AGENCY NAME:	SC Department of Transportation		
AGENCY CODE:	U120	SECTION:	84

Fiscal Year 2027-28 Agency Budget Plan

FORM A - BUDGET PLAN SUMMARY

	For FY 2027-28, my agency is (mark "X"):	
OPERATING REQUESTS *(FORM B1)*	X	Requesting General Fund Appropriations.
	X	Requesting Federal/Other Authorization.
		Not requesting any changes.
NON-RECURRING REQUESTS *(FORM B2)*	X	Requesting Non-Recurring Appropriations.
		Requesting Non-Recurring Federal/Other Authorization.
		Not requesting any changes.
CAPITAL REQUESTS *(FORM C)*		Requesting funding for Capital Projects.
	X	Not requesting any changes.
PROVISOS *(FORM D)*		Requesting a new proviso and/or substantive changes to existing provisos.
		Only requesting technical proviso changes (such as date references).
	X	Not requesting any proviso changes.

Please identify your agency's preferred contacts for this year's budget process.

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I have reviewed and approved the enclosed FY 2026-27 Agency Budget Plan, which is complete and accurate to the extent of my knowledge.

	Agency Director	*Board or Commission Chair*
SIGN/DATE:	9/17/25	9-27-2026
TYPE/PRINT NAME:	Justin P. Powell	Max K. Metcalf

This form must be signed by the agency head – not a delegate.

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BUDGET REQUESTS			FUNDING					FTES				
Priority	Request Type	Request Title	State	Federal	Earmarked	Restricted	Total	State	Federal	Earmarked	Restricted	Total
1	B1 - Recurring	Engineering and Construction / Highway Fund	0	28,032,163	0	-240,905,125	-212,872,962	0.00	0.00	0.00	10.00	10.00
2	B1 - Recurring	Permanent Improvement Bridges	250,000,000	0	0	0	250,000,000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3	B1 - Recurring	Permanent Improvements – Rehabilitation and Resurfacing (Pavements)	250,000,000	0	0	0	250,000,000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4	B1 - Recurring	Routine Maintenance	56,000,000	0	0	0	56,000,000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
5	B1 - Recurring	Permanent Improvements – Operational and Safety	100,000,000	0	0	0	100,000,000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
6	B2 - Non-Recurring	Interstates	500,000,000	0	0	0	500,000,000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
7	B2 - Non-Recurring	System Reduction	25,000,000	0	0	0	25,000,000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTALS			1,181,000,000	28,032,163	0	-240,905,125	968,127,038	0.00	0.00	0.00	10.00	10.00

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FORM B1 – RECURRING OPERATING REQUEST

AGENCY PRIORITY

1

Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.

TITLE

Engineering and Construction / Highway Fund

Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT

General: $0

Federal: $28,032,163

Other: ($240,905,125)

Total: ($212,872,962)

What is the net change in requested appropriations for FY 2027-2028? This amount should correspond to the total for all funding sources on the Executive Summary.

NEW POSITIONS

10.00

Please provide the total number of new positions needed for this request.

FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH THE REQUEST

Mark "X" for all that apply:	
X	Change in cost of providing current services to existing program audience
	Change in case load/enrollment under existing program guidelines
	Non-mandated change in eligibility/enrollment for existing program
	Non-mandated program change in service levels or areas
	Proposed establishment of a new program or initiative
	Loss of federal or other external financial support for existing program
	Exhaustion of fund balances previously used to support program
	IT Technology/Security related
X	HR/Personnel Related
	AI Related
	Related to a Non-Recurring request – If so, Priority #

STATEWIDE ENTERPRISE STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

Mark "X" for primary applicable Statewide Enterprise Strategic Objective:	
	Education, Training, and Human Development
	Healthy and Safe Families
	Maintaining Safety, Integrity, and Security
X	Public Infrastructure and Economic Development
	Government and Citizens

ACCOUNTABILITY OF FUNDS

1.1.1, 1.2.1, 1.3.1, 2.1.1, 2.2.1, 2.2.2, 2.2.3, 2.2.4, 2.3.1, 2.4.1, 2.4.2, 2.4.3, 2.4.4, 2.5.1, 2.6.1, 3.1.1, 3.2.1, 3.3.1, 3.3.2, 3.3.3, 3.4.1, 3.5.1, 3.6.1, 3.7.1, 3.8.1, 3.9.1, 3.9.2

What specific strategy, as outlined in the most recent Strategic Planning and Performance Measurement template of agency's accountability report, does this funding request support? How would this request advance that strategy? How would the use of these funds be evaluated?

RECIPIENTS OF

Vendors providing services to SCDOT, For example: contractors for road construction and maintenance work, and liability insurance.

FUNDS	

What individuals or entities would receive these funds (contractors, vendors, grantees, individual beneficiaries, etc.)? How would these funds be allocated – using an existing formula, through a competitive process, based upon predetermined eligibility criteria?

JUSTIFICATION OF REQUEST	SCDOT is requesting an adjustment in authorization for payments for ongoing project expenditures in the federally eligible road construction and maintenance programs. SCDOT does not currently receive annual federal authorization through the state budget process. Recent implementation of federal grant accounting within SCEIS for the Mass Transit Program now requires federal budget authorization to expend these grant funds. This federal authorization request is "budget neutral" as a corresponding reduction to restricted funds has also been included as a part of this request. Additionally, "S.831- SCDOT Modernization", passed in June 2026, made policy and administrative changes to improve operations and efficiencies at SCDOT, including changes to planning and oversight requirements, authorization for choice lanes tolling, and the addition of different project delivery methods. The implementation of these authorities will require additional operational functions, including customer service, billing and collections, enforcement, information technology systems, contract administration, and compliance oversight. These costs are expected to be manageable within existing agency budgets and do not require new appropriations. However, due to recent FTE balancing efforts that led to a reduction of available FTEs, SCDOT is requesting 8 additional FTEs for Office of Innovative Finance and 2 additional FTEs for its Procurement Office.

Please thoroughly explain the request to include the justification for funds, potential offsets, matching funds, and method of calculation. Please include any explanation of impact if funds are not received. If new positions have been requested, explain why existing vacancies are not sufficient.

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FORM B1 – RECURRING OPERATING REQUEST

AGENCY PRIORITY

2

Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.

TITLE

Permanent Improvement Bridges

Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT

General: $250,000,000

Federal: $0

Other: $0

Total: $250,000,000

What is the net change in requested appropriations for FY 2027-2028? This amount should correspond to the total for all funding sources on the Executive Summary.

NEW POSITIONS

0.00

Please provide the total number of new positions needed for this request.

FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH THE REQUEST

Mark "X" for all that apply:	
X	Change in cost of providing current services to existing program audience
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	Non-mandated change in eligibility/enrollment for existing program
	Non-mandated program change in service levels or areas
	Proposed establishment of a new program or initiative
	Loss of federal or other external financial support for existing program
	Exhaustion of fund balances previously used to support program
	IT Technology/Security related
	HR/Personnel Related
	AI Related
	Related to a Non-Recurring request – If so, Priority #

STATEWIDE ENTERPRISE STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

Mark "X" for primary applicable Statewide Enterprise Strategic Objective:	
	Education, Training, and Human Development
	Healthy and Safe Families
	Maintaining Safety, Integrity, and Security
X	Public Infrastructure and Economic Development
	Government and Citizens

ACCOUNTABILITY OF FUNDS

2.3.1, 3.3.1, 3.3.2, 3.3.3, 3.9.1, 3.9.2

What specific strategy, as outlined in the most recent Strategic Planning and Performance Measurement template of agency's accountability report, does this funding request support? How would this request advance that strategy? How would the use of these funds be evaluated?

RECIPIENTS OF

Vendors providing bridge construction and repair services to SCDOT

FUNDS

What individuals or entities would receive these funds (contractors, vendors, grantees, individual beneficiaries, etc.)? How would these funds be allocated – using an existing formula, through a competitive process, based upon predetermined eligibility criteria?

JUSTIFICATION OF REQUEST

SCDOT respectfully requests $250M in recurring state funding to maintain the pace of bridge replacement and rehabilitation necessary to address closed, load restricted and poor condition bridges across the state. SCDOT maintains an inventory of over 8,470 bridges and the current funding levels are not sufficient to keep pace with the rate of deterioration or rising construction costs, limiting the purchase power and effectiveness of available transportation dollars.

Bridge Inventory and Condition Snapshot

• Total Bridges Maintained by SCDOT: More than 8,470

• Bridges 60+ Years Old: More than 2,900

• Bridges Closed to All Traffic (as of FY2026): 78

• Load Restricted Bridges (as of FY2026): 674

While SCDOT has increased bridge investment in recent years, including the use of federal Bridge Formula Program funds and state dollars, the backlog of replacement and rehabilitation needs continues to grow due to:

• Aging Infrastructure: Timber pile deterioration, structural steel corrosion, concrete degradation, and scour at foundations.

• Traffic Demands: Modern freight traffic places stress far beyond original design capacities.

• Inflation and Costs: Construction inflation and materials volatility have significantly increased the cost of bridge projects.

To reduce the growing list of closed and load restricted bridges and protect South Carolina's transportation network long-term, additional investment is necessary. Bridge replacement and rehabilitation projects in South Carolina are selected based on a data-driven prioritization process as established by S.C. Code of Laws § 57 1 370(B)(8). This statute requires that projects be ranked using objective criteria that include:

• Bridge condition (based on Federal Highway Administration metrics)

• Traffic volume and length of detour route

• Load carrying capacity

• Freight and emergency route designation

	• Significance of the bridge to the local community and its impact to mobility This ranking system ensures that funding is allocated to projects with the greatest need for improvement and operational impact. The vast majority of the existing bridges were designed to last approximately 50-75 years and are now at the end of their service life. Due to the number of bridges aging out, recurring funding will be essential to address this escalating infrastructure challenge and continue economic vitality. We respectfully request that the General Assembly provide recurring funding to allow SCDOT to continue reducing the backlog of closed, load restricted, and poor condition bridges across South Carolina.

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FORM B1 – RECURRING OPERATING REQUEST

AGENCY PRIORITY

3

Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.

TITLE

Permanent Improvements – Rehabilitation and Resurfacing (Pavements)

Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT

General: $250,000,000

Federal: $0

Other: $0

Total: $250,000,000

What is the net change in requested appropriations for FY 2027-2028? This amount should correspond to the total for all funding sources on the Executive Summary.

NEW POSITIONS

0.00

Please provide the total number of new positions needed for this request.

FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH THE REQUEST

Mark "X" for all that apply:	
X	Change in cost of providing current services to existing program audience
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	Non-mandated change in eligibility/enrollment for existing program
	Non-mandated program change in service levels or areas
	Proposed establishment of a new program or initiative
	Loss of federal or other external financial support for existing program
	Exhaustion of fund balances previously used to support program
	IT Technology/Security related
	HR/Personnel Related
	AI Related
	Related to a Non-Recurring request – If so, Priority #

STATEWIDE ENTERPRISE STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

Mark "X" for primary applicable Statewide Enterprise Strategic Objective:	
	Education, Training, and Human Development
	Healthy and Safe Families
	Maintaining Safety, Integrity, and Security
X	Public Infrastructure and Economic Development
	Government and Citizens

ACCOUNTABILITY OF FUNDS

2.2.1, 2.2.2, 2.2.3, 3.3.2, 3.3.3, 3.9.1, 3.9.2

What specific strategy, as outlined in the most recent Strategic Planning and Performance Measurement template of agency's accountability report, does this funding request support? How would this request advance that strategy? How would the use of these funds be evaluated?

RECIPIENTS OF

Vendors providing pavement rehabilitation and resurfacing services to SCDOT

FUNDS	

What individuals or entities would receive these funds (contractors, vendors, grantees, individual beneficiaries, etc.)? How would these funds be allocated – using an existing formula, through a competitive process, based upon predetermined eligibility criteria?

JUSTIFICATION OF REQUEST	SCDOT is requesting $250 million in recurring state funding for the Pavement Rehabilitation and Resurfacing program to address the significant diminishment of buying power experienced since the beginning of the current 10-Year consolidated funding plan. The costs of pavement resurfacing and treatment have increased substantially, limiting the number of roadway miles that can be improved with existing revenues. In FY2017-18 one cent of the state gas tax could support approximately 114 miles of two-lane resurfacing; today, that same revenue supports only 83.5 miles. Similarly, the cost of a full-depth reclamation project has increased from approximately $343,000 in 2017 to $622,000 today. While the market has shown signs of stabilizing, construction prices have not returned to previous levels, and existing revenue streams have not kept pace with these increased costs. The proposed $250 million recurring investment is intended to restore the programs buying power to levels experienced before the inflationary spikes, allowing SCDOT to maintain progress toward improving pavement conditions across the state. This investment is particularly important as deferred maintenance remains a challenge: conditions on interstate and primary routes have improved, while progress on the secondary system has been slower and increasingly affected by higher prices. With state revenues remaining flat, while cost trends continuing to rise, additional recurring funding is necessary to preserve the gains already achieved, address the state's substantial needs, and prevent inflation from further eroding the department's ability to maintain South Carolina's highway network.

Please thoroughly explain the request to include the justification for funds, potential offsets, matching funds, and method of calculation. Please include any explanation of impact if funds are not received. If new positions have been requested, explain why existing vacancies are not sufficient.

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FORM B1 – RECURRING OPERATING REQUEST

AGENCY PRIORITY

4

Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.

TITLE

Routine Maintenance

Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT

General: $56,000,000

Federal: $0

Other: $0

Total: $56,000,000

What is the net change in requested appropriations for FY 2027-2028? This amount should correspond to the total for all funding sources on the Executive Summary.

NEW POSITIONS

0.00

Please provide the total number of new positions needed for this request.

FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH THE REQUEST

Mark "X" for all that apply:	
X	Change in cost of providing current services to existing program audience
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	Proposed establishment of a new program or initiative
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	Exhaustion of fund balances previously used to support program
	IT Technology/Security related
	HR/Personnel Related
	AI Related
	Related to a Non-Recurring request – If so, Priority #

STATEWIDE ENTERPRISE STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

Mark "X" for primary applicable Statewide Enterprise Strategic Objective:	
	Education, Training, and Human Development
	Healthy and Safe Families
	Maintaining Safety, Integrity, and Security
X	Public Infrastructure and Economic Development
	Government and Citizens

ACCOUNTABILITY OF FUNDS

2.1.1, 2.3.1, 2.4.1, 2.4.2, 2.4.3, 2.4.4, 3.3.2, 3.3.3,

What specific strategy, as outlined in the most recent Strategic Planning and Performance Measurement template of agency's accountability report, does this funding request support? How would this request advance that strategy? How would the use of these funds be evaluated?

RECIPIENTS OF

Vendors & Suppliers who provide services and materials related to maintenance activities in the state.

FUNDS	

What individuals or entities would receive these funds (contractors, vendors, grantees, individual beneficiaries, etc.)? How would these funds be allocated – using an existing formula, through a competitive process, based upon predetermined eligibility criteria?

JUSTIFICATION OF REQUEST	SCDOT is requesting $56 million in recurring state funding for Routine Maintenance to address the annual funding needs identified in the Department's Momentum 2050 Statewide Multimodal Transportation Plan. SCDOT is responsible for maintaining more than 41,000 centerline miles of roadway and more than 8,000 bridges, giving South Carolina the fourth largest state-maintained highway system in the nation. Momentum 2050 identifies approximately $240 million in annual Routine Maintenance needs compared with current annual spending of approximately $184 million, resulting in a recurring funding need of $56 million. The additional funding will support critical maintenance activities performed across SCDOT's seven engineering districts and is anticipated to be allocated as follows: $20 million for drainage; $10 million for equipment and facilities; $10 million for pavement markings and signs; $6 million for off-interstate litter removal; $5 million for pavement, slope and wall repairs; and $5 million for guardrail and cable barrier. These activities are essential to maintaining the safety, condition and functionality of the State Highway System. Momentum 2050 specifically calls for enhancing routine field maintenance by improving the level of service for key safety related maintenance activities, maintaining responsiveness to customer service requests, and improving maintenance information and workload management. Appropriating an additional $56 million on a recurring basis would close the annual funding gap identified and provide SCDOT with the resources necessary to maintain its extensive roadway network at an appropriate level of service as South Carolina's population, traffic volumes, and demands on the transportation system continue to grow.

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FORM B1 – RECURRING OPERATING REQUEST

AGENCY PRIORITY

5

Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.

TITLE

Permanent Improvements – Operational and Safety

Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT

General: $100,000,000

Federal: $0

Other: $0

Total: $100,000,000

What is the net change in requested appropriations for FY 2027-2028? This amount should correspond to the total for all funding sources on the Executive Summary.

NEW POSITIONS

0.00

Please provide the total number of new positions needed for this request.

FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH THE REQUEST

Mark "X" for all that apply:	
X	Change in cost of providing current services to existing program audience
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	Non-mandated change in eligibility/enrollment for existing program
	Non-mandated program change in service levels or areas
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	IT Technology/Security related
	HR/Personnel Related
	AI Related
	Related to a Non-Recurring request – If so, Priority #

STATEWIDE ENTERPRISE STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

Mark "X" for primary applicable Statewide Enterprise Strategic Objective:	
	Education, Training, and Human Development
	Healthy and Safe Families
	Maintaining Safety, Integrity, and Security
X	Public Infrastructure and Economic Development
	Government and Citizens

ACCOUNTABILITY OF FUNDS

1.1.1, 1.2.1, 1.3.1, 3.3.2, 3.3.3, 3.4.1, 3.5.1,

What specific strategy, as outlined in the most recent Strategic Planning and Performance Measurement template of agency's accountability report, does this funding request support? How would this request advance that strategy? How would the use of these funds be evaluated?

RECIPIENTS OF

Vendors & Suppliers who provide services and materials related to operational and safety activities in the state.

FUNDS	

What individuals or entities would receive these funds (contractors, vendors, grantees, individual beneficiaries, etc.)? How would these funds be allocated – using an existing formula, through a competitive process, based upon predetermined eligibility criteria?

JUSTIFICATION OF REQUEST	SCDOT is requesting $100 million in recurring state funding for highway safety improvements, with $50 million dedicated to the Rural Road Safety Program and $50 million focused on addressing safety and congestion in South Carolina's rapidly growing urban areas. South Carolina has made meaningful progress in improving roadway safety. When the rural road safety program was established, SC ranked first nationally in roadway fatality rate. At the conclusion of the initial 10-year plan, the state had improved to third. While this progress demonstrates that targeted investments can make a measurable difference, SC roadway fatality rate remains among the highest in the nation. Continued population growth and increasing traffic volumes are creating new safety and operational challenges across the transportation network. The additional $50 million for Rural Road Safety would allow SCDOT to build upon the demonstrated success of its existing program, by continuing to target high-risk corridors with proven safety improvements. Roadway Departure countermeasures would include rumble strips, wider and brighter pavement markings, enhanced signage, high-friction surface treatments, wider paved shoulders, improved clear zones, and guardrail and cable barriers. These targeted investments have produced measurable results. Completed Rural Road safety projects have experienced a 30% reduction in Fatal and Serious Injury crashes and a 54% reduction in Roadway Departure Fatal and Serious Injury crashes. Continued funding would allow SCDOT to expand these proven countermeasures and sustain the progress made over the past decade. The remaining $50 million in recurring funding would provide SCDOT with dedicated resources to address safety and congestion in rapidly growing urban areas, where increasing population and traffic volumes are placing additional pressure on existing roadway capacity. Funding would support targeted improvements designed to improve traffic flow, reduce conflict points, and enhance the safety and reliability of heavily travelled corridors and intersections. This investment would also provide SCDOT with greater flexibility to address emerging congestion and safety needs through operational and infrastructure improvements while maximizing the capacity and efficiency of the existing transportation network. Together, this $100 million recurring investment would allow SCDOT to sustain the progress already achieved in reducing fatalities and serios injuries while responding to the changing transportation needs of a rapidly growing state. This funding would support a balanced approach: continuing to invest in proven rural safety improvements while providing the flexibility and resources needed to address safety, congestion, and operational challenges in South Carolina's growing urban areas. By investing in targeted improvements to the existing network, SCDOT can improve safety, preserve mobility, and make the most of the transportation infrastructure SC already has in place.

Please thoroughly explain the request to include the justification for funds, potential offsets, matching funds, and method of calculation. Please include any explanation of impact if funds are not received. If new positions have been requested, explain why existing vacancies are not sufficient.

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FORM B2 – NON-RECURRING OPERATING REQUEST

AGENCY PRIORITY

6

Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.

TITLE

Interstates

Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT

$500,000,000

What is the net change in requested appropriations for FY 2027-2028? This amount should correspond to the total for all funding sources on the Executive Summary.

FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH THE REQUEST

Mark "X" for all that apply:	
X	Change in cost of providing current services to existing program audience
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	Exhaustion of fund balances previously used to support program
	IT Technology/Security related
	AI Related
	HR/Personnel Related
	Request for Non-Recurring Appropriations
	Request for Federal/Other Authorization to spend existing funding
	Related to a Recurring request – If so, Priority #

STATEWIDE ENTERPRISE STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

Mark "X" for primary applicable Statewide Enterprise Strategic Objective:	
	Education, Training, and Human Development
	Healthy and Safe Families
	Maintaining Safety, Integrity, and Security
X	Public Infrastructure and Economic Development
	Government and Citizens

ACCOUNTABILITY OF FUNDS

3.1.1, 3.2.1, 3.3.1, 3.3.2, 3.3.3, 3.9.1, 3.9.2

What specific strategy, as outlined in the most recent Strategic Planning and Performance Measurement template of agency's accountability report, does this funding request support? How would this request advance that strategy? How would the use of these funds be evaluated?

RECIPIENTS OF FUNDS

Vendors who contract with SCDOT for Interstate Widening activities

What individuals or entities would receive these funds (contractors, vendors, grantees, individual beneficiaries, etc.)? How would these funds be allocated – using an existing formula, through a competitive process, based upon

predetermined eligibility criteria?

JUSTIFICATION OF REQUEST	SCDOT is requesting $500 million in state non-recurring funding for critical Interstate Corridor improvements to help preserve the State's planned investment along the I-26 and I-95 corridors. South Carolina continues to experience significant population and economic growth, increasing demand on an interstate system that serves as the backbone for the movement of people and goods throughout the state. Continued investment in these corridors is necessary to improve mobility and safety, relieve congestion, support economic development, and accommodate the states continued growth. Significant increases in highway construction costs have reduced SCDOT's ability to deliver planned interstate improvements within existing resources. Since March 2022, the estimated cost of major improvements along I-26 and I-95, including Carolina Crossroads, has increased from approximately $5.4 billion to $8.9 billion—a $3.5 billion, or 66 percent, increase. SCDOT's interstate construction cost inflation trend over this period is nearly identical to the national trend reflected in the Federal Highway Administration's National Highway Construction Cost Index (NHCCI), demonstrating that the significant cost escalation experienced by SCDOT is consistent with highway construction inflation occurring nationally. These increased costs have required SCDOT to extend and re-sequence the delivery of future interstate improvements, delaying I-26 and I-95 projects by approximately six years. The requested $500 million non-recurring investment will allow SCDOT to accelerate the revised delivery schedule, advancing planned I-26 and I-95 corridor projects phases by approximately one to two years, depending on the project schedule. This investment will help mitigate the impacts of construction cost inflation, reduce further delays, and allow SCDOT to continue advancing critical improvements along the I-26 and I-95 corridors

Please thoroughly explain the request to include the justification for funds, potential offsets, matching funds, and method of calculation. Please include any explanation of impact if funds are not received. If new positions have been requested, explain why existing vacancies are not sufficient.

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FORM B2 – NON-RECURRING OPERATING REQUEST

AGENCY PRIORITY

7

Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.

TITLE

System Reduction

Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT

$25,000,000

What is the net change in requested appropriations for FY 2027-2028? This amount should correspond to the total for all funding sources on the Executive Summary.

FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH THE REQUEST

Mark "X" for all that apply:	
X	Change in cost of providing current services to existing program audience
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	Non-mandated program change in service levels or areas
	Proposed establishment of a new program or initiative
	Loss of federal or other external financial support for existing program
	Exhaustion of fund balances previously used to support program
	IT Technology/Security related
	AI Related
	HR/Personnel Related
	Request for Non-Recurring Appropriations
	Request for Federal/Other Authorization to spend existing funding
	Related to a Recurring request – If so, Priority #

STATEWIDE ENTERPRISE STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

Mark "X" for primary applicable Statewide Enterprise Strategic Objective:	
	Education, Training, and Human Development
	Healthy and Safe Families
	Maintaining Safety, Integrity, and Security
X	Public Infrastructure and Economic Development
	Government and Citizens

ACCOUNTABILITY OF FUNDS

2.2.1, 2.2.2, 2.2.3, 2.2.4,

What specific strategy, as outlined in the most recent Strategic Planning and Performance Measurement template of agency's accountability report, does this funding request support? How would this request advance that strategy? How would the use of these funds be evaluated?

RECIPIENTS OF FUNDS

SCDOT to fund the transferring of roads on the state highway system that no longer serve a statewide purpose and are more properly maintained by a county, municipality, or other appropriate political subdivisions.

What individuals or entities would receive these funds (contractors, vendors, grantees, individual beneficiaries, etc.)? How would these funds be allocated – using an existing formula, through a competitive process, based upon

predetermined eligibility criteria?

JUSTIFICATION OF REQUEST	SCDOT is requesting $25 million in non-recurring state funding for its Road Buyback Program. South Carolina has the 4th largest state-maintained road network in the United States. Other factors for consideration, SC has the 23rd ranked population size. This contributes to the fact that SC is not proportionately aligned with the size of its road network, especially when compared to larger states with more urban infrastructure and higher populations. This mismatch makes long-term funding sustainability and equitable maintenance difficult under the current structure. Many roads maintained by the state serve primarily local, not regional or statewide, traffic. These are better managed by local entities that would allow for quicker decision making, more tailored maintenance schedules, and better integration with local land use and development plans. Devolving nonstrategic roads would allow SCDOT to concentrate its staff and financial resources on core infrastructure: interstates, major U.S. highways, and freight corridors essential to the state's economy and mobility. The road buyback program would improve service delivery and align infrastructure ownership with the users and governments closest to the assets themselves.

Please thoroughly explain the request to include the justification for funds, potential offsets, matching funds, and method of calculation. Please include any explanation of impact if funds are not received. If new positions have been requested, explain why existing vacancies are not sufficient.

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FORM E – AGENCY COST SAVINGS AND GENERAL FUND REDUCTION CONTINGENCY PLAN

TITLE	Agency Cost Savings and General Fund Reduction Contingency Plan
AMOUNT	$3,714,218 *What is the General Fund 3% reduction amount? This amount should correspond to the reduction spreadsheet prepared by EBO.*
ASSOCIATED FTE REDUCTIONS	0 *How many FTEs would be reduced in association with this General Fund reduction?*
PROGRAM / ACTIVITY IMPACT	$1,718 Funding is used to assist in funding statewide transit entities that provide mass transit opportunities, and for nonfederally eligible programs that assist transit initiatives. $3,600,000 Funding consists of Recurring State General Funds provided to SCDOT in SFY 2022 to provide state match for federally funded road projects. $90,000 Funding consists of Recurring State General Funds provided to SCDOT in SFY 2023 to provide offinterstate litter pick up. $22,500 Funding consists of Recurring State General Funds provided to SCDOT in SFY 2027 to fund 4 new encroachment permit engineers. *What programs or activities are supported by the General Funds identified?*
SUMMARY	$1,718 Funding is used to assist in funding statewide transit entities that provide mass transit opportunities, and for nonfederally eligible programs that assist transit initiatives. $3,600,000 Funding consists of Recurring State General Funds provided to SCDOT in SFY 2022 to provide state match for federally funded road projects. $90,000 Funding consists of Recurring State General Funds provided to SCDOT in SFY 2023 to provide offinterstate litter pick up. $22,500 Funding consists of Recurring State General Funds provided to SCDOT in SFY 2027 to fund 4 new encroachment permit engineers.

Please provide a detailed summary of service delivery impact caused by a reduction in General Fund Appropriations and provide the method of calculation for anticipated reductions. Agencies should prioritize reduction in expenditures that have the least significant impact on service delivery.

AGENCY COST SAVINGS PLANS

N/A

What measures does the agency plan to implement to reduce its costs and operating expenses by more than $50,000? Provide a summary of the measures taken and the estimated amount of savings. How does the agency plan to repurpose the savings?

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FORM F – REDUCING COST AND BURDEN TO BUSINESSES AND CITIZENS

TITLE	Load Restricted Bridge Replacement Program/ Damage Claims

Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

EXPECTED SAVINGS TO BUSINESSES AND CITIZENS	Resurfacing Program FY 2027 savings: $34,997 Load Restricted Bridge Replacement Program : $35,430,613 Total Savings: $35,465,610

What is the expected savings to South Carolina's businesses and citizens that is generated by this proposal? The savings could be related to time or money.

FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH THE REQUEST	**Mark "X" for all that apply:**	
		Repeal or revision of regulations.
		Reduction of agency fees or fines to businesses or citizens.
	X	Greater efficiency in agency services or reduction in compliance burden.
		Other

METHOD OF CALCULATION	Resurfacing Program : Averaged 7 years of damage claims paid the agency, and estimated a 3% savings : $34,997 Load Restricted Bridge Program : Estimated the cost to the motoring public of driving around the load restricted bridges using detours. Costs include motor fuel, operating costs of trucks, and mileage driven. Estimated savings : $35,430,613. The budget program impacted is II B Permanent Improvements Bridges, and the Highway Operating Fund 44909000 and the Infrastructure Maintenance Trust Fund 44919000.

Describe the method of calculation for determining the expected cost or time savings to businesses or citizens.

REDUCTION OF FEES OR FINES	N/A

Which fees or fines does the agency intend to reduce? What was the fine or fee revenue for the previous fiscal year? What was the associated program expenditure for the previous fiscal year? What is the enabling authority for the issuance of the fee or fine?

REDUCTION OF REGULATION	N/A

Which regulations does the agency intend to amend or delete? What is the enabling authority for the regulation?

	The pavement resurfacing program will result in better roads, and fewer motorists repair claims paid by the agency. Estimated reduction in claims : 3%, $34,997 The load restricted bridge replacement program will result in repair/replacement of restricted bridges, and a savings to the motoring public not having to use detours around the bridges. Estimated savings : $35,430,613

SUMMARY

Provide an explanation of the proposal and its positive results on businesses or citizens. How will the request affect agency operations?