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U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations
M-30, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140
1200 New Jersey Ave SE
Washington, DC 20590

RE: FHWA A-2016-0017: Notice of Solicitation of Nominations (Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act)

To Whom It May Concern:

The Palmetto State Clean Fuels Coalition (PSCFC), as administered by the South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff – Energy Office, appreciates the opportunity to provide recommendations and nominations to assist the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) in the designation of alternative fuel corridors.

PSCFC is South Carolina's designated Clean Cities Coalition. PSCFC is a voluntary partnership of alternative fuel manufacturers, distributors, and supporters who collectively work together to promote the use of alternative fuel vehicles (AFV) throughout the State.

Much work has been done related to understanding and assessing the State's transportation network. In 2014, the South Carolina Department of Transportation updated the South Carolina Statewide Multimodal Transportation Plan: *Charting a Course to 2040*.¹ Likewise, work is currently underway to examine the potential for increased adoption of alternative fuels. The South Carolina Clean Energy Business Alliance (SCCEBA) is working to develop a Clean Transportation Plan for South Carolina by "studying and surveying national best practices for clean transportation and...developing statewide policies for programs, initiatives, and incentives to improve South Carolina's clean transportation landscape and economy."² Based on enabling legislation, our own Agency recently began work to develop a comprehensive State Energy Plan³ that includes an in-depth look at transportation with an aim to develop recommendations for consideration in late 2016, early 2017.

It is with this background and knowledge, the PSCFC recommends that the following corridors in South Carolina be considered for designation:

- Interstate 85 (to include I-85 and 385)

¹ <http://www.scdot.org/multimodal/default.aspx>

² <http://www.scceba.org/cctp/>

³ <http://www.energy.sc.gov/energyplan>

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- Interstate 26 (to include 526)
- Interstate 77
- Interstate 20
- Interstate 95

The attached document serves to establish the basis for this recommendation and include the relevant information as outlined in the Notice (81 FR 47850, July 22, 2016). These recommendations are supported by PSCFC stakeholders, to include the South Carolina Department of Transportation.

Given South Carolina's strong manufacturing base (especially as it relates to the automotive industry), reliance on tourism, unique interstate network, strong port activity (both in the Cities of Charleston and Greer), and commitment to the health and well-being of our citizens and environment, we are committed to moving goods and people in the cleanest, most efficient, and economical means possible. Again, we appreciate this opportunity and look forward to continuing the work already underway to seek ways to reduce mobile source emissions and vehicle miles traveled, while promoting the use of alternative fuels and alternative fuel infrastructure.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures: AFV Corridor Recommendations
Land of Sky Letter of Support