

**S-48 (COLUMBIA AVENUE) CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**  
**Lexington County**

**Public Hearing**

**When:**

Tuesday, January 17, 2017, between 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

**Where:**

Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church at 195 Amicks Ferry Rd, Chapin, South Carolina 29036.

**Project:**

The South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT), Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Lexington County, plan to make improvements to the S-48 (Columbia Avenue) Corridor in order to provide traffic congestion relief from the I-26 and S-48 interchange to the S-48 / S-51 (Amicks Ferry Road) / US 76 (Chapin Road) intersection located in down town Chapin. These improvements include roadway widening, new location roadway, pedestrian and bicycle facilities, intersection and overall safety improvements and a new interchange. During construction of this project, existing facilities will remain open to traffic. This project is funded through SCDOT's Statewide Transportation Improvement Program for Lexington County.

**Hearing and Hearing Agenda:**

The Hearing will be conducted on the above listed date and location. From 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm, the format will be informal where guests are welcome to view maps, visualization renderings, project displays and other information related to the proposed project. Project team members from SCDOT, FHWA, and Lexington County will be available during this period to help answer questions. The formal portion of the hearing will begin at 6:00 pm with a project presentation and a formal public comment period. Citizens who would like to make a formal public comment should sign up to speak between 5:00 pm and 5:55 pm as they enter the Hearing. Following the project presentation, each speaker who signed up will be allotted two (2) minutes to speak. The speaker's time is not transferable to another person. From the end of the project presentation and formal comment period until 7:00 pm, the formal will again be informal. Written comments will also be collected at all times during the Hearing.

**Purpose of the Hearing:**

The purpose of this Hearing is to review, discuss, and provide information concerning the proposed corridor improvements and to solicit input from area residents. Another purpose of the Hearing will be to gather information from the public, or any interested organization, regarding historic or cultural resources in the area. Engineering, Right-of-Way, and Environmental personnel will be available before and after the formal portion to discuss the project with interested citizens on an individual basis. Further discussion regarding the project's purpose and need, schedule, and potential natural and human impacts to the community will also be discussed during the Hearing. The environmental assessment of the project's effects will be available at this meeting. Residents of the Town of Chapin and surrounding areas are requested to attend and ask questions and provide comments regarding the possible social, economic and environmental effects of the project.

**Review and Contact Information:**

A hard copy of the environmental document will be available for public review at least 15 days before and after the Public Hearing at the SCDOT's Central Office at 955 Park Street in Columbia, SCDOT's District office at 1400 Shop Road in Columbia, and Lexington County Public Works at 440 Ball Park Road in Lexington. The information is also available at [http://www.scdot.org/inside/public\\_hearings.aspx](http://www.scdot.org/inside/public_hearings.aspx). Additional information may be obtained by contacting Lexington County Project Manager Jeff McNesby at 803.785.8593. Persons with disabilities who may require special accommodations to attend the Hearing should contact Betty Gray, SCDOT Environmental Services Office Manager at 803-737-1395.