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**Economic Development, Transportation, Natural Resources and Regulatory Subcommittee Meeting
November 4, 2015
10:00 a.m.
Room 110 - Blatt Building**

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- I. Pursuant to House Legislative Oversight Committee Rule 6.8, S.C. ETV was allowed access for streaming the Subcommittee meeting. You may access archived video of this meeting by visiting the South Carolina General Assembly's website (<http://www.scstatehouse.gov>) and click on "Committee Postings and Reports," then under House Standing Committees click on "Legislative Oversight". Lastly, click on "Video Archives" for a listing of archived videos for the Legislative Oversight Committee.

MINUTES

- I. House Rule 4.5 requires the standing committees of the House to prepare and make available for public inspection, in compliance with Section 30-4-90, the minutes of full committee meetings. House Rule 4.5 further provides that such minutes need not be verbatim accounts of such meetings. It is the practice of the House Legislative Oversight Committee to provide minutes, which are not verbatim accounts of such meetings, for its Subcommittee meetings.

Attendance

- II. The Economic Development, Transportation, Natural Resource and Regulatory Subcommittee (Subcommittee) meeting was called to order by Subcommittee Chair Phyllis J. Henderson on Wednesday, November 4, 2015, in Room 110 of the Blatt Building, Columbia, South Carolina. The following Subcommittee Members were present: Subcommittee Chair Henderson, Representative Robert L. Ridgeway III, Representative Samuel Rivers, Jr., and Representative Ralph W. Norman.

Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting

III. Subcommittee Chair Henderson submitted proposed minutes from the Committee’s previous meeting, August 11, 2015. Representative Ridgeway moved to approve the minutes. A roll call vote was held, and all present voted in favor of approval.

Rep. Ridgeway’s Motion to Approve the Minutes from the August 11, 2015 Meeting	Yea	Nay	Not Voting
Rep. Phyllis Henderson	Yea		
Rep. Ralph Norman	Yea		
Rep. Robert Ridgeway	Yea		
Rep. Samuel Rivers	Yea		

Continued Discussion of the Study of the Department of Transportation

IV. This was the fifth meeting with the Department of Transportation (“DOT”) held to provide the agency and the public an update on the status of the oversight study of the agency. Subcommittee Chair Henderson stated that the purpose of the meeting was to continue its discussion of the DOT study.

Subcommittee Chair Henderson extended congratulations on behalf of the Subcommittee to Transportation Secretary Hall on her new position.

Subcommittee Chair Henderson then swore in all of those present who were to testify before the Subcommittee on behalf of the Department of Transportation, which included: Interim Secretary of Transportation Christy Hall, Chief of Staff Wendy Nicholas, Deputy Secretary of Intermodal Planning Ron Patton, Deputy Secretary for Finance and Procurement Brian Keys, Chief Engineering for Operation Andrew Leaphart, and Chief Engineer for Project Delivery Leland Colvin.

Subcommittee Chair Henderson provided an update on steps that had been taken so far in the study of the DOT. She stated that the Legislative Audit Council is in the process of conducting a comprehensive audit of DOT, and that the audit is expected in the spring of 2016.

Committee staff presented and explained the completed staff study to the Subcommittee.

Subcommittee Chair Henderson thanked Committee staff for their hard work completing the staff study.

Subcommittee Chair Henderson asked Secretary Hall to give the Subcommittee an update on the status of the Department of Transportation’s external review of the agency’s management. Secretary Hall testified that the DOT was in the process of securing an external study on the benefits of outsourcing more agency work. Secretary Hall testified that she had put the external management review “on hold” in light of the fact that the DOT was already being reviewed by the Committee and audited by the Legislative Audit Council.

Subcommittee Chair Henderson asked Secretary Hall a series of questions related to the DOT’s use of federal funds.

V. Discussion of DOT law recommendations from its Program Evaluation Report.

Item 3. The Subcommittee asked the DOT to make changes to the recommendation for further discussion on a future date. There was an objection to the recommendation.

Item 7. The Subcommittee asked the DOT for more information related to the recommendation. There was an objection to the recommendation.

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Item 9. The Subcommittee asked the DOT to make changes to the recommendation for further discussion on a future date. There was an objection to the recommendation.

Item 11. There were no objections to the recommendation.

Item 12. There were no objections to the recommendation.

Item 13. The Subcommittee asked the DOT for more information related to the recommendation. There were objections to the recommendation.

Item 16. The Subcommittee asked the DOT for more information related to the recommendation. There were objections to the recommendation.

Item 22 - 28; 34; 37-38. The Subcommittee asked the DOT for more information related to all of these recommendations.

Item 41. The Subcommittee asked the DOT for more information related to the recommendation.

VI. The Subcommittee took a short break.

VII. Representative Norman moved to require the DOT to present specific statutory language to go with its law recommendations as well as the other information requested at today's meeting to discuss at the Subcommittee's next meeting. A roll call vote was held.

Rep. Norman's Motion to Require the DOT to Present Further Information Related to its Recommendations at the Next Meeting:	Aye	Nay	Not Voting
Rep. Norman	✓		
Rep. Ridgeway	✓		
Rep. Rivers	✓		
Rep. Henderson	✓		

Representative Norman moved to schedule a Subcommittee meeting in January and to allow for public comment at that meeting. A roll call vote was held.

Rep. Norman’s Motion to Schedule the Next Subcommittee Meeting in January and to Allow for Public Comment at that Meeting:	Aye	Nay	Not Voting
Rep. Norman	✓		
Rep. Ridgeway	✓		
Rep. Rivers	✓		
Rep. Henderson	✓		

Subcommittee Chair Henderson explained that the Subcommittee would put the study of the DOT “on hold” after the January meeting until after the Legislative Audit Council makes its comprehensive audit findings available to the Subcommittee. During the “on hold” period, the Subcommittee would begin its study of other agencies, and then come back to the DOT when the Subcommittee is able to review the LAC’s audit. Subcommittee Chair Henderson moved to adopt that timeline forecast as the Subcommittee’s official plan. A roll call vote was held.

Subcommittee Chair Henderson’s Motion to Place the Study of the DOT “On Hold” After the January Meeting Until Such Time as the Legislative Audit Council’s Audit of the DOT Becomes Available:	Aye	Nay	Not Voting
Rep. Norman	✓		
Rep. Ridgeway	✓		
Rep. Rivers	✓		
Rep. Henderson	✓		

VIII. Secretary Hall provided an update to the Subcommittee on the status of its response to the recent flooding across the state. Secretary Hall testified that the DOT would likely be able to provide a financial assessment of the total damage to the state’s infrastructure due to the flood after the Thanksgiving holiday. The Subcommittee thanked the DOT for its effort in rebuilding the state’s infrastructure.

Adjournment

VI. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.