

# **PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING**

## **SC 146 (Woodruff Road) Widening Project, Greenville County**

**March 17, 2015, 5:00-7:00 PM**

**Monarch Elementary School**

### **Welcome**

The South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT), along with GPATS, and Greenville County, is very pleased to have you attend this public meeting on the proposed SC 146 (Woodruff Road) Widening Project located in Greenville County. The purpose of this meeting is to provide an opportunity to review and discuss individually with representatives from the SCDOT the proposed alternative, purpose and need for the project, and limits of the project. Personnel from and representing the SCDOT will be available to answer questions and discuss the project with interested citizens on an individual basis. In addition, participants are encouraged to submit any comments or questions utilizing the available comment forms; electronically through the SCDOT website ([www.scdot.org](http://www.scdot.org), "Public Hearings"); or by contacting Mr. Tommy Elrod, SCDOT Program Manager. Comments will be accepted until April 3, 2015.

### **Purpose and Need**

The purpose of the project is to improve the operational efficiency of the current facility, including intersections, by widening the existing roadway. The secondary purpose is to improve the overall safety of the facility and provide continuity with adjacent facilities as well as provide bicycle and pedestrian access. The project has been identified as a priority project in the GPATS (Greenville-Pickens Area Transportation Study) program.

### **Existing Facility**

The project area extends approximately 1.0 mile along Woodruff Road from near Five Forks Road to near Bennetts Bridge Road. The existing facility consists of two 12-foot travel lanes and grassed shoulders. In addition there are numerous side roads along this corridor that provide service to the adjacent residential communities. These roads include, but are not limited to Ashridge Way, Sunnydale Drive, Dusty Lane, and Pawleys Drive. The existing right-of-way along Woodruff Road currently varies from 50 to 90 feet. Additionally, the project area extends approximately 0.4 miles along Scuffletown Road from the intersection with Woodruff Road to Magnolia Place Court/Lake Park View, including the intersection with Adams Mill Road. The existing right-of-way along Scuffletown Road currently varies from 25 to 50 feet.

### **Proposed Facility**

The proposed project would widen the existing roadway to five lanes including wide outside lanes and sidewalks along the length of the project. This five-lane section would transition to a three-lane section just beyond the intersection at Bennetts Bridge Road. The proposed project would also include improvements to Scuffletown Road from Woodruff Road to Magnolia Place Court/Lake Park View, including improvements at the intersection with Adams Mill Road. These improvements are needed to accommodate the current and anticipated future traffic demand along these roadways and will ultimately improve the capacity, operational efficiency, and decrease travel times along the roadways and intersections. The SCDOT intends to utilize as much of the existing roadway and right-of-way as possible, though the proposed project is anticipated to require areas of new right-of-way along with potential slope permissions.

## **Schedule and Budget**

The proposed project construction cost is estimated at \$10.35 million. Right-of-way acquisition is scheduled to occur in 2016 with construction beginning spring 2017 and taking about 18 months to complete. The construction schedule is dependent upon available funding, coordination with affected utility providers, and on the approval of all necessary permits.

## **Environmental Impacts**

Preliminary environmental studies have been conducted along the project corridor to identify any sensitive environmental resources. The following is a brief summary of the findings:

- *Threatened and Endangered Species* = it is anticipated that the project would have no effect on any protected species.
- *Wetlands/Waters of the U.S./Floodplain* = no wetlands of potential jurisdictional waters were identified in the project area.
- *Cultural Resources* = it is anticipated that the project would have no effect on any cultural resources.
- *Noise* = a noise assessment is being conducted for the project to fully document any potential impacts.
- *Relocations/Displacements* = no residential or commercial displacements are anticipated.
- *Human Environment* = temporary traffic delays are anticipated during construction; however existing access and travel patterns will not be permanently impacted. The proposed project would result in long term benefits by providing a safer, more efficient transportation facility for local motorist.

## **Where do we go from here?**

SCDOT will consider all comments received at this meeting in the further development of the Woodruff Road Widening Project. SCDOT will finalize and submit an environmental document to the Federal Highway Administration that outlines the social, environmental and economic impacts of the project. When approved, the document will be made available for public review at appropriate SCDOT offices.

## **Thank You**

Thank you for your participation. Please share this information with any interested persons unable to attend today. Please contact Tommy Elrod at [ElrodJT@scdot.org](mailto:ElrodJT@scdot.org) or by telephone at 864-239-6098, or Jonathan Chasteen at [ChasteenJR@scdot.org](mailto:ChasteenJR@scdot.org) or by telephone at 864-239-6001 in Greenville with any questions you may have. This hand-out and comment sheet is available online ([www.scdot.org](http://www.scdot.org), "Public Hearings" Quicklink) or by email upon request.



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