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Mr. Vincent Graham Chairman, South Carolina Transportation Infrastructure Bank 955 Park Street, Room 120 B Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Mr. Graham:

On behalf of the entire Economic Development, Transportation, Natural Resources and Regulatory Subcommittee, I would like to thank you, Mr. Holly, and Ms. Reed for sharing your time and knowledge with the subcommittee during this process. The purpose of this letter is to share requests for information from the subcommittee. Please provide this information by Monday, December 5, 2016.

- Does the South Carolina Transportation Infrastructure Bank (SCTIB) website now list all grants, loans, total commitments & disbursements for all projects as of 10/30/16?
- Is the bonded debt as of 10/30/16 over 1.99 billion as listed 6/30/15? If so list the individual amounts as of 10/30/16.
- Update the list of individual grants where repayment is not required.
- Update the list of projects as of 10/30/16 where funds have been awarded without having a prior application submitted by the applicant.
- Update the list of approved projects as of 10/30/16 that have been funded/committed that have not been derived from the South Carolina Department of Transportation prioritization list.
- Is the SCTIB now communicating publicly the availability of funding? If so by what means is this being communicated?
- Are timelines for SCTIB evaluation of applications now being followed and communicated to the applicant in writing?
- Are there any reallocations of funds as of 10/30/16 that are not listed in an application that is on record with the evaluation committee?
- Are there cost overruns as of 10/30/16 that have been approved/committed without a new application submitted to the evaluation committee? If so please provide the projects and the amount of funding over the original request.

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- Are there any projects as of 10/30/16 that have incurred cost overruns without matching funds being increased proportionally? If so please provide the list of projects and the amounts.
- Are the applications now uniform with regards to the matches required?
- Is the SCTIB using the services of a "financial advisor" as of 10/16/30 and if so provide the names/amounts paid to the advisor.
- Act 98 of 2013 states that the fifty (50) million in funds from non-tax sources transferred to the SCTIB be used "solely" to finance bridge replacements, rehabilitation projects, and expansion & improvements to existing mainline interstates. Has this been followed and adhered to by the SCTIB?
- Provide the current list of SCTIB employees as of 10/30 along with salaries, contracts for specific work etc.
- The General Appropriations authorized new positions for the SCTIB. What is the status of hiring of these new employees? What are the job descriptions? What is the budget amount for the new employees? Who was performing the duties the new positions will now be performing?

In your responses to these questions, please provide the subcommittee with any relevant, necessary context information. If the agency has any concerns about the format of these questions yielding answers that do not provide an accurate reflection of the agency, please express those concerns, prior to responding to the question, in a written letter with a copy to staff for the subcommittee. Please retain your working papers for these responses in the event the subcommittee would like to view those. Also, please provide responses to these questions in such a manner that the information may be posted online. Thank you for your continued cooperation with the legislative oversight process.

Sincerely,

Phyllis J. Henderson Subcommittee Chair

cc: Mr. Jim Holly, Legal Counsel for SCTIB
Ms. Tami Reed, Director for SCTIB
Economic Development, Transportation, Natural Resources, and Regulatory Subcommittee Members