



## **Caucus**

### **Beaufort County, SC**

This meeting will be held both in person at the County Council Chambers, 100 Ribaut Road, Beaufort, and also virtually through Zoom.

**Monday, July 11, 2022**  
**5:00 PM**

#### **AGENDA**

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Council Member Logan Cunningham
3. PUBLIC NOTIFICATION OF THIS MEETING HAS BEEN PUBLISHED, POSTED, AND DISTRIBUTED IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE SOUTH CAROLINA FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT
4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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#### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

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5. AGENDA REVIEW
- [6.](#) DISCUSSION WITH SENATOR DAVIS REGARDING EVACUATION ROUTES
7. COUNCIL MEMBER DISCUSSION
8. ADJOURNMENT

**File Attachments for Item:**

6. DISCUSSION WITH SENATOR DAVIS REGARDING EVACUATION ROUTES

SENATOR TOM DAVIS  
SENATE DISTRICT 46  
BEAUFORT AND JASPER COUNTIES

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July 7, 2022

Ms. Christy Hall  
Secretary, SCDOT  
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**VIA REGULAR MAIL AND EMAIL**

Re: Improvements to evacuation routes in southern Beaufort County

Secretary Hall:

The number of people residing in southern Beaufort County has more than doubled in the past decade and is currently growing at an even greater pace, and with that comes the need to improve the area's evacuation routes. Enclosed is a copy of the SCDOT's map of evacuation routes for this portion of the county, and circled in black are the sections identified by Beaufort County Council as needing improvement; summarized, these improvements and their estimated cost are as follows:

- Improvements to SC 170. Project's point of beginning is the intersection of SC 170 and US 278 and extends northward along SC 170 to the intersection of SC 170 and SC 462. The improvements contemplate a 6-lane divided section. The estimated cost is \$104M.
- Improvements to SC 462. Project's point of beginning is the intersection of SC 170 and SC 462 and extends northward along SC 462 to the intersection of SC 462 and SC 336 (Old House Road on the SCDOT evacuation-route maps). The improvements contemplate a 4-lane divided section of SC 462 from the point of beginning to Snake River Road, and then a 3-lane section of SC 462 to the intersection with SC 336. The estimated cost is \$121M.
- Improvements to US 278. Project's point of beginning is the intersection of SC 170 and US 278 and extends westward along US 278 to the intersection of US 278 and I-95. The improvements contemplate a 6-lane divided section. The estimated cost is \$220M.
- Improvements to SC 46. Project's point of beginning is the roundabout at the intersection of SC 170 and SC 46 and extends westward and southwestward along SC 46 to the intersection of SC 46 and SC 315, and then southwestward along SC 170 to the intersection of SC 170 and US 17. The improvements contemplate a 4-lane divided section with a large roundabout at the SC 46/SC 170/SC 315 junction. The estimated cost is \$101M.

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The total estimated cost of the improvements to these four sections of the existing evacuation routes is \$546 million. As the four state legislators elected to represent in the South Carolina General Assembly those who reside in southern Beaufort County, we respectfully request a meeting with you to discuss potential ways to finance these necessary improvements.

The recently enacted state budget appropriated a recurring \$120 million to the SCDOT so the agency could fully access the \$6 billion allocated to the state by Congress in the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. In addition to this new recurring appropriation from the general fund and the resulting federal appropriation that will now follow, the SCDOT was appropriated a non-recurring \$134 million for rural interstate funding – and the majority of the four improvements to the evacuation routes identified herein fall within rural areas. These appropriations, of course, are in addition to the usual revenues accruing to the agency via the gas tax, the car sales tax, and other fees. Moreover, it is possible, even likely, that some of the \$1 billion put in this year’s budget into a contingency reserve fund will be appropriated for road improvements in next year’s budget.

In sum, there has been (and will continue to be in subsequent years) a huge influx in infrastructure money to the SCDOT. We realize that the agency has developed and is refining a statewide capital improvement plan to ensure that this money is spent in a rational way in accordance with an objective prioritization of needs. Our point is that the SCDOT must be fully briefed on the need for evacuation improvements in southern Beaufort County to make this objective prioritization; hence, our request for the meeting. Thank you for your consideration in this important matter.

Sincerely,

*Jeff Bradley by TJD*  
Jeff Bradley  
House District 123

*Tom Davis*  
Tom Davis  
Senate District 46

*Bill Herbkersman by TJD*  
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House District 118

*Weston Newton by TJD*  
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### CDOT Evacuation Routes and Map

Click on the map to view detailed information.

Reversals are not in effect. I-26 EB and WB lanes have normal traffic flow \*\*\*\*\*

For detailed lane reversal information, see our lane reversal map [here](#).

For more information on I-26, visit our I-26 Storm Resources Page [click here](#).

Use the map on your mobile device by swiping to the left or right to view different tabs labeled 2-8.

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