Project Update 2018-December

**PROJECT INFO**
SCDOT will be constructing a new high-level fixed-span bridge and removing the swing-span bridge along US 21 (Sea Island Parkway) over the Harbor River in Beaufort County. The bridge provides the only means for vehicular access from the mainland to Harbor Island, Hunting Island, and Fripp Island. The proposed 3,353’ long and 65’ tall fixed span bridge, which can be seen in the rendering to the right, will replace the current swing-span bridge that was originally constructed between 1938 and 1940.

*The above photo depicts the new bridge’s final configuration.*

**PROJECT MILESTONES**
The right-of-way acquisition process is complete, and all necessary tracts of land have been acquired. The utility relocation process began in September with all utility moves slated to be substantially complete by 12/31/2018. Project permits are currently under review with a decision expected by year-end as well. Final project design is nearly complete in preparation for construction to commence in Q1 of 2019.

**CURRENT ACTIVITIES 2018 – Q4**
The contractor is beginning to build the causeway and move barges into place to allow for drilling of the test shaft to begin. This will require daytime lane closures between the hours of 9:00 am to 4:00 pm westbound (from Fripp Island to St. Helena Island) for the week of December 10th, 2018. Bridge construction is still slated to begin in January.

PLEASE STAY TUNED FOR MORE UPDATES!

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