



South Carolina
Department of Transportation

July 17, 2015

Mr. Richard and Mrs. Lucinda Skrip
8548 Juxa Drive
Myrtle Beach, South Carolina 29579

RE: Beautification of Bridge at Reaves Ferry Landing – Horry County

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Skrip:

Thank you for your letter to Governor Nikki Haley concerning the graffiti on the bridge over the Waccamaw River on Old Reaves Ferry Road. Governor Haley has forwarded your concerns for resolution to the South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) and engineering staff has investigated your concerns and offers the following comments and resolution.

The standard practice for SCDOT regarding graffiti or other unauthorized markings on bridge structures is to repaint only the areas that are affected and not the entire structure when the paint system still has useful life. Our local maintenance staff was following this standard protocol and had indicated to Mr. Thepaut that the remaining paint would be used to cover graffiti on other bridges located throughout Horry County.

However, in light of the unique circumstances related to this specific bridge, the wonderful volunteer work of Keep Horry County Beautiful organization, and the significant efforts of Mr. Thepaut's project "Graffiti Hurts", the SCDOT plans to use the remaining paint to repaint the entire structure as you requested. Our local maintenance office will contract to perform this painting as worker safety is of utmost importance in accomplishing this task.

Thank you again for bringing your concerns to our attention, and I appreciate your efforts and those of Mr. Thepaut to beautify Reaves Ferry Landing. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact either me at 803-737-5028 or District Five Engineering Administrator Kyle Berry at 843-661-4710.

Sincerely,

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Chief Engineer for Project Delivery

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