

**A RESOLUTION**

No. \_\_\_\_\_

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING STATE EFFORTS TO FIND SOLUTIONS TO THE FUNDING NEEDS FOR STATE MAINTAINED AND OPERATED ROADS AND BRIDGES WITHOUT TRANSFERRING THE BURDEN TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND OPPOSING ANY ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY THAT THROUGH LACK OF STATE FUNDING WILL LEAD TO INCREASED TAXES ON THE CITIZENS OF GREENVILLE COUNTY**

**WHEREAS**, Greenville County, along with the vast majority of citizens, acknowledges that South Carolina's infrastructure is in desperate need of repairs and funding sources; and

**WHEREAS**, it is widely understood that the State has failed to sufficiently address and fund road and bridge projects over the years; and

**WHEREAS**, only 10% of the non-federal aid eligible secondary roads assigned for transfer are in good condition while 90% are in fair or poor condition, and

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Transportation is in a much better position to assess the needs and to perform the necessary maintenance on these roads in the state system, and

**WHEREAS**, H. 3579 claims that the dumping of State roads onto counties is "optional" and comes with "adequate" funding, but the option is left to the County Transportation Committee (CTC) and not the County Council and the proposed funding is insufficient to repair and maintain the nearly 19,000 miles of roads; and

**WHEREAS**, devolving this authority onto an appointed body renders this legislation constitutionally suspect; and

**WHEREAS**, if the CTC does not refuse the roads then the County is forced to accept the financial responsibility, maintenance, and liability of the roads; and

**WHEREAS**, the bill places too much power with the CTC, which is not liable or accountable to the taxpayers if the funding is insufficient or if the CTC elects to spend the money on other projects such as state-owned roads; and

**WHEREAS**, insufficient funding would result in a potential local tax increase on County citizens to pay for maintenance and repair on the deteriorating roads; and

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Greenville County Council that it is opposed to any legislative efforts to transfer state-owned roads to local governments and requests that all members of the South Carolina General Assembly refuse further consideration of any proposed legislation.

**DONE IN REGULAR MEETING THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2015.**

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Bob Taylor, Chairman, County Council  
Greenville County, South Carolina

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Joseph Kernell, Administrator  
Greenville County, South Carolina

ATTEST:

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Theresa B. Kizer, Clerk to County Council  
Greenville County, South Carolina