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January 9, 2015

The Honorable Dick Cronin
Mayor, City of Isle of Palms
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RE: Managed Beach Access Parking

Dear Mayor Cronin:

Thank you for your recent letter dated November 24, 2014, to the South Carolina Department of Transportation's (SCDOT) Secretary of Transportation, Janet P. Oakley, requesting the Department's concurrence with the City of Isle of Palms proposed beach access parking plan. The letter was referred to me for a response.

It appears that you, the City Council, and your staff have developed a plan that should help the City manage resident and visitor parking demands well into the future. SCDOT staff has reviewed your proposal and we find that it is within the purview of municipal authorities contained in the South Carolina Code section 5-29-30 to regulate on-street parking within your jurisdictional boundaries. The SCDOT recognizes the City's right to institute this parking regulation and does not foresee an adverse impact on the State-maintained system within the City. We also recognize that any public concern or equal protection challenges are the City's responsibility and the Department will not enter into any resulting actions.

The additional ideas of marking parking offsets along routes as safety measures and designating golf cart parking is acceptable. The Department's staff will assist you and your staff through permits and advice as you proceed with the various elements of implementation. It is a pleasure for SCDOT to partner with the City as you embark on this important program.

I wish you the best and we stand ready to assist you as needed.

Sincerely,

Christy A. Hall, P.E.
Deputy Secretary for Engineering

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