



Charleston County

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Bees Ferry Road Widening Project

Environmental Assessment Public Hearing

Hearing: In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), Charleston County Government is holding a public hearing from 6 – 8 p.m. on May 4, 2009, at West Ashley High School (4060 Wildcat Boulevard, Charleston, S.C.) to share information regarding environmental impacts with the public and gather comments on the Environmental Assessment for the Bees Ferry Road Widening Project. Property owners and business owners on or near the project are requested to attend.

Tentative schedules for construction and right-of-way acquisition, maps, drawings and other project details will be available, including environmental documentation of the project's effects. Residents may ask questions and provide comments regarding the possible social, economic, and environmental effects of the project.

Bees Ferry Road Widening Project: The Environmental Assessment addresses improvements to Bees Ferry Road (Road S-57) between Savannah Highway (U.S. Route 17) and Ashley River Road (S.C. Route 61). The project includes widening Bees Ferry Road from two to four lanes for the majority of the project with standard left and right turn lanes where needed and a landscaped median from Savannah Highway to Grand Oaks Boulevard. The road would be widened to six lanes between Grand Oaks Boulevard and the proposed intersection of the West Ashley Circle (to the north of Glenn McConnell Parkway) and to five lanes between Glenn McConnell Parkway and Ashley River Road. The project also includes curbs and gutters; a 10-foot multi-use path on the north side of Bees Ferry Road that would tie into the multi-use path along Ashley River Road; a five-foot-wide sidewalk along the south side of the road; and safe crossing accommodations at proposed signalized intersections.

Hearing Schedule: Doors open to the public at 6 p.m. at which time project team members will be available to discuss the project one-on-one with attendees until 7 p.m. At 7 p.m., project representatives will make a brief, formal presentation. Immediately following the presentation, citizens will have the opportunity to make formal, verbal comments. Each comment will be limited to two minutes and may not be transferred. Anyone who wishes to verbally comment must sign up prior to the 7 p.m. presentation. Charleston County will accept written comments for a two-week period following the public hearing.

Review: The Environmental Assessment and other pertinent data are available for public review at the Charleston County RoadWise office at 4401 Belle Oaks Drive, Suite 105, in North Charleston. Fifteen days prior to the hearing, a copy of the Environmental Assessment will also be available at the S.C. Department of Transportation's (SCDOT) Central Office at 955 Park Street in Columbia, SCDOT's North Charleston Office at 6355 Fain Boulevard, in North Charleston, St. Andrews Regional Public Library (1735 N. Woodmere Drive, Charleston) and at the main branch of the Charleston County Public Library (68 Calhoun Street, Charleston). For more information, contact Gaynelle Whittle-Shipp at (843) 329-0050. Persons with disabilities who may require special accommodations should contact Lynda McMillan at (843) 329-0050.

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