



RESOLUTION 2026-01

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING OPPOSITION TO PROPOSED MEDIANS ALONG FOLLY ROAD AS PART OF THE SCDOT FOLLY ROAD SAFETY STUDY AND IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT AND TO REQUEST A TRAFFIC LIGHT AT THE INTERSECTION OF SANTEE STREET AND FOLLY ROAD

WHEREAS, the South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) has proposed roadway safety improvements along Folly Road that include the installation of raised medians along much of the Town of James Island commercial corridor; and

WHEREAS, Folly Road serves as a primary commercial and transportation corridor for the Town of James Island, supporting numerous local businesses and providing critical access for residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, the Town of James Island has significant concerns that the proposed medians would restrict access to businesses along Folly Road, thereby negatively impacting the local business community and economic vitality of the corridor; and

WHEREAS, the proposed medians are anticipated to divert traffic into adjacent neighborhoods, including but not limited to Bayview and Centerville, as motorists seek alternate routes to access businesses along Folly Road, creating increased cut-through traffic, congestion, and safety concerns for neighborhood residents; and

WHEREAS, business owners along Folly Road have expressed strong and unified opposition to the proposed medians, citing concerns related to customer access, delivery logistics, and overall business viability; and

WHEREAS, the Town's Business Development Council and Neighborhood Council have both indicated their opposition to the proposed medians and their intent to formally oppose the project as currently designed; and

WHEREAS, the Town of James Island supports a traffic signal at Santee Street and Folly Road to help with the flow of traffic; and

WHEREAS, the Town of James Island supports roadway safety improvements that are developed collaboratively, balance safety with accessibility, and do not disproportionately burden local businesses or residential neighborhoods;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF JAMES ISLAND, SOUTH CAROLINA, THAT:

1. The Town of James Island formally opposes the installation of raised medians along Folly Road as proposed in the SCDOT Folly Road Safety Study and Improvements project.
2. The Town requests that SCDOT reconsider the proposed median design and engage in further collaboration with the Town, local businesses, and neighborhood stakeholders to identify alternative safety improvements that preserve access and minimize negative impacts.
3. The Town supports and encourages the SCDOT to install a traffic signal at Santee Street and Folly Road to help with the flow of traffic.
4. The Town encourages SCDOT to evaluate other traffic-calming and safety measures that do not restrict direct access to businesses or increase cut-through traffic in surrounding neighborhoods.
5. The Mayor, Town Council, and staff are authorized and directed to communicate this resolution and the Town's concerns to SCDOT and other relevant agencies.

ADOPTED this 15 day of January, 2026

Brook Lyon

Brook Lyon
Mayor

ATTEST

Frances W. Simmons

Frances Simmons
Town Clerk