

# PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING

US 501 Realignment

January 15, 2019

## WELCOME

Welcome to the US 501 Realignment project's Public Information Meeting (PIM) hosted by the South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT), in partnership with the Horry County Ride III Sales Tax Program. Your attendance and feedback are very important components of the project development process. The purpose of this meeting is to provide you with an opportunity to review and comment on the proposed improvements. Representatives of SCDOT are available to address any questions or concerns that you may have regarding the project.

## PROJECT BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

In the November 2016 General Election, Horry County residents voted to approve the Ride III program for improving and constructing roads in the local community. This project was included in the list of Ride III projects. SCDOT is managing the project on behalf of Horry County.

The proposed project is expected to provide several benefits for the area, including:

- Replacing the confusing, skewed US 501 southern approach at Broadway Street with a more direct alignment that improves lane assignments and traffic flow
- Combining three intersections into one to reduce congestion resulting from closely spaced intersections
- Improving driver guidance at several locations by replacing unconventional routing with a more traditional, grid-like system
- Improving pedestrian accessibility with more dedicated crosswalks and pedestrian routes
- Improving use of space by allowing existing US 501 to be repurposed under a separate project. Existing US 501 will be reconstructed to accommodate pedestrian access, green space, parking, redevelopment, or other uses.
- Enhance the project area, which serves as a vital connection between downtown Myrtle Beach and the beachfront amenities.

The proposed improvements are shown in the concept plan on display.

## REQUESTED FEEDBACK

You are welcome to submit written comments about the project by either of the following:

1. Completing a Comment Form and leaving it in the comment box located in this meeting room.
2. Mailing or emailing your comments **by February 1, 2019** using the contact information below:

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SCDOT will respond to all comments. Each comment will be made part of the official public meeting file, which will be available for review, along with the displays and public meeting handout, at SCDOT's Headquarters – 955 Park Street, Columbia, SC 29201. Information and materials presented at this meeting will also be available online, via SCDOT's website at:

<http://arcg.is/1WKDy9>

or

<http://www.scdot.org>

Public Involvement Portal/Public Comment

## PROJECT SCHEDULE

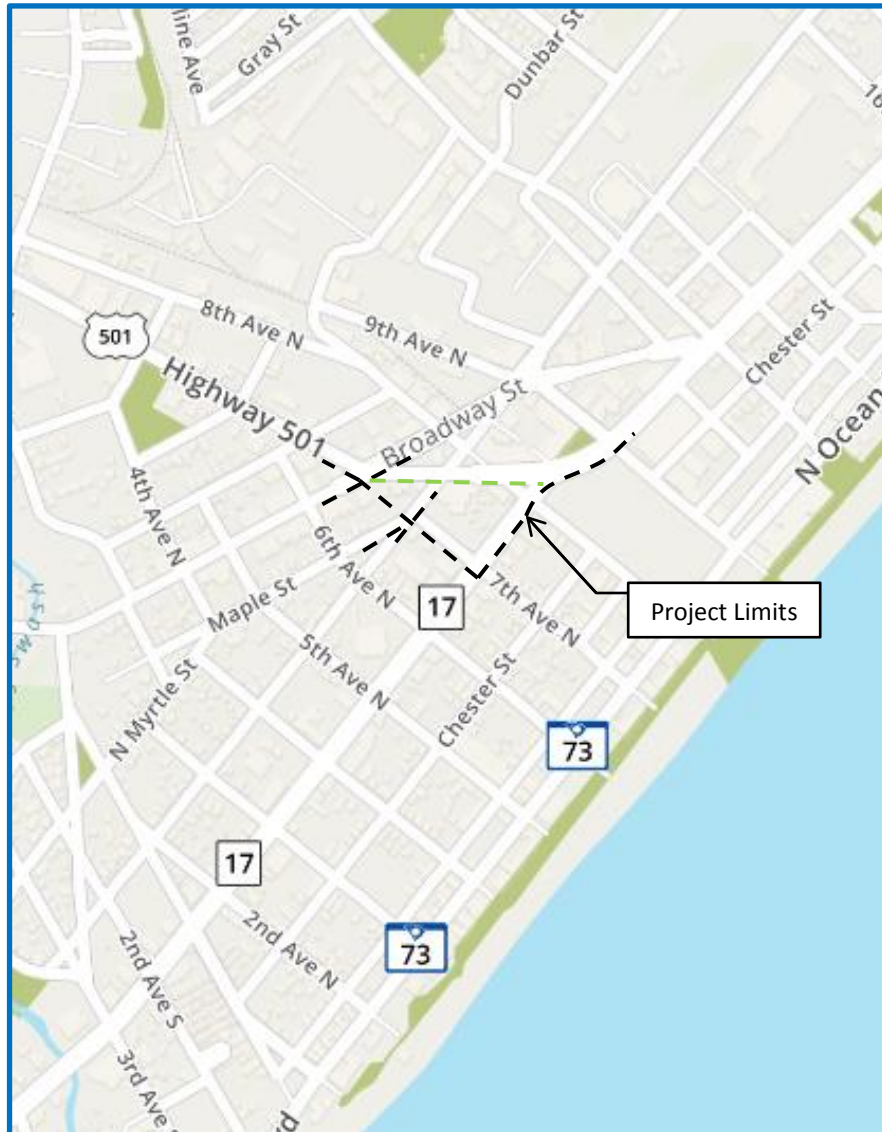
<u>Task</u>	<u>Anticipated Start Date</u>
Preliminary Design	Spring 2019
Right of Way Acquisitions	Winter 2019
Final Design	Winter 2019
Construction	Spring 2022

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PROJECT MAP



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