OVERVIEW: Section 34.34 of S.L. 2017-57 requires the Department of Transportation (DOT) to implement a pilot project to provide funding for operating a rest area on U.S. Highway 220 in Richmond County. DOT must allocate $100,000 in nonrecurring funds for each fiscal year of the 2017-2019 biennium to the Town of Ellerbe for this project. DOT may advertise local attractions or accommodations at the rest area.

DOT must provide a report, including visitor counts and annual operating costs from opening to November 1, 2018, to the Joint Legislative Transportation Oversight Committee by December 1, 2018. This section became effective July 1, 2017.