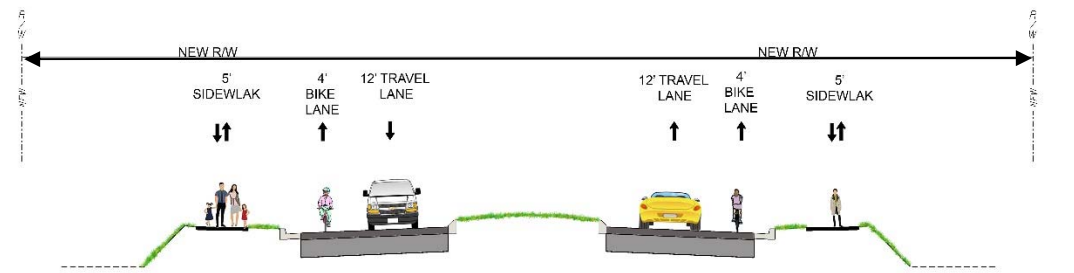
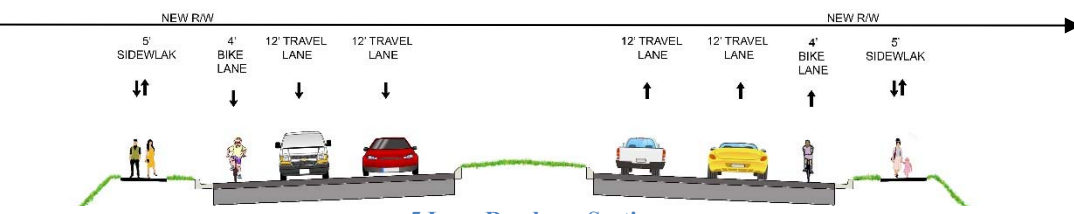


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3 Lane Roadway Section



5 Lane Roadway Section

What Happens Next?

After tonight's hearing, SCDOT will receive the public's comments on the preliminary plans and potential impacts for the Preferred Alternative. **The EA, related maps and drawings, and other pertinent information will be available for public review until February 1, 2017, at SCDOT, Lexington County Public Works (440 Ball Park Road in Lexington), and the Chapin Branch Library (129 Columbia Avenue in Chapin).** The EA, as well as the handout, comment form, and project displays from this meeting are also accessible on SCDOT's website at www.scdot.org/inside/public_hearings.aspx

Comment forms are available at this hearing. Comments completed tonight can be given to Project Team members or placed in designated Comment Boxes. Comments may also be mailed to Mr. Jeff McNesby at Lexington County Public Works (440 Ball Park Road, Lexington, SC, 29072), faxed to 803.785.8201, or emailed to JMcNesby@lex-co.com. **Please return all written comments by February 1, 2017.** All comments received will become part of the public record for this project.

Following any necessary additional studies, a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) could be issued by the FHWA. If a FONSI is determined and funding is available, right-of-way acquisition may begin. A SCDOT Right-of-Way Agent will contact the property owners to verify the information on ownership and property lines, and to explain how construction of the project will affect their property. The Right-of-Way Agent will make a written offer based on the fair market value for any property impacted by the project. Details of right-of-way acquisition procedures can be found in the brochure, "SCDOT Highways and You" which is available at this hearing. Right-of-Way representatives are also available at this hearing to answer your questions.

Title VI Compliance

SCDOT complies with all requirements set forth by Federal regulations issued by the U.S. Department of Transportation under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended. Any person who believes that he or she has been discriminated against because of race, color, religion, sex, age, handicap or disability, or national origin under a program receiving federal aid has the right to file a complaint with SCDOT. The complaint shall be filed with the Title VI Program Compliance Coordinator, at the Office of Business Development & Special Programs, 955 Park Street, Suite 117, Columbia, SC 29202 or at (803) 737-5095. The complaint should be submitted no later than 180 days after the date of the alleged act of discrimination. It should outline as completely as possible the facts and circumstances of the incident and should be signed by the person making the complaint.



Anticipated Schedule

Phase I – Interchange

Spring 2017
Right-of-Way Acquisition

Winter 2017
Finalize Construction Plans

Summer 2018
Begin Construction

Phase II – Mainline

Summer 2018
Right-of-Way Acquisition

Spring 2019
Finalize Construction Plans

Fall 2019
Begin Construction

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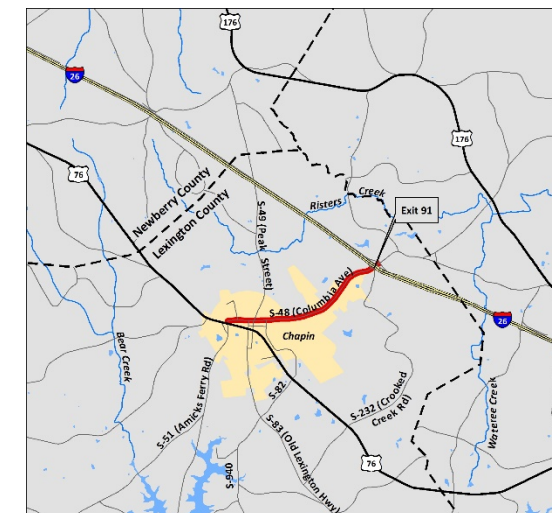
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Chapin, SC



Purpose of Public Hearing

The South Carolina Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration, Lexington County, and the Columbia Area Transportation Study Metropolitan Planning Organization (COATS MPO) welcome you to this evening's public hearing and appreciate your attendance.

The purpose of this public hearing is to provide an opportunity to review and discuss individually, with representatives from the Project Team, the preliminary plans for the proposed S-48 (Columbia Avenue) Corridor Improvement Project. Another purpose of the hearing is to gather information from the public or any interested organization on historic or cultural resources in the area.



Project Corridor Proposed for Improvement

Purpose of Project

Columbia Avenue serves as the primary access to I-26 for residents of Chapin and the residential areas south of Chapin and along Lake Murray. The Project Corridor also provides access to Chapin High School, as well as businesses and residences located along Columbia Avenue. The purpose of the project is to improve traffic congestion along the Columbia Avenue corridor between I-26 and U.S. Highway 76 (Chapin Road).

Public Hearing Format

From 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., the hearing format will be informal.

The Environmental Assessment (EA) and large aerial displays of the 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. Citizens are encouraged to ask questions and provide comments regarding the possible social, economic, and environmental effects of the project.

At 6:00 p.m., SCDOT will make a brief, formal presentation

The presentation will provide information about the project's purpose and need, schedule, and potential impacts to the community and the natural environment. 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 to speak between 5:00 p.m. and 5:55 p.m. Interested residents can sign up at the entrance table to 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. All formal verbal comments will be recorded as part of the official project record. Commenters will be asked to state their name, address, and any relevant group affiliation.

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