

INTERNAL STAFF UPDATE*

Monday, May 5, 2014

List of Updates:

- **Cabinet – with two attachments;**
- **Winter Storm.**

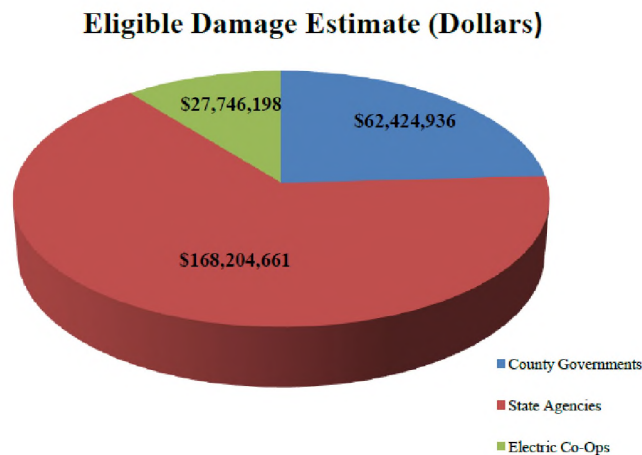
Cabinet:

DOT – Attached is the list of approved projects under Act 98 (2013) from the Transportation Infrastructure Bank. Also, Janet Oakley is in town this week for screening in the Senate and confirmation.

DSS – The federal government has selected South Carolina for a pilot program on welfare fraud. DSS's efforts to fight fraud have been recognized. The federal government wants to fully fund a position in the Attorney General's office to prosecute the fraud that DSS is detecting. Also, see attached letter from JT McLawhorn to Senator Young.

Winter Storm:

Damage Estimates: Estimates rise as FEMA Project Worksheets are continually being completed. Below are current estimates:



Debris Removal: At the state level, DOT will complete debris removal by Friday, May 9th and will then finish reduction and disposal soon thereafter. At the county level, debris removed by the county is 100% complete in Aiken, Allendale, Bamberg, Barnwell, Berkeley, Calhoun, Chesterfield, Colleton, Dillon, Dorchester, Georgetown, Hampton, Horry, Lexington, Marion, Saluda, and Sumter; is near complete in Clarendon, Edgefield, Orangeburg, and Williamsburg; and is only 20% complete in Florence.

- Note that Florence County did not contract for debris removal but is using internal assets and normal road maintenance instead. Almost all debris is exclusively on the 500+ miles of county dirt roads in farm or pulp wood areas.

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**SCTIB-Approved Projects for Act 98 Funding
Anticipated Timelines**

Abbreviations: PE = Preliminary Engineering
 SFY = State Fiscal Year

- (1) I-85/385 Interchange (Greenville County)
Construction SFY14 - SFY17

- (2) I-20 Widening from US 378 to Longs Pond Road (Lexington County)
PE SFY14 - SFY16
Construction SFY17 - SFY19

- (3) I-77 Widening from I-20 to SC 277 (Richland County)
PE SFY14 - SFY15
Construction SFY16 - SFY18

- (4) I-85 Widening (Spartanburg/Cherokee Counties)
Phase 1 PE SFY14 - SFY15
 Construction SFY16 - SFY18

Phase 2 PE SFY14 - SFY15
 Construction SFY18 – SFY20

Phase 3 PE SFY14 – SFY15
 Construction Not yet funded

- (5) I-26/20/126 - Malfunction Junction (Richland/Lexington Counties)
PE SFY14 – SFY17
Construction Not yet funded

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The Honorable Senator Tom Young
South Carolina Senate, District 24
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Dear Senator Young:

First of all, as someone who has worked over the past three decades in human services with a strong focus on youth leadership development, serving primarily disadvantaged and underserved populations, I commend you and the members of the Senate DSS Oversight Committee for your review of child welfare. **For, our children are our future.**

During my tenure as President and CEO of the Columbia Urban League, it has been my privilege to work with many committed and outstanding directors including director Koller. During Ms. Koller's tenure, she has emphasized quality of care and accountability for all clients of DSS. Although the death of any child is one too many, under Director Koller's leadership, DSS has seen a twenty five percent decrease in child deaths with DSS's involvement. This is significant and is directly credited to Director's Koller's leadership. Also, according to a *Wall Street Journal* article entitled "**States Tackling Child Abuse**" dated Friday, March 21, 2014, "South Carolina was not on the list of the 10 States with the highest fatality rates for child abuse and neglect per 100,000."

Over the past year, we have had some shocking revelations about child abuse and neglect that have resulted into fatalities. Many of these fatalities could have been prevented with more vigilance from our community. In an op-ed in *The State* newspaper on March 21, 2014, I stated that "*yet, unlike law enforcement, DSS is often blamed when a parent harms or kills their child. DSS no more creates the criminal abuse it responds to than law enforcement does. Yet, in many instances, some people place the sole responsibility for child deaths at DSS's feet. It is unfair to totally condemn and persecute an agency mandated to address, investigate, and review one of the worst events in our society: the death of a child.*"

I agree that when such deaths occur, there must be transparency and accountability; the public's trust must never be taken lightly. More importantly, however, is the fact that our children's well-being, individually and collectively, is EVERYONE's responsibility. All of us play a crucial role in keeping our children safe - - not just child advocates, DSS, politicians, medical or education professionals, but also the grocery store clerk, the church volunteer, the neighbor next door, and the casual bystander at a community event.



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I encourage DSS and its stakeholders to mount a campaign much like what law enforcement has done with its well-known "CrimeStoppers" initiative: create an 800 number for anyone to call and report suspected child abuse or neglect.

There is always someone who knows when a child is in trouble; we should never look the other way. We all must take responsibility in our community and provide the safety net our children need."

In conclusion, at the end of the day, we must find a way to work on one accord for the welfare of our children, especially those in DSS's care.

Thank you for your service to the citizens of South Carolina.

Sincerely,



James T. McLayhorn, Jr.
President and Chief Executive Office

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