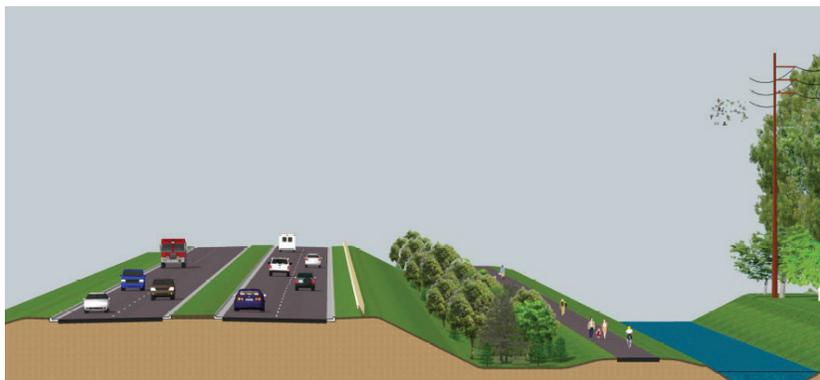


Dear Sir or Madam,

You may have recently received a public notice from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) about Phase 3 of Berlin Myers Parkway. South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) is currently reviewing comments received during the public notice. The purpose of this newsletter is to provide additional information about the project, agencies, and next steps.



*Proposed roadway, vegetation, and path location are representative but subject to change during final design.*

SCDOT proposes to construct the last segment of Phase 3 of Berlin G. Myers Parkway in Dorchester County, South Carolina. As currently proposed, the project includes the construction of approximately 3.25 miles of a new roadway, four lanes with a median and curb and gutter, which extends from Gahagan Road (S-18-339) to US 17A at Boone Hill Road and West Fisher Road (see map on next page). The project will include improvements at the intersections of the new roadway with US 17A, Orangeburg Road (S-18-22), Greenwave Boulevard (S-18-363/678), Luden Road (S-18-706) and E Carolina Ave (S-64).

## PURPOSE AND NEED

The purpose of this project is to provide system linkage, reduce congestion, and improve safety on surrounding roadways including US 17A and Bacons Bridge Road (SC 165).

## AGENCIES INVOLVED



**THE U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS** is responsible for evaluating certain impacts of the proposed project:

- USACE must determine that proposed alterations to the Sawmill Branch flood control project will not impair the usefulness of the project or be injurious to the public interest under 33 USC § 408 (Section 408).
- USACE evaluates most construction impacts to the Nation's waters to determine whether a proposed project is contrary to the public interest by balancing many factors, including flood hazards and floodplain values, under "404 of Clean Water Act."



**FEMA**

**THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY** through the National Flood Insurance Program, is responsible for reviewing the proposed modifications to Sawmill Branch to ensure compliance with local and national floodplain management regulations.



**THE FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION** is responsible for conducting a re-evaluation of its National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) decision, which will evaluate the effects to the human and natural environment due to the design changes since 2006.



**THE TOWN OF SUMMERVILLE** is a Sponsor of the flood control project on Sawmill Branch. In accordance with 33 USC Section 408, the Town is requesting permission from USACE to modify a portion of the federal flood control project to accommodate the construction of Berlin Myers Parkway Phase 3.

Each agency will serve an important role and may contact you during the evaluation process to gather information.

The project also includes the construction of seven new bridges and reconstruction of the shared use pathway along Sawmill Branch. Sawmill Branch is a federal flood control project constructed by the USACE with non-federal sponsors the Town of Summerville and Dorchester County in the early 1970s. Hydrologic modeling has been conducted to analyze the proposed roadway's effect on the Sawmill Branch project and floodplain and refine the project design to offset potential floodplain impacts. SCDOT and the project team compiled the current modeling results into a Section 408 Review Document that was submitted to USACE in January 2018.

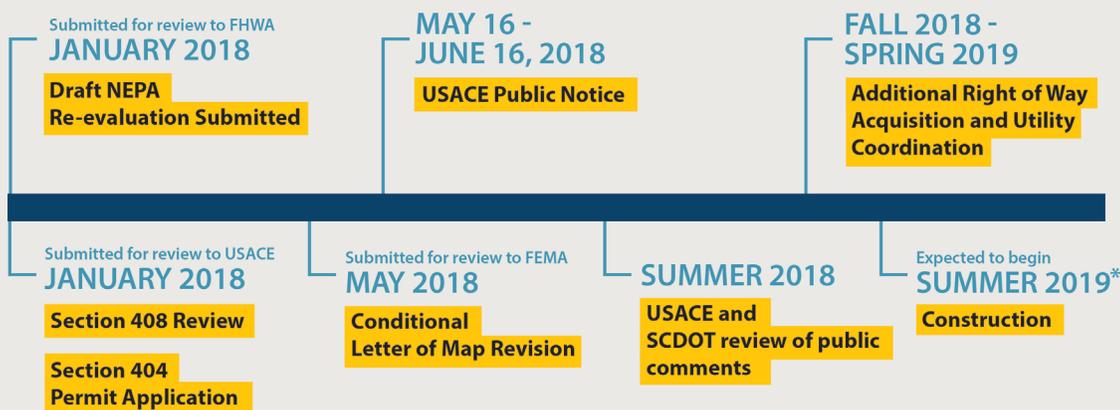
SCDOT will continue to work with USACE and FEMA on necessary modeling, reviews and authorizations, and will communicate the final modeling results back to residents in the Sawmill Branch floodplain. During this process, we want to hear from you. Your input is very important to us. The USACE and SCDOT are currently reviewing all of the comments received

during the public notice. If you have questions, you are encouraged to call me at 803-737-1346 or send me an email at [rileyj@scdot.org](mailto:rileyj@scdot.org). You can also visit the SCDOT Public Involvement Portal or <http://arcg.is/08WLGn>. A public meeting will be held later this year and residents will be notified of the date and location.

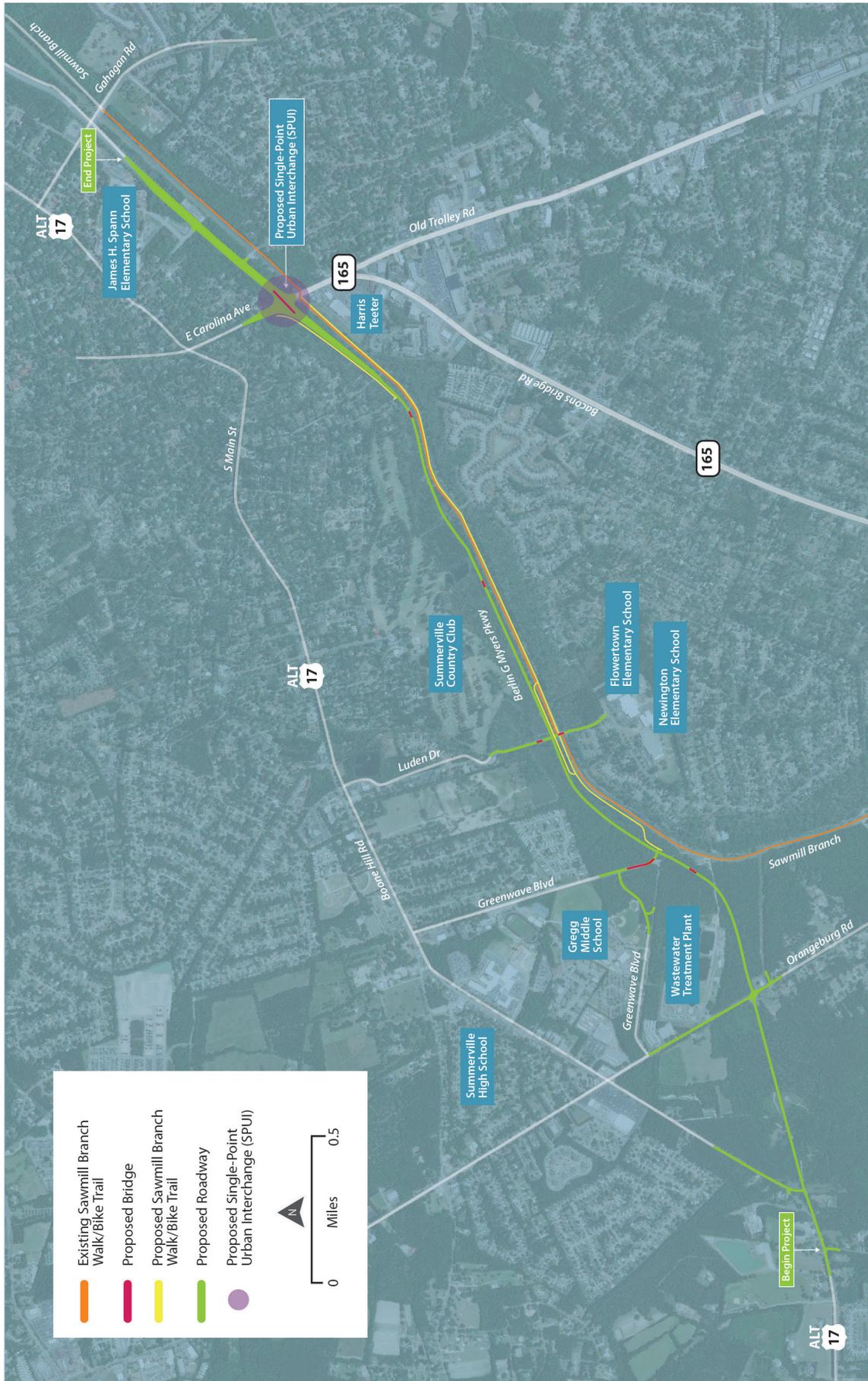
**Thank you,**  
**Joy Riley**, Project Manager  
*South Carolina Department of Transportation*

## PROJECT SCHEDULE

The Berlin Myers Parkway Phase 3 Environmental Assessment was completed in 2006. Since then, SCDOT has acquired right-of-way and the project team has conducted additional floodplain modeling. Coordination with USACE and FEMA regarding compliance with federal regulations is ongoing.



\* Assuming the sufficiency of hydrologic flood modeling, and authorizations for 408 impacts to the Sawmill Branch project and impacts to aquatic resources under 404.



**PROJECT LOCATION MAP**  
BERLIN MYERS PARKWAY PHASE 3



Address  
Address  
Address

Name  
Address  
Address  
Address

Website: <http://arcg.is/08WLGn>

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- **What is the project construction cost?**  
Anticipated project construction cost is \$118 Million.
- **Where can I submit a comment or ask a question?**  
Please contact the project manager by phone, email or on the online form here at <http://arcg.is/08WLGn>.  
Project Manager: Joy Riley, (803)737-1346, [rileyj@scdot.org](mailto:rileyj@scdot.org).
- **Is there an upcoming meeting I can attend?**  
A public meeting will be held later this year. Residents will be notified and information will be posted on SCDOT Public Involvement Portal or <http://arcg.is/08WLGn>.
- **What is the status of the Sawmill Branch Bike/Ped Trail during construction?**  
The project team is working with the Town of Summerville on a detour plan for the Sawmill Branch Bike/Ped Trail and evaluating options to minimize the length of time the trail is closed.