**Six File For DOT’s Third District; Governor Names Appointee**

 April 28, 2009

The individuals below have applied for the S.C. Department of Transportation Commission’s Third District seat.  The deadline for submitting an application is now closed.

Third Congressional District Applicants:

Mr. Roy E. “Eddie” Adams Seneca

Mr. Charles C. Eberhart Belton

Mr. J. Phillip Bowers Pickens

Mr. C. Douglas Finney Pickens

Mr. Edward H. Martin Central

Mr. Gerry Lyons Piedmont

The following individual has been appointed by the Governor to serve as the at-large appointment to the commission:

Mr. Kim Kauffman Greer

The Joint Transportation Review Committee (JTRC) is responsible for determining whether each applicant for the Commission is qualified and meets the requirements provided by law to serve. The JTRC then submits the names of all qualified candidates to the congressional district delegation for election to the Commission, or, in the case of the at-large appointment, to the General Assembly and the Governor.

The JTRC is now in the investigative phase of this review process. A public hearing concerning the qualifications of these applicants is tentatively scheduled for the week of May 12, after which a report of the committee’s findings of qualified candidates will be released.

The date that this report will be released has not been determined. The congressional delegation will be free to vote for commissioner to represent the district after the final report is issued.

Questions about this process should be directed to David Owens at the JTRC, 803-212-6402, or owensd@scsenate.org.