,000,000
Intended Recipient: National I-73/74 Corridor Association, Myrtle Beach, SC
Purpose/Description:

Federal funding will allow the National I-73/74 Corridor Association, which is based in Myrtle Beach, SC to bring SC Highway 22 up to Interstate standards and will improve the transportation system by providing a connection to the interstate system (I-95) to facilitate the movement of people and goods to and from the state and the region. It will improve the condition and efficiency of existing transportation facilities and systems. In addition, these improvements will significantly impact an economically distressed area, where the unemployment rate is currently 17.4%.

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: The Environmental Improvement and Cost Savings Pavement Study
Amount: \$350,000

Intended Recipient: South Carolina Department of Transportation

Purpose/Description:

The Environmental Improvement and Cost Savings Pavement Study is a proposed collaborative effort between the South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) and Honeywell International Inc. to reduce the necessary heat, pollutants and costs associated with asphalt paving. The goal of this project is to produce real-world measurement of a paving product, Honeywell Performance Polymer, which studies have shown reduces temperature and pollutants during construction, lowers costs of infrastructure projects and establishes a predictable supply of paving material which has been severely interrupted in the past. This project will demonstrate the reduction in the necessary heat required for the production of high performance asphalt, thus lowering energy costs, all while reducing emissions of CO₂, NO_x, SO_x, and volatile organic compounds (VOC), many of them hazardous air pollutants (HAPs).

Project Title: Town of Lexington Unified Traffic Plan (Phase II)

Amount: \$500,000

Intended Recipient: Town of Lexington, SC

Purpose/Description:

Growth in and around the Town of Lexington has placed an immense burden on the Town's transportation infrastructure. The Town is continuing to work with SCDOT to develop the modifications of this ongoing project. SCDOT has completed the majority of the preliminary engineering for Phase II of the project. This project consists of the relocation of Dreher Street at the intersection of SC Highway 6 (North Lake Drive) to tie in with Azalea Drive (S-254), which currently intersects Highway 6, and to install a traffic signal at the intersection of Highway 6 and Azalea Drive, as well as sidewalks along the relocated roadway. Completion of the project will relieve congestion along this continually developing corridor and to improve traffic flow. Improvements are necessary; however, the Town of Lexington, Lexington County, and the State of South Carolina do not have funds available to make the needed improvements to the infrastructure.

Project Title: US 17/Spring St/Fishburne Improvement Project

Amount: \$500,000

Intended Recipient: City of Charleston, SC

Purpose/Description:

US Highway 17 in Charleston, SC is a major hurricane evacuation route. However, even moderate rainfall can make this Federal highway impassable. In the event of a hurricane, lives of thousands of residents seeking to evacuate Charleston as well as other communities who would use this route to evacuate the coast would be endangered. The project will improve the road infrastructure of US Highway 17, the major coastal highway in South Carolina where coastal tourism is critical to the state's economy. There are hundreds of businesses located in the 500 acres within this drainage basin, all of which depend on roads which can accommodate vehicular traffic even when it rains.

Project Title: US Highway 276 Resurfacing Project

Amount: \$500,000

Intended Recipient: City of Mauldin, SC

Purpose/Description:

As the City of Mauldin grows and expands, there is a clear need for a Main Street and City center to accommodate existing business and attract new businesses and restaurants. US 276, the main thoroughfare in the City center is more than 50 years old, and large potholes have developed in recent months. The City has developed the “Main Street Plan” to create a safer, more functional, and attractive US 276 thoroughfare in the city center. In order to implement the Main Street Plan, the main road leading in and out of the City must be resurfaced. With over 30,000 people traveling on this road each day, safety is increasingly becoming an issue and improving traffic congestion is one of the City’s main priorities. Because of the amount of traffic on the US 276 thoroughfare, these local street improvements will be critical for the development of a new urban village in the historic center of Mauldin.

Project Title: Woodrow Wilson Family Home Restoration Project
Amount: \$200,000
Intended Recipient: Historic Columbia Foundation, 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.