



COUNTY OF LEXINGTON

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

August 9, 2013

Mr. Danny McIver
185 Tinsley Drive
West Columbia, SC 29169

Reference: Tinsley Drive Roadway Conditions / Request for its Paving

Mr. McIver,

Thank you for taking the time to write and express your concerns about Tinsley Drive. We at the County certainly share your frustrations about our inability to provide maintenance on this road, as well as all of our roads, on a more regular basis. Our Mission here at Lexington County Public Works is to provide and maintain a safe, cost effective public works infrastructure system that enhances the quality of life in Lexington County. We need your help in order to accomplish this Mission.

The County is presently tasked with maintaining 680 miles of dirt roads and 525 miles of paved roads throughout the 700 square miles of the County. Because of the very limited resources we have here at the County in terms of staff and funding, our regular maintenance schedule allows us to scrape each road about every five weeks; depending on the weather or emergency situations, this schedule sometimes has to be extended even further out. Staff inspected Tinsley Drive this morning and found it to be in good condition at this time (see photos on the next page).

We are hoping to find additional sources of funding to pave more of our dirt roads since we currently only have enough funds to pave about five miles per year. Given the fact that we presently have 680 miles of dirt roads and we only have funds to pave five miles per year, it will take 136 years to pave all of the existing dirt roads in the County. I trust that you agree that there is a dire need for additional funding for the paving of our dirt roads.

Tinsley Drive is on the County's Long Range Paving List. However, there are about 110 roads totaling about 95 miles in length ahead of it; therefore, as explained above, it will take about 20 years at best to get to the paving of Tinsley Drive given the current paving funding program. We ask for your support in our efforts to secure additional funding for maintenance and paving of our roads.

Respectfully,

Wrenn Barrett, PE
Lexington County Public Works Director

PHOTOS TAKEN AUGUST 9, 2013



VIEW OF TINSLEY DRIVE FROM NEAR DEAD-END HEADING BACK TOWARD PINE STREET



VIEW OF TINSLEY DRIVE ABOUT MIDWAY HEADING TOWARD PINE STREET