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Subject: RE: ICYMI: August 18, 2016 SCDOT Commission Meeting

Attachments: [S.1258 Signing Statement.pdf](#)

Senator,

Thank you for your feedback. Unfortunately, we were unaware of your strong position for vetoing S.1258.

I have attached the governor's signing statement regarding S.1258 which lays out in detail why this bill is incremental and incomplete reform.

We look forward to working with you and many of your colleagues who have fought hard for real DOT reform.

Please let us know if you need anything.

Thank you,

Katherine

From: Sen. Shane Martin [<mailto:shane@senatormartin.com>]

Sent: Tuesday, August 23, 2016 4:05 PM

To: Mottel, Haley

Cc: Veldran, Katherine

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Dear Haley,

Please pass this on to the Governor.

Dear Governor, this is exactly why I implored you to veto the SCDOT" reform" bill. I now fear that we'll be faced with the status quo for another decade until the politics require yet another "reform". I hope that you will do all that you can to exert what little influence you gained in the legislation to prevent this kind of thing in the future.

Thanks,

Shane

From: Mottel, Haley [<mailto:HaleyMottel@gov.sc.gov>]

Sent: Tuesday, August 23, 2016 9:20 AM

To: Mottel, Haley

Cc: Veldran, Katherine

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Last week, Department of Transportation commissioners approved, in a 7-1 vote, more than \$23 million for "low-priority projects" in one congressman's district. (Post and Courier, 8/18/2016)

For example, commissioners approved millions of dollars for a university beautification project that would revamp the sidewalks and streets behind the Statehouse in Columbia instead of using these funds to improve roads, interstates and bridges identified as high priority statewide projects by state officials. Some have criticized this as "an example of politics coming before actual highway needs." (Associated Press, 8/18/2016)

During last week's meeting, Commissioner Clifton Parker asked DOT Secretary Christy Hall: "Do you happen to have anything that would tell us...what you would do with this money if you had your choice of a list?"

**Secretary Hall's answer: "We would likely apply the funds to an interstate resurfacing project...for fiscal year 2017."
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What we saw commissioners do was an example of everything wrong with our roads system and why we so desperately need reform. The wishes of politicians are not more important than projects prioritized by the Department of Transportation.

You will find video of DOT commissioners debating whether to fund sidewalk beautification projects instead of repaving interstates and fixing potholes here: <https://youtu.be/wKZpP5RISzY>

Please take a moment to watch the video clip, and, then, share it with anyone who agrees that the people of South Carolina deserve better.

Sincerely,
Haley

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