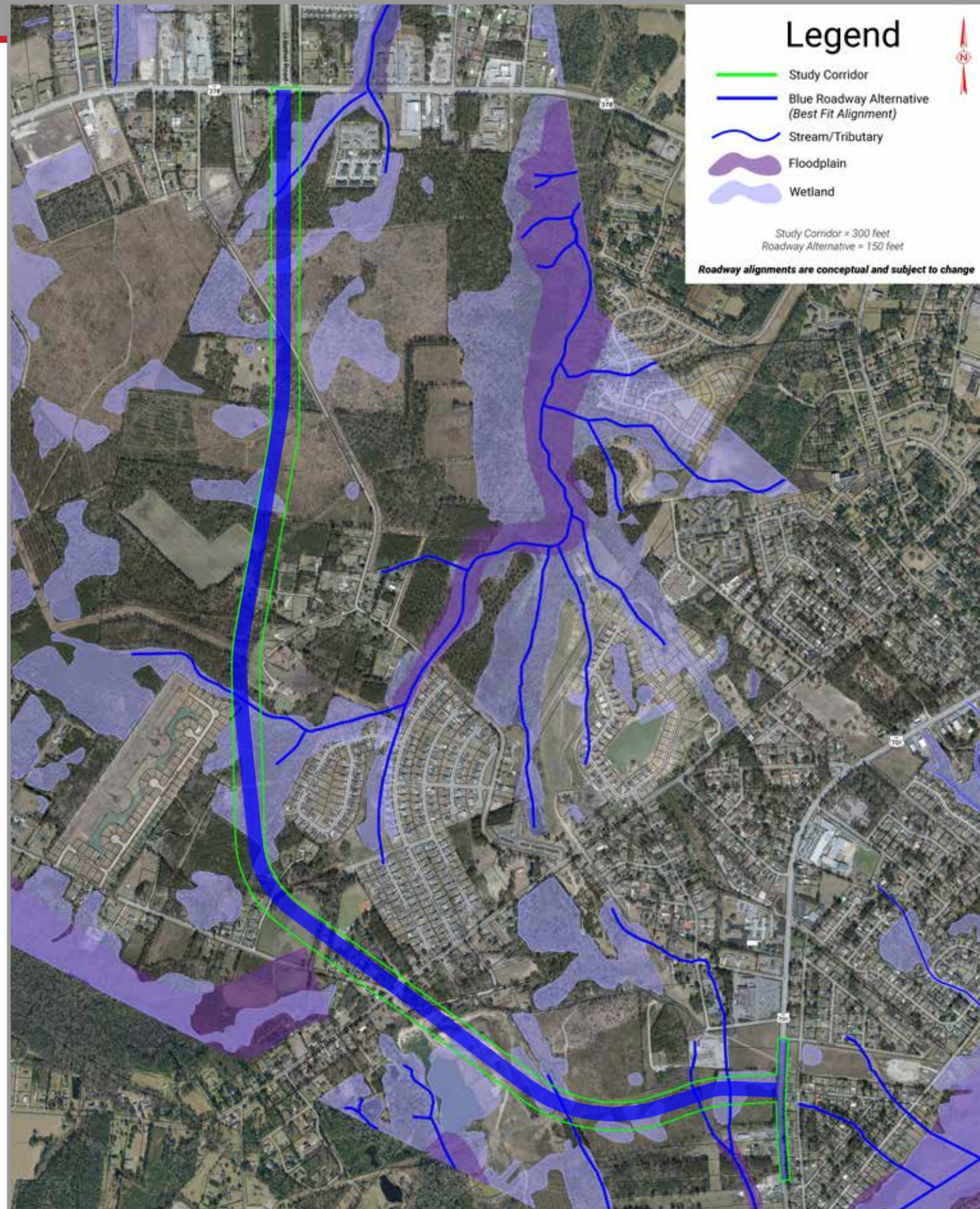


## Public Information Meeting



### Conway Perimeter Road Phase II

#### Welcome

The South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) welcomes you to the Public Information Meeting regarding Phase II of the Conway Perimeter Road. SCDOT staff, Horry County staff, and their consultants are here to answer any questions about the project that you might have.

#### Purpose of the Project

SCDOT, in coordination with Horry County, proposes to extend the existing Conway Perimeter Road (El Bethel Road) from US 378 to US 701 on the west side of Conway. The primary purpose of the project is to improve regional network connectivity between US 378 and US 701 and to contribute to the network of perimeter routes in Conway to enhance local mobility. A secondary purpose of the extension is to improve multi-modal transportation in the area. The project is needed to assist with consistent population growth, heavy seasonal tourist traffic, and incomplete local connectivity.

#### Purpose of this meeting

The purpose of this meeting is to share the preferred roadway corridor for Phase II of the Conway Perimeter Road and to get your input. The project team has evaluated the environmental and human impacts for each of the five proposed corridors and has chosen Corridor Four (green) as the preferred roadway corridor for the project. SCDOT, Horry County, and their consultants have created proposed roadway alternatives within the Preferred Corridor. Each alternative is 150 feet in width and will mimic the typical section of El Bethel Road. The roadway alternatives presented at the meeting will continue to be refined during the design process in an effort to further minimize human and environmental impacts.

Comment forms are available if you wish to provide a written comment. You may leave your completed form in the comment box provided at this meeting, comment online (<https://arcg.is/1PC04r0>), or mail comments to:

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# Frequently Asked Questions

## What prompted this project?

The transportation planning process for the Waccamaw Regional Council of Governments and the Grand Strand Area Transportation Study (GSATS) identified the need for the continuation of El Bethel Road from US 378 to US 701 in the 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) Update. Based on the MTP, Horry County has included the project as part of the RIDE III program. The 2016 RIDE III referendum approved a one-cent Capitol Projects Sales Tax for local road improvements. The referendum included \$18.4 million to construct Phase II of the Perimeter Road.

## What is right-of-way and what laws effect the purchase of right-of-way?

When we (SCDOT) build or improve roads and bridges, we often have to acquire property, known as "right-of-way." We have uniform practices for conducting property acquisitions, providing relocation assistance, and preparing appraisals. We follow the Uniform Relocation Assistance & Real Property Acquisitions Policies Act of 1970, which protects property owners' rights and ensures that everyone is treated fairly and equitably during property acquisitions.

Additional resources are available on the SCDOT and FHWA website at the following links:

- <https://www.scdot.org/business/pdf/rightofway/HighwaysandYou.pdf>
- [https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/real\\_estate/publications/your\\_rights/](https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/real_estate/publications/your_rights/)
- <http://www.dot.state.sc.us/business/right-of-way.aspx>
- <https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/federal-aidessentials/catmod.cfm?category=rightofw>

## What is the process for determining the footprint of the road and what homes and businesses it may impact?

SCDOT seeks to find the project alternative that strikes the best balance between meeting the needs of the roadway and minimizing the impacts to the natural and human environment. Community impacts, such as right-of-way impacts and property owner relocations are considered as a part of the environmental review process. The public and potential impacted communities will be engaged throughout the process to gather input on the proposed project alternatives.

## When does the Right-of-Way process start and how does it work?

The official Right-of-Way (ROW) acquisition process does not typically start until the environmental review process is completed. If a build alternative is selected, SCDOT will develop the final ROW plans for the project. Once those plans are finalized, they will be provided to the SCDOT ROW Agents (Agent) and acquisition activities would begin in the steps outlined below:

1. Agents will perform research on the properties that need to be acquired for the project to confirm ownership and secure property records.
2. Next, the Agent will contact the property owners (Owner) individually to discuss the project, explain the ROW acquisition process, gather information about the property, and gather information to determine the relocation benefits eligibility (if applicable).
3. The Agent will prepare a cost estimate (for properties valued at less than \$20,000) or order property appraisals in order to establish the fair market value of the property. Real estate appraisals are performed by certified South Carolina general real estate appraisers. The Owner will be contacted by the appraiser to schedule a property inspection. The Owner will be given the opportunity to be present during inspection of the property and to provide information concerning the property or recent property sales in the area to the appraiser.
4. Once the appraisal is completed and approved, then the Agent will prepare a written offer and relocation benefits package (if applicable) that will be presented to the Owner.
5. The Agent and the Owner will then negotiate the acquisition price based on the written offer.

## Proposed Project Schedule

