

PUBLIC HEARING MARCH 14, 2017 WELCOME

The South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) is pleased to have you attend this Public Hearing on the proposed Interstate 85 (I-85) improvement project. The purpose of the Public Hearing is to provide an opportunity to review and discuss individually, with the South Carolina Department of Transportation, and their representatives, preliminary plans for the proposed widening of I-85 from approximately one mile north of Exit 96 (SC 18) to Exit 106 (US 29) near the SC/NC state line. The project includes adding an additional travel lane in each direction and re-configuring interchanges to correct design deficiencies.

From 5:00 until 6:00 pm, the hearing format will be informal. Large aerial 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.

At 6:00 pm, 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 pm and 5:55 pm when entering the public hearing. Each comment will be limited to two minutes and may not be transferred. The informal portion of the public hearing will continue during this time.

You are also encouraged to provide written comments on the forms provided so that we may have a written record of your concerns and suggestions. SCDOT appreciates your attendance and strongly encourages you to provide your input regarding the project in one of the following ways:

- Leave it in the Comment Box
- Mail to: Mr. Brad Reynolds, PE
SCDOT
PO Box 191
Columbia, SC 29202-0191
- Email to: Mr. Brad Reynolds at ReynoldsBS@scdot.org

COMMENTS WILL BE ACCEPTED THROUGH MARCH 29, 2017

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I-85 WIDENING PROJECT MM 98 to 106 CHEROKEE COUNTY



PROJECT BACKGROUND

The SCDOT proposes to improve the I-85 corridor from approximately one mile north of SC 18 (Exit 96) to US 29 (Exit 106) near the SC/NC state line, a distance of approximately 10 miles. There are various operational deficiencies associated with many of the interchange facilities, as well as mainline capacity needs.

SCDOT has completed environmental studies and preliminary design on the proposed widening project. The preliminary design was based on the information gathered from the various environmental studies, input received at the Public Information Meeting, and engineering safety and design considerations. The Preferred Alternative is being presented at this Public Hearing, to provide the public with a second opportunity to ask questions and provide additional input on the project. The following is a projected schedule for the project.

Begin Right-of-Way Acquisition: Spring 2018
Begin Construction: Summer 2018
End Construction: Spring 2022



PROJECT PURPOSE

The purpose of the project is to improve the performance of the existing roadway. This section of I-85 is currently experiencing traffic flow and congestion problems that will continue to worsen. By the design year (2040), many areas will be handling more traffic than the original design intended. It is anticipated that the project will:

1. Add travel lanes along the I-85 mainline.
2. Improve the operation, efficiency, and safety along various interchanges and ramps.
3. Replace insufficient overpass bridges.

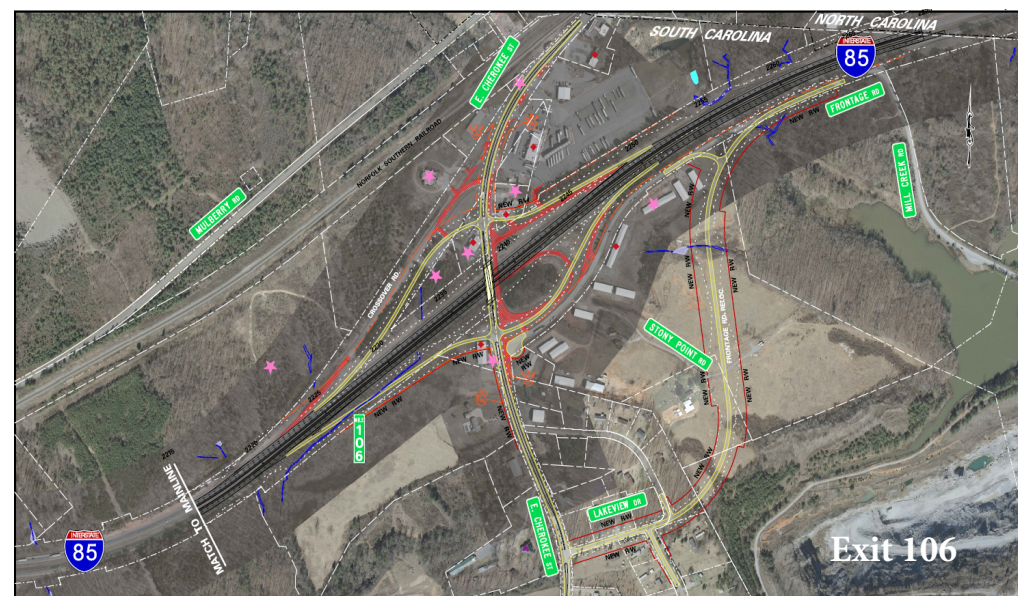
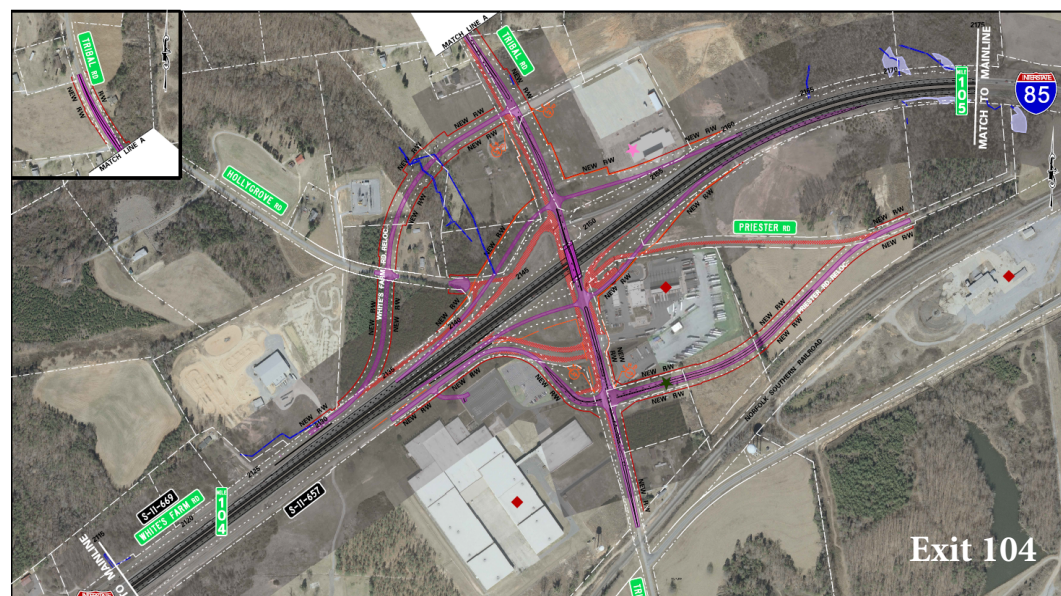
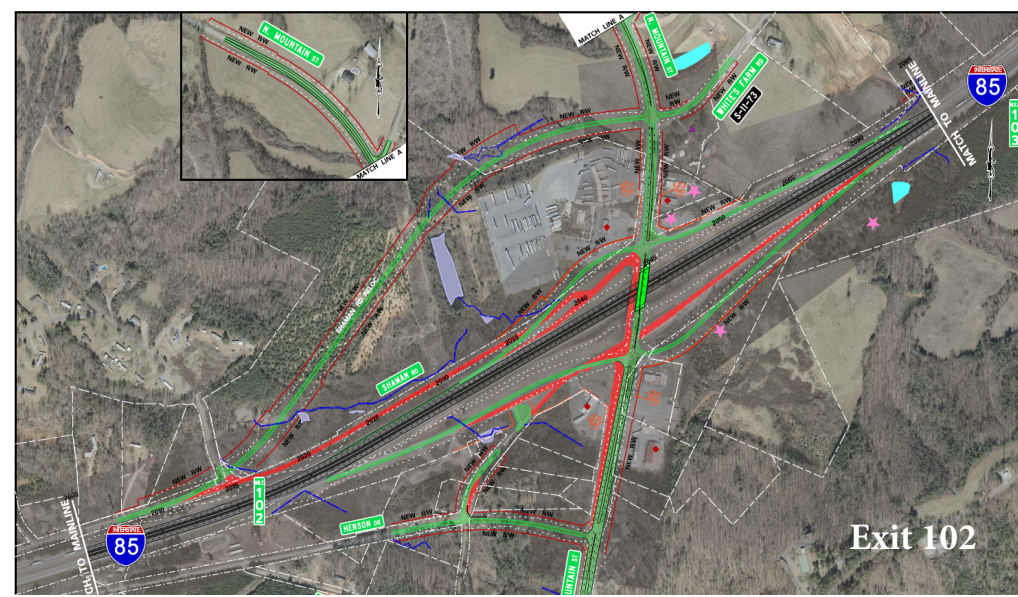
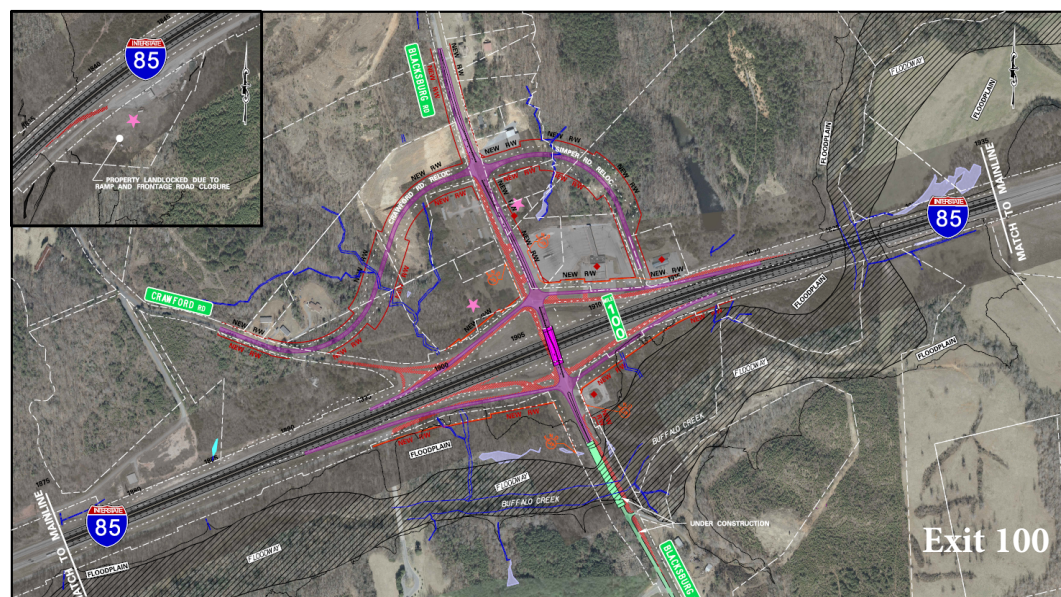
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PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE