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### SCDMV PARTNERS WITH DORCHESTER COUNTY TREASURER'S OFFICE TO ISSUE VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS

**Blythewood, S.C., June 3, 2005** – The South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles and the Dorchester County Treasurer's Office announced today the implementation of a joint project to allow the issuance of vehicle registration renewals in the County Treasurer's Office. The project is the first of its kind in South Carolina.

"This is a big step for both DMV and Dorchester County," said DMV Executive Director Marcia Adams. "We've combined our efforts to bridge the gap between our technology systems so that we can offer this service to our customers. This project also paves the way for other counties that want to participate in the future."

The project began as a cooperative effort between the South Carolina Auditors, Treasurers and Tax Collectors Association (SCATT) and the Department of Motor Vehicles. The two groups meet monthly to discuss mutual customer service issues and the vehicle registration renewal process has been a common concern for members of both organizations.

Through a partnership with DMV, county tax offices have long offered taxpayers the opportunity to pay their vehicle registration fees at the same time they pay their vehicle property taxes. Dorchester County taxpayers, however, will no longer have to wait to receive their vehicle registration and decal from DMV. This service will be available at Dorchester County Treasurer's Offices in both St. George and Summerville.

"Every month, we have tax payers who pay their taxes and then visit a DMV office to get their registration and decal. Now they won't have to make that extra trip because we can issue their registration renewal here in our office," said Dorchester County Treasurer Patsy Knight.

When DMV and county officials began discussing the project, Dorchester county officials were the first to commit their participation. Since that time four other counties have joined the pilot program: Anderson, Clarendon, Georgetown and Richland Counties.

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The county vehicle registration project, made possible by the DMV Reform Act, which was signed by Governor Mark Sanford in June 2003, will make it easier for South Carolina citizens to conduct business with both DMV and the county offices.

“We are very appreciative to SCATT for their support,” said Mrs. Adams. “This is just the first step. We’ve been working with members of SCATT for several months to define and develop this project so that all counties can eventually be a part of the program. We will continue our cooperative efforts to find new ways to better serve the citizens of this state.”

The county registration renewal project is just one of many service improvements DMV has made since it became a stand-alone agency in 2003. Some of those service improvements include Saturday service and online transactions at [www.scdmvonline.com](http://www.scdmvonline.com).

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