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Subject: Information requested from SCDOT Secretary Christy Hall

Swati and Katherine:

Thanks for meeting with me yesterday to discuss the roads bill that will be up for debate in the Senate when it reconvenes next week. I have confidence in Secretary Hall and would appreciate her providing specific information that will (in my opinion) result in a more constructive and orderly debate on the bill. Here's the information I want:

EXISTING INTERSTATE SYSTEM

Provide an estimate of the aggregate cost of needs pertaining to roads and bridges within SC's **existing** interstate highway system. Please note I do **not** ask for any estimate re: cost of I-73 or any other proposed new interstate; my inquiry is limited to the cost of improving and maintaining the interstates we already have. My understanding is the SCDOT has assessed these needs in its 2014 Multimodal Transportation Plan (the "2014 MTP") for a 29-year term, and that the needs include adding lanes, upgrading interchanges, and making repairs.

Next, provide an estimate of the recurring annual revenue the SCDOT would need over the 29-year period in order to address the needs for the existing interstates.

I realize the 2014 MTP already sets forth some assessments in regard to the above; **however, the 2014 MTP assessments are widely considered to be a compilation of wants, rather than needs, and I ask that Secretary Hall's estimates be limited to actual needs.**

EXISTING PRIMARY SYSTEM

Provide an estimate of the aggregate cost of needs pertaining to roads and bridges within SC's existing primary system. My inquiry is limited to the cost of putting the primary roads we already have in satisfactory condition.

My understanding is that AASHTO recommends that primary roads be placed on a 20-year maintenance cycle, though some states use 30- to 40-year periods. Provide estimates of the recurring annual revenue the SCDOT would need in order to put the existing primary roads on 20-, 30- and 40-year maintenance cycles.

EXISTING SECONDARY SYSTEM

Provide an estimate of the aggregate cost of needs pertaining to roads and bridges within SC's existing secondary system. My inquiry is limited to the cost of putting the secondary roads we already have in satisfactory condition. Also, as with the primary system, provide estimates of the recurring annual revenue the SCDOT would need in order to put the existing secondary roads on 20-, 30- and 40-year maintenance cycles.

DETAILED BREAKDOWN OF EXISTING \$1.9 BILLION

Provide a detailed breakdown of the (approximately) \$1.9 billion that was authorized/appropriated by the SC General Assembly in FY 2015-16 for transportation. What I am interested in knowing is the sources of the money, the amounts that are recurring and nonrecurring, any restrictions as to uses placed on money, etc.

