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Woodrow "Woody" W. Willard, Jr. elected new Chairman of the SCDOT Commission

John N. Hardee elected Vice Chairman

The South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) Commission on Thursday, Jan. 19, 2017, unanimously elected Woodrow "Woody" W. Willard, Jr. of 4th Congressional District as the new Chairman of the SCDOT Commission.

The Commission also unanimously elected John N. Hardee of the 2nd Congressional District as the new Vice Chairman of the SCDOT Commission.

Willard, representing the 4th Congressional District, is President of Willard Incorporated, a real estate appraisal, consulting and brokerage firm. Willard has been a member of the Spartanburg Association of Realtors since 1978. He is a South Carolina licensed real estate broker and certified general real estate appraiser. Willard has been a member of the Facilities Committee of the Board of Trustees at Wofford College since 1990. He is a past president of the Spartanburg Area Chamber of Commerce and was the Spartanburg Chamber of Commerce Representative on the Spartanburg Area Transportation Policy Committee from 1998 to 2014.

Hardee, representing the 2nd Congressional District, is Director of Public Affairs for Lamar Outdoor Advertising. Hardee previously served a term as SCDOT Commission Vice Chairman from 2002 to 2004. Over a six-year period, Hardee helped secure \$1.2 million in funding for enhancements in the Loris community. A portion of US Highway 701 is named in his honor. Hardee has been a member of the Board of Directors of the Central Midlands Council of Governments since 2004. He is chairman of the Midlands Authority for Conventions, Sports & Tourism and was a member of the Richland County Transportation Committee prior to becoming an SCDOT Commissioner again. For his efforts in securing funding for the Airport Connector, the road was named in his honor, the "John N. Hardee Expressway."

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