

**Annual Listing of Obligated Projects for Federal Fiscal Year
2008**



Florence Area Transportation Study

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INTRODUCTION & BACKGROUND

In an effort to improve the transparency of the expenditure of Federal transportation funds, Congress requires transportation agencies to publish annually a listing of projects using these funds. Specifically, SAFETEA-LU (Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users) 23 U.S.C. 124(j) (7) (B), 23 U.S.C. 135(g) (4) (B), 49 U.S.C. 5303(j) (7) (B), and 49 U.S.C. (5403(g) (4) (B), enacted August 10, 2005, as Public Law 109-59, requires the cooperative development of:

“An annual listing of projects, including investments in pedestrian walkways and bicycle transportation facilities, for which federal funds have been obligated in the preceding year shall be published or otherwise made available by the cooperative effort of the State, transit operator and metropolitan planning organization for public review. The listing shall be consistent with the categories identified in each metropolitan transportation improvement program (TIP).”

Therefore, the Florence Area Transportation Study (FLATS) and the South Carolina Department of Transportation coordinated their efforts to generate the data contained in this report. Specifically, this report covers the funding obligated during the period from October 1, 2007 to September 30, 2008. To be included in this listing, an obligated project must be either entirely or partially located within the FLATS Study Area. The FLATS Metropolitan Planning Area includes the City of Florence, Town of Quinby and the southeast suburbanized portion of Darlington County, SC.

It should be noted that “an obligation,” is the Federal government’s legal commitment to pay the Federal share of a project’s cost. An obligated project is one that a Federal agency has authorized and for which it has obligated funds. Projects obligated in a certain fiscal year are not necessarily initiated or completed in that fiscal year, and the amount of the obligation will not necessarily equal the total cost of the project. For Federal Transit Administration (FTA) projects, an obligation is a project agreed to be executed and the State / grantee requesting the funds be obligated.

REPORT ORGANIZATION

This report is intended to provide technical information that transportation professionals use in a format understandable by anyone interested in transportation improvements taking place in the FLATS Study Area. This report lists information for projects that had Federal funds obligated in the Federal Fiscal Year 2008.