

ASSETS MANAGEMENT

By Carl Chase Jr., Assets Manager

EMPLOYEE RESTROOMS

A priority of the Executive Director and the Acting State Highway Engineer is the welfare of employees. The Executive Director makes frequent trips to county engineering offices and maintenance complexes. A frequent inquiry she receives regards adequate employee restrooms.

The Director of Maintenance and Capital Improvements Office conducted a survey of restroom needs across the state. It appears that the department either needs additional restrooms or renovations to current restrooms in about 40 locations.

The offices have developed a plan and will begin construction of facilities in the near future.

An option being explored is the purchase of modular restrooms that are easily expanded should the employee population increase. This type of restroom is used around the country by the National Park Service, and can be constructed faster.



York County Engineering Complex

The 41-year-old York County Maintenance Complex in Rock Hill will be replaced. The new complex will have an administration area housing maintenance and construction engineering staff attached to a Storage Building, a Vehicle Repair Shop/Fuel Facility, and a Salt Storage Building.

Attachment of the administration area to the storage building is a cost savings measure, and affords maximum utilization of the inclement weather/meeting/training area.

The project was bid on May 4, 2005, with construction slated to begin soon. The new facility should be ready for occupancy in the summer of 2006.

Spartanburg County

Construction of a combination Storage Building/Vehicle Repair Shop/Fuel Facility and the Salt Storage Building are underway. The new Storage Building/Vehicle Repair Shop/Fuel Facility will be one "U" shaped building thus condensing the land area needed for this complex. Anticipated substantial completion is early September 2005.

District 4 Headquarters

A joint venture between the District 4 Capital Improvements Crew and the Capital Improvements Office is renovating the exterior of the 1954 constructed District Office. The exterior was renovated to match the newly developing surrounding businesses. The exterior is maintenance friendly and pleasing in appearance to the employees and community.

Headquarters relocations

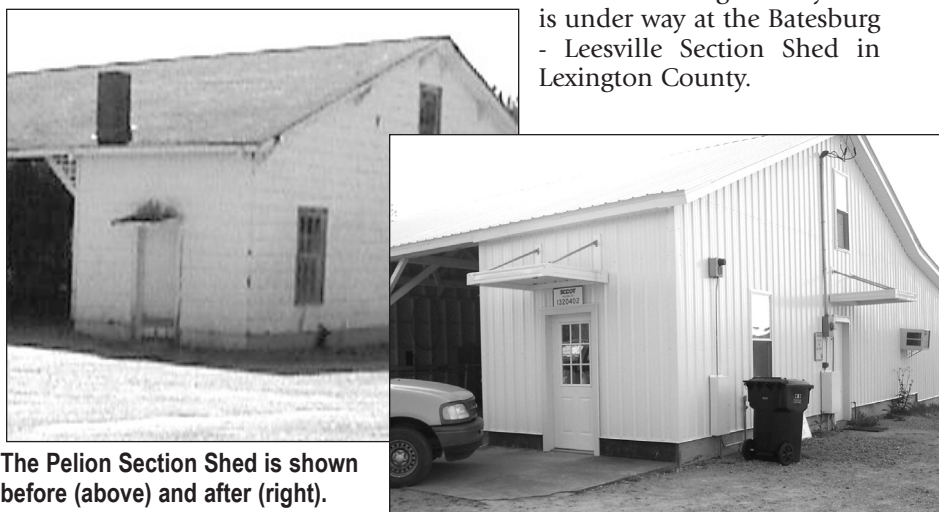
The Claims Office has relocated to Room 207, Safety has moved to 213 and Mass Transit is now located in Suite 201. The Deputy Director for Executive Support and his staff have relocated to Room 342 and Program Control has relocated to Room 345. Final Plans has moved from the fifth floor to G-19, formerly the Safety Office Classroom.

A New Conference and Classrooms have opened on the first floor. The Capital Improvements Office and the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Office will move in early summer, followed by the Procurement Office. All of these offices will move to the first floor.

Kudos to the primary vendor for the office relocations which is the Department of Corrections, Division of Prison Industries. In particular, our partners in this gigantic effort have been Tom Metts, Phil Burckhalter, Keith Dirusso, Dan Dantzler, Anita Durham, Sally Harvey, Thelma Howdeshell and Tim Hutto.

Pelion Section Shed

An exterior renovation project includes new metal roof, siding, aluminum windows, doors, and canopy improved the appearance of this 43-year-old section shed. Similar work was performed at the Hemingway Section Shed in Williamsburg County and is under way at the Batesburg - Leesville Section Shed in Lexington County.



The Pelion Section Shed is shown before (above) and after (right).

Capital Improvements Office

The Capital Improvements Office is responsible for the development and execution of the five year Comprehensive Permanent Improvement Program (CPIP). This includes Project Management services required in the design and construction of new facilities and major renovations to existing facilities. These facilities include welcome centers and rest areas.

The Office, managed by Suzette S. Porter, develops the CPIP based on annual input from the Director of Maintenance, District Engineering Administrators and the Director of Assets Management. This office manages an annual Capital Improvements budget of \$6-7 million annually. The office also manages the rehabilitation allocation for the District Offices and Engineering Complexes.



Bob Kishline

ect Manager with the South Carolina National Guard. He is married to Joan and they have two cats.



Suzette Porter

Porter is a Registered Architect and has been employed by SCDOT for 14 years. She is a graduate of the STTAR Program. The wife of Robert Porter and mother of two daughters, Blythe and Devin.

The Project Managers are Tony Garmon, Bob Kishline, and Ernest Williams (a 21-year SCDOT veteran and a graduate of STEP21).



Tony Garmon

Tony Garmon has been with the Department for three years. He is married to Karla, has one dog, and is an avid cyclist.



Ernest Williams

Williams is married to Renee who is an Administrative Specialist in the Rights of Way Office. They have a son, Jar'rad.

Bob Kishline has been with SCDOT for five years and was previously a Proj-



Margaret Cheek

Margaret Cheek is the Office Manager. She is a 32-year veteran of the Department. For many years, she was the Department receptionist. She gives great support to the office staff and pays the bills.

These folks are very talented and take pride in improving our facilities.

Budget and Control Board Actions

Central Salt Shed

Approval was granted to SCDOT by the Budget and Control Board to build a Central Salt Shed. The Shed is to be located in Columbia on property

already owned by the Department. This action will result in a cost savings for the department because we will be able to avoid obtaining salt by emergency procurement.