

April 10, 2009

The Honorable Val Hutchinson
Richland County Council
213 Wood Duck Road
Columbia, South Carolina 29223

Re: Traffic Investigation – Richland County
Sparkleberry Lane (Road S-2033) at Woodlands Subdivision

Dear Councilwoman Hutchinson:

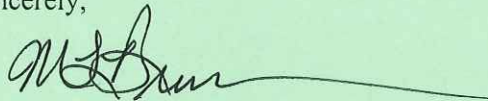
Thank you for your request regarding the entrances to Woodlands Subdivision along Sparkleberry Lane. As requested, the Department has completed studies at the following intersections to determine if traffic signals are warranted: Sparkleberry Lane at Huntcliff Drive, Sparkleberry Lane at Viking Drive and Sparkleberry Lane at Valhalla Drive.

Based on the results of the study, no changes are recommended in the existing traffic control at this time. The study revealed that the traffic volumes at these intersections fall below those needed for the installation of a traffic signal. In addition, a review of the collision history revealed that the accident statistics are low at these locations and would not warrant the installation of a traffic signal on an accident basis alone.

As mentioned in our previous correspondence to you, we have requested the Richland County Transportation Committee and Columbia Area Transportation Committee to consider funding a project to construct turn lanes along Sparkleberry Lane. These organizations authorize funding for highway construction projects within their boundaries, which includes Sparkleberry Lane. If a traffic signal were warranted in the future, turn lanes would be needed before a traffic signal could be installed.

Thank you again for bringing this matter to our attention. If I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.


Sincerely,



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District Engineering Administrator

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cc: Mr. Norman Whitaker, Executive Director, AICP, Central Midlands Council of
Governments
Mr. James C. Brown, Chairman – Richland County Transportation Committee

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