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SCDOT Maps Out Plan for Repairing the Highway System in South Carolina

Correction: SCDOT crews are working seven days per week and sometimes at night. A rotation schedule gives crews one day off per week

South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) Acting Secretary Christy A. Hall has unveiled a plan to repair the highways and bridges in South Carolina. The list of repairs needed is broken down by county. Each of those roads and bridges are identified by location, a description of the problem and the anticipated date for the facility to be reopened.

Secretary Hall describes the plan as “aggressive.” “This is our road map to restore the state’s highway system and reestablish mobility across South Carolina,” said Hall. However, she noted that all repair projects can be impacted by weather conditions.

She further noted that SCDOT has already achieved a **58% reduction in road closures** following the historic and unprecedented rain event in South Carolina. “The work done by the SCDOT staff has exceeded expectations. The dedication of the employees who have been working 12-hour shifts, six days per week since the first weekend in October is unsurpassed. Our employees continue to work at that pace, knowing that the job is not yet done,” said Hall. She pointed to Richland County where the goal is to get 75% of the roads and bridges there back in service by Thanksgiving.

The Midlands region suffered some of the most widespread and severe damage in the state. Richland, Sumter and Lexington Counties were particularly hard-hit. At the peak of the flooding, Richland County recorded over 130 closures. On Friday, October 16, that figure stands below 95 closures. Sumter County reported 70 closures after the flooding. That number has been reduced to less than 25. Lexington County totaled 52 closures at the height of the flooding. Currently less than a dozen remain.

SCDOT has a total of 45 crews working in Richland County. Another 17 crews are working in Lexington County and 13 more are repairing roads and bridges in Sumter County. A number of these crews were brought in from counties less affected by the flooding.

The Road Repair Plan can be found on the SCDOT website at www.scdot.org as part of the “Historic Rain Event” information. The Plan can also be found at this link:

<http://www.scdot-transfer.org/SCDOTPhotos/RoadandBridgeClosureReportOct16.pdf>

SCDOT reminds the public that the Customer Center Service continues to be staffed 24 hours per day. The toll free number for information is 855-GO-SCDOT (855-467-2368) or 803-737-2314.

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