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Here's a draft statement – it's a little technical but wanted to give you something to work with.

Thank you for your consideration during this hectic time and please let me know if you have any questions.

Draft Statement/social media post:

"As we continue to heal as a state, I wanted to take a moment to update you on some exciting news.

"The Port of Charleston is an unparalleled economic engine for South Carolina and the nation as a whole. This has been proven many times through the surge in foreign direct investment we have seen in the automotive, aerospace, and advanced materials business sectors, and the many multinational manufacturers who make South Carolina their home. In recognition of the port's importance, we fully funded the state share of this project, setting aside \$300 million in 2012. During the intervening time, the Army Corps of Engineers, and state and federal regulators have worked diligently to study environmental, programmatic, and economic aspects of potential deepening and determined that 52 feet is the recommended depth.

"Today, that final plan received unanimous approval by the Civil Works Review Board – a critical step in the process and one that keeps the project on track to receive a Chief of Engineers report in September with construction beginning as early as next year. This is great news for our state."

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From: Godfrey, Rob [mailto:RobGodfrey@gov.sc.gov]  
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Happy to consider a statement or social media post.

We are covered up in significant incoming.

Do yall mind sending over a draft statement and tweet or fb post?

Thanks.

Rob

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 24, 2015, at 3:39 PM, Zeigler, Tate <TZeigler@SCSPA.com> wrote:

Team Haley,

I know things are a bit hectic, but I wanted to pass this information along to you. Tomorrow, Thursday is

a major milestone for the Charleston Harbor Post-45 Deepening Project – the Civil Works Review Board Meeting by the Army Corps of Engineers. The Governor graciously wrote a letter of support for the Draft Integrated Feasibility Report and Environmental Impact Statement last fall, and tomorrow marks the Corps' checkpoint on the final version of those reports (Josh has been working on a possible letter of support from the Governor for tomorrow's meeting – we understand if you're unable to get that completed due to the ongoing events). This preserves the timeline of the issuance of the Chief's Report in September – keeping the project on schedule.

I wanted to share this information with you in case you were interested in releasing a statement (or Tweet about it) after the meeting tomorrow. SCPA will issue a separate release once the CWRB votes, and we will be sure to send to you. The meeting begins at 9am at Corps' HQ in DC and is expected to last approximately two hours. I have copied our PR Manager Erin Dhand on this email if you'd like to work directly with her on timing, etc.

Also, I've provided some talking points, as well as a more formal one-page document with key points on the meeting. If you have any questions, please let me know. Thank you for your continued support.

#### Talking Points:

- Procedurally, the Civil Works Review Board (CWRB) is the Corps' checkpoint to determine if the final integrated feasibility study report and Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), and the proposed Report of the Chief of Engineers, are ready to be released for State and Agency review.
- Last fall, you wrote a letter to the Corps supporting the Draft Integrated Feasibility Report and Environmental Impact Statement – this upcoming meeting is the CWRB's consideration of the FINAL versions of those reports, and will result in a recommendation by Corps HQ on whether the project has the green light to move forward at a recommended depth of 52-feet.

#### Additional Points:

- This project is important for the long-term economic well-being of our state. Our port system is a key factor in South Carolina's tremendous economic growth since recruiting BMW in the early 1990s and most recently South Carolina's successful recruitment of Volvo's first US plant.
- Realizing a Corps recommendation to deepen the harbor to 52-feet is absolutely essential to our economic future and has statewide support from the South Carolina Legislature, business groups, and other stakeholders.
- Additionally, the state's full share of the estimated funds needed for the project, which were set aside in 2013, were fully authorized to be spent on the project earlier this year – further demonstrating both the importance and the broad range of support of the project.

Regards,

Tate

Tate Zeigler

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