

Lake Wylie Chamber of Commerce

Road list for Pennies for Progress Commission

Presented by Charles Wood, Chamber Chairman

On behalf of the Lake Wylie Chamber and Community, we ask you to get the projects done in our area that were already approved and taxes levied for past few years. This is what the citizens and voters are crying out about.

The projects are:

~~#1~~ Highway 274 widening, bridge widening on Mill Creek and intersection and lane improvement at 3 Points by Clover Bank and Walmart (Hwy 49, 274, 557).

(Already approved)

~~#2~~ – Widening and resurfacing of Pole Branch Road with intersection improvement at 274 and Pole Branch. **(Already approved)**

~~#3~~ – If Pole Branch Road widening is delayed then please get it resurfaced as quickly as possible. It is a narrow road full of pot holes and is unsafe.

~~#4~~ – Highway 557 widened to Kingsbury Road with intersection improvements.

(Already approved)

#5 – One new request is to resurface Liberty Hill Road since this road riddled with potholes leads to the Lake Patrol building and access for emergency teams when there are lake emergencies.

#6 - Hwy 557 widening from current approved and pending project all the way to Hwy 55. This needs to be planned and funded in the near future due to the overuse of road and the danger it poses. *

- The population in the Lake Wylie/ Clover area has doubled since the first Pennies for Progress was passed. This needs to be taken into account to get

the main roads Hwy 274, 557 and Pole Branch Road prioritized to complete, especially since they have largely been approved, taxes paid in by area citizens and it has already been years since put on the approved list.

Long Range Planning –

7 – With the unprecedented growth and Highway 49 being the main artery to the airport, from Lake Wylie, Clover, York and the surrounding area Highway 49 needs to be addressed with a long range plan to widen and improve to accommodate the growth in York County.

#8 – The Buster Boyd Bridge on Highway 49 needs to have a long range plan to be able to handle the increased traffic and population. This bridge's funding is 90% federal funding and the remaining 10% is split between North and South Carolina. This will take planning, federal funds and cooperation between the 2 states so needs to be addressed soon in order to work on for future.

#9- Need to work with and encourage Gaston County and NC Dot to widen Seven Oak Bridge located at end of Pole Branch Road and where New Hope begins on NC side. This too, is a main road that can lead to airport and to I-85 and encourages commerce in York County, SC.

#10 – Need to encourage Gaston County and NCDOT to find and allocate \$300 million in order to build a bridge over the Catawba River at West Blvd, NC to New Hope Road. With York Counties unique location for tourism and commerce, this will allow for the flow of traffic over the Catawba River and help reduce much of the traffic from the Buster Boyd Bridge and Highway 49/ Charlotte Highway. *

- Regional cooperation is needed with the Northern York County unique border with 2 states and 3 counties and the need for bridges crossing the Catawba and roads to handle the growing number of people in the area and increased traffic.