

SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
WOODRUFF ROAD CONGESTION RELIEF PROJECT

**RECORDED VOICEMAIL**

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1 **MR. GIBSON:** I'd like to leave my opinion on the  
2 Woodruff Road traffic issues. This is Tyler  
3 Gibson, I apologize for the previous message;  
4 just disregard it. My child was screaming  
5 right when I was -- next when I was leaving the  
6 message. So bottom line is, I feel like an  
7 extra 65 million dollars spent on a diverging  
8 intersection or roughly whatever it was --  
9 yeah. That -- the great point on that is  
10 reduce collision points, a lot. That right  
11 there is a selling point; it's great. But as  
12 far as actually reducing the traffic I really  
13 don't think that much that's going to anything  
14 for the gridlock issues we have around this  
15 area and you know the few blocks around that  
16 area. So the biggest problem I have is the  
17 gridlock. I've even -- I've even experienced  
18 a -- someone hitting me because the light  
19 turned green and I wouldn't move because I  
20 couldn't see around the guy that was still in  
21 the middle of the intersection to the left of  
22 me going the other direction -- because he went  
23 when he shouldn't have. And I had the green  
24 light -- I was first in line, so I went. But  
25 then the car in the other lane was running a



1 red light because they felt they could go  
2 because no one else -- everyone else was  
3 gridlocked. They couldn't see me so they just  
4 hit me. These things are all results of  
5 traffic gridlock. And gridlock is a problem at  
6 the intersections. You're not going to be able  
7 to decrease traffic. It's based on the amount  
8 of people that live in the area and the amount  
9 of people that traverse the intersections.  
10 That will not change. If anything, it's gonna  
11 go up. But what we need to do is stop the  
12 gridlock between the red lights in the middle  
13 of the intersections. The only real way to  
14 enforce that -- there's two options -- actual  
15 police presence; can't do that. We gotta keep  
16 police working, ya know, public safety, actual  
17 criminal activity, whatever. We cannot just  
18 hire people and spend more budget money just  
19 having a policeman stand at the intersection,  
20 non-stop directing traffic -- 'cause it needs  
21 it -- but the best thing in my opinion is gonna  
22 be CCTV. And that means closed caption  
23 television. We -- heck I can even write a  
24 program that captures the vehicles wheels and  
25 determines if the front wheel is past the white



1 line at the intersection in a red light, or  
2 when they shouldn't be going. And -- or if for  
3 say the lights green and the car in front of  
4 you is not pulling through the intersection but  
5 you decide to keep -- but they're stopped  
6 because of gridlock -- but you decide to keep  
7 going because hey, he's going and the lights  
8 green, I can go. And that's what causes the  
9 gridlock. And what we can do is, we can  
10 enforce through CCTV and special programing  
11 that would be of course, you know, gone through  
12 state approval -- but we can do this because  
13 it's totally legal because it's a traffic  
14 violation to do these things. So we can make  
15 it totally legal to give out traffic tickets  
16 via email, via whatever. Literally tied to the  
17 person's driver's license or their car,  
18 whatever. Based on if you've run through an  
19 intersection that you cannot fully make it  
20 through and you're stuck there when the light  
21 turns. Boom. Your car gets ticketed. Your  
22 tag gets captured and then it just impedes.  
23 That will stop people doing this crap. And the  
24 bottom line is the gridlock is what's causing  
25 the trouble. The gridlock between the inter-



1 -- between the red lights, if you know what I  
2 mean. Like I said, the lights green, the car  
3 in front of you went but he can't make it all  
4 the way through and so he's stuck and you  
5 decide just to keep going because, hey I was  
6 behind him and the lights green. And that --  
7 and that starts the gridlock and it doesn't  
8 stop for a long time. And when you experience  
9 this every single day along Darlington along --  
10 mainly -- and, you know, like I said they  
11 85/385 exchange, you know, the 85 Woodruff Road  
12 Exchange. All this and is especially,  
13 especially bad and I really think CCTV,  
14 combined with special software and automatic  
15 ticketing, you know, or at least fines can  
16 really curb this problem. Thank you.

17 **(The voicemail ended at this time.)**

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