

District 1 News

Kershaw, Lee, Lexington, Richland and Sumter counties

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In-house bridge replacement program

District 1 Bridge Crew replaces 43 bridges since 2017

**By Alan Kozusko,
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Since fiscal year 2017-2018, District 1 has replaced 33 bridges, or 43 spans considering multi-span bridges, using in-house maintenance forces. This huge accomplishment has been spearheaded by the District Bridge Crew. In later years, due to their expertise, the Kershaw County Bridge Crew was also given bridge

es across the district to replace. All of these bridges were posted with weight restrictions, and the cost to repair them far outweighed the cost to replace especially considering the life cycle of a brand new bridge. The average complete cost to replace an old H-10 bridge with a 70-ft single-span using in-house forces was approximately \$750,000 and about 6 weeks from start to finish. This accomplishment could not have been achieved without help from each individual

county Bridge Crew doing the pre and post work...definitely a team effort!

All of the posted bridges on the original Commission approved list for District 1 have been completed so the crew is currently working on maintenance repairs: enabling removal of primary route postings to restore mobility to the industries in our state.

The crew is ready and willing to build more bridges as soon as the next list is approved.



The District 1 Bridge Crew sets the last bridge panel with help from Kershaw and Lee Maintenance. This bridge is on Mary McLeod Bethune Road over Long Branch Creek in Lee County.



Harold Ballard and Jesse Jordan work on the outside of the wall forms while Branden Bozard controls the bucket. This bridge is S.C. 97 over Rocky Branch Creek in Kershaw County.

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**Alan
Kozusko**



Motley promoted to Assistant District Maintenance Engineer

Brian O. Motley has been promoted from RME in Kershaw Maintenance to Assistant District Maintenance Engineer in the District 1 Office.

As a testament to the importance and effect of positive relationships with agencies outside of SCDOT, the County of Kershaw at their April 12, 2022 meeting, issued a proclamation thanking Brian for his service to Kershaw County and the State of South Carolina.

Excellent work, Brian!



Brian Motley

Meet James Michael Todd



James Michael Todd

James Michael Todd started his career with SCDOT in July 2017 as Assistant Resident Maintenance Engineer in Kershaw County.

In May 2018, he was promoted to Contracts Engineer at Richland Maintenance. In February 2022 he became the Assistant District Permit Engineer.

Todd came to us from Mississippi State where he graduated with a degree in Mechanical Engineering.

He has a wife, Rachel, three sons, Austin, Aidan, and Avery. They have 2 dogs and 3 cats, all indoors.

He enjoys taking kids to soccer games, boating, riding motorcycles, taking kids for walks and weight lifting.