

District 4 News

Cherokee, Chester, Chesterfield, Fairfield, Lancaster, Union and York counties

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Strategic Plan Updates for District 4

District 4 is making great strides of progress as we continue to march toward the halfway point of SCDOT's 10 Year Strategic Plan. From the enormous ongoing project of interstate widening, from Spartanburg through Cherokee county to the North Carolina State line, to the replacement of numerous structurally deficient bridges in each county, to the many miles of roadway that have been paved or resurfaced, many improvements on South Carolinas roads and highways are occurring.

INTERSTATE WIDENING

The I-85 Widening Project is one of the largest construction projects in SCDOT history. This project was designed to increase interstate capacity and mobility by increasing the number of travel lanes in both directions from Spartanburg, through Cherokee County, to the North Carolina state line. This stretch of I-85 is the oldest section and contains numerous interchanges and multiple overpasses that will be reconstructed or upgraded to meet state and federal design requirements. Currently there are 23 miles of interstate widening operations under construction in Cherokee County.

BRIDGES

SCDOT is focused on eliminating structurally deficient bridges on its National Highway System and reducing the number of load restricted bridges on the state's secondary system. Based on the original 465 bridge plan, District 4 has replaced 18 bridges and currently has 16 more in various stages in the construction process.

PAVING

Since 2017, District 4 counties have resurfaced and preserved nearly 685 miles of roadway. In 2022 an additional 109 miles are under construction and will be completed by the year's end. Resurfacing projects extend the service life of a highway and elevate the condition to a state of good repair.

RURAL ROAD SAFETY

Rural road safety projects are taking place in District 4 counties. The purpose is to improve safety on the state's rural roadways through engineering solutions to reduce the frequency of fatal and serious injury crashes occurring on these roadways. Improving clear zones, installation of rumble strips, and wider paved shoulders are some of the safety upgrades being made to reduce the number and severity of crashes on South Carolina roads. Eleven miles of U.S. 521 in Lancaster County has been completed with all possible safety improvements completed. An additional 8 miles on S.C. 5 in York County and 14.5 miles on S.C. 9 in Lancaster and Chesterfield counties are under construction.



I-85 Widening



York County Bridge on Auten Road



Highway 72 near Chester after repaving and safety improvements

Got news?

Contact Lee Oliver with your ideas at 803-377-8101 or by emailing him at OliverHL@scdot.org



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District 4 Spring Spruce Up Totals March 30, 2022

District 4	People	Bags	Weight (lbs)
Cherokee	34	436	6,540
Chester	49	442	6,630
Chesterfield	30	292	4,380
Fairfield	30	253	3,795
Lancaster	37	335	5,025
Union	26	191	2,865
York	47	541	8,115
Totals	253	2,490	37,350

Meet Perry Gooden

Please welcome **Perry Gooden** to our SCDOT family as District 4's newest safety officer. Gooden joined SCDOT on March 3, 2022.

Perry brings with him knowledge and skills honed while working at his previous job with the South Carolina Department of Corrections (SCDC). While employed there, he worked as an environmental health safety officer in several SCDC institutions, including the Wateree River Correctional Institute and the Manning Work Release Center.

Perry is a devoted husband and resides in Kershaw County. He enjoys hunting and fishing and is a talented musician who enjoys singing and playing multiple instruments. His calm



Perry Gooden

personality makes him an easily approachable guy.

Please take a moment to say welcome and encourage him when you see him around.