

Public Information Meeting

I-95 Over Lake Marion Bridge Replacements

June 1, 2023 - Santee Conference Center

Project Study Area



Welcome

The South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) welcomes you to the Public Information Meeting for the I-95 Bridge Replacements over Lake Marion project. This informal meeting offers a chance to speak with project staff and view project information. No formal presentation will be given. The purpose of the meeting is to provide an opportunity for the community, stakeholders, and interested persons to review and comment on the proposed improvements. An additional purpose of the meeting is to gather local knowledge from the public or organizations regarding historic or cultural resources. The meeting will also provide an opportunity to review and comment on any potential Section 4(f) resources. Section 4(f) of the U.S. Department of Transportation Act protects park and recreation sites when federal funds are used for a project.

Project Overview

SCDOT proposes to replace the four bridges along I-95 over Lake Marion in Clarendon and Orangeburg Counties. This includes the long two-lane northbound and southbound bridges over the main channel of Lake Marion and the shorter two-lane northbound and southbound relief bridges over the lake. Two 12-foot travel lanes would be provided in both the southbound and northbound directions. Space would also be provided for a potential future additional travel lane in each direction. A 10-foot minimum inside shoulder (shoulders may be wider due to staging requirements) and 12-foot outside shoulder would be provided in each direction. Additionally, there would be a barrier separated 14-foot shared use path for pedestrians and bicyclists on the southbound side only. The adjacent existing US 301 bridge that was recently rehabilitated is not an element of this project.



Alternatives

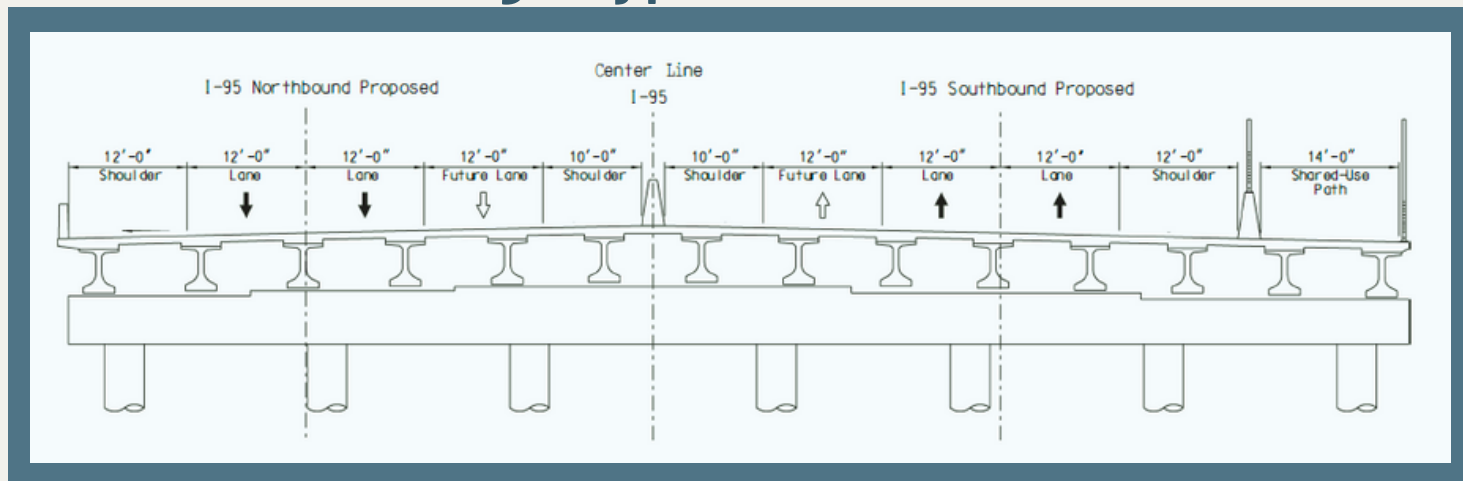


The three alternatives differ in their relative location to the existing bridge alignments:

- **Alternative A**
Would primarily be constructed between the two bridges.
- **Alternative B**
Would primarily be constructed just west of the existing bridges.
- **Alternative C**
Would primarily be constructed just east of existing bridges, towards Lake Moultrie.

As new structures are built, traffic would be shifted and the old structures would be removed.

Bridge Typical Section



Summary of Environmental Impacts

	No Build	Alternative A	Alternative B	Alternative C
Jurisdictional Open Water Impacts (acres)	0	0.9	2.1	1.2
American wood stork Shortnose sturgeon Bald Eagle	No	May affect, not likely to adversely affect		
Relocations	0	0	0	0
Total Cost*	\$0.00	\$259,000,000	\$256,700,000	\$229,300,000

No impacts to right of way, cultural resources, parks/ recreation areas, and noise. No detour is anticipated.

*Estimated preliminary costs do not include variable factors such as potential inflation. Per the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program, the total project budget is \$332 million. (<https://www.scdot.org/inside/planning-stip.aspx>)

Project Purpose and Need

The purpose of the project is to maintain connectivity and a safe interstate facility for the traveling public and provide safe access for pedestrians and cyclists over Lake Marion.



Funding: The project is financed using Federal and State funds



Schedule: Construction begins in 2025



Progress: Environmental surveys completed in late 2023



Duration: Construction phase of approximately 3 years



Traffic: A detour is not proposed for construction.

Comments

We encourage you to provide written comments on the forms provided so we may have a record of your suggestions for our consideration. SCDOT appreciates your attendance and strongly encourages you to provide input regarding this project in one of the following ways:

- Complete the comment form and place it in the comment box provided
- Email comments to: ReynoldsBS@scdot.org
- Mail comments to: Mr. Brad Reynolds – SCDOT 955 Park Street, Columbia SC, 29201

Comments will be accepted through June 16, 2023

Please visit our website for more information regarding the proposed project:

<https://scdotgis.online/i95bridgesoverlakemarion>

Progress updates for this project can also be found here:

<https://www.scdot.org/business/design-build.aspx>

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