

SCDOT receives ‘Clean Audit’ of the agency’s finances

By Pete Poore

SCDOT was presented with an unmodified, or “clean audit” for the fiscal year 2019-2020. This report marks the second consecutive year the agency’s financial operations have received an “unmodified” review. The audit was conducted by the independent

firm of Mauldin & Jenkins, a southeastern regional firm.

The firm noted that one key to SCDOT’s successful administration of its finances was the internal controls that consistently worked properly. In addition, the firm pointed to the strength of SCDOT’s financial management team. The team was cited for providing the auditors with full cooperation.

Secretary of Transportation **Christy A. Hall** said, “This audit is a reflection of SCDOT’s ongoing efforts to be completely accountable and transparent and to be as efficient as possible in our mission to provide the best possible transportation system for our state.”

The firm conducted individual audits of SCDOT’s federal programs as part of the overall review. Each of those programs rated “clean audits” as well. Additionally, the auditors reported that the increased revenues from the gas tax were not creating an increase in overhead costs for the agency

SCDOT is in the 4th year of the 10-Year road improvement program with funding provided by the 2017 Roads Bill. The agency is implementing projects in all of the state’s 46 counties.

The annual audit was presented at a meeting of the SCDOT Commission Audit Committee held in Columbia on Jan. 21, 2021.



Tim Lyons with the accounting firm Mauldin & Jenkins announces the clean audit SCDOT received to the SCDOT Commission on Jan. 21, 2021, after their company reviewed the agency’s finances.

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SCDOT employees donate to Adopt-A-Family/SC Cares

By Brittany Harriot

When it’s time for the holiday season, it’s also the time of year for the South Carolina Department of Transportation to sponsor the annual “SCDOT Holiday Adopt-A-Family” program.

Each year employees at Headquarters and districts around the state sponsor a local family to provide for. It’s a way for employees to give back and donate to those in need.

SCDOT also helps raise money through SC Cares. Like the Adopt-a-Family program, SC Cares is a fundraiser that benefits SCDOT employees in times of crisis. Agency logo items are available to

employees each spring and fall.

During this fall’s SC Cares campaign, 883 items were purchased by employees, which in turn raised just over \$2,800. The 2020 Adopt-A-Family program also proved to be a great success! Through cash and gift donations, every wish list item was granted to 22 families from 4 different districts. There was even enough in monetary donations to provide each of the families with a \$100 gift card.

In addition to those two fundraising campaigns, SCDOT also hosts an annual yard sale during Employee Appreciation Day and accepts donations all throughout the year to help benefit the SC Cares program.



Here are some of the donations SCDOT employees gave to sponsored families this past holiday season as part of the Adopt-A-Family program.

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