



## U.S. Department of Transportation

July 15, 2025

Congratulations! The project below was selected to receive an FY 2025 BUILD grant.

**Project Name:** US 78 Widening, Phase 3A

**Applicant:** Dorchester County

**State:** SC: South Carolina

**BUILD Grant Award Amount:** \$24,666,750

**Estimated Total Project Costs:** \$81,858,016

**Project Description:** This project will widen US 78 from west of Orangeburg Road to North Maple Street, expanding the roadway from two lanes to five lanes, with 12-foot-wide travel lanes and a 15-foot-wide center turn lane. The project includes the installation of approximately 3.39 miles of sidewalk, approximately 4.9 miles of bicycle lanes, and approximately 0.41 miles of multi-use path. Additional improvements involve upgrading intersections with dedicated turn lanes and concrete medians, replacing the Rumphs Hill Creek culvert, and adding curb and gutter along the corridor. This award is less than the \$25 million requested because the project sponsor will complete the original project scope through additional non-BUILD funding contributions, as documented in a confirmation email.

All grantees must execute a grant agreement with the USDOT. The FY 2025 grant agreement templates are available for preview and download through this [link](#). The Department expects all BUILD funding be obligated no later than September 30, 2029 and expended by September 30, 2034.

The USDOT Operating Administration (e.g. FHWA, FRA, MARAD, FTA) overseeing your project will contact you in the coming weeks regarding next steps to complete the relevant requirements before executing a grant agreement.

This letter does not authorize the applicant to incur costs to carry out the project. The execution of the grant agreement will obligate BUILD grant funding, making it available to reimburse eligible expenses for the awarded project. Unless authorized by USDOT in writing, any costs incurred prior to that obligation of funds for a project (i.e., "pre-award costs") are ineligible for reimbursement and may be ineligible to count towards non-Federal match requirements. This letter does not authorize pre-award costs to be eligible.

If you have any questions, please contact the BUILD Grants Team at [BUILDgrants@dot.gov](mailto:BUILDgrants@dot.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Loren A. Smith, Jr.", written in a cursive style.

Loren A. Smith, Jr.  
Deputy Assistant Secretary for Transportation Policy  
Office of the Secretary

