

# **US-17 Widening of Speedway Boulevard**

## **Jasper County**

## **Public Hearing**

### **When:**

Thursday, February 23, 2017, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

### **Where:**

Hardeeville Elementary School, 150 Hurricane Alley, Hardeeville, SC 29927

### **Project:**

The South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) plans to widen the existing two-lane roadway of US-17 (Speedway Boulevard) from SC-315 to the Georgia Line in Jasper County. The proposed widening would include two lanes in either direction with a divided grassed median. During construction the existing two-lanes of US-17 will remain open as the contractor builds the new lanes and upon completion, traffic will be shifted on to those while the contractor repairs the existing lanes.

### **Hearing and Hearing Agenda:**

The hearing will be conducted on the above listed date and location. From 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., the format will be informal where the guests are welcome to view the project displays and other information related to the project and talk with the project team. The formal portion of the hearing will begin at 6:00 p.m. with the SCDOT presentation and formal comment period. Citizens who would like to make formal public comments should sign up to speak between 5:00 p.m. and 5:55 p.m. After the SCDOT presentation, each speaker will be allotted two (2) minutes to speak, and the speaker's time is not transferrable to another person. From the end of the formal comment period until 7:00 p.m., the format will again be informal. Written comments will also be collected at all times during the hearing.

### **Purpose of Hearing:**

The purpose of the hearing is to provide information concerning the proposed roadway widening and to solicit input from area residents. Another purpose of the hearing will be to gather information from the public or any interested organization regarding historic or cultural resources in the area. Engineering and environmental personnel from SCDOT will be available before and after the formal portion to discuss the project with interested citizens on an individual basis. Tentative schedules for construction and right of way acquisition will be discussed. Further project details, including an environmental assessment of the project's effects, will be available. Property owners near the project limits are requested to attend. Maps and drawings of the proposed improvements will be available and attendees may ask questions and provide comments regarding the possible social, economic, and environmental effects of the project.

### **Review and Contact:**

The environmental document will be available for public review at least 15 days before and after the Public Hearing at [http://www.scdot.org/inside/public\\_hearings.aspx](http://www.scdot.org/inside/public_hearings.aspx). Questions about the project may be directed to SCDOT Program Manager Craig Winn at 803-737-6376 in Columbia, SC. Persons with disabilities who may require special accommodations should contact Ms. Betty Gray at 803-737-1395.