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Chairman Wm. Weston J. Newton  
House Legislative Oversight Committee  
SC House of Representatives  
Room 228 Blatt Building  
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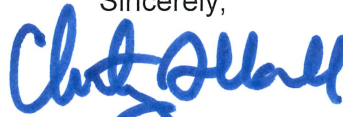
Dear Chairman Newton:

I received in the mail today your letter requesting some updated information from SCDOT as part of the annual update to the House Oversight Committee. I appreciate the recognition that it was premature for SCDOT to submit any updated information prior to the passage of the Roads Bill because of the great potential for resourcing and governance changes at the Agency. Now that the Roads Bill has passed and we have analyzed the financials carefully, our next step is to get the SCDOT's Commission formal approval of the 10-year investment plan for the use of the new revenues.

At the June 15, 2017 SCDOT Commission meeting, we expect to formally present to the SCDOT Commission the priorities and proposed performance measures to align with the items we had presented to the General Assembly during the debate: Rural Road Safety and Additional Resurfacing. Concurrently, we are also in the process of finalizing our Strategic Plan to reflect the expected Commission approval of the new road funding as well as making many of the recommended improvements identified by the Legislative Audit Council and our "Structural Efficiency Study" consultant.

We are very appreciative of the leadership shown by the House of Representatives with regards to the need to invest in the infrastructure of our Great State. The work of the House Legislative Oversight subcommittee and committee over the past year was a very important component to the debate for reform and investment in South Carolina's infrastructure. One of my personal objectives as Secretary is to rebuild SCDOT's credibility by ensuring that we are providing accurate and meaningful information about the use of tax payer funds for road and bridge work by SCDOT. Therefore I respectfully request your indulgence as we make our final updates and receive the formal approval of our governing board for our SFY 17-18 and beyond programs. I expect to have these items finalized over the next 30-45 days and will submit them to your Committee as soon as possible. I am available to discuss any concerns or suggestions you or any other committee member may have with this approach.

Sincerely,



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Secretary of Transportation

