

VIEWPOINTS

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I hope you all feel the same sense of pride that I feel when reading the pages of this Connector. I often say that “proof of performance” matters and this edition of The Connector showcases the quality, dedication and drive of our OneDOT Team.

Additionally, I am expecting that the General Assembly

will recognize the superb performance of the SCDOT Team by allocating additional funding to our budget to accelerate some of our interstate widening work. This affirmation by the Legislature itself speaks volumes, especially given the fact that nearly 10 years ago SCDOT was in dire financial straits.

While I am often the public face of the agency, I am well aware that our collective success as a team is dependent on each

and every member. That sentiment has never been more true than it is now, given our workforce strength challenges in nearly all areas of the agency.

As we work to improve our manpower levels, I ask that you all continue to keep the safety of you and your colleagues at the forefront of your minds. I am well aware of the pressures and time constraints that you feel when that whirlwind overtakes us every day, but we must remain vigilant

so everybody makes it back home to their families at the end of the workday. We have lost too many team members to careless drivers and workplace accidents.

I continue to pray every single day that our team remains healthy, strong and agile as we navigate this challenging environment.

I remain honored to serve as your Secretary and am truly thankful for your commitment to our mission.

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Meet Max Metcalf

SCDOT's newest commissioner

Max Metcalf, Manager of Government and Community Relations at BMW Manufacturing, has been appointed to the South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) Commission representing the 4th Congressional District.

He joined the Commission for the May 19 meeting in Columbia.

Metcalf is a 1986 graduate of Clemson University where he earned a Bachelor of Arts in Economics.

Metcalf was the Director of Transportation and Intergovernmental Relations in the Office of Governor Carroll A. Campbell, Jr.; District Administrator for the Office of Congressman Bob Inglis; and Vice President of Public Policy with the Greater Greenville Chamber of Commerce until joining BMW in 2001.

In addition, he is past Chairman of the Board of Directors, Greater Greenville Chamber of Commerce; past Chairman of the SC Manufacturers Alliance; past Chairman, Upstate SC Alliance; inaugural member, Clemson University Industry Advisory Board; Secretary-Treasurer, South Carolina Charities, Inc., dba/ BMW Charity Pro-Am presented by TD SYNEX; and a member of AdvanceSC.

Metcalf is a 1993 recipient of the Order of the Palmetto. He is married and has a daughter.



Commissioner Max Metcalf
4th Congressional District



SCDOT won an Engineering Excellence Award for the agency's work to repair a damaged tendon (cable) on the I-526 Wando River Bridge. The damage was discovered during a routine inspection on May 14, 2018. The repair project included a series of lane reversals designed to keep traffic open on the bridge in both directions. The bridge was fully reopened to traffic in three weeks on June 2, 2018. The national award was presented by the American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC).