



September 28, 2017

Hanahan Elementary School

Proposed Railroad Avenue Extension in Berkeley County

Welcome

The purpose of this meeting is to provide an opportunity to review and discuss individually with representatives from the South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) the proposed (S-732) Railroad Ave. Extension from Mabeline Rd (S-1116) to Eagle Landing Blvd. The proposed project will set a new alignment for Railroad Ave. that will run parallel to the existing CSX tracks and will provide connectivity between north and south Hanahan without having to cross the CSX tracks twice.

Intersection improvements will also be made at Mabeline Rd. and Eagles Landing Blvd. Personnel from SCDOT will be available to answer questions and discuss the project with you on an individual basis.

Project Description

The project funded by Federal Earmarks and the 2008 Berkeley County Sales Tax Program consists of construction of a new location, 2 lane roadway between Mabeline Rd and Eagle Landing Blvd with intersection improvements at Mabeline Rd and Eagle Landing Blvd, and a 5' wide sidewalk. A new bridge will also be constructed over a tributary to the Goose Creek Reservoir, as well as, a new access roadway will be designed for CSX on the west side of the existing railroad.

Purpose & Need

The purpose of the project is to provide a connection between north and south Hanahan without having to enter Rivers Avenue and cross the CSX railroad twice. The proposed new roadway will be constructed along the eastern side of the existing CSX's rail line. It will significantly improve access to nearby neighborhoods and schools in the area by providing a more direct link. The project will provide a safer and more efficient route to Hanahan Elementary School and serve to enhance community cohesion on the eastern side of the CSX railway right of way. The project will also increase safety as traffic, including school buses, will not have to cross the CSX rail tracks via use of Mabeline Road and Eagle Landing Boulevard from Rivers Avenue.

Project History

SCDOT, CSX, Army Corps of Engineers and the City of Hanahan have been working together since 2001 to find a solution to improve the Railroad Avenue extension. During this time an Environmental Assessment (2004) was completed that evaluated the impacts associated with the proposed corridor. Originally CSX requested an additional rail bed to be constructed as part of the project to replace the existing rail bed that was to be used for roadway; however SCDOT was unable to do so because it was not part of the purpose and need for the project. Without the additional rail bed from CSX, SCDOT was unable to secure a permit to construct the roadway and the project was put on hold in 2012. In late 2015 SCDOT began discussions, on a conceptual plan with CSX and secured a conceptual approval from CSX in April 2016. The revised plan is now being evaluated for potential environmental impacts through a documented re- evaluation of the 2004 Environmental Assessment.

Approximate Funding:

- Berkeley County Sales Tax: \$10,000,000
- Federal Funding: \$4,000,000

Anticipated project costs:

- \$14,000,000

All comments
must be
submitted by
October 13th

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Anticipated Schedule:

- Right-of-way acquisition
- January 2018
- Construction - March 2019

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