



CAROLINAS AGC / SCDOT  
JOINT COOPERATIVE COMMITTEE  
September 14, 2022  
11:00 a.m. Room 306, SCDOT  
A G E N D A

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Introductions  
See Attached

II. Old Business

Kenny Eargle discussed work zone safety. He covered temporary signs in the work zone. Guidance can be found on SCDOT's Procedures and Guidelines on Traffic Control Design on Traffic Engineering's Internet webpage. The minimum height for portable signs is 5 feet from the bottom of the sign to the surface it sits on.

B. Cement Shortages

It appears to be a statewide issue. The contractors had issues last year getting cement. It started to pick back up but is now falling again. A few of the issues stated for the shortage is being pushed so hard the last few years that maintenance on the facilities was neglected and they can't get drivers. The contractors are seeing no price gouging. They are seeing a slow down on RCP pipe, CMRB, and Precast Boxes. Leland stated they were told there would be no new cement on DOT project in the spring. The contractors are experiencing ready mix issues on the off hours. District 3 area is having to schedule about a month out.

Another item going crazy right now is paint. There is an 8-month lead time for paint for bridges. Aggregate is not going crazy right now but it is probably coming. Leland stated that 1L is allowable.

C. Status Phase 2 Price Escalation

Seventy-five percent of phase one change orders are done. Phase two consists of four items – pipe, overhead sign structures, concrete for structures and steel piles. SCDOT is still working on research on these items. Leland thanked everyone for their work on the price escalation program. The contractors asked Clay to look at the structural steel as a potential item for phase two. Leland stated that if the data warrants it, there will probably be a phase three.

### III. New Business

#### A. Buy America Update

The biggest issue is the unknown on manufacturing products. Based on the requirements there are only about four items that fall in the category of construction materials – plastic Pipe, naked wire, seals and sealants, erosion control. The biggest concern is that we are under a waiver for manufactured product which expires in November. There are basically three gates that determines a products manufacturing status – Is it a construction material?, Is it glass, wood, polymer, or nonferrous metals?, Can it be certified?. In the future, the QPL will identify if it is a construction material or not.

#### B. Blue Lights on Equipment in Work Zones

One of the issues Secretary Hall brought up to the Oversight Committee was work zone safety. She asked about blue lights in the work zones. She was told to coordinate with law enforcement. We are working through that now. Right now the thoughts are that the blue lights would not be on any contractor vehicle and only rear facing on DOT vehicle if done.

#### C. Reminder to review and provide comments on Guardrail and Supplemental Technical Specs

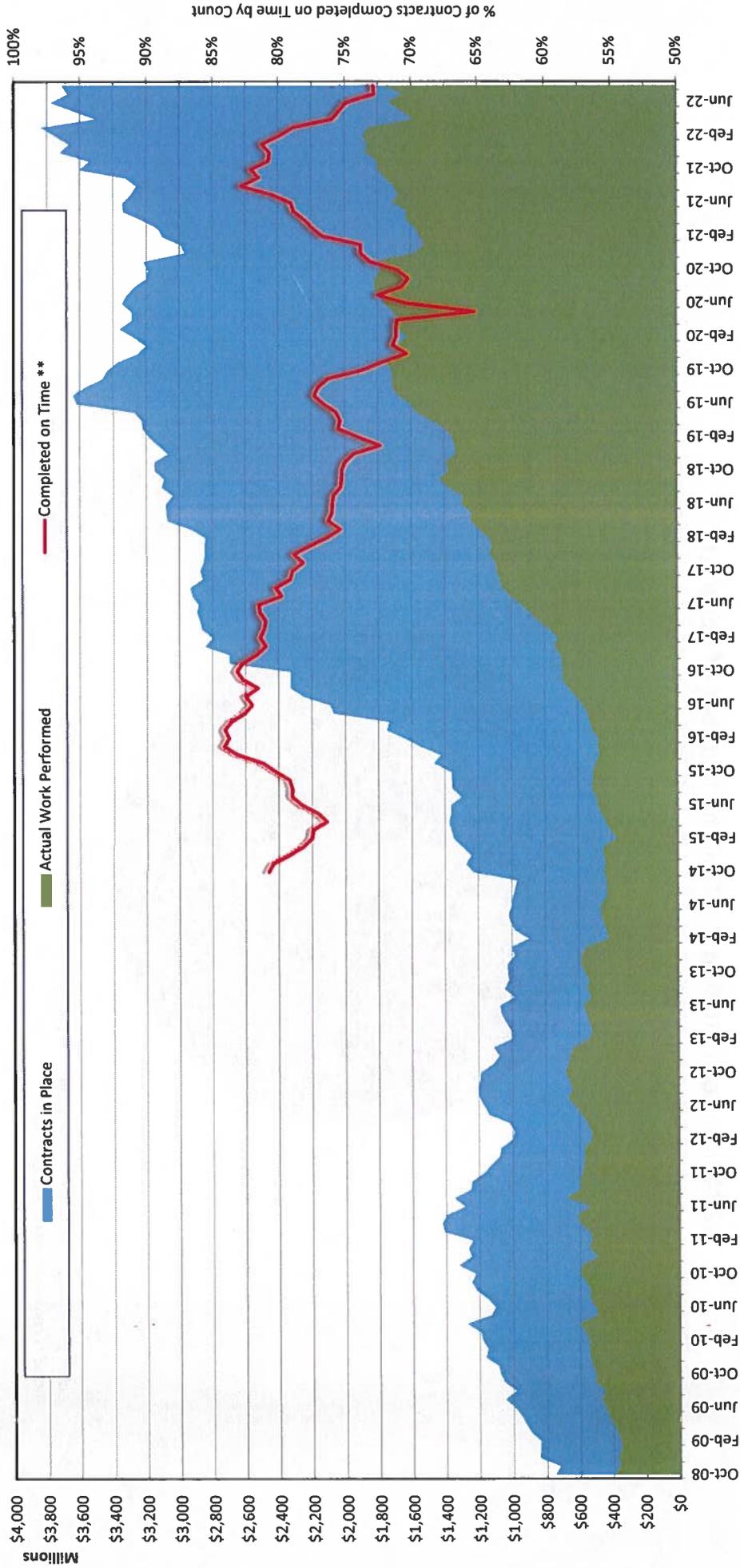
Clay expressed appreciation for all the industry input for the revisions.

Railroad flagman union is talking about going on strike. The industry is asking how SCDOT would like them to proceed if this happens.

The industry is switching from the DUN# to the SAM#. This is taking some time to accomplish.

### IV. Adjourn

# SCDOT Construction Contract Trendlines\*

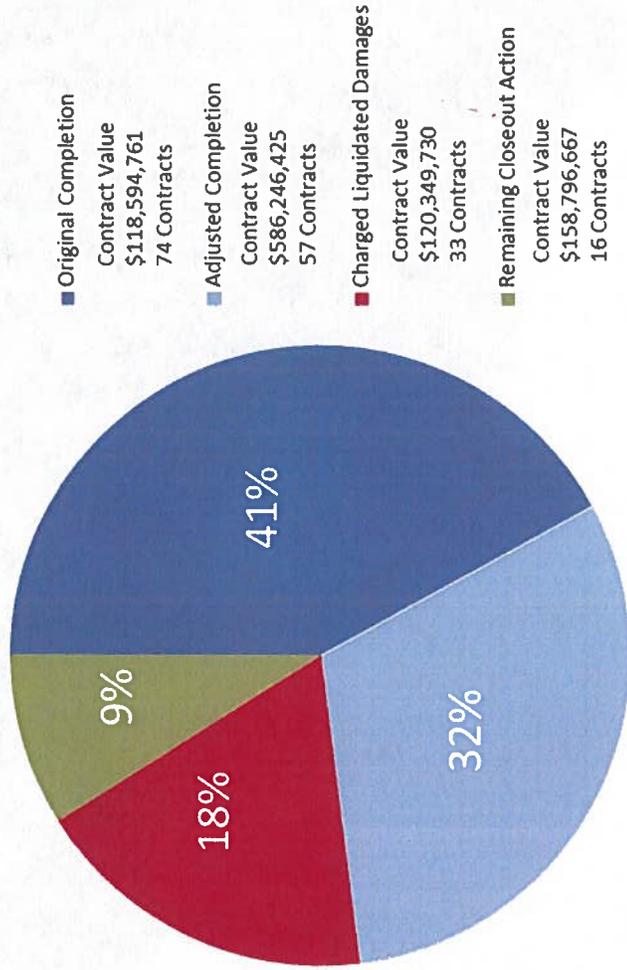


\*County and Emergency Projects are not included

\*\* Work Performed trendline data are based on 12-month rolling data

As of 9/1/22  
DOC

**12 Month Construction On-Time by Number of Contracts  
Substantial Work Completed: September 1, 2021 to August 31, 2022**



**Notes:**  
Graph percentages are based on the number of contracts  
Includes contracts only in SCDOT's name

As of 9/6/22  
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