

**Proposed Widening of I-85  
From the Broad River Bridge (Mile Marker 98) to US 29 (Exit 96) including  
Interchange Improvements at Exits 100 (Blacksburg Road), 102 (North Mountain St.),  
104 (Tribal Road), & 106 (United States Route 29)  
Cherokee County**

**Public Hearing**

**Hearing:**

Tuesday, March 14, 2014, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., at Blacksburg Primary School located at 1010 East Cherokee Street, Blacksburg, SC 29702.

**Purpose:**

To provide an opportunity to review and discuss individually, with representatives from the South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) the preliminary plans for the proposed widening of I-85 from Broad River Bridge to US 29. This project will also include interchange improvements at Exits 100, 102, 104, and 106. Another purpose of the hearing will be to gather information from the public or any interested organization regarding the proposed project.

**Format:**

From 5:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m., the hearing format will be informal. Large graphic displays of the entire project will be available for viewing and project team members from SCDOT will be present to discuss the project with interested citizens on an individual basis.

At 6:00 p.m., SCDOT will make a brief, formal presentation about the project purpose and need, schedule, and potential natural and human impacts to the community. Immediately following the presentation, citizens will have the option to make formal, verbal comments regarding the proposed project. Anyone who wishes to verbally comment must sign up between 5:00 p.m. and 5:55 p.m. Sign in will be available when entering the public hearing. Each comment will be limited to two minutes and the time may not be transferred. The informal portion of the public hearing will continue during this time.

**Process:**

Project details, including environmental documentation of the project's effects, will be provided. Maps and drawings of the proposed improvements will be available, and citizens may ask questions and provide comments regarding the possible social, economic and environmental effects of the project. Property owners and business owners on or near the project area are urged to attend.

**Review:**

Related maps and/or drawings, environmental assessment, and other pertinent data will be available for public review at least 15 days prior to the public hearing, at the SCDOT District Office located at 1232 JA Cochran Bypass, Chester, SC 29706 (Phone: 803-377-4155). Additional information concerning the project may be obtained by contacting Program Manager Brad Reynolds, P.E. at 803-737-1440, in Columbia. Persons with disabilities who may require special accommodations should contact Ms. Betty Gray at 803-737-1395.

**South Carolina Department of Transportation and  
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