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Replacement of Existing Bridges over the Cooper River - Charleston County

Mr. Gary K. Santos Town Council Town of Mount Pleasant PO Box 745 100 Ann Edwards Lane Mount Pleasant, SC 29466

Dear Mr. Santos:

Thank you for your January 20th letter and for attending the public meeting on the new proposed Cooper River Bridge. We appreciate you bringing to our attention the idea of using the area under the proposed bridge as green space or a public park.

Green areas and public parks have been allowed and worked well in similar situations statewide, and the Department is very interested in working with the Town of Mount Pleasant to provide a park under the new Cooper River Bridge.

The Department looks forward to working closely with the Town of Mt. Pleasant. Once constructed, we feel the bridge will better serve Mt. Pleasant and Charleston both functionally and aesthetically. Your idea of adding a green area under the proposed bridge will only enhance the beauty of the landscape. If you have any questions or should need any additional information, please let me know.

Sincerely,

D.H. Freeman

State Highway Engineer

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