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Attachments: Summey letter to Haley.pdf

Swati and Austin,

The Secretary asked that I forward to you our response to David Wren's media inquiry listed below. I will attribute the statement to the Secretary. Please let me know if you have questions, concerns or would like to make edits. I plan to send to David Wren at 4 p.m.

There have been routine meetings between all of the operating parties. This matter is constantly being discussed across ranges from both the executive management and project management levels. All preliminary traffic study work has been collected and made available to all partners. We have a potential contractor who is able to take the traffic study to the next level and are waiting on all partners to agree on best next steps. We do not anticipate any traffic delays to be caused by the Palmetto Railways intermodal, and to the best of our knowledge, the target remains the end of the decade.

Thanks,

Adrienne

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From: Wren, David [<mailto:dwren@postandcourier.com>]

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Adrienne,

I've attached a letter that North Charleston Mayor Keith Summey sent a couple of weeks ago to Gov. Haley and Secretary Hitt.

In that letter, Summey states that the city is not getting information it needs regarding overpasses the State Ports Authority must build before it can begin operations at the Leatherman Terminal at the former Navy Base. He asks Gov. Haley, Sen. Leatherman and Secretary Hitt for help in resolving the issue.

My questions are: What efforts has the Commerce Department made to study whether possible alternatives to the overpasses are possible and how far along are those efforts? Has Secretary Hitt had any conversations with Jim Newsome regarding Mayor Summey's letter and, if so, what was the scope of those conversations? Will the issue of mitigating traffic delays caused by the Palmetto Railways intermodal project have any impact on the scheduled opening of the Leatherman Terminal?

Thanks for your help,

David Wren

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