

SCDOT Modernization Letter of Support:

April 28, 2026

Members of the South Carolina House of Representatives:

On behalf of the state's business community, representing tens of thousands of employers and hundreds of thousands of employees across our state, we write to express our strong support for the SCDOT Modernization bills, **H.5071** and **S.831**.

We recognize and appreciate the ongoing commitment of the General Assembly, in partnership with Governor Henry McMaster, to invest in our state's infrastructure system. Thanks to your leadership, South Carolina has been able to deliver thousands of miles of road, bridge, and safety improvements.

We continue to see that impact of those investments in our communities, and it is making a difference. Thanks to your work, businesses have access to the resources they need to thrive. But as you know, demand is only increasing, and in order to remain competitive, to maintain our quality of life, and avoid falling behind neighboring states, we must modernize our transportation policies.

We believe the provisions, to include new project delivery methods, public-private partnerships for large-scale projects, and choice lanes to reduce congestion and expand capacity, will help South Carolina reach its full potential.

Perhaps most importantly, it ensures South Carolina is in control of its own infrastructure. Too often, critical road improvements are put on hold due to decisions made in Washington, not here at home. By allowing the state to take on federal processes, we can take control – do things the South Carolina way – and speed up projects.

Together, these improvements will accelerate project delivery – cutting timelines by months and even years – and ensure taxpayer dollars go the extra miles.

As the state's business community, we cannot afford to see this effort delayed another year. The need for action is clear, and the time to act is now.

We respectfully request that you support and pass an SCDOT Modernization bill.

Thank you for your continued leadership and your work on behalf of South Carolina's job creators.

Sincerely,

American Council of Engineering Companies of South Carolina
Carolinas AGC
Carolinas Ready Mixed Concrete Association
Forestry Association of South Carolina

Home Builders Association of South Carolina
Motorcoach Association of South Carolina
Palmetto AgriBusiness Council
South Carolina Asphalt Pavement Association
South Carolina Aggregates Association
South Carolina Alliance to Fix Our Roads
South Carolina Manufacturers and Commerce
South Carolina Poultry Federation
South Carolina Society of Professional Engineers
South Carolina Society of Professional Land Surveyors
South Carolina Trucking Association

Aiken Chamber of Commerce
Berkeley Chamber of Commerce
Charleston Metro Chamber of Commerce
Charlotte Regional Business Alliance
Columbia Chamber
Fountain Inn Chamber of Commerce
Greater Chapin Chamber of Commerce
Greater Florence Chamber of Commerce
Greater Hartsville Chamber of Commerce
Greater Summerville / Dorchester County Chamber of Commerce
Greenville Chamber
Hilton Head Island-Bluffton Chamber of Commerce
Lexington Chamber and Visitors Center
Mount Pleasant Chamber of Commerce
Myrtle Beach Area Chamber of Commerce
OneSpartanburg, Inc.
Orangeburg County Chamber of Commerce
York County Regional Chamber of Commerce