

# **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF GREENVILLE, SC,  
THE CITY OF GREENVILLE, SC, AND  
THE CITY OF MAULDIN, SC FOR THE  
**WOODRUFF PARALLEL AREA CORRIDOR PLAN**

**WHEREAS**, A Memorandum of Understanding between the County of Greenville, SC, the City of Greenville, SC, and City of Mauldin, SC, for the purpose of establishing a focused planning effort for the area surrounding and concerning the future Woodruff Road Congestion Relief Project's parallel road.

**WHEREAS**, the Greenville-Pickens Area Transportation Study (GPATS) has prioritized the Woodruff Road Congestion Relief Project (WRCRP) in its Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) and has progressed through Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) inclusion, Preliminary Engineering National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) design, and has entered Right-of-Way planning, and

**WHEREAS**, funding for the WRCRP has been secured by GPATS, the South Carolina Transportation Infrastructure Bank (SCTIB), and Greenville County in the amount of \$121.2 million, and

**WHEREAS**, the WRCRP includes a new, alternate parallel route to Woodruff Road that will pass through the City of Greenville, the City of Mauldin, and Greenville County (see Attachment 1), and

**WHEREAS**, due to the Woodruff Road corridor being of critical and sensitive commercial, industrial, and residential importance and the land uses affected by and affecting the WRCRP parallel road are currently established development, potential redevelopment, and/or at risk of adverse impacts due to the project, and

**WHEREAS**, due to the NEPA Environmental Assessment's "Purpose and Need" stating the project must "improve operational efficiency and alleviate traffic congestion on Woodruff Road to improve mobility,"

**THEREFORE, BE IT KNOWN**, that the following provisions of this Memorandum of Understanding are understood and acceptable to all parties:

- 1)** That the GPATS and SCDOT "Woodruff Road Congestion Relief Project," including the new parallel road, is an imminent project currently in

Right-of-Way planning and scheduled to be under construction between Calendar Year 2026-2029, and that the impacts to the greater SC “Upstate” region will be far-reaching and crucial to prepare for in advance.

- 2)** That SCDOT will administer the WRCRP with Federal funding and under Federal regulations, and that the County and Cities will abide by, adhere to, and accommodate the project time frames as they are established and are changed/updated, and that properties affected by access changes and Right-of-Way purchases by SCDOT will be dealt with by SCDOT at the appropriate time as prescribed by Federal regulations.
- 3)** That the County and Cities of Greenville and Mauldin will take necessary action to protect the proposed project Right-of-Way by remaining informed and participating in project updates as they are made available by SCDOT, and shall distribute relevant information to their departments, developers, businesses and residents as appropriate.
- 4)** That the County of Greenville and the Cities of Greenville and Mauldin will be proactive in their land use planning along Woodruff Road and the new parallel road corridor to ensure appropriate development and redevelopment at the appropriate times to avoid impediments to SCDOT acquisition of Right-of-Way, and to prevent undue impacts to property owners, businesses, and residents during Right-of-Way acquisition.
- 5)** That the congestion currently existing on Woodruff Road should not be allowed to be replicated on the new parallel road, and that the local jurisdictions have a responsibility to identify and utilize the “best practices” of Access Management and Parcel Connectivity to mitigate negative land use impacts on the future corridor infrastructure.
- 6)** That the County of Greenville and the Cities of Greenville and Mauldin, understand that the Woodruff Road corridor and new parallel road from Verdae Blvd to Smith Hines Rd need a single vision and standardized implementation policy in order to establish proactive area planning and infrastructure best practices, regardless of jurisdictional boundaries.
- 7)** That the County of Greenville and the Cities of Greenville and Mauldin shall coordinate to establish a common Woodruff Parallel Area Plan

("Area Plan") overlay to holistically address the needs of the corridor, and upon completion shall timely present the Area Plan to their respective governing bodies for approval through their adopted processes.

- 8)** That once an Area Plan is adopted, each jurisdiction will seek to implement the standards and regulations set forth in the Area Plan as appropriate within their boundaries subject to further approval that may be necessary by their respective governing bodies, and if such standards and regulations are not implemented, the parallel road will not serve its intended purpose of congestion relief and mobility improvement.
  
- 9)** That this Memorandum of Understanding shall empower and entrust the planning and engineering staffs of the County of Greenville and Cities of Greenville and Mauldin to convene regularly, be proactive in reaching out to stakeholders as appropriate, and work diligently with SCDOT towards the completion of a Woodruff Parallel Area Plan.

This Memorandum of Understanding is entered into this \_\_\_ day, of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022.

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Willis Meadows, Chairman of Greenville County Council

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Knox White, Mayor of the City of Greenville

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Terry Merritt, Mayor of the City of Mauldin

# Attachment 1

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