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Three Seats to Open on SCDOT Commission

COLUMBIA -- A joint legislative panel is accepting notice from residents living in South Carolina's 2nd, 4th, and 6th Congressional districts who are interested in running for a seat on the South Carolina Department of Transportation Commission. The Joint Transportation Review Committee (JTRC) will receive notices of intent until 12:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 31, 2013.

Applicants must meet statutorily prescribed eligibility requirements and must possess certain qualifications in order to stand for election. Applicants will undergo a screening process that includes a South Carolina Law Enforcement Division background check, a credit check, completion of a comprehensive personal data questionnaire, a financial disclosure, and a South Carolina Ethics Commission Statement of Economic Interests form. The process also includes an investigation, and a public screening by the ten-member JTRC and its staff.

Only individuals found qualified may stand for election by those members of the General Assembly who reside in the 2^{nd} , 4^{th} , and 6^{th} Congressional districts. Commission terms are for four years and begin February 15, 2014.

Prospective candidates living in South Carolina's 2nd, 4th, and 6th Congressional districts must notify the Joint Transportation Review Committee in writing of their intent to apply. <u>The letter must include the person's:</u> 1) original signature, 2) county of residence, 3) physical home address, 4) email, and 5) daytime phone number. Notice of intent will not be accepted after 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 29, 2013.

Notice of intent and questions related to the screening process should be directed to:

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More information is available at <u>www.scstatehouse.gov</u> under 'Committee Information', then 'Joint Transportation Review Committee'.