

S-48 Columbia Avenue

2nd Public Information Meeting

July 23, 2015
Chapin Town Hall
Chapin, SC

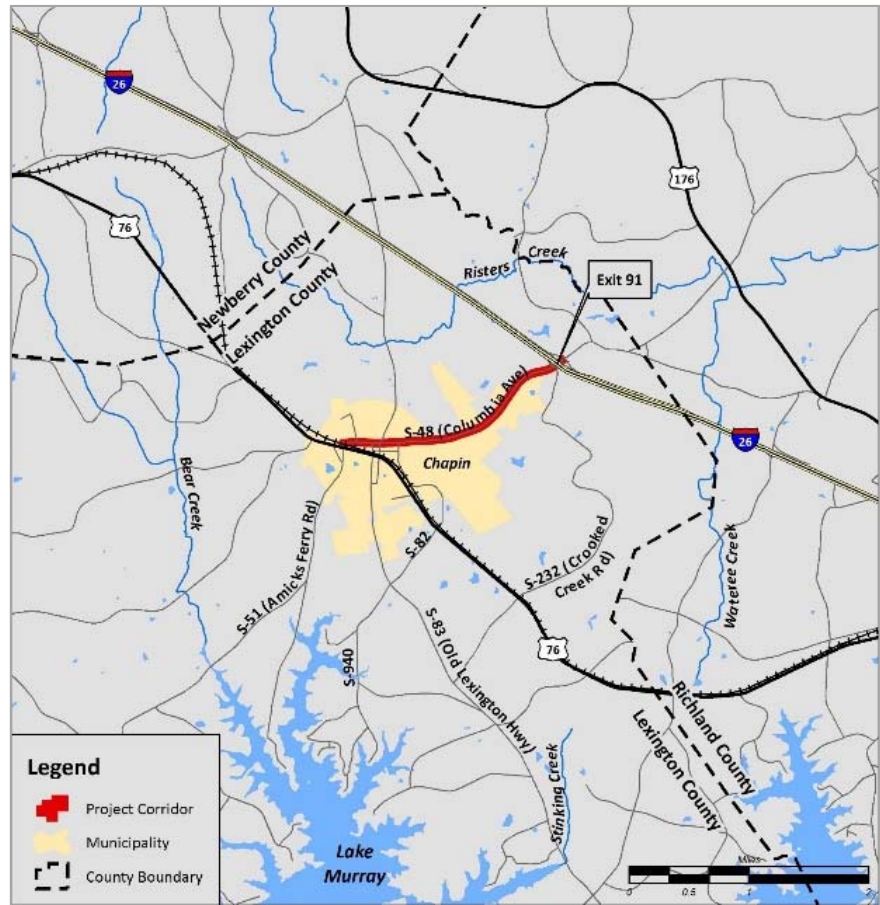


Meeting Purpose

The purpose of this follow up meeting is to provide additional information related to the proposed project and to solicit input from area residents, businesses, and commuters of the corridor. Engineering and Environmental personnel from Lexington County, the South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT), Federal Highway Administration and the Consultant team will be available to answer questions and discuss the project on an individual basis.

The Project

The Columbia Area Transportation Study Metropolitan Planning Organization (COATS MPO), in partnership with Lexington County, the South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) and the U.S. Federal Highway Administration, is proposing improvements to the S-48 (Columbia Avenue) Corridor between I-26 and US Hwy 76 (Chapin Road) in Lexington County, South Carolina.



Map of the Project Corridor

What's New

Since the November 6th, 2014 Public Information Meeting, the design team has been diligently reviewing the alternatives displayed at the meeting. The review encompassed qualifying evaluation criteria for each alternative such as impacts to the community, surrounding natural resources, and overall traffic operation. Six new alternatives were included to evaluate all the potential traffic movements in order to address the Purpose and Need. From the 31 alternatives, it was determined that 10 of those alternatives would need a more detailed analysis and additional research. From those 10 alternatives, three have been selected to be presented at today's Public Information Meeting for public comment.

Purpose and Need

The project is located within the Town of Chapin and serves as the primary access to I-26 for residents of Chapin and the growing residential areas south of Chapin and along Lake Murray. The Corridor also provides access to Chapin High School, as well as businesses and residences located along Columbia Avenue. The primary purpose of the project is to improve traffic congestion within the Corridor. The project will also improve system linkage, provide safety improvements, address roadway deficiencies and consider providing facilities for bicyclist and pedestrians for improved multi-modal forms of transportation.

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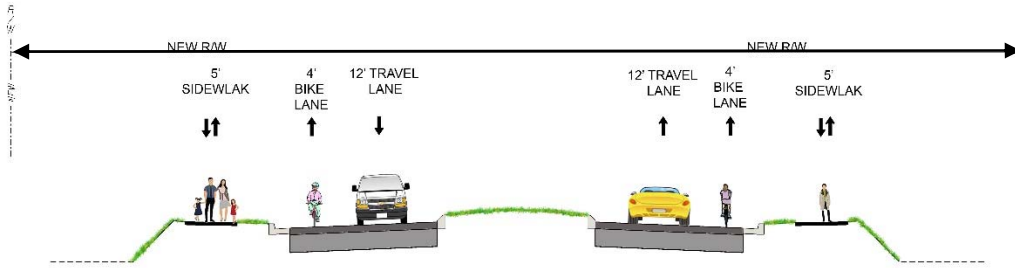
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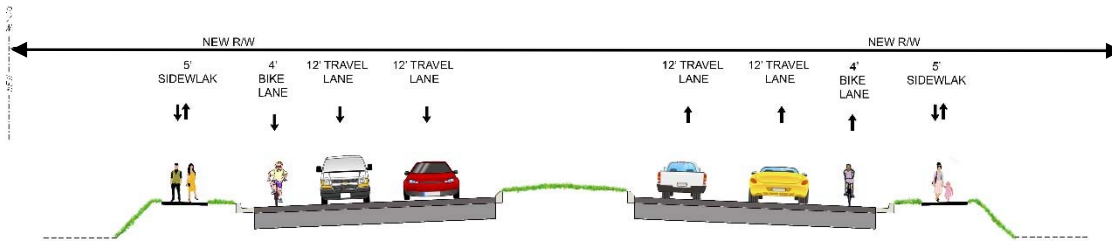
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Project Description

The consultant team, in partnership with Lexington County and the SCDOT, has performed a conceptual analysis of several potential alternative alignments within the vicinity of the project corridor. These alternative alignments satisfy the project's purpose and need by reducing traffic congestion along the S-48 corridor. The improvements will involve a combination of existing roadway upgrades with segments of new location roadway. Potential improvements include new 5 lane roadway section with planted median and/or a 3 lane roadway section as illustrated. The project will also include improvements the existing S-48/ I-26 interchange as well as potential multi-modal improvements such as bike lanes and sidewalks.



3 Lane Roadway Section



5 Lane Roadway Section

Your Input Matters

Comments should be submitted no later than August 7, 2015

- Complete a comment form and deposit it in the comment box
- Have your verbal comment recorded at this meeting
- Email your comments to: JMcNesby@lex-co.com
- Mail your comments to:
Lexington County Public Works
Jeff McNesby, PE
440 Ball Park Road
Lexington, South Carolina
- Fax your comment to 803.785.8593

After Today's Meeting

Lexington County will collect public feedback from today's meeting, similar to the previous Public Information Meeting. The County will use this feedback to further develop the three alternatives and its environmental document. Once the environmental document is completed, it will be made available to the public at the future Public Hearing. Although you will not receive a formal written response from today's comments, formal responses will be provided for future Public Hearing comments. Public involvement is an important part of the planning process, and the County values your opinion. Thank you for your participation.



Anticipated Schedule

Winter 2015 –
Select Preferred Alternative

Winter 2015 –
Hold Public Hearing

Spring 2016 –
Right-of-Way Acquisition

Spring 2017 –
Construction