

**S-31 (York Street)
Dual Bridge
Replacement
Project**

Aiken, South Carolina

PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING



March 31, 2016

5:00 - 7:00 PM

Municipal Building Conference Center

214 Park Avenue SW

Aiken, SC 29801

WELCOME

The South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) welcomes you to the public information meeting for the proposed S-31 (York Street) Dual Bridge Replacement Project over Norfolk Southern Railroad, located in the City of Aiken. The purpose of this meeting is to provide an opportunity for interested citizens to review and discuss the proposed project with representatives from SCDOT, and to share important feedback that you may have regarding the proposed improvements.

MEETING FORMAT

5:00 - 7:00 PM

Exhibit Review

Q&A with Staff

Written Public Comments

The meeting will have an informal, drop-in format, with large aerial displays for viewing. Representatives from SCDOT will be available to discuss the project on an individual basis. Options for submitting your comments are provided in the Comments section of this handout. **Comments will be received until Friday, April 15, 2016.**

ABOUT THE PROJECT

The proposed project consists of replacement of the existing York Street Dual Bridges and Approaches over Norfolk Southern Railroad, extending approximately 800 ft from S-169 (Colleton Avenue) to S-3 (Park Avenue). The bridges have been

identified for replacement due to their poor structural condition. The existing NBL Bridge was closed to traffic on February 18, 2016, due to significant structural losses in the bridge substructure that were discovered during a routine SCDOT inspection. The SBL Bridge is still open to traffic, and is currently load restricted. The project is fully funded for Construction, with an estimated cost of \$3.5 Million, including Preliminary Engineering and Construction.

PROJECT LOCATION & PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS

The existing two-lane divided bridge layout will be maintained, and the bridges will be replaced back on their existing alignment. The road will be closed to traffic during construction, and a posted detour route will not be required, since there are numerous alternate routes nearby. The proposed improvements will include construction of two 70-ft single-span steel beam bridges, with all-wood decking, sidewalks and barrier railing. The bridges will be constructed to meet the minimum vertical clearance requirement above the railroad bed (21'-0"), and to satisfy the minimum design requirements for the new, non-load restricted structures. The project location map (Figure 1), footprint plan view (Figure 2), and rendering street view (Figure 3), for the proposed improvements, are shown on the next 3 pages of this handout.

Figure 1. Project Location Map

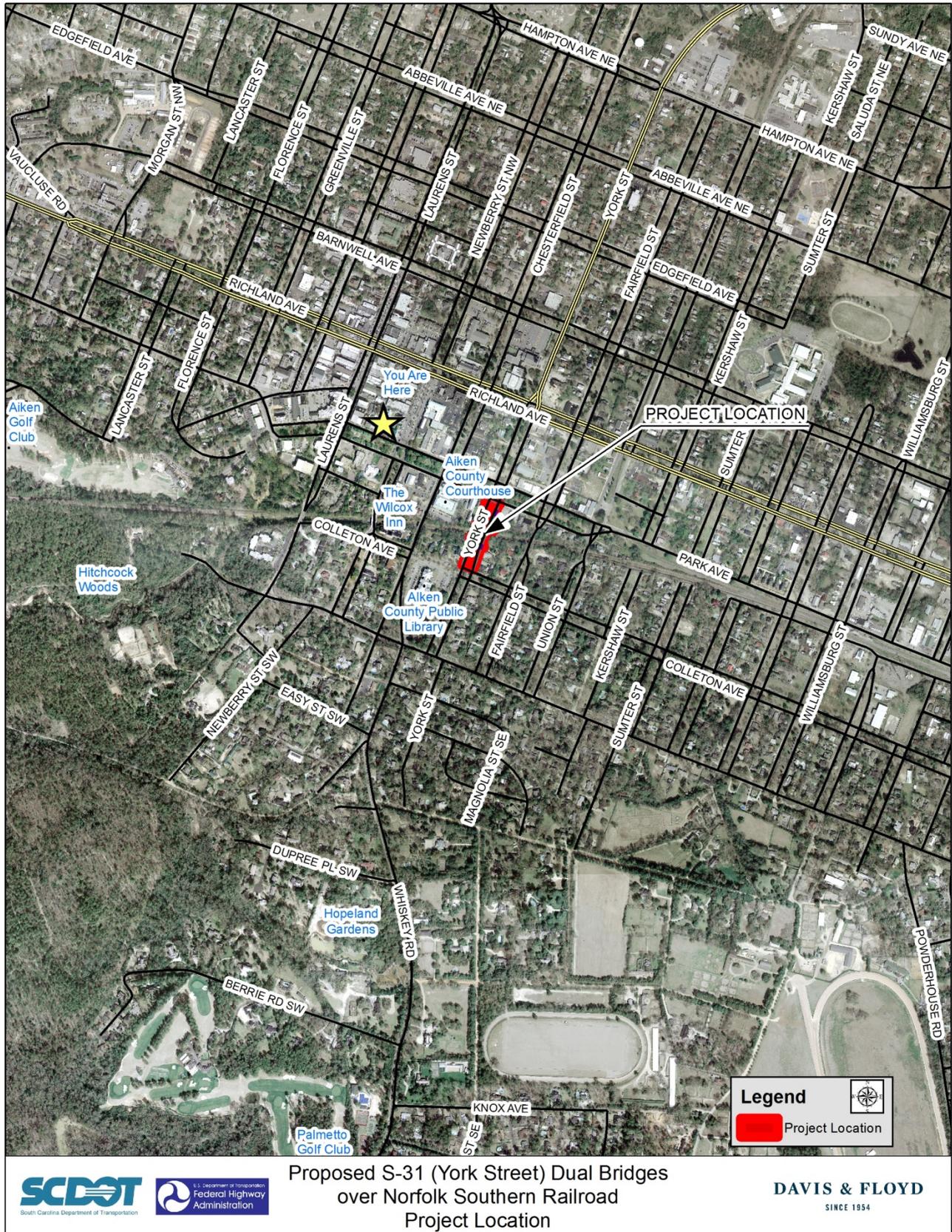


Figure 2. Project Footprint Plan View

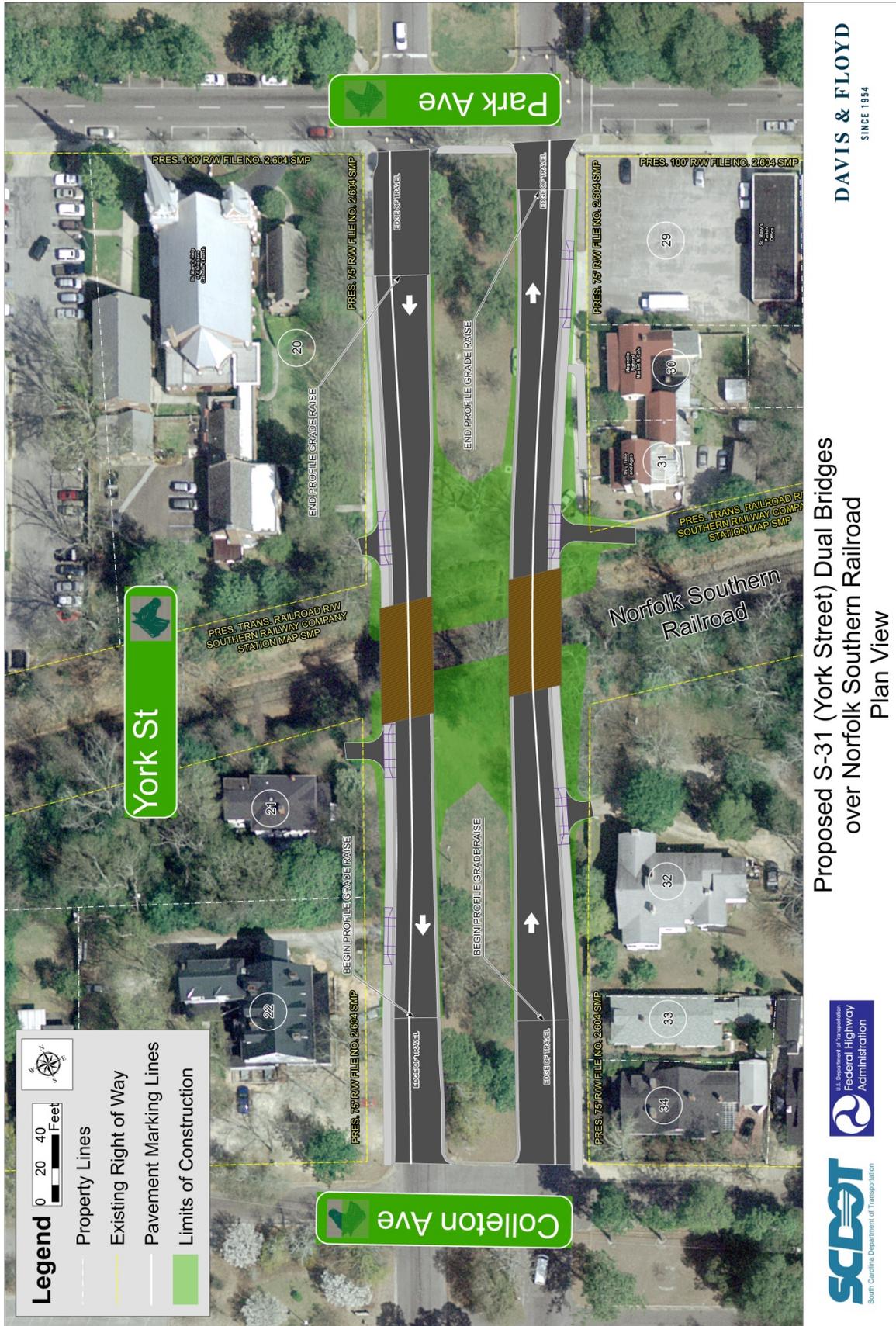
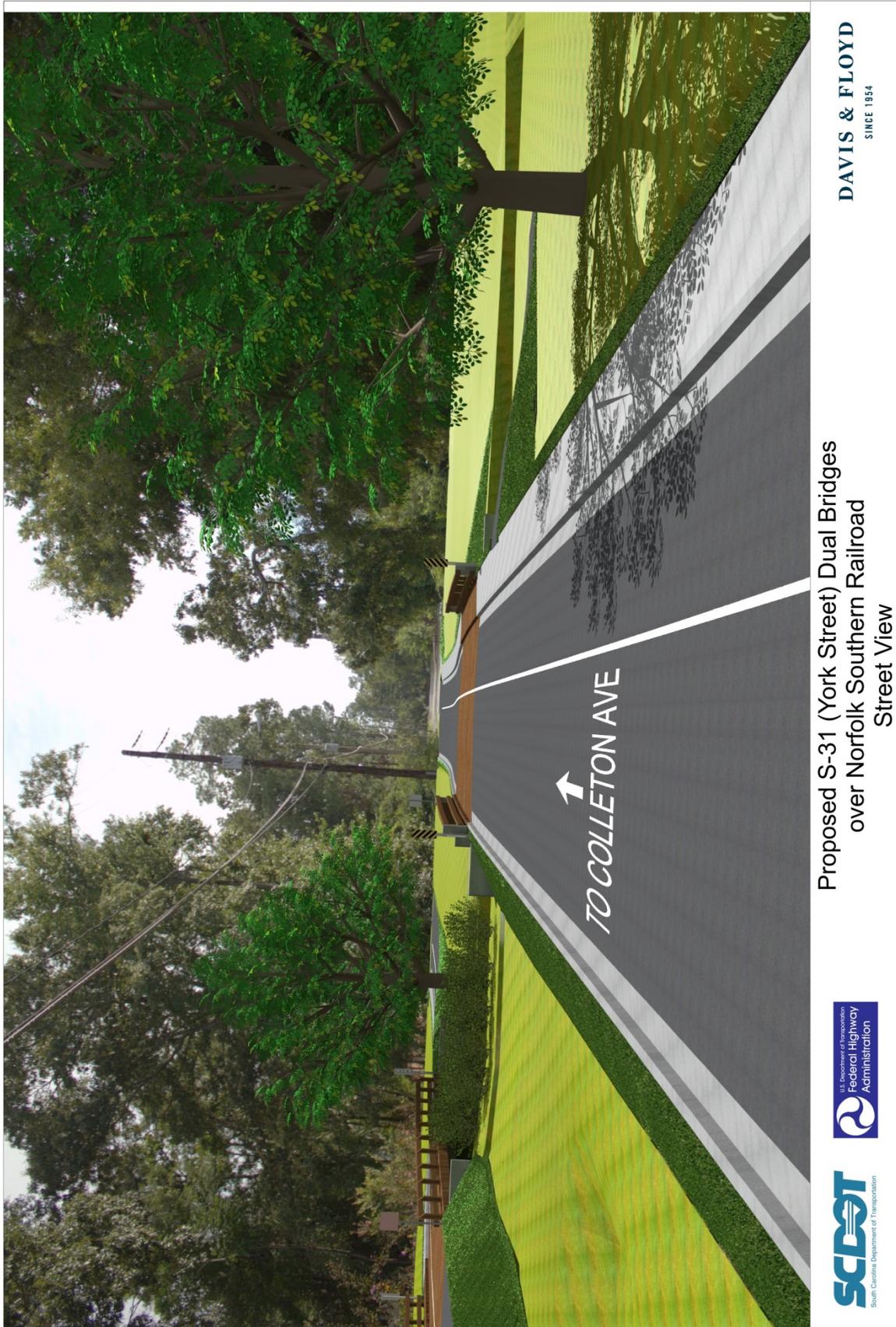


Figure 3. Project Rendering Street View



ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

The project is not anticipated to have substantial impacts to the human or natural environment, based on the following preliminary findings:

- No impacts to wetlands or streams are anticipated
- No floodplain encroachments within 100-year flood limits will occur
- No impacts to federally listed threatened and endangered species are anticipated
- No eligible or potentially eligible National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) sites will be adversely affected
- No right-of-way relocations are required

TITLE VI COMPLIANCE

SCDOT complies with all requirements as set forth by Federal regulations issued by the U.S. Department of Transportation under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended. Any person who believes that he or she has been discriminated against because of race, color, religion, sex, age, handicap/disability or national origin, under a program receiving federal aid, has the right to file a complaint with SCDOT. The complaint shall be filed with the Title VI Program Compliance Coordinator, at (803) 737-1372, or at the address shown below. The complaint should be submitted no later than 180 days after the date of the alleged act of discrimination. It should outline as completely as possible the facts and circumstances of the incident and should be signed by the person making the complaint.

ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE

Preliminary Engineering	<i>Nearing Completion</i>
Construction Begin	<i>Mid-Summer</i>
Construction End	<i>Early Winter</i>

COMMENTS

We appreciate your attendance at this meeting, and strongly encourage your feedback regarding the proposed project. You may provide written comments in the following ways:

- **AT THIS MEETING** Complete a comment form and place it in the comment box provided at this meeting;
- **MAIL/E-MAIL** Mail or E-Mail your comments to Ms. Michelle Shepherd at the address indicated below;
- **FAX** Fax your comments to 803-737-1510.

Written comments pertaining to this project will be accepted through **Friday, April 15, 2016**. All comments will be included in the official project record and will be available for public review after the comment period has been closed. All comments provided after this meeting should be directed to:

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