

## Kelly Moore named Director of Public Engagement, Senior Advisor to Secretary

Secretary of Transportation **Christy A. Hall** has named **Kelly Moore** to the position of Director of Public Engagement and Senior Advisor to the Secretary.

The Director of Public Engagement and Senior Advisor to the Secretary is a new role in the Department. The position reflects the intention of Secretary Hall to enhance SCDOT's communication efforts statewide in order to ensure effective and robust engagement with the public and other stakeholders regarding road work and other SCDOT activities. Director Moore will also serve as a senior advisor the Secretary and SCDOT leadership regarding innovations and improvements to current agency approaches regarding communication techniques and other outreach opportunities.

Hall said, "Mrs. Moore has the ideal skillset and experience to serve in this role. She has a decade of experience in communications and understands the importance of ensuring the public is actively involved and engaged in SCDOT's 10-Year Plan and more." Previously to her appointment, she served as the Director of Public Information for Horry County. In that role, she consolidated public information into a single office, established the County's social media presence and managed communications related to the County's RIDE Program. She



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acted as lead public information officer during emergency events such as Hurricane Florence, Dorian and Isis, and led training programs with the Emergency Management Division on crisis communications. In addition to her experience in Horry County, she has previous experience with the City of Charleston and the North Carolina Stage Company.

Moore is a native of the Upstate, she earned a Master of Public Administration from the College of Charleston and Bachelor of Arts from Clemson University.

## Grant money awarded for bridge planning along I-95 over the Great Pee Dee River

SCDOT announced the agency received a grant award of \$720,000 from USDOT for bridge planning along I-95 over the Great Pee Dee River.

Secretary of Transportation **Christy A. Hall** said, "This is another example of the SCDOT maximizing an opportunity to bring federal dollars to South Carolina to address the priorities of South Carolinians. We continue our vigorous planning and programming efforts to align federal dollars to meet our state priorities."

The grant proposal included planning projects for rehabilitating or

replacing 12 rural bridges along the I-95 corridor in Marion and Dillon counties. Since 2017, SCDOT has spent approximately \$15 million in repairs to this infrastructure. In addition to routine maintenance and upkeep, these bridges have been impacted by regional flooding events. This portion of I-95 is a major hurricane evacuation route for residents and visitors along the coast.

In addition to improving the safety of the corridor, this will improve the road network allowing the movement of freight from the Port to the Inland Port in Dillon and continuing across the region.

## Daisy Smith-Lee is Customer Service Center Manager

**Daisy Smith-Lee** has been promoted to serve as the Customer Service Center (CSC) Manager. Her effective start date was May 17, 2022.

Smith-Lee spent five years as a call agent before being promoted to the CSC Training Coordinator/Assistant Manager position in 2018. She has been instrumental with training staff to provide top-notch service to our customers statewide.

Smith-Lee is a native

of West Columbia with her husband, Michael, and their dog Whidbey. She is a 1978 graduate of Airport High School. She has three adult children, a son, Michael; two daughters, Amanda and Allie; and nine grandchildren. She is a member of Mt. Hebron Methodist Church. She and her husband love traveling, especially visiting National Parks. She also enjoys fishing, gardening, building and making things, and having fun with her grandchildren.



**Daisy Smith-Lee**

## Julie Martino is SCDOT Assistant Chief Counsel, Claims Agent for Legal Office

**Julie K. Martino** of Columbia has been selected to serve as Assistant Chief Counsel and Claims Agent for the Legal Office.

As Assistant Chief Counsel, Martino will be assisting in the review and preparation of agreements, specifications and other legal documents between SCDOT and outside entities. She will also serve as the Claim Agent responsible for responding to all damage claim appeals as well as processing SCDOT's claims against the public. As Claims Agent she will be working closely with the Insurance Reserve Fund on the coordination of tort claims against the SCDOT.

Martino has been practicing law in South Carolina for the past 23 years. She comes to us from the Office of Disciplinary

Counsel (ODC) where she investigated and prosecuted complaints against lawyers for the past 11 years. Prior to her service with ODC, Martino worked for the South Carolina Attorney General's Office and the South Carolina Supreme Court. She is also an Adjunct Instructor at South University where, once a week during the evenings, she teaches classes on Legal Research and Writing, Introduction to Law and Ethics, Evidence, Family Law, Constitutional Law, Contract Law, Civil Litigation and Cyber Law.

Martino earned her law degree from the University of South Carolina and a bachelor's degree from Bradley University in Theater Production/Radio TV Production.

Martino is originally from Waukegan, Illinois,



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and has two children Lana (27) and Sally (23).

In her spare time, she enjoys playing with her dog and taking her on walks.

Martino's effective date as Assistant Chief Counsel and Claims Agent was May 17, 2022.