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This update is released by the South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) each week to report the agency's current financial picture and changes within the agency that are evolving during the reorganization underway to improve the processes and efficiency of the agency.

- 1) Another personnel move has been made this week as the result of the on-going reorganization of the agency. Secretary Robert St. Onge has announced that Mr. Douglas W. Frate has been named Deputy Secretary for Intermodal & Freight Programs effective February 17, 2012. Mr. Frate has been employed by SCDOT since 2006 as the Planning Chief for Mass Transit. Prior to his service at SCDOT, he was a transit planner for the Federal Transit Administration in Atlanta and he served as Director of Government Services for the Central Midlands Council of Governments. He had been named to the Deputy Secretary's position in an interim capacity since October of 2011.
- 2) The Comptroller General's office processed approximately \$21 million in payments for SCDOT vendors, contractors and others between February 9 and February 15, 2012.
- 3) All debt service and South Carolina Transportation Infrastructure Bank (SCTIB) Board payments are current.
- 4) The Vendor/Contractor Information section on the web page has been updated to reflect the construction file and estimate numbers that have been selected for payment and the payment process has been initiated.
- 5) Through internal process revisions, SCDOT has made significant progress in processing of contractor and vendor payments over the last three months. The agency has established a goal and is moving toward paying our commercial partners within 30 calendar days. The presentation made to the Commission displays the progress that has been made toward achieving this objective. **The presentation can be found at this link: <http://www.scdot-transfer.org/SCDOTPhotos/FinanceCommissionWorkshop021512.pdf>**
- 6) Vendors and contractors are encouraged to utilize the **SCDOT Accounting Hotline at 803-737-1227** for inquiries regarding payment status.

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