

SCDOT's 10-Year Plan exceeding targets, expanding goals SCDOT making progress in fixing roads, bridges

By Bob Kudelka

Secretary of Transportation **Christy A. Hall** presented the 2022 "State of SC's Transportation Network" to the SCDOT Commission during its March meeting in Columbia.

"What is the bottom line up front? We are making excellent progress towards getting to a state of good repair, with that emphasis having really been the cornerstone of our 10-year plan previously – focusing on fix it first as much we could," Hall said.

Population and economic growth in South Carolina continue at a high-level pace. The Palmetto State has the 4th largest state highway system in the United States and has the 10th fastest population growth rate in the nation.

And despite the pandemic, South Carolina's road and bridge program has continued to remain strong. Ample planning to allow SC to be extremely well-positioned to be able to deploy additional projects.

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Hall explained that one of the "fantastic" things the Legislature did was to ensure SCDOT had a diversified revenue stream. Not only did the gas tax increase, but DOT began receiving dollars from the vehicle sales tax and other fees.

"We became not as dependent on the gas tax and federal funds, and were able to incorporate in those additional dollars," Hall said.

When driving dropped nearly 50 percent early in Covid pandemic, the sales taxes from increased vehicle purchases helped with our funding, leaving about a 12 percent gap. That gap was made up by administrative cost-cutting and belt-tightening measures. "Many other states were not able to do that...and had to cut back on their programs for various reasons," Hall said.



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Rural Road Safety



Paving



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Interstates



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South Carolina Secretary of Transportation

In addition, advanced planning was critical to allow South Carolina to be well-positioned to be able to deploy additional projects in case more funding became available. "That proved to be the point here over the past year or so," she said.

Maintaining a reliable product delivery stream has been "incredibly important to keep the industry moving forward with plenty of work to do," Hall said.

Contracting levels for road and bridge construction are at \$3.7 billion, an all-time high for the agency. "We've never been any-

where close to this kind of number before," Hall said.

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The agency has a new target of 1,250 rural road safety miles and is also raising the bar on a new target of improving 500 bridges.

SC's gas tax is projected to bring in approximately \$910 million annually, which

is allocated to the County Transportation Committees, SCDOT and the State Infrastructure Bank.

Now, Hall said, "we must turn our attention toward growth, congestion and economic development."

SCDOT expects more federal dollars to become available, and Hall anticipated needing \$100 million in matching funds to draw down these funds. "We're poised waiting for the dollars to become available to really slingshot things ahead," Hall said.

The additional elements to be added to the 10-year plan include rural economic development projects, regional mobility programs, bridge rehabilitation projects, more paving and safety projects, more interstate work and adding drainage work.

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Gene Branham elected Commission Chairman

Tony Cox elected as Vice Chairman of Commission

David E. "Gene" Branham Sr. was named Chairman of the South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) Commission at the Commission's Jan. 27, 2022, meeting in Columbia.

Branham, of Kershaw County and representing the 5th Congressional District, first joined the SCDOT Commission in 2016. He was named Vice Chairman of the SCDOT Commission in January 2021.

Prior to joining the Commission, Branham had more than 20 years of service as both a past chairman and a commissioner with the Kershaw County Transportation Committee. He served his country in the National Guard for 6 years and also served on the Applied Technology Education Campus Advisory Board. Branham has been a citizen of Kershaw County for more than 48 years. He is married to Gail H. Branham, and they have three adult children: David, Patricia and Adam.

"I am honored to become Chairman of the SCDOT Commission and I will continue to work hard serving the public and improving the transportation system of the state of South Carolina," Branham said.

During the same meeting, Tony K. Cox, of Horry County, was named Vice Chairman of the SCDOT Commission.

Cox, a Commissioner representing the 7th Congressional District, joined the SCDOT Commission in 2017. He has previous-



ABOVE: SCDOT Commission Chairman Gene Branham, left, accepts the gavel from outgoing Chairman Barnwell Fishburne on Jan. 27, 2022.

RIGHT: During the same meeting, the Commission elected Tony Cox as Vice Chairman.

ly served as Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Commission.

He is a graduate of the University of South Carolina with a Bachelor of Arts in public administration/real estate and completed the Harvard Graduate School of Design, Advanced Management Development Program.

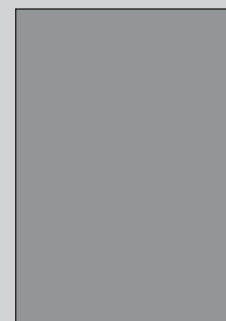
Cox is a real estate professional with 40 years of experience. He currently serves as the executive vice president at Burroughs and



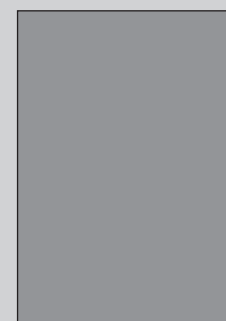
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He is past chairman of the South Carolina Real Estate Commission and a former chairman of the Horry County Planning Commission.

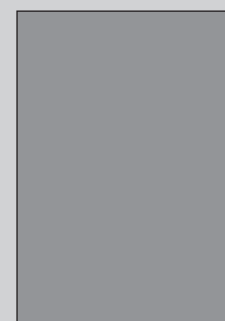
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Tony K. Cox
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Vice Chairman
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Christy A. Hall is the South Carolina Secretary of Transportation.



10-YEAR PLAN ACCOMPLISHMENTS

RURAL ROAD SAFETY – 713 MILES >>> PAVING – >5,500 MILES >>> BRIDGES – 224 BRIDGES >>> INTERSTATES – 80 MILES



713 Miles of Rural Road Safety Improvements



>5,500 Miles Resurfaced



224 Bridges Replaced



Since July 2017...



80 Miles of Interstate Improvements



Contract awarded for final phase of Berlin G. Myers Parkway

Long-awaited traffic congestion relief is coming to Summerville

After more than 18 years of planning, permitting and engineering work, the South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) has received bids and awarded a construction contract to proceed with the \$137 million project to build the final 3.9 miles of the Berlin G. Myers Parkway.

The final phase of the project will deliver a new four-lane roadway and a shared use multipurpose pathway along the Sawmill Branch Trail for bicycle and pedestrian users. The Parkway will serve both Summerville, by reducing traffic on Main Street, and the county as a whole as it provides connectivity with other well-travelled roads including U.S. 17A and Bacons Bridge Road.

The project required extensive permitting and interagency coordination to develop a project that met all of the regulatory requirements and fit well into the region. A number of partnerships were formed during that time to bring this final phase to construction.

Secretary of Transportation **Christy A. Hall** said the cooperation was a significant factor. “SCDOT is very thankful for the many partners that worked tirelessly over the years to make this project a reality. The level of cooperation and coordination on this project are unprecedented and we look forward to building this regionally significant and much needed project,” said Hall. She continued, “In particular, I would like to thank the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for their commitment to ensuring that we deliver a great project and to Senator Lindsey Graham for his steadfast efforts to get the project to construction.”

Hall also recognized the years of hard work and leadership provided by Program Manager **Joy Riley** and Director of Environmental Services **Chad Long**, both of whom spent more than five years involved in the final phase. Riley noted that this project required two permits (408 and 404) which was a very rare occurrence. “Adding a consultant with expertise in flood plain risk management was a key in moving the project forward,” she said. Long added that weekly and even daily contact with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers 408 Permit Manager was a positive. Long said, “The real time feedback from the Corps for all of our submittals and the team effort by all partners got this project across the finish line, allowing it to go to construction.”

Chairman of the Dorchester County Transportation Authority (DCTA) **Stephen Grant** noted the local importance of the Parkway. “The Berlin G. Myers Parkway will serve as a bypass that will take the pressure off our local roads. Main Street is at its limits and cannot be extended. In addition, congestion will be relieved around Summerville High School. There are many partners to thank for persevering for many years to get this project to construction. Especially the people of Summerville and Dorchester County who placed their trust in us to enhance the quality of life for our citizens,” Grant said.

Chairman of the Charleston Area Transportation Study Committee (CHATS) and Dorchester County Council member **George Bailey** said: “This is a great moment for the residents of Dorchester County and the result of years of hard work at every level of



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Dignitaries announced Phase III of the Berlin G. Myers Parkway on Nov. 15, 2021. Speakers at the event included, from left, S.C. Secretary of Transportation Christy A. Hall, Commissioner Robbie Robbins, Senator Lindsey Graham, Summerville Mayor Ricky Waring and Christopher Mims with the Army Corp of Engineers.

government. Our enduring gratitude goes to our regional partners, SCDOT, SC Transportation Infrastructure Bank and Senator Graham for his efforts regarding this vital piece of transportation.”

South Carolina Transportation Infrastructure Bank Board Chairman **John B. White, Jr.** added, “This is an excellent example of how a focused and collaborative effort on a complicated and complex project can break through years of obstacles to provide much needed traffic relief for the citizens of our

state. The State Infrastructure Bank appreciates the opportunity to assist the Dorchester County Transportation Authority, Charleston Area Transportation Study and SCDOT to fund and deliver a successful project for the Summerville area.”

The total project budget is approximately \$137 million and is supported by \$35 million DCTA funds, \$30 million State Infrastructure Bank funds and \$72 million in Charleston Area Transportation Study/SCDOT funds.

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Drainage issues have become a rising concern in many parts of the state.

Hall said the agency was asked for ideas on large projects if more dollars become available on the state level. In that respect, DOT responded with accelerated plans for the I-26 widening between Columbia and Charleston; I-95 widening in Jasper County; and the Governor’s recommendation of using \$300 million to build phase I of I-73 in the Pee Dee.

Already, interstate highway improvements have heated up with projects underway all across the state. In contrast, there were only four interstate projects underway when Hall took over as Secretary.

“I want to thank the Commission for your support,” Hall said, closing her annual presentation.



RAWLINSON ROAD REOPENED

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A ribbon cutting was held on April 1, 2022, reopening Rawlinson Road over Lake Trotwood. Speakers at the event were Representative Jermaine Johnson, SCDOT Deputy Secretary for Engineering Leland Colvin and Richland County Council Member Chakisse Newton.

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Grab-A-Bag kickoff

SCDOT employees participate in annual 'Spring Spruce Up' event

By Bob Kudelka

SCDOT employees spent Wednesday, March 30, 2022, picking up litter in every county of the state as part of the agency's "Spring Spruce Up" campaign and to support Lt. Governor Pamela Evette's Grab-A-Bag effort. The one day clean up event resulted in more than 97 tons of litter being removed from South Carolina highways.

Secretary of Transportation **Christy A. Hall** commended all who participated in the clean-up.

"I am encouraged by the spirit of our SCDOT team and the volunteers who spent an entire day cleaning up our beautiful state. A problem this large requires everybody to pitch in and do their part. I appreciate the leadership of Lt. Governor Evette and am thankful for the volunteers who stepped up to make a difference," said Hall.

SCDOT's "Spring Spruce Up" is one of two annual anti-litter campaigns. A similar effort is made in the fall of each year.



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ABOVE: Lt. Governor Pamela Evette talks about the statewide litter clean up event on March 30 during the 'Grab-A-Bag' kickoff event at the Laurens County Airport. Approximately 2,000 SCDOT employees participated in the cleanup effort in every county of South Carolina.

RIGHT: Lt. Governor Pamela Evette and SC Secretary of Transportation Christy A. Hall pick up litter along Bellview Church Road in Laurens County.



Cleaning up S.C. highways Spring Spruce Up 2022



Carolina Crossroads project officially underway

By Brittany Harriot

The Carolina Crossroads Project in Columbia is officially underway. This interstate improvement project is set to improve 14 miles of I-20, I-26 and I-126. While this area is commonly known as “Malfunction Junction”, it will soon be redesigned to improve traffic delays, safety, and to create an innovative interstate design.

Construction activity for the Carolina Crossroads project will be seen by residents and drivers in phases. Right now, construction crews are currently working on Phases 1 and 2.

“Most of the work is the design work that’s occurring right now, but [drivers] will also see utility relocations, some logging operations, and some soil borings,” explains Project Manager of the Carolina Crossroads Project **Brian Klauk**.

For those that don’t know, soil boring is the process of gathering data about the characteristics of the soil. This helps engineers create their final design for roadway pavement or any structures that will be built for the project.

More than 134,000 vehicles travel through this area on a daily basis. However, as of now, drivers should know that there are no significant lane closures planned for now or in the near future.

“When the major work on Phases 1 and 2 starts in the summer, there will be some temporary lane closures, but we’re working hard to make sure that traffic gets to flow where it needs to flow especially during those peak times of the day,” Klauk explained.

“Most of the major work for both phases will start later on in the spring and summer. In the fall, drivers will start to see major activity happening on the interstate.”

The public is asked to be patient, be careful, and practice safety for the duration for the project.

The Carolina Crossroads project formally kicked off with a groundbreaking ceremony held on Nov. 8, 2021. Construction of the entire corridor is expected to be completed in 2029.



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Crews are seen clearing trees alongside the Colonial Life Boulevard flyover ramp near I-126 on Feb. 2, 2022, as part of phase 1 of SCDOT’s Carolina Crossroads project.



SCDOT, SCDPS win State Library Award for Target Zero plan

The South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) and the South Carolina Department of Public Safety (SCDPS) won a South Carolina Notable State Documents award of 2021 from the South Carolina State Library for creating the “South Carolina Strategic Highway Safety Plan Target Zero” plan, which provides a comprehensive and coordinated framework for safety partners to unite around in reducing fatalities and serious injuries on all public roads in South Carolina.

Accepting the award on behalf

of SCDOT was Crash Data Research Manager Emily Thomas, Director of Highway Safety and Justice Programs Phil Riley accepted on behalf of SCDPS.

Winners of the South Carolina Notable State Documents awards are announced in honor of Freedom of Information Day, which occurs annually on March 16. These noteworthy publications call attention to the most informative documents released by state agencies in 2021.

Some of the comments by the judges, according to South Carolina State Library Communica-

tions Director Ellen Dunn, included:

- “The document is easy to read and has a good color scheme.”

- “Various formats are used for the information. Text is interspersed with charts, which makes the information engaging and can work for everyone.”

- “The information is well-spaced and there is a good flow between information and charts.”

- “The document is striking and eye-catching. Charts are to the point, not confusing, simple and succinct.”



SCDOT Crash Data Research Manager Emily Thomas, left, and SCDPS Director of Highway Safety and Justice Programs Phil Riley accepted the award on April 13, 2022.

RETIREMENTS

Bener Amado retired from RPG 2 – PeeDee after 27 years of service.

Joe Bailey retired from Lexington Maintenance after 9 years of service.

Lisa H. Baker retired from Oversize/Overweight Permits after 38 years of service.

K. Renee Barrett retired from Oversize/Overweight Permits after 27 years of service.

Gerald W. Bonnette retired from District 7 Bridge Inspection after 34 years of service.

Stephanie D. Brown retired from Anderson Maintenance after 32 years of service.

Robert J. Burdette retired from District 4 Traffic Signals after 30 years of service.

William B. Burgess retired from Florence Maintenance after 26 years of service.

Victor T. Burno retired from Abbeville Maintenance after 30 years of service.

Charles E. Byrd retired from Colleton Maintenance after 31 years of service.

Mary E. Cabbagestalk retired from Accounting after 21 years of service.

Mark W. Callaway retired

from Greenville Maintenance after 22 years of service.

Kenneth D. Cooper retired from Williamsburg Maintenance after 31 years of service.

Wilton R. Dean retired from Anderson Maintenance after 16 years of service.

Tisha M. Dickerson retired from Traffic Engineering after 33 years of service.

James G. Edens retired from Marlboro Maintenance after 33 years of service.

Arnold Fludd retired from Charleston Maintenance after 33 years of service.

Jerry Fortune retired from Lee Maintenance after 24 years of service.

Billy L. Frankum retired from Anderson Maintenance after 28 years of service.

Theodora A. Gillette retired from IT Services after 24 years of service.

Frankie L. Graham retired from Florence Maintenance after 33 years of service.

Patrick O. Gunn retired from Florence Maintenance after 21 years of service.

Ronnie S. Hammond retired from Greenville Maintenance after 15 years of service.

Robert J. Hancock retired from Chesterfield Maintenance after 30 years of service.

Steven C. Henderson retired from Pickens Maintenance after 28 years of service.

Maxie L. Holmes retired from Lee Maintenance after 29 years of service.

Judy P. Hundley retired from Office of Materials and Research after 26 years of service.

Eddie Isaac retired from Sumter Maintenance after 32 years of service.

Betty H. Johnson retired from Edgefield Maintenance after 32 years of service.

Bryan L. Jones retired from Traffic Engineering after 29 years of service.

Jack H. Locklair retired from Rights of Way after 8 years of service.

Sammie L. Major retired from Sumter Maintenance after 13 years of service.

Joseph E. McCurry retired from Greenwood Construction after 25 years of service.

Glenn B. McDaniel retired from Union Maintenance after 8 years of service.

Earl McFadden retired from Florence Maintenance after 17

years of service.

Kenneth R. Mills retired from Berkeley Maintenance after 16 years of service.

Jeffrey S. Morrell retired from IT Services after 24 years of service.

Conshelda S. Nelson retired from Engineering Support after 25 years of service.

James P. Osborne retired from Central Sign Shop after 8 years of service.

Laura F. Ouzts retired from Abbeville Maintenance after 31 years of service.

Margaret E. Parkins retired from District 4 Pavement Management after 14 years of service.

Roddy R. Peay retired from Oconee Maintenance after 32 years of service.

Jackie R. Robinson retired from Richland Maintenance after 30 years of service.

Malzone M. Russell retired from Jasper Maintenance after 28 years of service.

Harvey Sanders retired from Florence Maintenance after 15 years of service.

Jerome E. Sinclair retired from District 4 Capital Improvements after 23 years of service.

Johnny H. Small retired from Lancaster Maintenance after 27 years of service.

Debbie A. Vanderمولen retired from Central Sign Shop after 20 years of service.

Willie J. Vaughn retired from Sumter Maintenance after 17 years of service.

Buck W. Ward retired from Williamsburg Maintenance after 28 years of service.

Linda R. Weichbrodt retired from Jasper Construction after 29 years of service.

Mark E. Weldon retired from Anderson Maintenance after 17 years of service.

Daniel L. Wells retired from Berkeley Maintenance after 29 years of service.

James A. White retired from Colleton Maintenance after 8 years of service.

Eugene J. Williams retired from Abbeville Maintenance after 32 years of service.

David E. Williams retired from Chesterfield Maintenance after 22 years of service.

Eddie L. Young retired from Lancaster Maintenance after 16 years of service.

PROMOTIONS

Kenneth I. Adams promoted to Engineering Technician III in Horry 1 Maintenance.

Javis F. Aikens promoted to Bridge Inspector in District 2 Bridge Inspection.

Kara M. Akins promoted to Engineering Associate I in Florence Construction.

Matthew L. Aleshire promoted to Crew Leader in Greenville Maintenance.

James R. Allen promoted to Incident Responder I in SHEP – Columbia.

Jose L. Almeida promoted to Specialty Crew Foreman in Lexington Maintenance.

James A. Amerson Jr. promoted to Section Shed Supervisor in Richland Maintenance.

Shawn Anderson promoted to Crew Foreman in Charleston Maintenance.

Jeremiah C. Anderson pro-

moted to Medium Equipment Operator in Saluda Maintenance.

Chad E. Anderson promoted to Engineer/Engineering Associate II in Charleston Construction.

Kevin J. Antal promoted to Medium Equipment Operator in Lexington Maintenance.

Stormi C. Arender promoted to Accountant/Fiscal Analyst in Accounting.

Blake R. Armer promoted to Incident Responder II in SHEP – Charleston.

Deborah M. Atkinson promoted to Engineer/Engineering Associate III in RPG 1 – Lowcountry.

James W. Austin promoted to Resident Maintenance Foreman in York Maintenance.

Christopher D. Barrick promoted to Crew Foreman in Anderson Maintenance.

Larry D. Bartelle promoted to Medium Equipment Operator in

Florence Maintenance.

Jonathan W. Baysden promoted to Procurement Manager II in Procurement.

Charlotte R. Becker promoted to Medium Equipment Operator in Oconee Maintenance.

Javier Bejarano promoted to Resident Construction Engineer in Greenville Construction.

Curtis Benjamin promoted to Section Shed Supervisor in Kershaw Maintenance.

Joseph A. Bennett promoted to Engineer/Engineering Associate IV in RPG 3 – Midlands.

Cory L. Blackmon promoted to Medium Equipment Operator in Lancaster Maintenance.

Jacob R. Blackmon promoted to Incident Responder I in SHEP – Rock Hill.

Ryan C. Bledsoe promoted to Medium Equipment Operator in Saluda Maintenance.

Eric D. Blume promoted to IT Manager II in IT Services.

Richard A. Boatwright promoted to Resident Maintenance Foreman in Lexington Maintenance.

Yasma L. Bolden promoted to Resident Maintenance Foreman in Jasper Maintenance.

Thomas A. Bond promoted to Specialty Crew Foreman in Colleton Maintenance.

Willie T. Bostic promoted to Specialty Crew Leader in Colleton Maintenance.

Leslie D. Bowick promoted to Shop Foreman in McCormick Maintenance.

Lance Branham promoted to Specialized Equipment Operator in District 4 Pavement Repair and Preservation.

Nicholas D. Brehm promoted to Engineering Technician III in Florence Construction.

Michael L. Brewer promoted to Heavy Equipment Operator in Laurens Maintenance.

Brian K. Bridgmon promoted to Assistant Resident Maintenance Engineer in Hampton Maintenance.

Tilliry Briggs promoted to Program Coordinator II in Rights of Way.

Colo L. Brock promoted to Medium Equipment Operator in Abbeville Maintenance.

Jamie E. Brown promoted to Administrative Assistant in Chesterfield Maintenance.

Shelby R. Brown promoted to Engineering Technician II in Aiken Construction.

Dennis Buckmon promoted to Assistant Resident Maintenance Engineer in Barnwell Maintenance.

PROMOTIONS CONTINUED

Danielle N. Burbank promoted to Engineering Associate I in Dorchester Construction.

George R. Busbee promoted to Engineering Technician IV in Spartanburg Construction B.

Kaleb L. Bush promoted to Medium Equipment Operator in Spartanburg Maintenance.

Jason E. Byrd promoted to Engineering Technician III in Richland Maintenance.

Nakia J. Calhoun promoted to Heavy Equipment Operator in Abbeville Maintenance.

Adrian B. Campbell promoted to Medium Equipment Operator in Greenville Maintenance.

Jayson K. Cantey promoted to Resident Construction Engineer in Florence Construction.

Perry L. Carpenter promoted to Medium Equipment Operator in Chesterfield Maintenance.

David L. Carpenter promoted to Medium Equipment Operator in Union Maintenance.

Rachel Carrillo promoted to Medium Equipment Operator in Bamberg Maintenance.

Steven E. Carver promoted to Medium Equipment Operator in Oconee Maintenance.

Darren D. Catoe promoted to Specialty Crew Foreman in Kershaw Maintenance.

Ryan W. Catoe promoted to Medium Equipment Operator in Kershaw Maintenance.

Edward A. Chandler promoted to Engineering Technician III in Pickens Construction.

John M. Chandler promoted to Senior IT Security Administrator in IT Services.

Ronald S. Chatman promoted to Engineering Technician III in Clarendon Construction.

Johnny R. Clark promoted to Engineering Technician IV in Aiken Construction.

Kenny R. Clarke promoted to Medium Equipment Operator in Dillon Maintenance.

Darrin K. Clem promoted to Assistant Bridge Inspection Supervisor in District 2 Bridge Inspection.

Brian A. Cobb promoted to Assistant Bridge Inspection Supervisor in District 1 Bridge Inspection.

Jessie D. Cochran promoted

to Medium Equipment Operator in Holly Hill Maintenance.

Malik R. Coleman promoted to Medium Equipment Operator in Chester Maintenance.

Karen A. Collins promoted to Accountant/Fiscal Analyst in Accounting.

Heath D. Collins promoted to Section Shed Supervisor in Marion Maintenance.

Jeffrey M. Collins promoted to Specialty Crew Leader in District 6 Herbicide Crew.

Susan T. Connell promoted to District OSHA Officer in District 6 OSHA.

Glen A. Conrad promoted to Medium Equipment Operator in Edgefield Maintenance.

Joshua L. Cook promoted to Heavy Equipment Operator in Abbeville Maintenance.

Robert M. Coulter promoted to Bridge Inspector in District 6 Bridge Inspection.

Timothy B. Cousar promoted to Engineering Technician II in Lancaster Maintenance.

Duane A. Cox promoted to Crew Foreman in Lexington Maintenance.

Alicia C. Cox promoted to Medium Equipment Operator in Spartanburg Maintenance.

Alexander S. Crawford promoted to Engineering Associate I in Charleston Construction.

Howard D. Crowder promoted to Medium Equipment Operator in York Maintenance.

Parker J. Crowe promoted to Medium Equipment Operator in Cherokee Maintenance.

Milton L. Davis promoted to Crew Foreman in Laurens Maintenance.

Ryshawn L. Davis promoted to Medium Equipment Operator in Florence Maintenance.

Veron O. Davis promoted to Medium Equipment Operator in Holly Hill Maintenance.

Felipe De Figueiredo Nunes promoted to Engineering Associate I in Charleston Construction.

Robert J. Deponceau promoted to Medium Equipment Operator in Lexington Maintenance.

Darius A. Devore promoted to Crew Foreman in Jasper Maintenance.

Charles A. Dickson promoted

to Medium Equipment Operator in Laurens Maintenance.

Demario R. Donald promoted to Crew Leader in Abbeville Maintenance.

Baltazar C. Donato promoted to Engineering Technician IV in Charleston Construction.

Joel N. Durham promoted to Heavy Equipment Operator in Anderson Maintenance.

Ethan S. Earle promoted to Medium Equipment Operator in Laurens Maintenance.

Bobby J. Easler promoted to Assistant Resident Maintenance Engineer in Edgefield Maintenance.

Harry D. Edwards promoted to Assistant Resident Construction Engineer in Orangeburg Construction.

George M. Edwards promoted to Heavy Equipment Operator in Dillon Maintenance.

Samuel M. Edwards promoted to Medium Equipment Operator in Newberry Maintenance.

James R. Edwards promoted to Medium Equipment Operator in Newberry Maintenance.

Justin C. Elliott promoted to Heavy Equipment Operator in Marion Maintenance.

Toni P. Elliott promoted to Right of Way Agent III in Rights of Way – Florence.

Richard C. Enlow promoted to Crew Leader in Saluda Maintenance.

Michael A. Estridge promoted to General Maintenance Technician IV in District 4 Capital Improvements.

Jeremy B. Ethers promoted to Highway Maintenance Worker IV in District 4 Pavement Repair and Preservation.

Nicholas A. Evans promoted to Engineering Technician III in Charleston Maintenance.

Derrick B. Evans promoted to Medium Equipment Operator in Lancaster Maintenance.

Pamela S. Fahy promoted to Program Assistant in Building Services.

Deonta R. Favor promoted to Accountant/Fiscal Analyst in Accounting.

Lamont Ferguson promoted to Specialized Equipment Operator in Calhoun Maintenance.

Ronnice H. Ferrell promoted to Procurement Manager I in Procurement.

Henry E. Fields promoted to Engineering Associate I in Charleston Construction.

James L. Fleming promoted to Crew Leader in Saluda Maintenance.

Jesus Flores promoted to Medium Equipment Operator in Bamberg Maintenance.

Clifton F. Ford promoted to General Maintenance Technician III in District 6 Office.

William T. Forrest promoted to Engineering Technician III in Saluda Maintenance.

Victavious D. Foster promoted to Heavy Equipment Operator in McCormick Maintenance.

Devin Franklin promoted to Heavy Equipment Operator in Richland Maintenance.

Lonnie A. Fulmer promoted to Medium Equipment Operator in Saluda Maintenance.

Lisa R. Funderburk promoted to Administrative Assistant in Lancaster Maintenance.

Melvin A. Gale promoted to Section Shed Supervisor in Darlington Maintenance.

Terrel B. Gamble promoted to Specialty Crew Foreman in Richland Maintenance.

David C. Gannon promoted to Medium Equipment Operator in Edgefield Maintenance.

Steffney S. Gardner promoted to Administrative Coordinator I in Surveys.

Joshua T. Garrett promoted to Specialized Equipment Operator in Calhoun Maintenance.

John C. Geiger promoted to Engineer/Engineering Associate III in Engineering Support.

Echo N. Gentile promoted to Engineering Technician III in Pickens Construction.

Douglas W. Germroth promoted to General Maintenance Technician IV in District 6 Office.

Willie L. Glenn promoted to Medium Equipment Operator in Marion Maintenance.

Arthur L. Godbolt promoted to Engineering Technician II in Marion Maintenance.

Daniel T. Godwin promoted to Engineering Associate I in Horry Construction.

Willie J. Gray promoted to Medium Equipment Operator in Greenwood Maintenance.

Franklin S. Griffin promoted to Medium Equipment Operator in Barnwell Maintenance.

William T. Griffin promoted to Medium Equipment Operator in Newberry Maintenance.

Ashley R. Grismer promoted to Supply Specialist III in Kershaw Maintenance.

Travis W. Grubbs promoted to Medium Equipment Operator in Barnwell Maintenance.

Earl T. Gruber promoted to Engineering Technician IV in Dorchester Construction.

Caroline O. Haggard promoted to Assistant District Permit Engineer in District 1 Office.

Clifford A. Hagwood promoted to Medium Equipment Operator in Williamsburg Maintenance.

Jason B. Hall promoted to Engineer/Engineering Associate IV in Engineering Support.

Robert C. Hall promoted to Electronics Technician III in District 4 Traffic Signals.

William K. Hammond promoted to Medium Equipment Operator in Barnwell Maintenance.

David W. Hardin promoted to Medium Equipment Operator in Lancaster Maintenance.

Lance O. Haymon promoted to Crew Leader in Richland Maintenance.

Kevin J. Haynes promoted to Specialty Crew Leader in Bamberg Maintenance.

George M. Hays promoted to Heavy Equipment Operator in Anderson Maintenance.

Benjamin D. Hensley promoted to Medium Equipment Operator in Fairfield Maintenance.

Brandi M. Henson promoted to Procurement Specialist I in Fairfield Maintenance.

Kenneth E. Hickman promoted to Incident Responder I in SHEP – Charleston.

Brandon W. Hill promoted to Engineering Technician II in Berkeley Maintenance.

Timothy L. Hiott promoted to Crew Foreman in Colleton Maintenance.

Danny L. Hodge promoted to Crane Operator in District 4 Maintenance Operations.

PROMOTIONS CONTINUED

Christopher Holmes promoted to Medium Equipment Operator in Lee Maintenance.

Travis L. Hough promoted to Medium Equipment Operator in Kershaw Maintenance.

Jarrold M. Howard promoted to Crew Foreman in York Maintenance.

Sandra K. Huggins promoted to Medium Equipment Operator in Holly Hill Maintenance.

Matthew J. Huller promoted to Specialty Crew Foreman in Oconee Maintenance.

Edward N. Hunt promoted to Resident Maintenance Engineer in Pickens Maintenance.

Mark W. Hunter promoted to State Bridge Maintenance Engineer.

Evan W. Hunter promoted to Engineer/Engineering Associate III in RPG 4 – Upstate.

Vinson D. Hyman promoted to Mechanic III in Sumter Maintenance.

Frederick D. Jackson promoted to Crew Foreman in Berkeley Maintenance.

Justin D. Jackson promoted to Engineering Technician III in Dorchester Maintenance.

Antonio D. Jackson promoted to Medium Equipment Operator in Florence Maintenance.

Vanetta J. Jackson promoted to Engineer/Engineering Associate III in Rights of Way.

Hardy L. Jackson promoted to Medium Equipment Operator in Dillon Maintenance.

Marquis T. Jackson promoted to Medium Equipment Operator in Charleston Maintenance.

Brian Johnson promoted to Heavy Equipment Operator in Horry 1 Maintenance.

Susan C. Johnson promoted to Program Manager II in Planning.

Frederick C. Johnson promoted to Specialty Crew Leader in Lexington Maintenance.

Thomas W. Johnson promoted to Medium Equipment Operator in Clarendon Maintenance.

Michael C. Jones promoted to Medium Equipment Operator in Barnwell Maintenance.

Joseph C. Jones promoted to Specialty Crew Foreman in District 6 Herbicide Crew.

Paul L. Jones promoted to

Specialty Crew Foreman in Lee Maintenance.

Melissa C. Justice promoted to Senior Accountant/Fiscal Analyst in Accounting.

Ryan J. Keitt promoted to Assistant Resident Maintenance Engineer in Holly Hill Maintenance.

Deshawn J. Kelley promoted to Heavy Equipment Operator in Dillon Maintenance.

David P. Kelly promoted to Program Manager II in Environmental.

Albert O. Kennedy promoted to Medium Equipment Operator in Richland Maintenance.

Audrey M. Key promoted to Medium Equipment Operator in Hampton Maintenance.

Tyrone Kinard promoted to Heavy Equipment Operator in Edgefield Maintenance.

Dwayne P. Kinard promoted to Medium Equipment Operator in Bamberg Maintenance.

Willie B. King promoted to Crew Leader in Horry 1 Maintenance.

Terrence L. King promoted to Crew Foreman in Charleston Maintenance.

Christopher T. Kirk promoted to Heavy Equipment Operator in Edgefield Maintenance.

James C. Kirkland promoted to Resident Maintenance Foreman in Colleton Maintenance.

Brenda L. Langley promoted to Medium Equipment Operator in Clarendon Maintenance.

Preston C. Lee promoted to Heavy Equipment Operator in Horry 1 Maintenance.

Timothy W. Lee promoted to Medium Equipment Operator in Spartanburg Maintenance.

Benjamin L. Leopard promoted to Specialized Equipment Operator in Saluda Maintenance.

James D. Lindsey promoted to Medium Equipment Operator in Sumter Maintenance.

Reganald J. Lindsey promoted to Crew Foreman in Chesterfield Maintenance.

George C. Long promoted to Assistant Resident Maintenance Engineer in Saluda Maintenance.

Travis Lowe promoted to Heavy Equipment Operator in Pickens Maintenance.

Aaron D. Lutfy promoted to

Crew Foreman in Anderson Maintenance.

Lacey N. Lynn promoted to Medium Equipment Operator in Berkeley Maintenance.

Arkivious K. Mackins promoted to Medium Equipment Operator in Barnwell Maintenance.

Arnold A. Magwood promoted to Accountant/Fiscal Analyst in Accounting.

Peter S. Manning promoted to Engineering Associate I in Charleston Construction.

Michael A. Marcengill promoted to Engineering Technician II in Oconee Maintenance.

Ricky S. Martin promoted to Mechanic III in Charleston Maintenance.

Jesus A. Martinez promoted to Medium Equipment Operator in Laurens Maintenance.

Marcus W. Mathis promoted to Resident Construction Engineer in Cherokee Construction.

Cynthia J. Matthews promoted to Engineering Associate I in Aiken Maintenance.

Anthony B. McAbee promoted to Highway Maintenance Worker IV in District 4 Pavement Repair and Preservation.

David C. McAlister promoted to Specialty Crew Foreman in Anderson Maintenance.

Anthony L. McAllister promoted to Crew Leader in Florence Maintenance.

Christopher W. McClary promoted to Specialty Crew Leader in District 5 Maintenance Contracts.

Casey O. McCutcheon promoted to Procurement Specialist I in Chester Maintenance.

Kenneth McFadden promoted to Medium Equipment Operator in Florence Maintenance.

Michael R. McGaha promoted to Engineering Technician III in Anderson Construction.

William R. McGoldrick promoted to Program Manager II in Environmental.

Randy M. McKenzie promoted to Engineering Technician II in Florence Maintenance.

Douglas M. McWaters promoted to Medium Equipment Operator in Chester Maintenance.

Bobby F. Meekins promoted to Assistant Resident Maintenance Engineer in Dillon Maintenance.

Kaylon R. Meetze promoted to Engineer/Engineering Associate IV in Traffic Engineering.

Brad J. Merritt promoted to

Resident Maintenance Foreman in Anderson Maintenance.

Charlie D. Miller promoted to Specialized Equipment Operator in District 5 Maintenance Contracts.

Robert J. Miller promoted to Heavy Equipment Operator in Abbeville Maintenance.

Ginnel Q. Miller promoted to Engineer/Engineering Associate III in Road Data Services.

Marvin C. Mills promoted to Engineering Technician III in Greenville Construction.

George W. Moreland promoted to Assistant Resident Maintenance Engineer in Bamberg Maintenance.

Robert C. Morgan promoted to Engineering Technician IV in Materials and Research.

Franklin R. Moss promoted to Medium Equipment Operator in Greenwood Maintenance.

Brittany E. Mounce promoted to Administrative Assistant in Bamberg Construction.

Timothy B. Murphy promoted to Crew Foreman in Greenville Maintenance.

Christopher S. Napper promoted to Medium Equipment Operator in Kershaw Maintenance.

Thomas D. Nesbitt promoted to Specialty Crew Leader in Kershaw Maintenance.

Thomas D. Nesbitt promoted to Specialty Crew Leader in Kershaw Maintenance.

Gary C. North promoted to Crew Foreman in Orangeburg Maintenance.

Matthew R. Norton promoted to Medium Equipment Operator in Abbeville Maintenance.

Michael A. O'Cain promoted to Specialized Equipment Operator in Orangeburg Maintenance.

Thomas B. Oedbauer promoted to Medium Equipment Operator in Abbeville Maintenance.

Caleb L. Ogline promoted to Engineering Associate I in Richland Construction.

David Oliver promoted to Medium Equipment Operator in Holly Hill Maintenance.

Syrees G. Oliver promoted to Program Manager II in Environmental.

Don R. Osborne promoted to Crew Foreman in Laurens Maintenance.

John W. Ott promoted to Medium Equipment Operator in Calhoun Maintenance.

Rebecca K. Owen promoted to Assistant Resident Maintenance Engineer in Newberry Maintenance.

William T. Owens promoted to Incident Responder I in District 5 Incident Response.

Joshua S. Oxford promoted to Medium Equipment Operator in Cherokee Maintenance.

Robert S. Padgett promoted to Engineering Technician IV in Orangeburg Construction.

Erasmo Palacios promoted to Assistant Bridge Inspection Supervisor in District 3 Maintenance Operations.

Justin C. Parnell promoted to Heavy Equipment Operator in Anderson Maintenance.

Bryce D. Peeler promoted to Medium Equipment Operator in Spartanburg Maintenance.

Russell F. Peer promoted to Medium Equipment Operator in Anderson Maintenance.

Amy L. Petty promoted to Procurement Specialist I in Cherokee Maintenance.

Michelle L. Phillippi promoted to Medium Equipment Operator in York Maintenance.

John A. Phillips promoted to Crew Leader in Edgefield Maintenance.

Michael A. Piontek promoted to Engineer/Engineering Associate II in District 2 Office.

Travis R. Pitts promoted to Heavy Equipment Operator in Laurens Maintenance.

Hannah N. Plemmons promoted to Medium Equipment Operator in Newberry Maintenance.

Anthony C. Polk promoted to Medium Equipment Operator in Kershaw Maintenance.

Edward C. Poore promoted to Medium Equipment Operator in Oconee Maintenance.

Ashley A. Porter promoted to Program Coordinator I in Minority and Small Business Affairs.

Joseph S. Powell promoted to Engineering Technician III in Spartanburg Construction B.

Oscar Pratt promoted to Medium Equipment Operator in Holly Hill Maintenance.

Jeffery A. Puckett promoted to Medium Equipment Operator in Clarendon Maintenance.

Robert C. Radcliff promoted to Specialty Crew Foreman in Lee Maintenance.

PROMOTIONS

Lee R. Rash promoted to Medium Equipment Operator in Richland Maintenance.

Berry T. Ray promoted to Mechanic III in Kershaw Maintenance.

Justin A. Richardson promoted to Engineering Technician III in Horry Construction.

Christopher J. Richardson promoted to Specialty Crew Foreman in Richland Maintenance.

Robert M. Rish promoted to Crew Foreman in Lexington Maintenance.

Shaley R. Roberts promoted to Assistant Resident Construction Engineer in Greenwood Construction.

Brian T. Robison promoted to Medium Equipment Operator in Greenwood Maintenance.

Anton Rouse promoted to Specialty Crew Foreman in Greenwood Maintenance.

Michael A. Rowell promoted to Heavy Equipment Operator in Dillon Maintenance.

Michael S. Rowland promoted to Section Shed Supervisor in Laurens Maintenance.

Robert L. Ruddy promoted to Engineering Technician IV in Charleston Construction.

Shawn E. Salley promoted to Engineer/Engineering Associate IV in Traffic Engineering.

Michael W. Sandifer promoted to Engineer/Engineering Associate III in District 4 Office.

Charles S. Sasscer promoted to Crew Leader in Oconee Maintenance.

William N. Schwartz promoted to Resident Maintenance Foreman in Charleston Maintenance.

Thomas Z. Scott promoted to Engineer/Engineering Associate II in RPG 1 – Lowcountry.

Jamie L. Sessions promoted to Medium Equipment Operator in Florence Maintenance.

Stephen S. Shaffer promoted to Program Manager II in Construction.

James M. Sharpe promoted to Assistant Resident Maintenance Engineer in McCormick Maintenance.

Little W. Shaw promoted to Specialized Equipment Operator in District 5 Maintenance Contracts.

Brandon C. Shealy promoted

to Engineering Associate I in Lexington Surveys.

Katelyn R. Shealy promoted to Engineer/Engineering Associate III in Traffic Engineering.

Jaxon L. Sherf promoted to Heavy Equipment Operator in Pickens Maintenance.

James E. Sienkiewicz promoted to Medium Equipment Operator in Abbeville Maintenance.

Terry S. Simmons promoted to Engineering Technician IV in Materials and Research.

Kenneth Simon promoted to Heavy Equipment Operator in Abbeville Maintenance.

Jeffery C. Simpson promoted to Engineering Technician III in Greenwood Construction.

Matthew C. Simpson promoted to Heavy Equipment Operator in Anderson Maintenance.

Tiffany L. Sims promoted to Engineering Technician III in Lexington Maintenance.

Christopher C. Singleton promoted to Engineering Technician IV in Horry Construction.

William T. Singleton promoted to Heavy Equipment Operator in Anderson Maintenance.

Jacob Smith promoted to Engineering Associate I in Bamberg Construction.

Laverne Smith promoted to Medium Equipment Operator in Charleston Maintenance.

Derrick B. Smith promoted to Engineer/Engineering Associate II in Georgetown Construction.

Danny D. Smith promoted to Specialty Crew Leader in Aiken Maintenance.

William F. Smith promoted to Engineer/Engineering Associate II in Colleton Construction.

Cheyney M. Smith promoted to Assistant Resident Construction Engineer in Oconee Construction.

Angela L. Solomon promoted to Assistant Resident Maintenance Engineer in Allendale Maintenance.

Grace F. Sowell promoted to Procurement Manager I in Procurement.

William J. Spano promoted to OSHA Officer II in District 2 OSHA.

Kevin L. Spivey promoted to Assistant Resident Maintenance Engineer in Marlboro Maintenance.

Robert D. Stancil promoted to Heavy Equipment Operator in Anderson Maintenance.

Tonya T. Stanley promoted to Medium Equipment Operator in Florence Maintenance.

William G. Steele promoted to Engineering Technician III in Aiken Maintenance.

Donovon J. Stevens promoted to Medium Equipment Operator in Edgefield Maintenance.

Frederick L. Stevenson promoted to Specialty Crew Leader in District 5 Maintenance Contracts.

Justin C. Stewart promoted to Medium Equipment Operator in York Maintenance.

Tyler R. Stewart promoted to Specialty Crew Leader in Oconee Maintenance.

James E. Strickland promoted to Medium Equipment Operator in Dillon Maintenance.

Daryl Strong promoted to Engineer/Engineering Associate II in Chester Surveys.

William A. Stroud promoted to Engineering Technician IV in Richland Construction.

William C. Stroud promoted to Crew Leader in Horry 1 Maintenance.

Jessica C. Taylor promoted to Procurement Specialist I in Chesterfield Maintenance.

Brandon L. Taylor promoted to Medium Equipment Operator in Laurens Maintenance.

Frank Thomas promoted to Assistant Resident Maintenance Engineer in Lee Maintenance.

Michael L. Thomas promoted to Heavy Equipment Operator in Newberry Maintenance.

Tamika S. Thomas promoted to Procurement Manager I in Procurement.

Joshua L. Thomason promoted to Mechanic II in York Maintenance.

Michael P. Thompson promoted to Engineering Technician III in Greenville Construction.

Elizabeth D. Totherow promoted to Procurement Specialist I in York Maintenance.

Kimberly A. Townsend promoted to Resident Construction Engineer in Darlington Construction.

William E. Turner promoted to Medium Equipment Operator in Saluda Maintenance.

Jonathan D. Tyndall promoted to Assistant District Construction Engineer in District 6 Office.

Stephen J. Underwood promoted to Medium Equipment Operator in Oconee Maintenance.

Philip Unrue promoted to District OSHA Officer in District 2 OSHA.

David A. Urban promoted to Medium Equipment Operator in Laurens Maintenance.

Na'coeda Varnadore promoted to Medium Equipment Operator in Chester Maintenance.

Drew A. Vartenisian promoted to Bridge Inspection Supervisor in District 7 Bridge Inspection.

David A. Walker promoted to Medium Equipment Operator in Kershaw Maintenance.

Kenneth W. Walker promoted to Medium Equipment Operator in Saluda Maintenance.

Paul E. Wall promoted to Medium Equipment Operator in Aiken Maintenance.

Ryan E. Ward promoted to Engineer/Engineering Associate III in Engineering Support.

Brandon O. Ward promoted to Medium Equipment Operator in Laurens Maintenance.

Wade H. Warr promoted to Resident Construction Engineer in Sumter Construction.

Dawn L. Watkins promoted to Engineer/Engineering Associate IV in RPG 2 – PeeDee.

Corey M. Watkins promoted to Specialty Crew Foreman in Lexington Maintenance.

Robert C. Watson promoted to Crew Leader in Horry 1 Maintenance.

Joseph D. Watt promoted to Specialized Equipment Operator in Anderson Maintenance.

Michael D. Way promoted to Heavy Equipment Operator in Clarendon Maintenance.

Kara R. Weber promoted to Engineer/Engineering Associate II in Richland Maintenance.

Benjamin O. Weeks promoted to Crew Foreman in Berkeley Maintenance.

Cody L. Wessinger promoted to Engineering Technician III in Saluda Construction.

Charles A. Whaley promoted to Engineering Technician III in Charleston Construction.

Mark E. White promoted to

Specialized Equipment Operator in District 4 Pavement Repair and Preservation.

Melissa K. White promoted to Heavy Equipment Operator in McCormick Maintenance.

Lesia R. White promoted to Administrative Assistant in Charleston Maintenance.

Eli A. Whitman promoted to Medium Equipment Operator in Oconee Maintenance.

Brandon E. Whitman promoted to Medium Equipment Operator in Saluda Maintenance.

Daymon A. Whitmore promoted to Medium Equipment Operator in Calhoun Maintenance.

James R. Wiley promoted to Electronics Technician III in District 2 Traffic Signals.

Tracy L. Wilkie promoted to Medium Equipment Operator in Cherokee Maintenance.

Seth D. Williams promoted to Engineering Technician III in Oconee Construction.

Henry L. Williams promoted to Specialty Crew Leader in District 5 Bridge Inspection.

Levi Wilson promoted to Specialized Equipment Operator in District 5 Maintenance Contracts.

Woodrow T. Wilson promoted to Medium Equipment Operator in Anderson Maintenance.

Edward A. Windhaus promoted to Engineering Technician III in Laurens Construction.

Joseph E. Winfield promoted to Engineer/Engineering Associate IV in Maintenance.

Brandon K. Wisher promoted to Crew Foreman in Holly Hill Maintenance.

Marquis J. Workman promoted to Specialty Crew Leader in Richland Maintenance.

Sammie L. Wright promoted to Engineering Technician II in Dillon Maintenance.

Christopher T. York promoted to Engineer/Engineering Associate IV in RPG 1 – Lowcountry.

Robert T. York promoted to Medium Equipment Operator in Clarendon Maintenance.

Freddie S. Young promoted to Crew Foreman in Edgefield Maintenance.

Jeremy D. Yuhis promoted to Engineer/Engineering Associate IV in Construction.

Steven E. Zaretska promoted to Specialty Crew Leader in District 5 Bridge Inspection.

Rob Bedenbaugh takes charge as Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Coordinator

Director of Office of Engineering Support **Rob Bedenbaugh** has been given additional responsibilities as the Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Coordinator.

With the recently passed Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) new funding has been established to develop and deploy electric vehicles and electric vehicle infrastructure across the nation. This position is necessary given the emerging nature of electric vehicles and their implications to the transportation network.

As the Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Coordinator, Bedenbaugh will:

- Review existing SCDOT and other state agency plans developed on the designation of alternate fuel corridors and the deployment of electric vehicle infrastructure.
- Develop a plan to facilitate the deployment of electric vehicle infrastructure using the funds provided in IIJA including potential corridor designations and locations for potential charging facilities.
- Develop proposed standards and policies to govern how electric vehicle infrastructure will be deployed on SCDOT right of way and public facilities. This includes charging station standards and in-



Rob Bedenbaugh

teroperability.

Bedenbaugh said, “SCDOT is excited to serve a key role in the initiative to increase access to electric vehicle charging infrastructure in South Carolina.”

Bedenbaugh will put together necessary committees and task forces needed to facilitate his assignments, as well as coordinate with relevant partner agencies such as the Office of Regulatory Staff.

Bedenbaugh will continue to serve as the Director of Office of Engineering Support.

Thanks, Tony!

Former employee thanks coworker for saving his life

The following letter to the editor appeared in The State newspaper in May. It is reprinted here with permission from The State.

I want to thank a former coworker for saving my life on April 8 even though he was probably 100+ miles from me at the time.

Tony Sheppard is a former SCDOT director of traffic engineering. While in this position, his staff suggested that if the trees in the median along Lowcountry

stretches of I-26 were removed, deaths would be reduced.

After much effort, Tony convinced folks of the need for change. Deaths dropped when trees were cut, medians were graded and a high tensile barrier was installed.

So how did Tony save my life on April 8? I was returning from

Charleston when, at 70 mph, I was run into the media by a truck aggressively passing a tractor-trailer that was in the right lane. Lucky for me, there were no trees, the median was nicely graded and the cable barrier was in place.

When I got home, I called Tony to thank him for saving my life.

I know the public questions things that the SCDOT does, but the clearing of medians along I-26 and I-95 has saved countless lives, including mine. I thank Tony Sheppard for his tenacity in pushing for this life-saving effort.

Michael A. Dennis
Gilbert

Syrees Gillens Oliver promoted to Public Involvement Director

Syrees Gillens Oliver of Columbia is now the Public Involvement Director in the Environmental Services Office. She was previously a DBE Certification Program Manager.

In her new position, she will be responsible for managing public involvement policies and practices for the Planning and Environmental Divisions of SCDOT.

Oliver started her career at SCDOT in 2001 as an administrative assistant in Program Development East and RPG-1.

She has also worked as certification analyst in the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Office and an Affirmative Action Officer.

Oliver is a native of Eutawville and graduated from Holly Hilly Roberts High School in 1992. She earned a Bachelor of Science in Business Management from Benedict College and a masters degree in Business Administration from Webster University.

In 2018, she was awarded the AASHTO Civil Rights Trailblazer Award and received Certified Public Manager certification. In 2019, she graduated from the SCDOT Lead Class.

Oliver attends Bethlehem Baptist Church where she serves on the public relations and greeters’ ministries and as the Gethsemane Organization Youth Su-



Syrees Gillens Oliver

pervisor. She is a member of the Order of the Eastern Star - Jehovah Chapter #203, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority.

Kaylon Meetze is Rural Road Safety Manager in Traffic Engineering

Kaylon Renee Meetze of Lexington has been promoted to Rural Road Safety Manager in the Office of Traffic Engineering.

She will manage the Rural Road Safety Program which is making improvements along 1,250 miles of rural roads as part of SCDOT’s Strategic 10-Year Plan.

The position was previously held by Bryan Jones who retired.

Meetze started her career at SCDOT in 2015 as a construction projects inspection/manager at Lexington Construction B and Lexington Construction A from

2015 to 2017. In April 2017, she became the Assistant Program Manager of the Lowcountry Regional Production Group at SCDOT headquarters. She became the Assistant Safety Projects Manager in Traffic Safety in October 2019.

Meetze is from Lexington and graduated from Lexington High School in 2010. She earned an Associate in Science from Midlands Technical College in December 2012 and then received her Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from the University of South Carolina in December 2014.



Kaylon Meetze

She has three dogs – Rascal, Jasmine and Geronimo. She enjoys hunting, fishing, gardening and anything outdoors.

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A few project updates



A newly widened section of I-20 is seen here with six travel lanes (up from four) on Feb. 24, 2022. The I-20 widening project is anticipated to be complete in June 2022. Photograph taken near the S.C. 6 / I-20 interchange in Lexington County.

PHOTOGRAPHS BY CODY CROUCH/THE CONNECTOR

I-20 Widening Project in Lexington County

By Brittany Harriot

The I-20 Widening Project in Lexington County is currently close to completion. The project goal is to reconstruct and widen I-20 from mile marker 49 (S-204/Longs Pond Road) to MM 61 (West of U.S. 378) for an approximate distance of 11 miles.

Widening the project also consists of one additional travel lane in each direction. The existing I-20 Bridges over the Norfolk Southern Railroad line and S-1065 are being replaced with a single structure to carry the six total new interstate travel lanes.

All four lanes of traffic on I-20 are currently shifted back to the original configuration without the use of any split travel lanes. Concrete grinding operations on the new pavement were to be completed by the end of February. Traffic will be shifted to the new inside travel lane and center lanes, but the right lanes will remain closed to traffic until project clear zones are constructed. All asphalt paving from mile marker 49 to mile marker 54.3 is complete, as well as all concrete pavement from mile markers 60 to 54.3. Installation of the new noise barrier wall along Ginny Lane is almost finished.

ished.

All shoulder and clear zone construction along I-20 westbound between mile maker 61 and mile marker 55 were to be completed by the end of March 2022. This will open three lanes of traffic within this section of the project.

All westbound lanes within the project are scheduled to be open to traffic by May 2022. Contractors plan to complete all shoulder work along I-20 eastbound between mile marker 61 and mile marker 55 in May 2022.

All six lanes of traffic within the project will be open between early Spring and late Summer.



The Peak exit (Exit 97) is part of the Midlands Connection project on I-26. This exit will be a future diverging diamond interchange.

Midlands Connection Project

By Brittany Harriot

The Midlands Connection Project is underway along I-26. This widening project is a federally funded design-build project that will widen approximately 16 miles of I-26 in Lexington, Newberry and Richland counties. The project is from mile marker 85 to mile marker 101.

The goal of the project is to improve the interchanges at Exit 97 (U.S.176), Exit 91 (S-32-48) and Exit 85 (S.C. 202). Overpass

bridges in seven locations (Koon Road, Shady Grove Road, Mt. Vernon Church Road, Old Hilton Road, Peak Street, Holy Trinity Church Road and Parr Road) will also be replaced.

Right now, construction crews are working on clearing and grubbing, storm drainage, grading and retaining wall work. Bridge construction at S.C. 202 continues, as well as the installation of parapet walls and slope protections.

The estimated completion date for this project is within the Summer of 2024.

I-85 Widening Project in Cherokee/Spartanburg Counties

By Brittany Harriot

SCDOT is continuing work on the I-85 reconstruction and widening project in Cherokee and Spartanburg counties. The goal is to improve the 21-mile long section of the corridor to increase traffic capacity and upgrade interchanges and overpass bridges to meet state and federal design requirements.

Construction crews are focused on the widening portion of the project from mile marker 80 in Spartanburg to mile marker 106 at the North Carolina state line. This work includes grading, drainage, asphalt paving and concrete paving.

Bridge work on the eight interchanges will be ending by mid to late summer. In fact, the summer months will include a heavy focus on paving with crews working around the clock to complete the work.

In the near future, drivers can expect nightly lane closures along the entire corridor for paving work. Motorists should also be aware of temporary ramp closures as the paving progresses to help speed up construction.

The completion date is mid-2024 for the southern sections of the project, while the northern eight miles of the project are estimated to be finished between the end of 2022 to the beginning of 2023.



ROB THOMPSON/THE CONNECTOR

BLOOD DRIVE

Travis Cooper of Regional Production Group 1 donates blood during the Jan. 24, 2022, blood drive at SCDOT Headquarters. The Red Cross collected 29 units of blood from employees that day. Thanks to all employees who donated.



CODY CROUCH/THE CONNECTOR

MOVE OVER PSA

Lights, camera, action! The South Carolina Department of Public Safety recently filmed a Move Over public service announcement reminding motorists to slow down, proceed with caution and change lanes if possible when approaching emergency vehicles on the side of the road. SHEP Incident Responder Suquan Benjamin participated in the video shoot in Columbia on Feb. 1, 2022. Also participating in the shoot were Lexington County EMS, City of Cayce Fire Department and City of Cayce Police Department.



CODY CROUCH/THE CONNECTOR

GEOSPATIAL INFORMATION SYSTEMS FOR TRANSPORTATION SYMPOSIUM

Secretary of Transportation Christy A. Hall explains how Geospatial Information Systems data is crucial for decision making. Hall spoke at the AASHTO-sponsored event in North Charleston on April 20, 2022.



CODY CROUCH/THE CONNECTOR

SOBER OR SLAMMER

ABOVE LEFT: SCDOT's Director of Traffic Engineering Rob Perry spoke at the Columbia news conference, held outside the District 1 Highway Patrol Headquarters on Shop Road. Perry touched on the four E's of highway safety: education, enforcement, engineering and emergency response, as well as the collaborative efforts between SCDPS and SCDOT to improve safety in our state's work zones.

ABOVE RIGHT: S.C. Department of Public Safety (SCDPS) held three news conferences across the state on Dec. 15, 2021, to announce the kickoff of their Sober or Slammer campaign and address the high number of traffic and pedestrian fatalities in South Carolina.



ROB THOMPSON/THE CONNECTOR

FIRE TRAINING DONE ON CAROLINA CROSSROADS ACQUIRED PROPERTY

SCDOT worked with the South Carolina Firefighters Association to use soon-to-be-demolished property for fire fighting training. The property, near the intersection of St. Andrews Road and I-26 in Columbia, was acquired to make way for additional lanes on the Carolina Crossroads property. The training was done March 24-27, 2022.



Deputy Secretary for Engineering Leland Colvin opens up the two-day SC Highway Engineers Conference on April 12, 2022, at the Columbia Convention Center. The conference is a learning opportunity for transportation engineers and contractors.

Conference updates engineers, trains leaders

By Bob Kudelka

The 2022 SC Highway Engineers Conference provided a variety of learning opportunities for engineers, contractors and professionals responsible for the design, construction, and maintenance of our state's highway system. SCDOT employees learned key updates about the agency's direction and 10-Year Strategic Plan, as well as the past year's accomplishments and new challenges ahead. "It's such a great opportunity for our engineers to learn and share ideas, as well as to network with agency peers, FHWA, contractors, consultants and get to know one another better," said conference organizer and SCDOT State Pavement Program Engineer **Chris Kelly**. "This conference pays dividends now and in the future as lines of communication expand and improve." In addition, employees received valuable training from industry leaders and earned con-

tinuing education units (CEUs) for their PE (Professional Engineer) licenses. Kelly said this year's conference had a great turnout, with excellent presenters and speakers on a wide range of topics. Deputy Secretary for Engineering **Leland Colvin** welcomed attendees, followed by updates from Secretary of Transportation **Christy A. Hall** and FHWA Division Administrator **Emily Lawton**. This year's training sessions included topics such as improving safety amid rising traffic fatalities; crane operator safety; "Complete Streets"; the Regional Mobility Program; an update on the Carolina Crossroads project; tips for Right of Way on Design Build projects; new software training; innovation in permitting; the latest in environmental; and updates on the bridge and interstate programs. Kelly thanked the presenters, moderators and those who helped coordinate the conference including Agency Events Coordinator **Tina Kennedy** and Agency Events Assistant **Meagan Hare**.

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Safety Units of the Year

From left: Deputy Secretary for Engineering Leland Colvin, District 7 Engineering Administrator Jeff Terry, Bamberg RME Wayne Anderson, District 3 Engineering Administrator David Hebert, Oconee RME Randy Russell, District 1 Engineering Administrator Robert Dickinson, Lexington RME Mike Bagley, Secretary of Transportation Christy A. Hall and Chief Engineer for Operations Andy Leaphart.



QMT Excellence for Maintenance

Front row, from left: Abbeville Maintenance - Michael Jones, Cherokee Maintenance - Stephen Ellis and Hampton Maintenance - Jerry Gosnell. Back row, from left: Deputy Secretary for Engineering Leland Colvin, District 2 Engineering Administrator Kevin McLaughlin, District 4 Engineering Administrator Jason Johnston, District 7 Engineering Administrator Jeff Terry, Secretary of Transportation Christy A. Hall and Chief Engineer for Operations Andy Leaphart.



QMT Excellence for Construction

Front row, from left: Newberry Construction - Matthew Shealy, Abbeville Construction - Jeremy Hodges, Spartanburg Construction - Will Yarbrough, Oconee Construction - Alan Adams, Georgetown Construction - Chris Bourque, Lancaster Construction - Ken Wilson, Laurens Construction - David Reece, Berkeley/Orangeburg - Keith Green, Lexington Construction - Jeremy Yuhas and District 5 Special Projects - Derrick Tindal. Back row, from left: Deputy Secretary for Engineering Leland Colvin, Director of Construction Robbie Isgett, District 1 Engineering Administrator Robert Dickinson, District 2 Engineering Administrator Kevin McLaughlin, District 3 Engineering Administrator David Hebert, District 4 Engineering Administrator Tim Henderson, Chief Engineer for Operations Andy Leaphart and Secretary of Transportation Christy A. Hall.



ENGINEERING EXCELLENCE AWARDS

Front row, from left: Steven Bouknight, Fran Bickley, Josh Johnson and Iris Neal. Not pictured: Marcus Robinson. Back row, from left: Deputy Secretary for Engineering Leland Colvin, District 1 Engineering Administrator Robert Dickinson, Chief Engineer for Project Delivery Randall Young, Right of Way Director Mike Barbee, District 6 Engineering Administrator Timothy Henderson, Director of Engineering Support Rob Bedenbaugh, Secretary of Transportation Christy A. Hall and Chief Engineer for Operations Andy Leaphart.



RESIDENT CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERS OF THE YEAR

Front row, from left: Lexington A - Jeremy Yuhas, Laurens - David Reece, Spartanburg B - Will Yarborough, York - Jared Bragg, Marion - Jeremy Jackson, Charleston B - Darlene Broughton and Bamberg - Archit Patel. Back row, from left: Deputy Secretary for Engineering Leland Colvin, Director of Construction Robbie Isgett, District 1 Engineering Administrator Robert Dickinson, District 2 Engineering Administrator Kevin McLaughlin, District 3 Engineering Administrator David Hebert, District 4 Engineering Administrator Jason Johnston, District 6 Engineering Administrator Tim Henderson, District 7 Engineering Administrator Jeff Terry, Secretary of Transportation Christy A. Hall and Chief Engineer for Operations Andy Leaphart.



RESIDENT MAINTENANCE ENGINEERS OF THE YEAR

Front row, from left: Sandra Riley of Sumter Maintenance, Mike Jones of Abbeville Maintenance, Joel Smith of Greenville Maintenance, Dennis Moore of Chester Maintenance, Timmy Britt of Georgetown Maintenance, Lance Stroble of Colleton Maintenance and Wayne Anderson of Bamberg Maintenance. Back row, from left: Deputy Secretary for Engineering Leland Colvin, State Maintenance Engineer Cruz Wheeler, District 1 Engineering Administrator Robert Dickinson, District 2 Engineering Administrator Kevin McLaughlin, District 3 Engineering Administrator David Hebert, District 4 Engineering Administrator Jason Johnston, District 6 Engineering Administrator Tim Henderson, District 7 Engineering Administrator Jeff Terry, Secretary of Transportation Christy A. Hall and Chief Engineer for Operations Andy Leaphart.



DISTRICT EMPLOYEES OF THE YEAR

Front row, from left: Rebecca Calcutt of Sumter Maintenance, Jenny Pickens of Anderson Construction, Robert Ryggs of District 3 Office, Brad Trout of District 4 Office, Scott Carswell of Berkeley Maintenance and Drew Vartenisian of District 7 Office. Back row, from left: Deputy Secretary for Engineering Leland Colvin, District 1 Engineering Administrator Robert Dickinson, District 2 Engineering Administrator Kevin McLaughlin, District 3 Engineering Administrator David Hebert, District 4 Engineering Administrator Jason Johnston, District 6 Engineering Administrator Tim Henderson, District 7 Engineering Administrator Jeff Terry, Secretary of Transportation Christy A. Hall and Chief Engineer for Operations Andy Leaphart. Not pictured: Tripp Ward of District 5 Office.



HEADQUARTERS EMPLOYEES OF THE YEAR

Front row, from left: Bill Jurgelski of Environmental, Tony Cooper of Preconstruction, Judy McCormick of Right of Way, Ben McKinney of Alternative Delivery, Kelley Donkle of Director of Maintenance Office, Tammy O'Quinn of Traffic Engineering and Travis Driggers of Director of Construction Office. Not pictured: Kati Holland of Engineering Support. Back row, from left: Deputy Secretary for Engineering Leland Colvin, Chief Engineer for Project Delivery Randall Young, Environmental Services Director Chad Long, Director of Engineering Support Rob Bedenbaugh, Director of Preconstruction John Boylston, Right of Way Director Mike Barbee, Director of Alternative Delivery Chris Gaskins, State Maintenance Engineer Cruz Wheeler, Traffic Engineering Director Rob Perry, Director of Engineering Support Robbie Isgett, Secretary of Transportation Christy A. Hall and Chief Engineer for Operations Andy Leaphart.

Employees recognized for work during winter storms

RESOLUTION

COMMENDING THE MEN AND WOMEN OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING RESPONSE TO THE WINTER STORMS OF JANUARY 2022.

WHEREAS, the employees of the South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) have a long tradition of meeting the challenges brought on by winter storms, hurricanes, floods and other natural disasters; and

WHEREAS, the first winter storm of the season approached South Carolina during the week of January 9, 2022, SCDOT prepared for a worst-case scenario of snow and ice impacting the state by pre-treating interstate and major primary highways.

Approximately 2,500 SCDOT workers, supported by County, District and Headquarters staff, began working around the clock as the storm approached and continued until the last roads were cleared; and

WHEREAS, SCDOT Leadership deployed wrecker service contractors along critical locations on the interstates to assist stranded motorists and remove disabled vehicles to maintain traffic flow. Additional SCDOT SHEP Operators were deployed to counties forecast to have significant snowfall or ice, with up to 44 operators working 12-hour shifts; and

WHEREAS, in keeping with the "ONE DOT" approach that erases boundaries within the agency, SCDOT assistance crews identified in counties not expecting high-impacts of winter weather were prepared to deploy outside of their Districts to assist with road clearing operations in affected areas; and

WHEREAS, as forecasters called for a second winter storm to hit the state in less than a week, SCDOT workers prepared in every county of South Carolina to meet any challenges from this new storm with 12-hour shifts of pre-emptive ice treatments, snow plowing, and spreading salt and other materials to achieve safer, improved road conditions; and

WHEREAS, on January 27, 2022, SCDOT once again began pre-treating interstates and major highways for a third consecutive week, this time focused in the Pee Dee and Coastal regions; and

WHEREAS, during the three consecutive weeks when SCDOT employees were called to action, a total of 3,512 tons of sand, 34,285 tons of salt, 154,393 gallons of calcium chloride and 3.7 million gallons of brine were used to treat highways and improve safety for the motoring public;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the South Carolina Department of Transportation Commission, duly assembled on March 17, 2022, hereby commends and expresses gratitude to the men and women of SCDOT led by Secretary **Christy Hall** and her Leadership Team for their continued valuable contributions to achieve the mission of the Department and meet the motoring public needs for the state of South Carolina.



An SCDOT crew from Florence Maintenance pretreats I-95 near Florence on Jan. 14, 2022.

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On Jan. 21, Charleston Maintenance pretreats I-26 ramps in Charleston. The back-to-back storms had crews working 24-hour shifts for almost three weeks.



Brine making was being done around the clock to keep the roads treated. Here, Florence Maintenance makes the solution on Jan. 14, 2022.



Brine was made at maintenance sheds across the state. Here, Lexington Maintenance mixes up a batch on Jan. 13, 2022. In all, 3.7 million gallons of brine was used during this winter's storms.



Horry Maintenance crews put a calcium chloride tank on the back of a dump truck to keep up with pretreating in the area on Jan. 20, 2022.

SCDOT remembers fallen workers during ceremony

By Bob Kudelka

Before April 28, 2022, there were 89 names on the SCDOT Workers Memorial Wall honoring those who gave their lives in service to SCDOT and the state of South Carolina.

On that morning, at the largest-ever turnout for the SCDOT Workers Memorial ceremony, a 90th name was added.

“It’s with a very, very heavy heart that we will be adding another name to this Memorial Wall,” Secretary of Transportation **Christy A. Hall** told those gathered for the solemn ceremony in front of Headquarters in Columbia.

The name of SCDOT Greenwood Maintenance employee **Charles “Chuck” Kennedy**, who died in the line of duty on June 10, 2021, while on the way to

a work site, was unveiled on the wall as family members looked on.

Hall described how Kennedy, a father figure for many of his Greenwood crew, usually preferred not to drive. That fateful morning, however, Kennedy hopped in behind the wheel of the vehicle.

“Halfway into their journey, everything changed,” Hall said. “Without warning and in the blink of an eye, a vehicle crossed the center line and struck their vehicle - not quite head-on.

“It is widely believed, by the folks that were with him that day, that he intentionally turned that vehicle away in order to protect the rest of the crew,” Hall

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Secretary of Transportation **Christy A. Hall** talks to the crowd gathered to remember and honor the fallen employees. The family of **Chuck Kennedy** was seated on the front row.



A family member looks at names on the SCDOT Workers Memorial Wall. Since the early 1920s, SCDOT has lost 90 employees while they were working.

A plaque with Charles ‘Chuck’ Barry Kennedy was unveiled during this year’s ceremony. Kennedy died in a vehicle accident on his way to the worksite on June 10, 2021.

CHARLES “CHUCK” BARRY KENNEDY
GREENWOOD MAINTENANCE
JUNE 10, 2021



Deputy Secretary for Finance and Administration **Justin Powell**, left, and Deputy Secretary for Intermodal Planning **Brent Rewis**, right, read the names of those on the wall as Chief Engineer for Project Delivery **Randall Young** rings a bell after each name was read.



Near the end of the ceremony, Director of Maintenance **David Cook** and **Hall** place a wreath on the memorial wall.



The audience included family members and coworkers of those on the memorial wall.

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said, adding that Kennedy “without question was a hero that day.”

“The tragedy of that day was immeasurable,” Hall said. “The impact of the loss of Chuck to his family, including the DOT family, is still incredibly deep.”

In addition to Hall SCDOT Commission Chairman David E. “Gene”

Branham Sr. and Deputy Secretary for Engineering **Leland Colvin** spoke at the ceremony.

Each of the 90 names were read aloud by Deputy Secretary for Finance and Administration **Justin Powell** and Deputy Secretary for Intermodal Planning **Brent Rewis** as a silver bell was rung by Chief Engineer for Project Delivery **Randall Young**.

A bagpiper played “Amazing Grace” as a wreath was laid at the wall by Hall and Director of Maintenance

David Cook.

“Let us always remember the boundless courage, enduring faithfulness, the steadfast commitment of these 90 men and women in fulfilling the mission of the SCDOT,” Hall said. “We are humbled by their unwavering dedication in answering the call to service. They are always in our thoughts and will forever remain in our hearts.

“Let us all please continue to pray that we do not add another name to this wall.”



SCDOT WORKERS MEMORIAL
 IN MEMORY OF THOSE WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES IN SERVICE
 TO SCDOT AND THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

- ASA TEAGUE**
11/4/1925 – Laurens Maintenance
- LAUDE P. GENTRY**
2/13/1930 – Columbia Maintenance
- H. F. ULMER**
1/1/1939 – Headquarters
- B. M. PROCTOR**
1/1/1939 – Headquarters
- FRANCIS CURTIS DeVORE**
1/14/46 – Richland Maintenance
- WILLIAM LEE WHITE**
10/17/1947 – Chester Maintenance
- JOSEPH GUY SIMMONS**
4/4/1951 – Allendale Maintenance
- ELLIS H. LANCASTER**
7/6/1953 – Union Maintenance
- JOHNNIE EVANS McKELLAR**
7/16/1953 – Dillon Maintenance
- MATTHEW KINARD**
10/15/1953 – Richland Maintenance
- FURMAN HATTEN DALLAS**
6/7/1954 – Spartanburg Maintenance
- WILLIAM THOMAS “TOM” JOHNSON**
6/21/1954 – Horry Maintenance
- J. D. NIMMONS**
3/18/1955 – Anderson Maintenance
- SPOFFORD JAMES**
6/1/1956 – Chesterfield Maintenance
- ROBERT CALDWELL RUFF**
5/26/1959 – Newberry Maintenance
- JOLLY RAMPEY**
12/3/1959 – Pickens Maintenance
- DANIEL PERRY PADGETT**
3/4/1960 – Allendale Maintenance
- DONNIE CECIL FULMER**
5/19/1960 – Fairfield Maintenance
- WILLIAM EUGENE CALDWELL**
8/31/1960 – Laurens Maintenance
- CLAUDE M. DILLASHAW**
4/12/1961 – McCormick Maintenance
- DANIEL WEBSTER PEAVY**
4/24/1961 – Horry Maintenance

- GEORGE SIMMS**
8/30/1961 – Newberry Maintenance
- LEROY DAWKINS**
8/30/1961 – Newberry Maintenance
- CLARK PERRY**
11/19/1963 – Supply & Equipment
- THOMAS JOHNSON SR.**
7/8/1963 – Clarendon Maintenance
- JOHN ROBERT WIGGS**
4/16/1964 – Beaufort Maintenance
- MARY ELIZABETH MOORER**
6/8/1964 – Headquarters
- GEORGE GRAHAM JR**
11/25/1964 – Horry Maintenance
- DENNIS RALPH KELLY**
11/17/1965 – Kershaw Maintenance
- CECIL JEROME ALFORD**
2/21/1966 – Horry Maintenance
- JOSEPH MATTHEWS**
3/25/1966 – Greenville Maintenance
- LUTHER ANCRUM**
1/15/1968 – Charleston Maintenance
- MACEO SHULER**
8/28/1968 – Orangeburg Maintenance
- JAMES ROBERT HOLMES**
8/22/1969 – Georgetown Maintenance
- EDSEL C. WEBB**
11/17/1969 – Greenville Maintenance
- AUDIE WILLIAMS**
5/24/1971 – Holly Hill Maintenance
- CLARENCE THOMPSON**
9/10/1971 – Oconee Maintenance
- JAMES EDGAR HULON**
7/24/1972 – Dillon Maintenance
- GAINES JENKINS**
1/8/1973 – Chester Maintenance
- JADIE HARMON**
5/1/1973 – Charleston Maintenance
- VIVIAN COFIELD**
8/20/1973 – Laurens Maintenance
- WALTER H. OWENS JR.**
5/7/1974 – Georgetown Maintenance
- VERNON G. KAMINER**
11/18/74 – Lexington Maintenance

- RALPH EDWARD MOORE**
12/21/79 – Cherokee Maintenance
- WILSON LLOYD KEITH**
8/8/1980 – Horry Maintenance
- JOHNNIE BUSSEY JR**
6/30/1986 – Edgefield Maintenance
- CHARLES W. EARL**
12/4/1986 – Chester Maintenance
- BRENDA FARR WICKER**
7/7/1987 – Engineering Reproductions, HQ
- MICHELLE YVONNE STOKES**
6/1/1988 – Clarendon Maintenance
- THEODORE GIBBS**
9/23/1988 – Berkeley Maintenance
- JAMES EVANS**
7/25/1989 – York Maintenance
- CHARLES OBIE VAUGHN**
4/27/1990 – Anderson Maintenance
- D. A. STEVENS JR.**
8/30/1990 – Berkeley Maintenance
- JOHNNY RANDOLPH JR.**
8/11/1992 – Calhoun Maintenance
- ROBERT N. RICE**
3/25/1993 – Headquarters
- WILLIAM E. MURRAY**
8/30/1993 – Cherokee Maintenance
- SPENCER ROGERS**
1/3/1994 – Lee Maintenance
- MITCHELL DAVID SMITH**
4/4/1994 – Berkeley Maintenance
- CHARLES W. RICHARDS**
8/27/1994 – Charleston Maintenance
- LARRY TYLER**
4/16/1997 – Lexington Maintenance
- LARRY E. STEVENS**
8/5/1997 – Newberry Maintenance
- ROBERT (BOBBY) SHULER**
2/10/1999 – Dorchester Maintenance
- EDWARD LEE BROOKS**
9/2/1999 – York Maintenance
- JIMMY TYRONE HARRISON**
5/9/2000 – Richland Construction
- ARTHUR LEE HAY**
2/1/2001 – Allendale Maintenance
- TED C. YANDLE JR.**
8/16/2001 – Richland Maintenance
- BOBBY KING**
4/11/2002 – Florence Materials Lab

- DAVID A. STAPLETON**
8/11/2003 – Cherokee Maintenance
- JAMES RUSSELL HINSON**
10/13/2003 – Chester Maintenance
- ALAN SNIDER**
1/20/2005 – Calhoun Maintenance
- MICHAEL A. WILSON**
2/16/2006 – Lexington Maintenance
- ADRIAN DANIEL SMITH**
4/17/2006 – Darlington Maintenance
- STANDRA JONES**
12/6/2007 – Lexington Maintenance
- NOAH C. LARK**
4/6/2011 – Greenville Maintenance
- NATHANIEL PRESTON**
1/12/2012 – Holly Hill Maintenance
- NICHOLAS Z. JOHNSON**
12/3/2012 – Richland Maintenance
- PETER TARPLEY**
10/1/2013 – Headquarters
- LANNY COPE**
1/27/2014 – Lexington Maintenance
- DORA R. MARCHANT**
8/7/2014 – Dorchester Construction
- PAUL L. FEE**
2/28/2015 – Richland Maintenance
- TIMOTHY W. GIBSON**
10/4/2015 – Richland Maintenance
- HENRY C. (RAY) NORRIS JR.**
10/20/2015 – Darlington Maintenance
- JOHN KEITH BRANHAM**
9/16/2016 – York Maintenance
- ANTHONY “TONY” REDMOND**
3/13/2017 – Aiken Maintenance
- ROBERT L. CLARK**
3/13/2017 – Aiken Maintenance
- CLYDE HARE MCCANTS**
1/9/2018 – Berkeley Maintenance
- JEFFRIE TODD MCABEE**
1/19/2018 – York Maintenance
- DAVID JOSEPH SIBBICK**
07/25/2019 – Horry Maintenance
- CECIL ANDREW MORGAN**
07/25/2019 – Horry Maintenance
- CHARLES “CHUCK” BARRY KENNEDY**
10/10/2021 – Greenwood Maintenance

Safety and Health News

Ending distracted driving is everyone's responsibility

Many distractions exist while driving, but cell phones are a top distraction because so many drivers use them for long periods of time each day. Almost everyone has seen a driver distracted by a cell phone, but when you are the one distracted, you often don't realize that driver is you.

New technology in vehicles is causing us to become more distracted behind the

wheel than ever before. Fifty-three percent of drivers believe if manufacturers put "infotainment" dashboards and hands-free technology in vehicles, they must be safe. And, with some state laws focusing on handheld bans, many drivers honestly believe they are making the safe choice by using a hands-free device. But in fact, these technologies distract our brains even long after you've used them.

Driving tips



MANAGE YOUR SPEED

- **Slow Down** when approaching all work zones. You will be in the work zone quicker than you think.

- **Follow Posted Speed Limits** especially within construction zones, and try to maintain a consistent speed with the traffic flow. And adjust your speed for weather conditions.

- **Don't Resume Normal Speed** until you see roadway signs indicating it's safe to do so.

MANAGE YOUR SPACE

- **Leave Room.** Leave adequate braking room between your vehicle and the one ahead of you. Count out at least two seconds from the time the car ahead of you passes an object and the time your own car passes that object. Also, keep a safe distance between your vehicle and traffic barriers, trucks, construction equipment and workers.

- **Leave Yourself an Out.** When stopped in traffic, leave a safety zone be-

tween you and the vehicle in front of you. A good rule of thumb is that when stopped in traffic you should be able to see the bottom of the tires of the vehicle in front of you.

- **Watch Out for Tailgaters.** Do not force tailgaters to back off by slamming on your brakes or reducing your speed significantly. This practice can lead to road rage and increases the chances of a collision. When possible, pull over and let them pass. If this is not possible, turn your headlights on and off several times during daylight hours to illuminate your tail lights and warn tailgaters they are too close. If at night, lightly tap your brake pedal to illuminate your brake lights.

- **Wait to Merge.** Take Turns. In heavily congested work zones, use all open lanes until you reach the merge point. Then take turns every other car to merge together. It's not rude. It's safer and reduces your wait time 40 percent.

- **Don't Pass on the Shoulder.** Don't drive across the median. This creates a very dangerous situation for you, construction workers and other motorists -- not to mention the steep fine.

2022 NATIONAL WORK ZONE AWARENESS WEEK

WORK ZONES ARE A SIGN TO SLOW DOWN



Three reasons we should care about safety

HEALTH

No one wants to be hurt on the job and no one wants to see a coworker get hurt either. The main objective for safety in the workplace is to keep the people who work there healthy. When even just one person does not care about safety it not only puts them at risk, but it also creates risk for injury for anyone working around that individual.

LIVELIHOODS

We all work to provide for ourselves and our families. Injuries, even just small ones, can impede our ability to earn an income. Everyone depends on the wages they make at work to ensure their families have the basic necessities of life. Taking shortcuts in safety or foregoing it completely can lead to injuries that put people out of work.

BUSINESS

CONTINUITY

In this day in age the market is global, not just regional anymore. Over the last few decades, many workplaces have felt the tightening grip of international manufacturers and the growth of the internet allowing for products to be made and shipped anywhere in the world. Because of these pressures, businesses have to limit unnecessary expenses to continue on. Businesses that promote safe workplaces and have employees who embrace working safely help limit costs associated with incidents and injuries. Also, many clients and consumers want to buy products from companies that have safe workplaces and are not injuring their employees. When each individual employee cares about safety it helps to ensure that the company will face less of these unnecessary cost associated with injuries.

* Clip and save these great safety tips to keep and remind you. Stay safe, stay healthy!

Safety ^{1st} - Live It!

SCDOT

Minority & Small Business News

Transportation Careers Training Program

By Barbara Beagles

The Transportation Careers Training Program (TCTP) is designed to prepare unemployed, underemployed, minorities, females, and other economically disadvantaged individuals for meaningful employment opportunities in the transportation industry. This program includes Pre-Employment Train-

ing, Commercial Driver's License (CDL) Training (permit only), and Heavy Equipment Operator's Training.

The TCTP will assist in lowering the state's unemployment rate by increasing the number of participants that may become gainfully employed after successful completion of this program. It will also assist contractors by creating a pool of applicants from which they may recruit individuals to participate in

the On-the-Job Training Program in fulfillment of the Training Special Provision Requirements.

Residents of Orangeburg County are eligible to participate in the program. Six participants are enrolled in the training program.

The TCTP continues to serve as a mechanism for preparing individuals for career opportunities in the transportation industry. The 2022 TCTP will be implemented in Cherokee County.

Estimating, bidding courses offered

By Anthony Cromartie

Each Wednesday evening from Feb. 23 – April 6, 2022, the former DBE firm S2 Engineering & Consulting, LLC, facilitated a course at SCDOT Headquarters.

Each week they offered insight about how to develop pricing in

response to a professional services proposal request. Topics included how to conduct a market analysis, assess your competition, develop a cost proposal, determine what costs to consider and some of the pitfalls you need to avoid.

Participants also explored the following concepts: how to market your services, how to calculate your costs, what are the elements involved in determining an over-

head rate, what is the difference between Invitation For Bid, Requests For Proposals, and Market Research. Throughout the course foundational principles included: explanation of bidding process, market analysis, comparative analysis of competition, cost analysis, and how to build a bid.

If you are interested in participating in future courses, please contact Cromarti.AR@scdot.org.



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From left: Grace Hidalgo with APEX Construction Group, LLC; James Cooper with SCDOT; and Luis Hidalgo of APEX Construction Group, LLC.

On-the-job training, advice provided to contractors

Chief Technical Advisor and Compliance Manager **James Cooper** provided one-on-one training to APEX Construction Group, LLC, on how to install concrete invert and catch basins.

This included how to order materials according to SCDOT QPL (qualifying product list) and checking elevations.

The training prepared APEX to successfully install four catch basins on an SCDOT project in Aiken County.

SCDOT's four-person DBE Technical Assistance team takes pride in providing hands on support to not only ensure that firms are successful in completing their work according to Agency specifications but also on-time and in-budget.



Ashton Williams worked with upstate maintenance crews to clear roads during this years snow events. Williams got his CDL while working in Williamsburg County in 2012.

DBE employee helps out during winter storms

Ashton Williams, DBE Technical Advisor in the Division of Minority and Small Business Affairs, enthusiastically assisted SCDOT's York Maintenance in January 2022 during Winter Storm Izzy.

Williams obtained his Commercial Driver's License (CDL) while working with Williamsburg Maintenance in October 2012.

Director of Maintenance **David Cook** contacted Williams to learn if he was available to deploy to the upstate maintenance office which was experiencing a shortage of

CDL operators needed to clear roads and thereby ensure drivers and pedestrians remained safe during this event.

Williams viewed this opportunity as an honor to contribute to the Agency, "It's not what the SCDOT can do for me, but what I can do for the SCDOT."

He noted that the biggest take-aways include taking great pride in being an SCDOT employee and how important our work is to keep South Carolina roads and bridges safe for its citizens.

District 1 News

Kershaw, Lee, Lexington, Richland and Sumter counties

*District Engineer: Robert Dickinson (803) 737-6660
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In-house bridge replacement program

District 1 Bridge Crew replaces 43 bridges since 2017

**By Alan Kozusko,
District 1 Maintenance
Engineer**

Since fiscal year 2017-2018, District 1 has replaced 33 bridges, or 43 spans considering multi-span bridges, using in-house maintenance forces. This huge accomplishment has been spearheaded by the District Bridge Crew. In later years, due to their expertise, the Kershaw County Bridge Crew was also given bridge

es across the district to replace. All of these bridges were posted with weight restrictions, and the cost to repair them far outweighed the cost to replace especially considering the life cycle of a brand new bridge. The average complete cost to replace an old H-10 bridge with a 70-ft single-span using in-house forces was approximately \$750,000 and about 6 weeks from start to finish. This accomplishment could not have been achieved without help from each individual

county Bridge Crew doing the pre and post work...definitely a team effort!

All of the posted bridges on the original Commission approved list for District 1 have been completed so the crew is currently working on maintenance repairs: enabling removal of primary route postings to restore mobility to the industries in our state.

The crew is ready and willing to build more bridges as soon as the next list is approved.



The District 1 Bridge Crew sets the last bridge panel with help from Kershaw and Lee Maintenance. This bridge is on Mary McLeod Bethune Road over Long Branch Creek in Lee County.



Harold Ballard and Jesse Jordan work on the outside of the wall forms while Branden Bozard controls the bucket. This bridge is S.C. 97 over Rocky Branch Creek in Kershaw County.

Got news?

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**Alan
Kozusko**



Motley promoted to Assistant District Maintenance Engineer

Brian O. Motley has been promoted from RME in Kershaw Maintenance to Assistant District Maintenance Engineer in the District 1 Office.

As a testament to the importance and effect of positive relationships with agencies outside of SCDOT, the County of Kershaw at their April 12, 2022 meeting, issued a proclamation thanking Brian for his service to Kershaw County and the State of South Carolina.

Excellent work, Brian!



Brian Motley

Meet James Michael Todd



James Michael Todd

James Michael Todd started his career with SCDOT in July 2017 as Assistant Resident Maintenance Engineer in Kershaw County.

In May 2018, he was promoted to Contracts Engineer at Richland Maintenance. In February 2022 he became the Assistant District Permit Engineer.

Todd came to us from Mississippi State where he graduated with a degree in Mechanical Engineering.

He has a wife, Rachel, three sons, Austin, Aidan, and Avery. They have 2 dogs and 3 cats, all indoors.

He enjoys taking kids to soccer games, boating, riding motorcycles, taking kids for walks and weight lifting.

District 2 News

Abbeville, Anderson, Edgefield, Greenwood, Laurens, McCormick, Newberry and Saluda counties

*District Engineer: Kevin McLaughlin (864) 227-6971
 FAX: (864) 227-6567*

District 2 doing CMRB paving

Cement Modified Reclaimed Base, or CMRB, is a process where a roadway with significant subgrade failure can be rebuilt and gain many years of use.

A large machine, called a reclaimer, is used to grind the roadway, subgrade, powdered Portland Cement, and water into a compactable subgrade. This

mixture is compacted, tested for correct density, and then sealed with a single-treatment chip seal membrane for the curing process. Once the new subgrade has cured sufficiently, a milling machine will mill the sealing membrane off and smooth out the surface of the new subgrade. Finally a traditional asphalt paver and crew is used to pave

between 1.75 and 2.0 inches of surface asphalt.

In District 2, two projects are active where CMRB is being used. Clinkscales Road and Jackson Street in Anderson County as well as Barrel Stave Road in Laurens County will be “reclaimed.” Below are pictures of the process and equipment used.



This image shows a cement reclaimed base with chip seal membrane.



A powdered cement storage tank in Laurens County holds cement used in the process.



This image shows the finished surface course on a cement reclaimed base on Clinkscales Road in Anderson County.

Got news?

Contact Nick Rebovich at 864-889-8016 or email him at RebovichNS@scdot.org.



Nick Rebovich

Meet Gloria Merrill



Gloria Merrill

Gloria Merrill started her career with the South Carolina Department of Transportation in April 2018 as an Information Technology Specialist. Soon she was promoted to serve as the District 2 Information Resource Consultant. Merrill and her team manage all computers, printers, cellular phones, and other information technology devices for all 8 counties in District 2.

After earning an associate’s degree in Sociology and a bachelor’s degree in Technical Management, she worked in local industry including TD Bank and IBM. While working for Ahold Delhaize, the parent company for grocers like Food Lion and Giant, she found a passion for Information Technology. That passion for Information Technology would bring her to her current career with SCDOT.

Merrill has two children and lives in Laurens County. Her family extends to her church where she serves as the Music Minister at Beaver Dam Baptist Church. She has even been known to belt out a tune for friends at office get-togethers and family gatherings.

District 3 News

Greenville, Oconee, Pickens and Spartanburg counties

District Engineer: **David Hebert** (864) 241-1010
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SCDOT Rural Road Safety prepares scenic routes

South Carolina's upstate region boasts beautiful mountain sceneries, but not without winding, narrow roadways. SCDOT is committed to providing safe passage for natives and tourists alike.

District 3 put together a safety improvement contract along a large stretch of roadway in the heart of beautiful mountain scenery nestled in Greenville County. This contract is comprised of

providing roadway widening, full-depth patching, resurfacing, clearing hazardous limbs hanging overhead, guardrail installation, and even dedicated bike lanes along U.S. 276.

Organizing, executing and implementing this contract has been a team effort. The District 3 Contracts Department teamed up with Traffic Engineering to put together a project that pinpointed the major safety concerns along this stretch

of roadway.

The contractor is now in the process of completing these planned improvements along U.S. 276 while partnering with the Greenville County Construction B Office to ensure successful project delivery.

Work on this nearly 10-mile stretch of roadway began earlier this year and is expected to be completed in the fall.



The Rural Road Safety project includes guardrail installation in areas to meet safety specifications on a mountainous road to protect motorists.



Contractors do full-depth patching along the roadway before repaving to prevent failure of the asphalt for years to come.

Steven Henderson retires from Pickens Maintenance



Steven Henderson

28 years of service

Steven Henderson started working with SCDOT in July 1993 on the Pickens County Ditching Crew. He worked as a flagman for a few years before making a move over to the Pickens Construction Office.

He worked in the construction office for almost five years as a roadway inspector. He then moved back to Pickens Maintenance as the first Permits Engineer for Pickens for more than four years. He was then promoted to Assistant Resident Engineer for two years and filled in as the Interim RME for Pickens for a year. After being chosen for the Resident Maintenance Engineer in Pickens County, he stayed in this position for 12

Years until his retirement in 2021.

Henderson devoted the better part of his career as the RME where he implemented many processes and procedures that are still in place today and will continue in the future. He created a comfortable, trusting and family style work environment which is what made his career as an RME impeccable and memorable.

"Won't find no better boss or friend"

- Charles Porter

"He always made us feel like equals and was a great friend"

- David Crisp

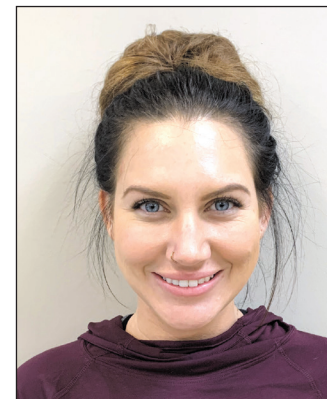
"I will always base all other bosses off Steven Henderson, it will be hard shoes to fill. He is missed dearly!"

- Dakota Bell

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Meet Ray Maollemi

What is the American dream? Just ask Ray Maollemi, a man who came to the United States at 18, earned a tough college degree, and has thrived at SCDOT for 23 years.

Maollemi joined SCDOT in 1999 as an Engineering Associate I. He was promoted to an Engineering Associate II in 2005, and has spent the last three years as an Assistant Resident Engineer, all in the Spartanburg County Construction A office.

He began his career with the Department managing an array of projects including, but certainly not limited to, repaving and bridge improvements/replacements. Throughout his career, he took on more complex projects, including:

- The I-26 cross-slope correction that improved drainage on a major interstate system

- A large contract that addressed major improvements of seven bridges along I-26

- Revamping the I-585 interstate system that greatly increased the capacity of the high volume interstate system, and allowed easier access to several primary roadways in Spartanburg County.

- Maollemi's most recent project prior to his promotion to Assistant Resident Engineer was the successful concrete pavement project along I-85 in both directions between MM 69 and 77.

The rapid growth in Spartan-



Ray Maollemi

burg County has created many infrastructure challenges over the years, and Moallemi has always risen to the challenge to facilitate successful projects.

Moallemi arrived in the United States from Iran in 1976. He attended the University of Texas in Arlington where he earned a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering.

His passion for this work brought him to SCDOT.

Moallemi and his wife have a daughter that has recently graduated from college and is now earning an advanced medical degree in to become a Physician Assistant.

Moallemi enjoys a quiet life full of gardening, reading and watching an occasional football game with his wife at their home in Boiling Springs.

District 4 News

Cherokee, Chester, Chesterfield, Fairfield, Lancaster, Union and York counties

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Strategic Plan Updates for District 4

District 4 is making great strides of progress as we continue to march toward the halfway point of SCDOT's 10 Year Strategic Plan. From the enormous ongoing project of interstate widening, from Spartanburg through Cherokee county to the North Carolina State line, to the replacement of numerous structurally deficient bridges in each county, to the many miles of roadway that have been paved or resurfaced, many improvements on South Carolinas roads and highways are occurring.

INTERSTATE WIDENING

The I-85 Widening Project is one of the largest construction projects in SCDOT history. This project was designed to increase interstate capacity and mobility by increasing the number of travel lanes in both directions from Spartanburg, through Cherokee County, to the North Carolina state line. This stretch of I-85 is the oldest section and contains numerous interchanges and multiple overpasses that will be reconstructed or upgraded to meet state and federal design requirements. Currently there are 23 miles of interstate widening operations under construction in Cherokee County.

BRIDGES

SCDOT is focused on eliminating structurally deficient bridges on its National Highway System and reducing the number of load restricted bridges on the state's secondary system. Based on the original 465 bridge plan, District 4 has replaced 18 bridges and currently has 16 more in various stages in the construction process.

PAVING

Since 2017, District 4 counties have resurfaced and preserved nearly 685 miles of roadway. In 2022 an additional 109 miles are under construction and will be completed by the year's end. Resurfacing projects extend the service life of a highway and elevate the condition to a state of good repair.

RURAL ROAD SAFETY

Rural road safety projects are taking place in District 4 counties. The purpose is to improve safety on the state's rural roadways through engineering solutions to reduce the frequency of fatal and serious injury crashes occurring on these roadways. Improving clear zones, installation of rumble strips, and wider paved shoulders are some of the safety upgrades being made to reduce the number and severity of crashes on South Carolina roads. Eleven miles of U.S. 521 in Lancaster County has been completed with all possible safety improvements completed. An additional 8 miles on S.C. 5 in York County and 14.5 miles on S.C. 9 in Lancaster and Chesterfield counties are under construction.



I-85 Widening



York County Bridge on Auten Road



Highway 72 near Chester after repaving and safety improvements

Got news?

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Lee Oliver

District 4 Spring Spruce Up Totals March 30, 2022

District 4	People	Bags	Weight (lbs)
Cherokee	34	436	6,540
Chester	49	442	6,630
Chesterfield	30	292	4,380
Fairfield	30	253	3,795
Lancaster	37	335	5,025
Union	26	191	2,865
York	47	541	8,115
Totals	253	2,490	37,350

Meet Perry Gooden

Please welcome **Perry Gooden** to our SCDOT family as District 4's newest safety officer. Gooden joined SCDOT on March 3, 2022.

Perry brings with him knowledge and skills honed while working at his previous job with the South Carolina Department of Corrections (SCDC). While employed there, he worked as an environmental health safety officer in several SCDC institutions, including the Wateree River Correctional Institute and the Manning Work Release Center.

Perry is a devoted husband and resides in Kershaw County. He enjoys hunting and fishing and is a talented musician who enjoys singing and playing multiple instruments. His calm



Perry Gooden

personality makes him an easily approachable guy.

Please take a moment to say welcome and encourage him when you see him around.

District 5 News

Darlington, Dillon, Florence, Georgetown, Horry, Marion, Marlboro and Williamsburg counties

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Interstate shoulder clearing continues



This section of I-95 near the Pee Dee River has been cleared as part of SCDOT's Rural Road Safety program.

As part of the continuous improvement of motorist safety along the interstate highway system, contractors have been clearing the shoulder and median of brush and trees along I-95 between the North Carolina/South Carolina state line and the Pee Dee

River and along I-20 in Darlington County.

To date, contractors have cleared more than 180 acres of brush, debris and fully grown trees from the shoulders and medians of the interstate highways.

The clearing of these areas al-

lows a greater runoff area for vehicles that leave the travel lane, reducing the potential for significant impact, and increased sight lines when entering the interstates.

All of the vegetation is ground into mulch and left to return to nature.



The shoulders were also cleared as part of the project. This is one section of the northbound shoulder of I-95.

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Michael Miller



A few photos from
Spring Spruce Up in District 5



Marion Maintenance



Florence Maintenance on U.S. 378



Williamsburg Maintenance

District 6 News

Beaufort, Berkeley, Charleston, Colleton, Dorchester and Jasper counties

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District 6 crews continue to evolve with bridge needs

By Kevin Turner

District 6 is adapting operations to rehabilitate existing structures to prevent, or remove, the resulting load postings.

Closing bridges, or reducing the load allowed, has a significant impact on daily commutes, commerce and emergency services. Essential public services such as school buses and trash collection can be disrupted by bridge weight restrictions.

That rehabilitation strategy, which involved replacing deck slabs with a more modern design, was specifically targeted at addressing an aging structure type that was constructed, largely by in-house maintenance crews, in the 1950's, 60's and 70's. This bridge type accounts for nearly one third of all bridges in District 6.

That strategy was also specifically intended to be more cost than complete replacement yet still address structures that had significant deterioration or damage.

Many bridges were suggested for load posting without the obvious cracks, spalls or other indications of capacity reductions. Many bridges were discovered to be in relatively good condition for their age. Despite the fact they remained functional for the level of service they experience on a day-to-day basis, analytical load ratings exposed that they were never intended to support the size and volume of modern day truck traffic.

Even though previous rehabilitation methods were fast, effective and cost considerably less than a full bridge replacement, District 6 engineers desired to further leverage the remaining service life by adding more "tools to the toolbox." The end result employs an external strengthening method using cutting edge carbon fiber products, which is a technology commonly used in airplanes, racecars and high-end athletic equipment.

The specific application used was a series of 4-inch wide strips measuring only a couple of millimeters thick. They are ultra-lightweight, durable and capable of adding significant strength to existing structural elements.



Carbon fiber strips applied underneath certain bridges can fix weight load restrictions.

We need to provide proof of concept prior to field operations before using this new product. We had to work in and around field obstructions with materials that only remain workable for 15 minutes. We had plan an execution that was manageable or all efforts would be wasted.

SCDOT worked with manufacturer representatives to erect a test slab to simulate actual field conditions in the yard requiring us to work overhead on actual bridge elements that would represent a "worst case" level of structural deterioration. If we could be successful in a mock, worst case scenario on our first attempt we would feel confident we could be successful on an in-service bridge.

The manufacturer's representative approved our work and certified the Specialized Bridge Crew as official installers of their product. The slab was shipped to Clemson University to be fatigue tested to better define our expected strength gains.

The first field application was a high-volume, two-lane secondary highway in Berkeley County. Recent weight restrictions made a local fire station detour several miles to reach hundreds of homes that would otherwise be less than one mile away. Every second counts during emergency response and fire response times can impact home own-

er's insurance rates.

To strengthen the bridge, the concrete surface was first prepared by grinding and removing surface irregularities and widespread contaminants and applying cleaning solvents. Carbon fiber strips were then cut to size and cleaned with similar solvents. A two-part epoxy, specifically designed for structural strengthen, was then applied to the concrete

Meet Tyler Ward



Tyler Ward, left, poses with his family. From left: Tyler Ward, Isla, Aly and Everett.

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surface and to the carbon fiber with a custom built die box. Finally the strips were adhered to the concrete surface and protected from vibrations or other external forces until initial set had been achieved. Since the procedure utilizes ultra-light materials, conventional equipment, and has relatively few procedural steps, it has proven to be efficient and relatively non-disruptive to the public. A crew of five to seven employees can strengthen a bridge span in one to two days.

The finished project was again rated by structural engineers who determined the structure no longer required posting and the adjacent 78,000 lb. fire truck could safely traverse the structure. The numerical analysis was substantiated by field load testing which was performed before and after the strengthening work.

Not only was the in-house work successful it was capable of being performed under routine lane closures which greatly minimized the impact to commuters.

District 6 intends to strengthen many more bridges in this manner, including those on primary routes, in order to remove weight restrictions.

Tyler Ward is the Assistant Resident Maintenance Engineer at Colleton Maintenance.

He was born and raised in Galax, VA, where he started his career with a Virginia Department of Transportation maintenance contract. In spring 2018, he became a crew leader at SCDOT at Beaufort Maintenance. He was promoted to his new position at Colleton Maintenance earlier this year.

Ward earned a Master of Science in Civil Engineering from NJIT in May 2021.

In his spare time, he likes spending time with family exploring all that the Lowcountry, lakes and the mountains in the upstate have to offer.

District 7 News

Aiken, Allendale, Bamberg, Barnwell, Calhoun, Clarendon, Hampton and Orangeburg counties

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District 7 observes National Work Zone Awareness Week

Barnwell Assistant Resident Maintenance Engineer **Dennis Buckmon** and several employees from Barnwell Maintenance conducted a training exercise and demonstration on work zone safety.

The training showed proper set-up of a work zone where both lanes are under repair in the same general area. Flaggers are positioned and rotated and stay with the work zone for the duration of work, alternating breaks so that the work zone is always manned.

Buckmon says that as they switch from one side to the other they simply adjust the beginning and ending tapers. Flaggers are continuously present, providing direction, guidance and safety for the motoring public.



PHOTOGRAPHS BY DANNY SIMMONS/DISTRICT 7

Assistant Resident Maintenance Engineer Dennis Buckmon discusses and reviews the Job Hazard Analysis with the crew during the National Work Zone awareness Week training exercise.

Spring Spruce Up



A group of District 7 employees pose for a photo after picking up litter on March 30, 2022.



Bamberg Maintenance won the District 7 ROADeo and show off the District trophy named in honor of former Bamberg RME Harry Gene Taylor. Bamberg has won the past two years. From left: Anthony Islar, Isaac James, Amy Taylor, Randy Stachewicz, Betty Brandyburg, Wayne Anderson, Marvin Zeigler, Joshua Strock and Bill Melvin.

The District 7 ROADeo Competition

March 28, 2022
at SCDOT Aiken Maintenance

The individual competition winners are:

Tractor Truck w/Lowboy Trailer 1st Place
Randy Stachewicz of Bamberg Maintenance

Tandem Axle Dump Truck 1st place
Harold Walker of Barnwell Maintenance

Single Axle Dump Truck 1st place
Cesar Aldrete of Aiken Maintenance

Tractor Mower 1st place
Steven Ford of Barnwell Maintenance

Backhoe 1st place
Joshua Williams of Calhoun Maintenance

Motor Grader 1st place
Allen Lorick of Calhoun Maintenance

SCDOT mourns the passing of Harry Bancroft Limehouse Jr.

The South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) is saddened to learn of the passing of Harry Bancroft "Buck" Limehouse Jr.

Among other roles at the Department, Limehouse served as the first Secretary of Transportation in the history of the agency. He was appointed by former Governor Mark Sanford and confirmed by the SC Senate in August of 2007. Previous to his appointment, Limehouse served as Executive Director of the agency, having been named to that position by the SCDOT Commission in May of 2007.

The former Secretary's experience in transportation ran far and wide in both South Carolina and throughout the Southeast. He was elected to the SCDOT Commission representing the 1st Con-

gressional District in 1993. In 1994 Governor Campbell appointed him to serve as the Commission's Chairman. He was reappointed as Chairman by Governor David Beasley in 1995, serving until 1999.

During his tenure as SCDOT Commission Chairman, and as a member of the State Infrastructure Bank Board, he was involved in the initiation of several transportation projects that totaled in the billions of dollars in value. Some of those projects include the Cross Island Parkway, the Southern Connector, the Conway Bypass (S.C. 22) and the Carolina Bays Parkway (S.C. 31)

Limehouse led the effort for SCDOT to acquire Sandy Island in Georgetown County. This preservation purchase permitted SCDOT to create a mitigation

bank of 9,000 acres. That action allowed the coastal projects to move forward at an accelerated rate. In addition, the island was protected from further development.

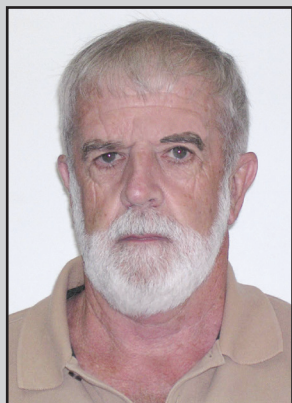
Secretary of Transportation **Christy A. Hall** said the passing of Limehouse is a great loss. "Buck Limehouse was a wealth of experience and knowledge of transportation issues in South Carolina. His leadership during his service as Secretary of Transportation set the tone for our current 10-Year Plan to rebuild our state's roads and bridges," said Hall.

Limehouse was a native of Charleston and a 1960 graduate of The Citadel. He received the state's highest honor, the Order of the Palmetto in 1995 from Governor Campbell and again in 1999 from Governor Beasley.



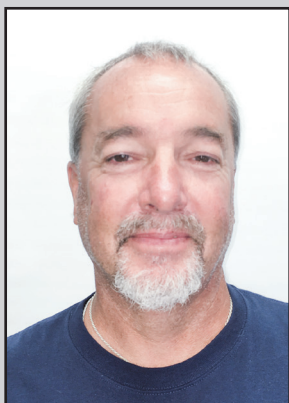
Harry Bancroft 'Buck' Limehouse Jr.

DEATHS



J. Hazel Burgess

Julian Hazel Burgess Jr., 82, a retiree from Research and Materials, died Jan. 26, 2022.



Brian Clack

Brian K. Clack, 56, of District 4 Traffic Signals, died Feb. 2, 2022.



Maxine Craft

Ruth Maxine Craft, 92, former SCDOT security guard from Swansea, died on Dec. 17, 2021.



Scott Davenport

Francis Scott Davenport III, 66, retired SCDOT engineer from Columbia, died April 5, 2022.



Timmy Jefferson

Timmy Jefferson, 66, retiree from Lexington Maintenance, from North, died Feb. 15, 2022.

William L. Ellis, 90, former Road Design engineer from Leesville, died Feb. 12, 2022.

Charlie A. McDuffie Jr., 92 former SCDOT utilities engineer of Columbia, died Jan. 25, 2022.

David S. McJunkins, 50, of Greenville Maintenance, died Feb. 12, 2022.

Carroll Alfie Norris, 76, SCDOT retiree from Loris, died on March 6, 2022.

Dennis W. Smith, 51, of Colleton Maintenance, died Nov. 26, 2021.



Bradley Mitchell

Bradley A. Mitchell, 26, of York Maintenance, died Dec. 2, 2021.



Tony Perry

Tony Perry, 62, retiree from RPG-4 from Sumter, died on Jan. 30, 2022.



Morgan Sanders

Morgan B. Sanders, 35, of Orangeburg Maintenance, died Jan. 22, 2022.



Julia Slater

Julia Ann Slater, 74, Building Maintenance retiree from Rembert, died on Sept. 9, 2021.



Stephen Smith

Stephen P. Smith, 78, retiree from the Business Development Center, died on Jan. 22, 2022.



VIEWPOINTS

By Christy A. Hall
South Carolina Secretary
of Transportation

I hope you all feel the same sense of pride that I feel when reading the pages of this Connector. I often say that “proof of performance” matters and this edition of The Connector showcases the quality, dedication and drive of our OneDOT Team.

Additionally, I am expecting that the General Assembly

will recognize the superb performance of the SCDOT Team by allocating additional funding to our budget to accelerate some of our interstate widening work. This affirmation by the Legislature itself speaks volumes, especially given the fact that nearly 10 years ago SCDOT was in dire financial straits.

While I am often the public face of the agency, I am well aware that our collective success as a team is dependent on each

and every member. That sentiment has never been more true than it is now, given our workforce strength challenges in nearly all areas of the agency.

As we work to improve our manpower levels, I ask that you all continue to keep the safety of you and your colleagues at the forefront of your minds. I am well aware of the pressures and time constraints that you feel when that whirlwind overtakes us every day, but we must remain vigilant

so everybody makes it back home to their families at the end of the workday. We have lost too many team members to careless drivers and workplace accidents.

I continue to pray every single day that our team remains healthy, strong and agile as we navigate this challenging environment.

I remain honored to serve as your Secretary and am truly thankful for your commitment to our mission.

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Meet Max Metcalf

SCDOT's newest commissioner

Max Metcalf, Manager of Government and Community Relations at BMW Manufacturing, has been appointed to the South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) Commission representing the 4th Congressional District.

He joined the Commission for the May 19 meeting in Columbia.

Metcalf is a 1986 graduate of Clemson University where he earned a Bachelor of Arts in Economics.

Metcalf was the Director of Transportation and Intergovernmental Relations in the Office of Governor Carroll A. Campbell, Jr.; District Administrator for the Office of Congressman Bob Inglis; and Vice President of Public Policy with the Greater Greenville Chamber of Commerce until joining BMW in 2001.

In addition, he is past Chairman of the Board of Directors, Greater Greenville Chamber of Commerce; past Chairman of the SC Manufacturers Alliance; past Chairman, Upstate SC Alliance; inaugural member, Clemson University Industry Advisory Board; Secretary-Treasurer, South Carolina Charities, Inc., dba/ BMW Charity Pro-Am presented by TD SYNEX; and a member of AdvanceSC.

Metcalf is a 1993 recipient of the Order of the Palmetto. He is married and has a daughter.



Commissioner Max Metcalf
4th Congressional District



SCDOT won an Engineering Excellence Award for the agency's work to repair a damaged tendon (cable) on the I-526 Wando River Bridge. The damage was discovered during a routine inspection on May 14, 2018. The repair project included a series of lane reversals designed to keep traffic open on the bridge in both directions. The bridge was fully reopened to traffic in three weeks on June 2, 2018. The national award was presented by the American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC).