
From: Ariail <ariailkirk@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 23, 2016 10:51 AM
To: Haley, Nikki
Subject: Fwd: Bluff Road

Dear Governor Haley,

I am writing to ask if you or your office can provide any assistance in getting Bluff Road reopened in a timely manner. Ironically, I believe there was a ribbon cutting opening this afternoon for Tom's Creek Bridge also on Bluff Road complete with media coverage and printed programs yet, no timeline for the remaining 3 bridges has been released nor am I aware of a contract being issued for the replacements. Please consider asking your agency to be responsive and adequately prioritize the Bluff Road bridge replacements. I imagine I'm not the only local who would prefer resources being used to get the road open in its entirety versus elaborate tax payer funded ribbon cutting PR stunts.

Sincerely,
Ariail Kirk
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Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Ariail <ariailkirk@gmail.com>
Date: April 21, 2016 at 12:29:06 PM EDT
To: wootenjm@scdot.org
Cc: glovers@scdot.org, hallca@scdot.org
Subject: Bluff Road

Dear Chairman Wooten,

I am a Bluff Road resident and live in-between the bridges that DOT closed unexpectedly last week. I am extraordinarily concerned with the delays in repairing Bluff Road following the October 2015 floods. The current detour is on a very narrow road that is in horrific condition.

I am writing specifically to ask that you and the other commissioners direct your staff to issue an RFP to be awarded to the most advantageous bidder versus the lowest bidder with the review criteria requiring a 3 month completion. Currently I understand that an RFP is being planned to be awarded to the lowest bidder and won't require completion until 2017. This strikes me as problematic especially in light of the fact that the Bluff Road bridge at Tom's Creek, which washed away in October, still hasn't reopened. Surely there is some truth to the saying that you get what you pay for.

I ask that you consider the damage that taking a lackadaisical approach to road repair is doing on my community and local businesses and have DOT make the contract award to a responsible vendor that can complete the bridge replacements in a reasonable time frame. I do not find 2017 to be reasonable and wonder if there is a way to incorporate accelerated bridge construction to these projects.

I attempted to guess at Secretary Hall's email address, but I don't know if this will reach her as her contact information is not available to me.

Sincerely,
Ariail Kirk