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# Gov. Haley reiterates her call for DOT reform

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To assess small-business manufacturing where the rubber meets the road, Gov. Nikki Haley visited Taylors on Tuesday and toured Calder Brothers Corp., a commercial asphalt paving product manufacturer that employs about 75.

While touting recent honors that proclaim South Carolina to be among the nation's friendliest, most patriotic and most attractive to new residents, she reiterated a call for further reform of the state Department of Transportation, a move that she said is needed to fix the state's deteriorated roads.

"The conversation in South Carolina is not revenue," Haley said in addressing questions from employees of Calder Brothers, the makers of Mauldin Paving Products. She did not answer questions from media members.

"We've got the revenue," Haley said. "I don't need another tree bill. I need a pothole fixed. I need my interstates widened. I need to make sure that we've got roadways that work, that we don't have dangerous bridges anymore, and so what I think you will see is a conversation again with

the Legislature saying we can't truly fix the problem if we don't fix the system."

Legislation Haley signed in June enables officials to borrow \$2.2 billion to jump-start road improvements, but she said it does not do enough to alter department governance that relies on legislators looking out more for local pet projects rather than statewide priorities.

"Everybody has been told that if we just increase gas taxes somewhere, if we just add — that's not the problem that we have," she said. "The problem is how you spend the money that we have. The best thing you can do is find out who your House member is, find out who your senator is, and ask them to stop legislatively appointing commissioners. This should either be a Cabinet agency like almost every one of my other agencies where we have state planning and inventory that way, or they should be able to allow me to appoint the commissioners so that we can have accountability. At the end of the day, after that happens, the buck stops with me."

Infrastructure investment and workforce development dominated the gover-

nor's discussions with the Calder brothers — Glen, David, Wayne and Cameron — and a few of their colleagues, Glen Calder said. "She's a strong advocate for manufacturing, but in general, from the standpoint of the Association of Equipment

Manufacturers, we're trying to get the message out to the country at-large that we need to be a better manufacturer as a nation," he said. "There are people like us all over South Carolina, all over the country, really, that are trying to keep manufacturing alive. Manufacturing is important and vital to good jobs and commerce, overall."

One of the biggest needs is workforce development. "It's hard finding welders, machinists, truck drivers. Those kinds of skills are in short supply and big demand," Calder said. "There's an education process that needs to happen with parents to understand it's a heck of an investment in a four-year education. And she can't guarantee you a job when you graduate. But if you want to go learn a welding trade at a fraction of the investment, she can guarantee you a job and a good-paying job."

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# Simpsonville Police collect funding for body cameras

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The South Carolina Public Safety Coordinating Council and the South Carolina Department of Public Safety has awarded a grant of \$58,148 to the Simpsonville Police Department for the purchase of body cameras.

The process began more than a year ago when Gov. Nikki Haley signed a bill requiring all uniformed police officers in the state to wear body cameras. The bill was signed last June in North Charleston, where Walter Scott was shot in the back

and killed by then-North Charleston police officer Michael Slager. After video of the incident surfaced, Slager was charged with murder.

Tasked with how to pay for equipping an entire police department with body cameras, many municipalities have sought available grants. Simpsonville began seeking the grant in January.

"Practically everybody in the state has tried something to get funds from the state," interim Simpsonville Police Chief Steve

Moore said. "They had a formula to determine how much money they were going to give each agency."

Moore said Simpsonville originally sought a total of 50 cameras which would've amounted to a grant totaling approximately \$78,000. As it stands, the \$58,148 total will provide enough funding to equip Simpsonville's 26 uniformed patrol officers and four school resource officers, with five cameras to spare.

"Our patrol officers in-

teract with the public much more often than say, an investigator or myself when it comes to answering a call," Moore said. "The spares could be used for folks who might show up for a call on a crime that's ongoing, like an investigator."

"They would then fall into the policy of having to have their conversations recorded. Usually our investigators do their conversations in the office, so they're recorded anyway."

Investigators will

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sometimes work an extra shift in uniform at a movie theater or concert. On those occasions, they would also be required to wear a body camera.

Moore said there are numerous cameras to choose from on the market, and Simpsonville officials have already done some testing to determine which ones would be best for them.

In addition to durability and video quality, Moore said storage is a big factor in reviewing potential purchases.

Moore expects the cameras to be purchased and fully implemented by no later than January.

"We're hoping to have them before that depending on when we order them and if they have them in stock," Moore said. "I know a lot of people are going to be ordering cameras."

Moore said body camera use will be welcomed.

"It can vindicate the officers if somebody says they did something they didn't do," Moore said. "It also will be helpful for the officers to know that they're being recorded. ... They know their actions could

be looked at by somebody else."