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**Economic Development, Transportation, Natural Resources and Regulatory Subcommittee Meeting
January 13, 2016
12:30 p.m.
Room 110 - Blatt Building**

Archived Video Available

- 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.

Attendance

- I. The Economic Development, Transportation, Natural Resource and Regulatory Subcommittee (Subcommittee) meeting was called to order by Subcommittee Chair Phyllis J. Henderson on Wednesday, January 13, 2016, 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. Also in attendance was Representative Wm. Weston J. Newton.

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.

- II. Representative Norman moved to approve the minutes from the Committee’s previous meeting, which was held on December 3, 2015. A roll call vote was held, and the motion was passed unanimously.

Rep. Norman’s Motion to Approve the Minutes from December 3, 2015:	Yea	Nay	Not Voting
Rep. Phyllis Henderson	X		
Rep. Ralph Norman	X		
Rep. Robert Ridgeway	X		
Rep. Samuel Rivers	X		

Continued Discussion of the Study of the Department of Transportation

- I. Subcommittee Chair Henderson stated that the purpose of the meeting was to allow the Subcommittee to receive public testimony about the DOT.

Subcommittee Chair Henderson explained that the Subcommittee would hear testimony from all of those present who had signed up to speak, and that the speakers would each be limited to ten minutes of time. The name and county of each person is given below, and the italicized notation represents the approximate start time for each person’s testimony on the archived video of the meeting. A brief summary of each person’s testimony is given below his name.

Ronnie Hoffman and Donnie Hoffman, Orangeburg County 4:40

The two had provided written comments to the Subcommittee, and both expressed concerns with regards to the agency’s payment of contractors.

Sheila Hainey, Darlington County 22:30

Sheila Hainey testified that she was concerned that the state was not providing adequate public transportation in her county and that the poor were not being properly served thereby.

Eric Dickey, Lexington County 26:13

Eric Dickey testified that he was an engineer representing an organization that contracts with the DOT and advocates for increased roadway spending. His testimony touched on issues of turnover and funding at the agency.

Ted Pitts, Lexington County 39:50

Ted Pitts testified as a member of South Carolina’s business community. His testimony touched on issues relating to the governance structure of the agency, prioritization process, and CTCs.

Michael Covington, Richland County 50:12

Michael Covington testified on behalf of the South Carolina Coastal Conservation League. His testimony touched on the 2014 restructuring of the DOT, selection of projects by the state’s Transportation Infrastructure Bank, and funding of at the agency.

Mike Wooten, Georgetown County 1:07:00

Mike Wooten is a highway commissioner. He testified about the Commission’s decision to build I-73.

Christy Hall, Acting Secretary of Transportation 1:19:00
Acting Secretary Hall offered brief closing remarks.

Adjournment

- I. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.