

PUBLIC HEARING

December 1, 2016

Florence County and the South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) are very pleased to have you attend this Public Hearing on the proposed design to widen Alligator Road (S-107) between US 52 and US 76 in Florence County.

The purpose of the meeting is to provide the public with an opportunity to review and discuss individually, with the South Carolina Department of Transportation, and their representatives, preliminary plans for the proposed widening of Alligator Road. Another purpose of the meeting will be to gather information from the public or any interested organization regarding historic or cultural resources in the area.

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 will be present to discuss the project with interested citizens, on an individual basis. At 6:00 pm, SCDOT will make a brief, formal presentation in the auditorium 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 or suggestions.

You may comment in four ways:

- Leave it in the Comment Box
- Mail to: Mr. Brian Dix
SCDOT
955 Park Street
Columbia, SC 29201
- Email to: Mr. Brian Dix at dixbd@scdot.org
- Fax to: 803.737.1085



Alligator Road (S-107) Widening Florence County, SC



PROJECT BACKGROUND

The proposed improvements would involve the widening of Alligator Road with a 5-lane section between Knollwood/Walker Swinton Road and US 52, and a 3-lane section between Knollwood/Walker Swinton Road and US 76, a total distance of approximately 7.5 miles. The alternative would provide the necessary improvements to accommodate future traffic deficiencies through the construction of additional travel lanes, designated median turn lanes, and various intersection improvements including turn lanes and additional storage.

Florence County voters recognized the need for the project when they approved the One-Cent Capital Project Sales Tax referendum in November 2006. This project is the sixth priority project listed in the FLATS 2017-2022 TIP financial statement and is funded entirely by the One Cent Capital Project Sales Tax revenues.

PROJECT PURPOSE

The purpose of the proposed Alligator Road project is to improve the operational efficiency of the roadway to accommodate existing and future traffic conditions. The secondary purpose is to enhance local connectivity around the City of Florence.



PROJECT SCHEDULE

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 input on the project. The following is a projected schedule for the project:

Project Schedule	Date
Begin Right-of-Way Acquisition	Spring 2017
Begin Construction	Spring 2019
Complete Construction	Summer 2021

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