

March 2021 ASCE Midlands Branch Newsletter



When

Wednesday, March 17th, 2021
Presentation: 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM

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Virtual Presentation

Speaker:

Michael M. Peterson

South Carolina Department of Transportation
(SCDOT)

How projects make it into the STIP and the Planning Process

Speaker Bio

Michael M. Peterson

Michael Peterson, Director of Planning for the South Carolina Department of Transportation. Mrs. Peterson is a 1992 graduate of South Carolina State University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering Technology.

Mrs. Peterson began her career with the South Carolina Department of Transportation in June 1993 in the Bridge Design Office. She has also served as an Assistant Program Manager for various regions across the state and assisted with the development and management of the procurement of multiple design-build

projects across the state such as the Palmetto Parkway, I-520 project and the US Route 1 Interchange Project in Aiken County to name a few.

Mrs. Peterson is recognized as one of the state's foremost authorities regarding federal/state delegated projects. She has 27 years of experience with SCDOT and has served as the Local Public Agency (LPA) Administrator and the Federal Grants Administrator. Mrs. Peterson has developed processes, procedures and training for the LPA program, reviewed over 700 projects for state/federal compliance and coordinated with over 50 local governments across the state in the administration of federal-aid projects as well as the management of the Transportation Alternative Program, Scenic Byways Program, and other federal grants programs. Currently, Mrs. Peterson serves as the Director of Planning where she leads five planning divisions is responsible for the development and management of SCDOT documents such as the Strategic Plan, Multimodal Plan, Transportation Asset Management Plan, and the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program. She is also responsible for administration and coordination of the MPOs and COGs to fulfill the federal and state transportation planning requirement for the transportation needs for the state of South Carolina.

She is the proud mother of 3 children and resides in Columbia, SC.

Abstract

Each State is required to carry out a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive performance-based statewide multimodal transportation planning process, including the development of a long-range statewide transportation plan and Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), that facilitates the safe and efficient management, operation, and development of surface transportation systems that will serve the mobility needs of people and freight that fosters economic growth and development within and between States and urbanized areas, and take into consideration resiliency needs while minimizing transportation-related fuel consumption and air pollution in all areas of the State, including those areas subject to the metropolitan transportation planning requirements.

During the presentation, attendees will learn the origins of transportation projects. What is transportation planning and who are the participants? What are the documents resulting from transportation planning and how they are used? What is the State Transportation Improvement Program and the process for funding and including projects? In other words, how does SCDOT determine which transportation projects will be developed and constructed?



President's Pen

Hi there Midlands Branch! I hope everyone is staying happy and healthy! I know I'm loving this weather and looking forward to March Madness (yay sports)!

Moving forward, we will still be hosting virtual meetings until further notice in place of our regularly scheduled lunch and learns. Please join us on the 17th for a very interesting presentation from Machael Peterson with SCDOT on "How projects make it into the STIP and the planning process!"

In addition, the UofSC Student Chapter of ASCE will be hosting the 2021 ASCE Carolina's Conference virtually from March 25th - 27th and are still in need of a few judges. If anyone is interested in helping with this, please contact Drew Talley (ahталley@email.sc.edu) ASAP as this date is quickly approaching.

Lastly, keep checking the website here ([ASCE Midlands Branch Website](#)) moving forward to stay up to date on all things ASCE Midlands Branch and to check any upcoming events we have! We have some exciting ideas coming that we hope you will enjoy, so be on the lookout! If you haven't already, please consider becoming a member and opening the door to the many benefits that an ASCE membership has to offer. Bonus: your membership directly supports the Midlands Branch as well! 😊 You can become a member here: [Join ASCE](#).

I hope you all can join us on March 17th! We look forward to "seeing" you there!

Lauren

ASCE Younger Member Events

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