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MEMORANDUM

TO: Chairwoman Liz Seman and Members of the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee

FROM: Kimberly Wunder, Assistant County Attorney
Chanell Moore, Executive Director, Parks, Recreation & Tourism
Ty Houck, Director of Greenways, Natural and Historic Resources

DATE: January 18, 2019

RE: Release of railbanked ROW to allow for public road and trail parking

Laurel Creek Reserve, LLC has requested that Greenville County release the outer 75 feet of the County's railbanked railroad right-of-way (the "ROW") for use as a public road and trail parking. The project location is 200 Woodruff Road in the City of Greenville (TMS# 0263000400100). The proposed road would be dedicated to the City of Greenville and serve two parcels. In exchange for releasing the ROW, the road project will include public parking for trail users and a paved trail access connecting the sidewalk on Woodruff Road with the future extension of the Swamp Rabbit Trail.

Staff members support this project because it will create pedestrian access and public parking for trail users at no cost to the County. Furthermore, the road and parking will be located at a lower grade than the future trail and will not negatively affect operation of the Swamp Rabbit Trail.

Staff is requesting a motion to authorize the County to proceed with the necessary paperwork to release its railroad right-of-way easement and interim trail use and railbanking in the outer 75 feet of the ROW, and to enter into any agreements necessary to carry out the project.