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Mr. Robert E. Williams
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**RE: Drainage and Resurfacing Request for Colonial Heights
Beaufort County**

Dear Mr. Williams:

Thank you for your recent letter to Governor Haley regarding drainage and resurfacing concerns for the Colonial Heights area of Burton. Governor Haley asked that the South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) review and respond to your concerns.

District engineering staff recently inspected the drainage ditches within Colonial Heights area. The roadway sideline drainage was found to be clear of obstructions or deficiencies and appears to be functioning properly. The outfall drainage beyond our sideline ditches may be obstructed and causing backups into the road ditches. Since the outfall drainage may be owned by Beaufort County, our local SCDOT staff has contacted Beaufort County Public Works to schedule an onsite review regarding the outfall ditch system. We will coordinate with you once a date has been finalized to make sure you can be in attendance.

SCDOT prioritizes our resurfacing program using a ranking system to ensure our limited resources are utilized in an efficient and effective manner. As a part of the ranking process, the state maintained roads are routinely evaluated by our pavement management team using visual observations, electronic measurements, and traffic counts. This data is then compiled to create a scientifically based ranking of roads by pavement condition and traffic data. Based on the available funding, the highest ranked road segments are included in our annual resurfacing program. Pulaski Drive (S-739) has been evaluated and ranked along with the other state maintained roads in Beaufort County and unfortunately, based on this evaluation, is not presently included in the current year resurfacing program.



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I understand, based on your letter, that you have submitted information to Beaufort County engineering department regarding the resurfacing of Pulaski Drive. As you may know, the Beaufort County Transportation Committee also receives state funding for the resurfacing and maintenance of state-owned secondary routes and may be a potential resource for your resurfacing request.

Our maintenance forces will continue to address any repairs needed until such time as Pulaski Drive is approved for resurfacing. Thank you for bringing your transportation concerns to our attention. If you have any questions please contact me at me at 803-737-7900 or you may contact our local maintenance office at 843-524-7255.

Sincerely,



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