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Beaufort County Terminates Cleland Site Prep, INC. from SC 170 Construction Project

Beaufort County has notified Cleland Site Prep, INC. that the company will no longer be the lead contractor on the SC 170 widening construction project.

“After months of delays, and additional costs, Beaufort County Administration has determined termination is in the best interest of the public,” said Beaufort County spokeswoman Joy Nelson.

Beaufort County tried working with Cleland for months on completing this project in a timely manner. After not seeing any progress, Beaufort County notified Cleland’s bonding company in regard to the delays. Since that notification, Beaufort County Administration felt no changes were made by Cleland to improve its ability to complete the job.

“These delays are not only causing safety hazards for the motorists driving the roadway each day, but due to how long it has taken to complete the SCDOT is now requiring more asphalt be laid due to pavement fatigue. This is causing additional costs and time,” said Nelson.

Beaufort County is hoping to retain all the sub-contractors currently working on the project to ensure its completion in the next few months.

The widening of SC 170 from two to four lanes between U.S. 278 and S.C. 46 began in August 2013 and was expected to take a little more than a year to complete. The \$15 million project remains on budget despite the delays. It is being paid for with funds from the 2006 1-percent sales tax referendum, state and federal monies.