

# District 3 News

Greenville, Oconee, Pickens and Spartanburg counties

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## SCDOT Rural Road Safety prepares scenic routes

South Carolina's upstate region boasts beautiful mountain sceneries, but not without winding, narrow roadways. SCDOT is committed to providing safe passage for natives and tourists alike.

District 3 put together a safety improvement contract along a large stretch of roadway in the heart of beautiful mountain scenery nestled in Greenville County. This contract is comprised of

providing roadway widening, full-depth patching, resurfacing, clearing hazardous limbs hanging overhead, guardrail installation, and even dedicated bike lanes along U.S. 276.

Organizing, executing and implementing this contract has been a team effort. The District 3 Contracts Department teamed up with Traffic Engineering to put together a project that pinpointed the major safety concerns along this stretch

of roadway.

The contractor is now in the process of completing these planned improvements along U.S. 276 while partnering with the Greenville County Construction B Office to ensure successful project delivery.

Work on this nearly 10-mile stretch of roadway began earlier this year and is expected to be completed in the fall.



The Rural Road Safety project includes guardrail installation in areas to meet safety specifications on a mountainous road to protect motorists.



Contractors do full-depth patching along the roadway before repaving to prevent failure of the asphalt for years to come.

## Steven Henderson retires from Pickens Maintenance



Steven Henderson

28 years of service

Steven Henderson started working with SCDOT in July 1993 on the Pickens County Ditching Crew. He worked as a flagman for a few years before making a move over to the Pickens Construction Office.

He worked in the construction office for almost five years as a roadway inspector. He then moved back to Pickens Maintenance as the first Permits Engineer for Pickens for more than four years. He was then promoted to Assistant Resident Engineer for two years and filled in as the Interim RME for Pickens for a year. After being chosen for the Resident Maintenance Engineer in Pickens County, he stayed in this position for 12

Years until his retirement in 2021.

Henderson devoted the better part of his career as the RME where he implemented many processes and procedures that are still in place today and will continue in the future. He created a comfortable, trusting and family style work environment which is what made his career as an RME impeccable and memorable.

*"Won't find no better boss or friend"*

- Charles Porter

*"He always made us feel like equals and was a great friend"*

- David Crisp

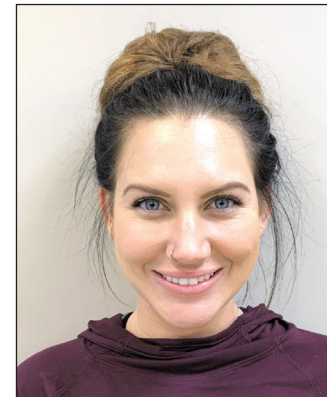
*"I will always base all other bosses off Steven Henderson, it will be hard shoes to fill. He is missed dearly!"*

- Dakota Bell

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## Meet Ray Maollemi

What is the American dream? Just ask Ray Maollemi, a man who came to the United States at 18, earned a tough college degree, and has thrived at SCDOT for 23 years.

Maollemi joined SCDOT in 1999 as an Engineering Associate I. He was promoted to an Engineering Associate II in 2005, and has spent the last three years as an Assistant Resident Engineer, all in the Spartanburg County Construction A office.

He began his career with the Department managing an array of projects including, but certainly not limited to, repaving and bridge improvements/replacements. Throughout his career, he took on more complex projects, including:

- The I-26 cross-slope correction that improved drainage on a major interstate system

- A large contract that addressed major improvements of seven bridges along I-26

- Revamping the I-585 interstate system that greatly increased the capacity of the high volume interstate system, and allowed easier access to several primary roadways in Spartanburg County.

- Maollemi's most recent project prior to his promotion to Assistant Resident Engineer was the successful concrete pavement project along I-85 in both directions between MM 69 and 77.

The rapid growth in Spartan-



Ray Maollemi

burg County has created many infrastructure challenges over the years, and Moallemi has always risen to the challenge to facilitate successful projects.

Maollemi arrived in the United States from Iran in 1976. He attended the University of Texas in Arlington where he earned a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering.

His passion for this work brought him to SCDOT.

Maollemi and his wife have a daughter that has recently graduated from college and is now earning an advanced medical degree in to become a Physician Assistant.

Maollemi enjoys a quiet life full of gardening, reading and watching an occasional football game with his wife at their home in Boiling Springs.