

April 12, 2019

The Honorable William M. "Bill" Hixon
Chairman, Economic Development, Transportation
and Natural Resources Subcommittee
S.C. House Legislative Oversight Committee
228 Blatt Building
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Chairman Hixon:

At your meeting on Wednesday, April 4, there was a question in regards to the South Carolina Department of Transportation's (SCDOT) collection of revenue by electronic payment.

SCDOT offers several payment options for fees and charges owed to the Department, one of which is electronic payment. Below is information on the companies SCDOT uses to process electronic payments and the associated cost to the customer.

Type of Revenue Collected	Electronic Payment Processing/ Digital Services	Cost to Customer (Fees Charged by the Electronic Processing Company)		
		<i>Credit Card</i>		<i>Electronic Check</i>
		Merchant Fee	Portal Fee	Portal Fee
Damage Claims, Miscellaneous Accounts Receivable, Tolls, Engineering Publications & Maps	SunTrust through agreement with the Office of the State Treasurer	None		
Outdoor Advertising & Vegetation Maintenance	South Carolina Interactive SC.GOV	1.7% of transaction amount	\$1.00 per transaction	\$2.50 per check
		Permit	Escrow	
Over Size/Over Weight	LexisNexis Payment Solutions	\$3.75 per transaction	\$3.75 or 3% per transaction, whichever is greater	

Should you have any questions or need additional information, please let me know.

Sincerely,



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cc: Christy A. Hall, Secretary of Transportation
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