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**Tuesday, March 10, 2015**

**Mr. Earle Powell, Director  
Ms. Marcia Lindsay, Deputy Director  
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**Dear Mr. Powell and Ms. Lindsay:**

Thank you for meeting with Representative Phyllis Henderson and me last Thursday, March 5, 2015. Representative Henderson serves as chair of the House of Representatives' Legislative Oversight Subcommittee in the process of conducting a study of the Department of Transportation. We requested this meeting for the purpose of continuing the discussion, which began during the House Legislative Oversight Committee's February 5, 2015, full committee meeting, about ways the Legislative Audit Council may provide assistance with legislative oversight studies of agencies.

Representative Henderson's Subcommittee held its first legislative oversight meeting with the agency on Tuesday, February 17, 2015. Aware of the 2006 Legislative Audit Council audit of the Department of Transportation and the 2010 follow up audit, Representative Henderson's Subcommittee desired input from the Legislative Audit Council prior to making a request of its own. We appreciate you informing us that a request was made on Wednesday, March 4, 2015, the day before our meeting with you, by several Senators for a comprehensive audit of the Department of Transportation.

While the House Legislative Oversight Committee has adopted Standard Procedure 12.2 that provides for a Subcommittee's input in utilizing the services of the Legislative Audit Council, at the same time this Committee actively seeks ways to promote efficient use of State resources. At the specific request of Representative Henderson for her Subcommittee to lead by example in promoting efficiency, I concur, pursuant to the authority granted by S.C. Code Section 2-2-60(D) and House Legislative Oversight Committee Rule 7.6, with the request

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for a comprehensive audit of the Department of Transportation that includes: (1) an update on the status of the agency's implementation of the recommendations from the 2006 audit, which focused on contract, program and administrative management, and the 2010 follow up audit, and (2) a review and recommendations regarding resurfacing, reconstruction, and reclamation processes. As Representative Henderson's Subcommittee proceeds with its work, there may be additional specific inquiries relating to the Department of Transportation.

If you have any questions concerning this audit request, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for the important work that you do for the citizens of South Carolina.

Sincerely,

Signature Redacted

Wm. Weston J. Newton

cc: The Honorable Jay Lucas, Speaker of the South Carolina House of Representatives  
The Honorable Tommy Pope, Speaker Pro Tempore of the South Carolina House of Representatives  
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