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## TOWN of SUMMERVILLE

### **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **Summerville Town Council Approves Maple Street Extension Construction Contract**

**SUMMERVILLE, S.C. (Monday, February 6, 2023)** – The Town of Summerville is pleased to announce the approval of the Maple Street Extension project. At the Monday, February 6 Finance Committee Meeting, Town Council approved the Maple Street Extension Project contract, pending execution of the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between Summerville and Dorchester County. The project includes:

- Widening Maple Street from two to four lanes just east of Shamrock Drive to W. Richardson Ave.
- Intersection improvements at US-78 adding turn lanes on all approaches.
- Installation of a traffic signal at West Richardson Avenue.
- A new alignment from W. Richardson to Parsons Road where it will transition from three lanes to two lanes at the Parsons Rd. connection.

“The Maple Street extension project will help alleviate traffic congestion and improve safety.” said Mayor Ricky Waring. “I am grateful for the support from our agency partners and the Dorchester County voters who supported the transportation sales tax referendum that helped fund this project.”

The cost of the project, including construction and construction engineering/inspection (CE&I) services, will be funded by the Town of Summerville’s Mid-Town Tax Increment Finance District (TIF) funds up to \$11,000,000. Dorchester County Sales Tax Referendum Funds will fund the remaining cost. Total construction contract costs are \$20,948,175 and CE&I costs are \$1,152,666.

Summerville’s Town Engineer and Director of Public Works, Russ Cornette echoed Mayor Waring’s comments adding, “I’m extremely excited to begin construction on this very important transportation project. I’m humbled to lead this project and have full faith in the team the Town has assembled. We will work cohesively with stakeholders to see this project to completion”.

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Planning for the \$20,948,175 Maple Street Extension project began in 2015. For further details on the Maple Street Extension project, kindly refer to the updated timeline on the Maple Street Extension project [page](#) on the Town of Summerville's website or reach out to the Town of Summerville at 843.871.6000.

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### **Additional Quotes**

“Dorchester County is excited to partner with the Town of Summerville on the Maple Street Extension. This project will be one of the first opportunities the county has to utilize funds made available to us through the continuation of the Transportation Sales Tax,” said Dorchester County Council Chairman Todd Friddle. “The Maple Street Extension Project is a great example of what can be accomplished when we collaborate to improve our community, and we look forward to working together again on future projects.”

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