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Austin- below is our update for today. Let me know if you have any questions. Thanks

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South Carolina continues to experience heavy rain this week. Currently, 11 roads are closed in six counties due to flooding or damage caused by the heavy rains that have fallen over the last 48 hours. The counties that have been impacted are: Greenwood, Lexington, McCormick, Richland, Saluda, and Union. SCDOT has been able to open 7 of the 17 closed roads from yesterday and closed 1 additional road in Union County. See attached list.

At least 3 of the flooded roadways have been damaged. The known damaged roads are: Murray Lindler (Lexington), West Shady Grove Road (Richland), and Fruit Hill Road (Saluda). SCDOT Maintenance crews pre-positioning materials onsite today at these 3 locations so that repairs can begin upon favorable weather and ground conditions. Other locations will have to be inspected more thoroughly once the water recedes prior to reopening to traffic.

SCDOT will continue to monitor roadway conditions and take the appropriate steps to close roadways as necessary to ensure the safety of the traveling public. SCDOT County Crews will be on-call statewide throughout the holidays to respond to possible road flooding and potential for fallen trees due to soil saturation and high wind gusts forecasted.

Interim Secretary of Transportation Christy A. Hall reminds motorists to please use caution while driving in affected areas. Do not attempt to drive through flooded roadways or around barricades.

Here is a link to the current road closure map: <http://www.scdot-transfer.org/SCDOTPhotos/RoadandBridgeClosureReportDec23.pdf>

