

# PROMOTIONS CONTINUED

**Tyler S. Paul** promoted to Heavy Equipment Operator in York Maintenance.

**Danny E. Peace** promoted to Medium Equipment Operator in Cherokee Maintenance.

**Trevor W. Perkins** promoted to Medium Equipment Operator in Laurens Maintenance.

**Jared D. Powell** promoted to Assistant Resident Maintenance Engineer in Laurens Maintenance.

**Colin W. Price** promoted to Medium Equipment Operator in Newberry Maintenance.

**Marcena W. Reppenhagen** promoted to Engineering Technician III in Lexington Maintenance.

**Cody G. Reynolds** promoted to Electronics Technician II in D5-Traffic Signals.

**William E. Risher** promoted to Engineering Associate I in Sumter Maintenance.

**Jeffery D. Roberts** promoted to Crew Leader in Greenwood Maintenance.

**Lawrence Robinson** promoted to Heavy Equipment Operator in Marion Maintenance.

**Michael B. Robinson** promoted to Medium Equipment Operator in Barnwell Maintenance.

**Steven G. Robinson** promoted to Crew Foreman in Berkeley Maintenance.

**Roberto C. Rosales Martinez** promoted to Crew Leader in Richland Maintenance.

**Zachary J. Ryerson** promoted to Medium Equipment Operator in Chester Maintenance.

**Ashar Saeed** promoted to Engineer/Engineering Associate IV in Pre-Construction Support.

**Robert J. Schoonover** promoted to Engineering Technician II in Cherokee Maintenance.

**Jeffery S. Setzer** promoted to Crew Foreman in McCormick Maintenance.

**Blake L. Shaffer** promoted to Heavy Equipment Operator in Lexington Maintenance.

**Jerome Simmons** promoted to Crew Foreman in Charleston Maintenance.

**Ronald O. Simmons** promoted

to Crew Leader in Georgetown Maintenance.

**Charles R. Skipper** promoted to Shop Foreman in Marion Maintenance.

**Willie J. Stokes** promoted to Crew Foreman in Jasper Maintenance.

**Jennifer L. Taylor** promoted to Program Manager II in Director of Construction.

**Olivia S. Taylor** promoted to Supply Specialist III in Aiken Maintenance.

**Quashawn E. Thompson** promoted to Medium Equipment Operator in Richland Maintenance.

**Jonathan W. Traynham** promoted to Heavy Equipment Operator in Greenwood Maintenance.

**Jason E. Turner** promoted to Crew Leader in Edgefield Maintenance.

**Tavaris L. Wallace** promoted to Crew Foreman in Aiken Maintenance.

**Paul R. Wallace** promoted to Medium Equipment Operator in Charleston Maintenance.

**Julia S. Wallace** promoted to Administrative Assistant in Marlboro Maintenance.

**Gloria J. Washington** promoted to Medium Equipment Operator in Holly Hill Maintenance.

**Michael S. Whitmire** promoted to Medium Equipment Operator in Pickens Maintenance.

**Marion H. Williams** promoted to Crew Foreman in Aiken Maintenance.

**Howard Williamson** promoted to Engineer/Engineering Associate III in Reg Prod Group 3 - Midlands.

**John V. Williamson** promoted to Medium Equipment Operator in Aiken Maintenance.

**Terrence A. Wilson** promoted to Crew Foreman in Charleston Maintenance.

**Brandon K. Wisher** promoted to Heavy Equipment Operator in Holly Hill Maintenance.

**Kelly L. Wright** promoted to Crew Foreman in Aiken Maintenance.

## Michael Blake named Assistant Chief Information Officer in IT Services

**Michael L. Blake** has been promoted to Assistant Chief Information Officer in IT Services.

This position will lead the Applications and Projects group which includes Applications Development, Web Development, Engineering Technology and Research, Project Management and Data Governance unit.

This role will also assist the Chief Information Officer George Kinard with tasks and will act as the CIO in his absence. IT Services has several significant projects underway and has several very large projects coming up in the future.

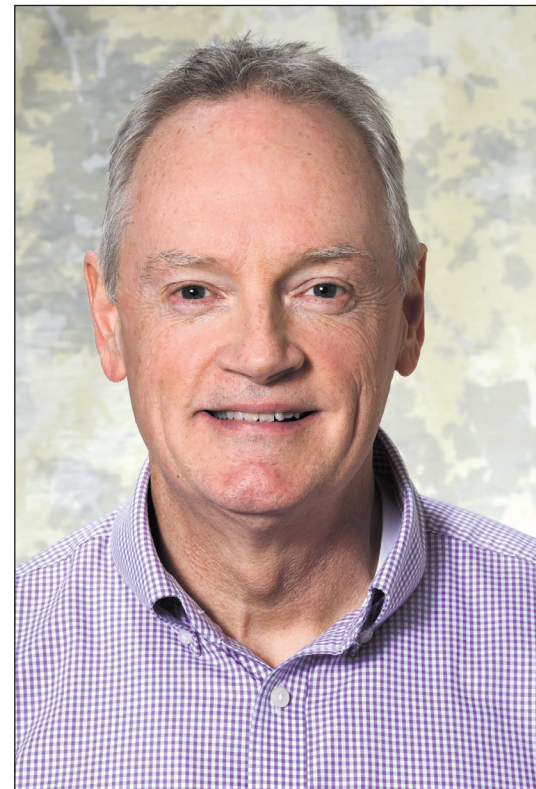
Blake started his career at SCDOT in 2019 as IT Project Management Office Director.

Prior to coming to SCDOT, Blake worked as Chief Information Officer at MetroConnects, a sewer collections agency in Greenville County. He also has 30 years of consulting experience in IT and geographic information systems.

Blake graduated from San Diego State University and is a certified Project Management Professional.

Blake is originally from the northeast married to Michele who is retiring from the U.S. Navy. They are both diehard Red Sox fans and have three grown children and a new grandson.

In his spare time, he enjoys running, hiking, working out and cooking.



Michael L. Blake

## I-77 southbound bridge deck replaced over Catawba River ahead of schedule



CODY CROUCH/THE CONNECTOR

Drivers use all four lanes of the southbound I-77 Catawba River Bridge in York County on May 21, 2021.

The work to replace the concrete on the I-77 southbound lanes of the Catawba River Bridge began at 9 p.m. Thursday, May 6, 2021. Crews simultaneously worked to demolish the old bridge deck, while others placed down concrete forms for pouring the new deck.

SCDOT urged the public to drive with extra caution and obey the work zone speed limit of 45 mph.

Motorists were able to keep up with the accelerated project by using a new traffic camera installed by SCDOT. The camera kept a live view 24/7 of the work and traffic at the site of the southbound Interstate 77 Catawba River bridge repair project.

All four southbound lanes were opened on May 21, 2021, more than nearly three days ahead of schedule.



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