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### Governor Nikki Haley News:

**The State:** Want to fix SC roads? A look at what you can do with an added \$400 million  
<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article56451525.html#storylink=cpy>

The State

That estimate removes costs for mass transit and new roads from the added \$1.5 billion a year that the transportation agency previously has estimated is needed to fix the state's crumbling roads through 2040, Hall told the annual S.C. Alliance to Fix Our Roads meeting.

**Note:** However, \$1.2 billion is nearly three times the roughly \$400 million a year that Republican Gov. Nikki Haley and S.C. House members have proposed to spend to fix the state's roads.

**Note:** Haley's lower cost proposal focuses on repairing the state's most heavily traveled roadways and bridges, said Hall, who is appointed by the governor.

**Greenville News:** DOT chief ties cost of fixing roads to needs, wants  
<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/politics/2016/01/25/dot-chief-ties-cost-fixing-roads-needs-wants/79306322/>

Tim Smith

The state's transportation chief says it would cost \$1.2 billion more in funding per year to do everything that is needed to fix the state's existing roads and bridges but she is giving lawmakers options to see what they would get if they spent hundreds of millions of dollars less.

**Note:** That's a new approach from that proposed over the past two years, in which the state Department of Transportation board used a long-term study to argue the system needed almost \$1.5 billion more a year and Gov. Nikki Haley responded by saying the state could get by with \$400 million more.

**Area Development:** 3i Products, Inc Locates Manufacturing Center To Lancaster, South Carolina  
<http://www.areadevelopment.com/newsItems/1-25-2016/3i-products-lancaster-south-carolina189023.shtml>  
3i Products, Inc., a company that specializes in the manufacturing and distribution of indoor and outdoor cushions and pillows, is establishing operations in Lancaster, South Carolina. The \$3 million investment is expected to create 100 new jobs in Lancaster County over the next five years.

**Note:** "Each time a company decides to move here, it reaffirms the fact that Team South Carolina's approach to attracting businesses and building a world-class workforce is working. We're excited to welcome 3i Products to the South Carolina family and to celebrate the 100 new jobs this investment will bring to Lancaster County," said Governor Nikki Haley.

**Washington Post:** S.C. Republican who called Nikki Haley 'a raghead' to endorse Trump  
<https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/post-politics/wp/2016/01/25/s-c-republican-who-called-nikki-haley-a-raghead-to-endorse-trump/>

Philip Rucker

On Wednesday, the two Republicans whose inflammatory rhetoric has been considered poison pills by the GOP establishment, will appear together at a Trump rally in Lexington, S.C. Kottus said he will formally endorse Trump's presidential candidacy and is organizing what he called "a good, old-fashioned, chicken bog" barbecue to support him.

**Politico:** What Is the 'Establishment' Now?

*In modern politics, running against this shadowy group is the quickest way to join it.*

<http://www.politico.com/magazine/story/2016/01/what-is-the-establishment-now-213565#ixzz3yM1hLgg4>

Jack Shafer

No more sulfurous epithet has been sounded in our current presidential campaign than the charge that a candidate, media outlet, or party represents the "Establishment."

**Note:** The American Spectator's Jeffrey Lord included South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley as a member in good standing for delivering what he described as the "GOP Establishment response" to President Barack Obama's State of the Union address.

## **S.C. General Assembly News:**

**Associated Press:** Lawmaker: Backlash on reporter registry bill made point  
[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=l5XyoGBR](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=l5XyoGBR)

Seanna Adcox

The South Carolina legislator whose journalism registry proposal touched off a media firestorm said Monday he never actually wanted to require reporters to register with the state, but the instant backlash made his point. By "immediately screaming First Amendment," the media reacted to his bill exactly as he expected, Rep. Mike Pitts told The Associated Press.

**Post and Courier:** Palmetto Sunrise: Senate set to discuss roads  
<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160126/PC1603/160129546>

Cynthia Roldan

Three weeks into the session, the Senate is expected to finally discuss the roads bill that has been pending debate since last year. What will be up for discussion remained unclear as of Thursday. Eight lawmakers have been meeting as a "working group" to find a way to solve the impasse that arose over roads during the 2015 legislative session over the past few weeks

**The State:** Morning Buzz: Lawmakers tackle roads, Syrian refugees, SC State this week  
<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article56580293.html>

Andrew Shain

A panel meets to talk about a bill to remake the transportation oversight board in the morning, while the Senate Finance Committee will discuss a roads funding bill in the afternoon. The state's transportation secretary told a roads-advocacy group Monday that South Carolina needs \$1.2 billion a year to bring the state's existing roads to perfect condition.

**The State:** S.C. lawmaker to address proposal to register journalists  
<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article56573743.html>

Cassie Cope

The state representative who proposed South Carolina register journalists will hold a press conference Tuesday to explain his proposal, which he says was intended to show the media's bias against the Second Amendment.

## **S.C. Political News:**

**Spartanburg Herald Journal:** Candidates for Senate District 5 exchange charges  
<http://www.goupstate.com/article/20160125/ARTICLES/160129772/1083/ARTICLES?Title=Candidates-for-Senate-District-5-exchange-charges>

Chris Lavender

Sen. Tom Corbin, R-Travelers Rest, said he doesn't believe his challenger, Spartanburg attorney John B. White Jr., knows how things get done in the state Senate. White said Corbin is not effective in the Senate. The two traded barbs during a contentious debate held at Gramling United Methodist Church hosted by the North Area Precinct.

**Anderson Independent:** Three Republicans file to run for vacant S.C. Senate seat  
<http://www.independentmail.com/news/three-republicans-file-to-run-for-vacant-sc-senate-seat-2a30d74c-74e9-1a91-e053-0100007f405a-366480651.html>

Kirk Brown

Three Republicans have filed to run for the vacant South Carolina Senate District 4 seat. State Rep. Mike Gambrell filed his paperwork Friday to seek the seat previously held by Sen. Billy O'Dell, a Republican from Ware Shoals who died earlier this month.

## **Opinion / Editorial Roundup:**

**Post and Courier:** School Choice Week celebrates student success

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160126/PC1002/160129551/1021/school-choice-week-honors-rising-success>

Editorial

All children deserve an education that meets their needs and allows them to reach their full potential, regardless of income or zip code. This is why every year, millions of Americans come together during the last week of January to celebrate a powerful, growing movement to equip every student to succeed.

**Note:** Here in South Carolina, Gov. Nikki Haley has proclaimed it "South Carolina School Choice Week."

**Post and Courier:** Protect this asset: S.C. State

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160126/PC1002/160129555>

Editorial

Many of the country's 100 historically black colleges and universities (HCBUs) are struggling to survive. In Dallas, private, religiously affiliated Paul Quinn College shut down its football program a few years ago and transformed the field into an organic community farm. Earnings from that project account for about \$1 million toward the school's almost \$10 million budget.

**The State:** Most misleading argument against SC DOT reform? 'We already did it'

<http://www.thestate.com/opinion/opn-columns-blogs/cindi-ross-scope/article56456490.html>

Cindi Ross Scope

SUPPORTERS of the status quo love to say that we don't need to reform the state Transportation Department because we just did that, and it did no good, because the problem isn't structure but lack of money. It's a great comeback, sucking so much of the power out of the call for reform. Just one problem: It's not true.

## South Carolina News:

**The State:** Suspect dies following shooting near Dorn VA hospital

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article56457614.html>

Glen Luke Flanagan

One man is dead after an officer-involved shooting in an apartment complex near the Dorn Veterans Affairs Medical Center Monday. Columbia Police officers were working with U.S. marshals and S.C. Law Enforcement Division agents to serve an arrest warrant on a Texas murder suspect in the 300 block of Byron Road near Garners Ferry Road just before noon, authorities said.

**Post and Courier:** Babies born with neural tube defects in South Carolina keep rising

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160126/PC12/160129606>

Lauren Sausser

Betsy and Jon Wallace discovered they were pregnant with their second child in 2005, when their firstborn was only 11 months old. Betsy had been taking a multivitamin, just as she had done during her first pregnancy, but she wasn't taking a folic acid supplement.

**Post and Courier:** Polls show Americans are becoming increasingly afraid of terrorism

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160126/PC12/160129593>

Lauren Sausser

Gallup pollsters have been asking Americans the same question about terrorism for two decades now and at no other point — except in early and mid-October 2001 — have we appeared more worried for our safety than we are now.

## Local News:

**Florence Morning News:** 2016 economic outlook solid for Pee Dee

[http://www.scnw.com/news/business/local/article\\_87abab8c-c3c1-11e5-a6ca-1bba452de65c.html](http://www.scnw.com/news/business/local/article_87abab8c-c3c1-11e5-a6ca-1bba452de65c.html)

Joe Perry

Doug Woodward is a glass-half-full kind of guy. As the director of research at USC's Moore School of Business, he delivered his economic outlook for 2016 during the yearly "Review & Resources Conference" hosted by the North Eastern Strategic Alliance (NESA) on Monday at the Carolinas Hospital's Floyd Conference Center.

**Anderson Independent:** Anderson City Council backs business incentives

<http://www.independentmail.com/news/anderson-city-council-backs-business-incentives-2a33dbda-5f31-5876-e053-0100007f90ad-366526621.html>

Kirk Brown

Businesses throughout the city of Anderson soon may be able to seek grants through a series of new incentives. A business assistance program consisting of seven separate incentives received preliminary approval Monday night from the Anderson City Council. Qualifying business throughout the city would be able to apply for five of the new incentives.

**Sun News:** Horry County Schools seeking project managers for new schools

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/news/local/education/article56523578.html>

Claire Byun

Horry County Schools is still trying to decide whether to hire additional staff or an outside management firm to serve as project managers over the construction of five new schools. The facilities committee wants to hire more district staff to lift the burden on current project managers, but the facilities director suggests hiring a management firm to oversee everything.

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