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Subject: Lexington County Dam Update - February 1

At our November community meetings in South Congaree and Springdale, you asked to receive updates on the road repairs on Durham Drive, Ramblin Road and Wilton Road. Below is the current update.

SCDOT has retained HDR, an engineering consulting firm with dam experience. HDR will provide SCDOT expertise in the review of locations where state maintained roads cross, or are impacted by, privately owned and maintained dams.

HDR began work in November, and Durham Drive, Ramblin Road and Wilton Road were their initial priorities. The status of each is detailed below.

Durham Drive: The initial assessment was completed in January and indicated the need for additional review. SCDOT anticipates receiving the final report in early March.

Ramblin Road: HDR has completed their review and provided a final report to SCDOT. The report indicates that damage was primarily the roadway embankment constructed on the downstream side of the dam. SCDOT is now working to finalize a design of the roadway repairs. These repairs will include repairing the damaged drainage pipe located on SCDOT's easement, constructing drainage structures, and replacing and stabilizing the embankment. The dam owner has agreed to lower the pond's water level during construction. Roadway plans should be completed by the end of February.

HDR's review provides some recommendations for the dam owner, but roadway repairs can be completed without additional action by the dam owner.

Wilton Road: The initial assessment was completed in November and the final report will be sent to SCDOT by mid-February. Once the final report is complete, SCDOT will schedule additional meetings with the dam owner to finalize a path forward.

Once SCDOT receives the final reports, we can determine what repairs we can make and what repairs will be the responsibility of others. While this process is taking longer than we would like, our priority remains the safety of our highway system. We stand ready to expedite any repairs that SCDOT has the responsibility to make.

Again, we appreciate the time you took to attend the meeting in November and your continued interest. We remain committed to moving forward with a permanent solution. Our next update will be provided no later than March 15.

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