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South Carolina Department of Transportation

SCDOT Weekly Update - #11

The South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) has begun publishing a weekly update for the media and the public concerning the agency's financial situation and other important matters. This is an effort to clarify information that has been circulating in public venues that may have been distorted or confusing.

- SCDOT's cash balance position as of October 28, 2011, is as follows:
 - 1) The balance on October 28, 2011, stands at \$32.4 million.
 - 2) SCDOT made \$17.4 million in payments to contractors and vendors this week.
 - 3) SCDOT is anticipating the receipt of reimbursements from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) next week.
- I-95 Repairs, SC 150 Bridge Replacement completed ahead of schedule:
 - 1) Repairs that had required a lane closure along Interstate 95 near Santee were finished on October 22, 2011, 19 days ahead of schedule. The work on the northbound portion of I-95 involved repairs to the bridge deck on the Clarendon-Orangeburg County line. The repairs were necessary after a routine inspection by SCDOT bridge inspectors showed deteriorating concrete on the bridge deck. The concrete span was built in the late 1960s.
 - 2) Replacement of the SC 150 Bridge over Interstate 85 near Gaffney was completed on October 21, 28 days ahead of schedule. After a tractor-trailer crash in the early morning hours of May 23 damaged the bridge's support columns, Transportation Secretary Robert St. Onge issued an emergency order to remove damaged portions of the bridge for speedy reopening of I-85 northbound. The completion of this replacement returns the local route overpass of I-85 for public use.

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