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Dear Mr. Ashe:

In reply to your letter of May 16, 1978, I advise that [Section 57-17-20 of the Code](#) of Laws for South Carolina is authority for the opening of new roads and the widening or changing of old public roads. The law reads, in part, as follows:

“The governing body of any county may also open new public roads and widen or change the location of old public roads when, in its judgment, such change would be for the material interest of the traveling public.”

The right of way for such roads would, I think, have to be condemned unless the right of way is given for the road by the landowners.

With best wishes,
Very truly yours,

Daniel R. McLeod
Attorney General

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