

**RESOLUTION 2023 -03**

**BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ISLE OF PALMS, SOUTH CAROLINA,  
TO REQUEST THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO  
PROCEED WITH IMPLEMENTATION OF CONCEPT FIVE ON THE IOP  
CONNECTOR.**

**WHEREAS**, in February 2021, the South Carolina Department of Transportation (“SCDOT”) restriped and reconfigured the markings on the IOP Connector bridge to make accommodations for cyclists and pedestrians; and

**WHEREAS**, in doing so, SCDOT reduced the center median from 10’ to 4’, expanded the existing pedestrian lane from 4’ to 5’, installed a 4’6” bicycle lane and a 3’6” buffer between the bicycle lane and the vehicular lane on both sides of the bridge; and

**WHEREAS**, City Council did not approve and opposed the lane reconfigurations due to safety concerns; and

**WHEREAS**, SCDOT agreed to perform a review of the IOP Connector and various modal travel patterns in the area and engaged an outside expert to review the City’s concerns with the new configuration and develop potential solutions to facilitate more effective movement along the corridor; and

**WHEREAS**, on December 13, 2022, SCDOT presented City Council five alternative configurations for the IOP Connector prepared by civil engineer consultants RK&K; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 18, 2023, SCDOT launched a 30-day public comment via an online survey; and

**WHEREAS**, the City strongly encouraged citizens to complete the survey and identify their main issues of concern and their preferred lane configuration for the IOP Connector; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 4, 2023, SCDOT provided the City the final report from RK&K on the IOP Connector survey results; and

**WHEREAS**, approximately 3,300 citizens responded to the survey, 48% of which indicated they lived on Isle of Palms; and

**WHEREAS**, the top ranked concern was reducing traffic congestion and improve safety and mobility; and

**WHEREAS**, the top ranked lane configuration was concept five which includes a 10’ multi-use path for bicycle and pedestrians, one southbound lane, and two northbound lanes towards Mount Pleasant; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that City Council, in meeting duly assembled, hereby requests the South Carolina Department of Transportation to conduct any necessary operational modifications to the connecting intersections and pursue implementation of concept five on the IOP Connector bridge.

**PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF ISLE OF  
PALMS, SOUTH CAROLINA, ON THE 25TH DAY OF APRIL 2023.**

Phillip Pounds

Phillip Pounds, Mayor

Attest:

Nicole DeNeane

Nicole DeNeane, City Clerk

