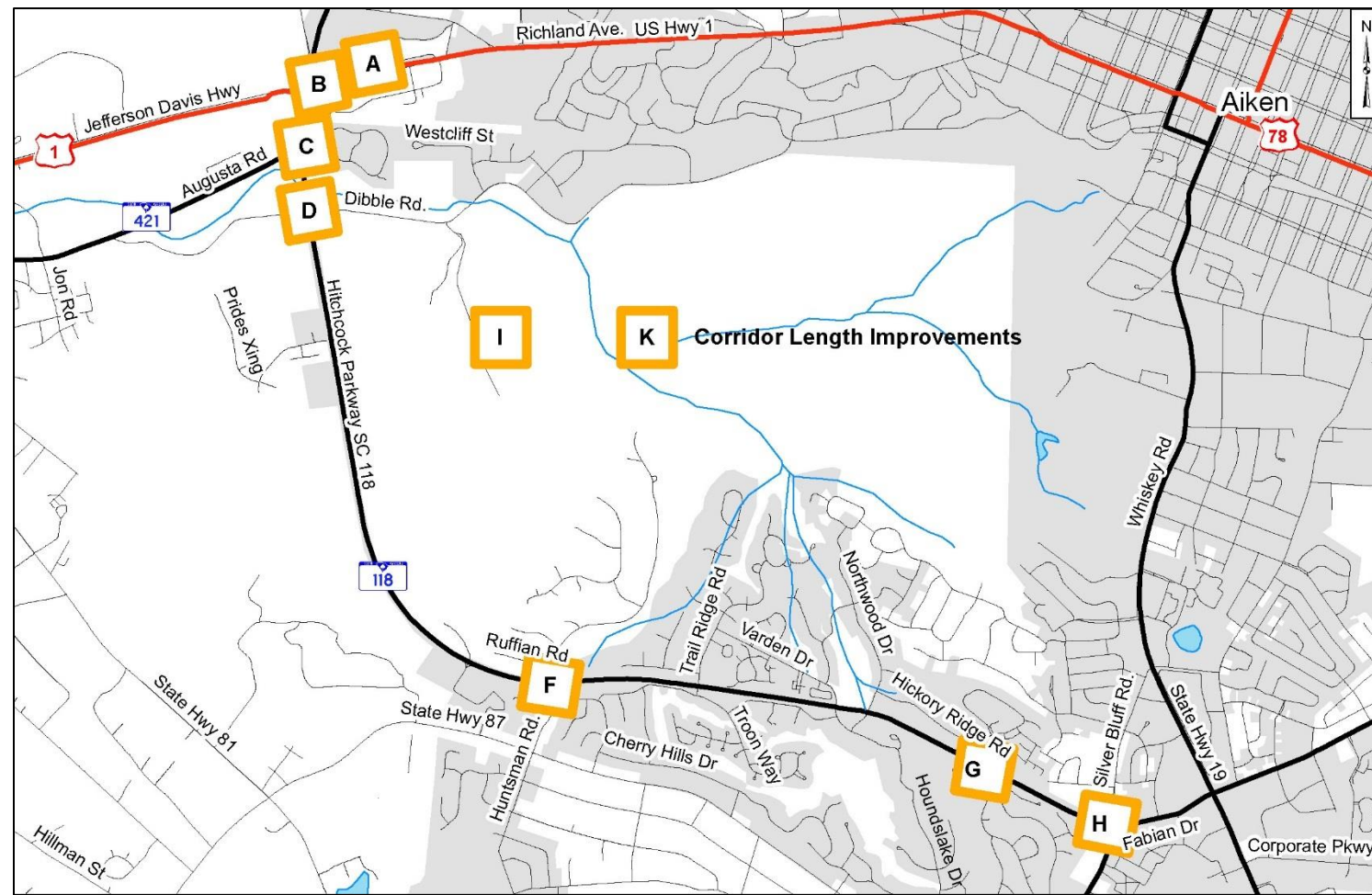


FUNDING FOR THE POTENTIAL IMPROVEMENTS HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED IN THE 2014-2019 STATE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (STIP), IN THE AMOUNT OF \$12.0 MILLION IN ARTS GUIDESHARE FUNDS.



COMMENTS:

We appreciate your attendance at this meeting, and request your feedback. You may comment on the proposed project in one of the following ways:

1. Complete the comment form and place it in the comment box provided.
2. Email comments to HumphrieAS@scdot.org
3. Mail your comments to:

Mr. Adam Humphries, P.E. SCDOT Program Manager, Midlands Regional Production Group

PO Box 191, Room 418 Columbia, SC 29202-0191

Please submit comments regarding this project no later than September 14, 2018.

Additional information and meeting materials can be found online via the SCDOT website:

[HTTP://ARCG.IS/1CX59X](http://ARCG.IS/1CX59X)

SC 118 (Hitchcock Parkway) Corridor Improvement Project

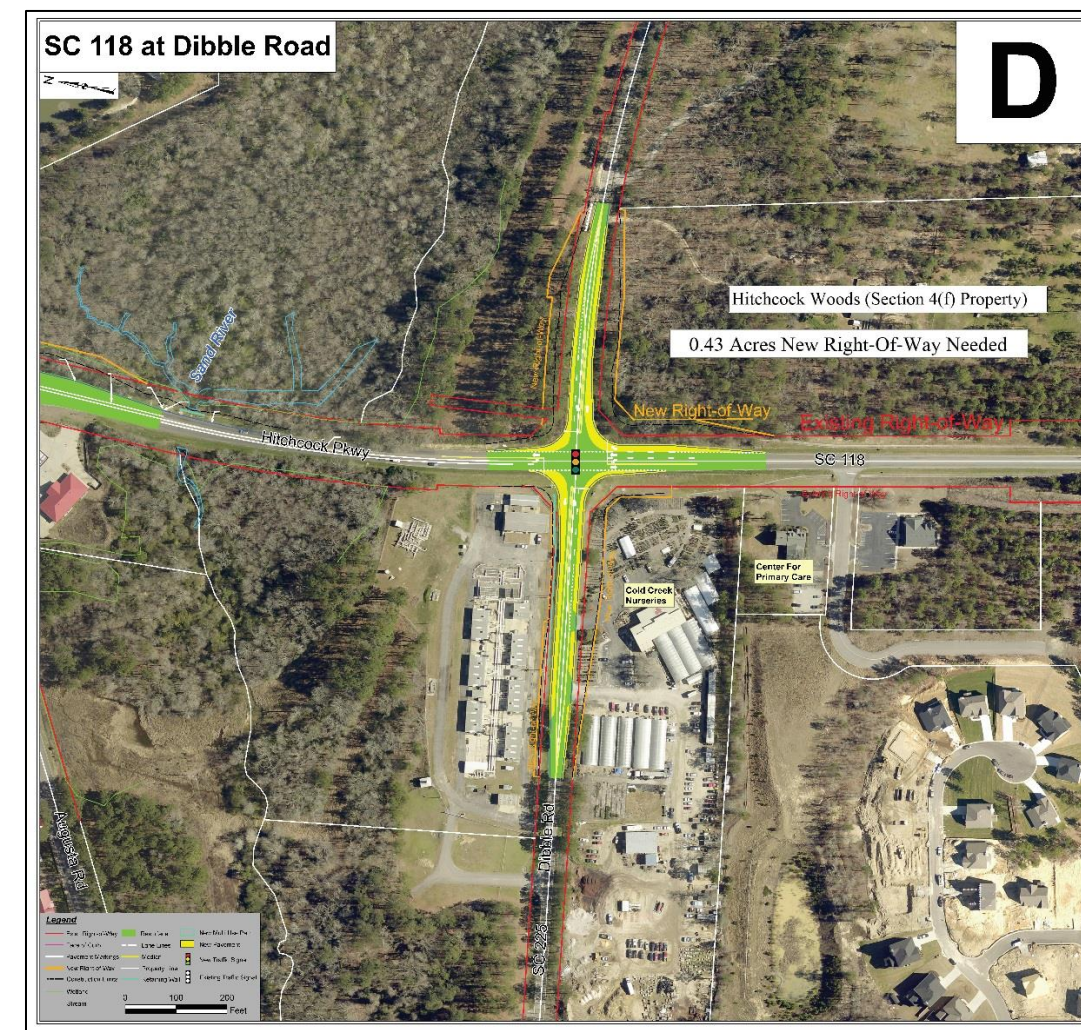
Section 4(f) Public Information Meeting

August 30, 2018

WELCOME:

The South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT), in partnership with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Augusta Regional Transportation Study (ARTS MPO), welcomes you to the Section 4(f) Public Information Meeting for the proposed SC 118 (Hitchcock Parkway) Corridor Improvement project. The purpose of the meeting is to provide an opportunity for the local community, interested citizens, and other project stakeholders to review and comment on potential impacts to a park, Hitchcock Woods.

Hitchcock Woods is a recognized Section 4(f) property in accordance with 23 CFR 774. Use of federal funds subjects the proposed project to the requirements of Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation Act of 1966 which affords protection to parks. This meeting is being conducted with an informal, open-house format. Your feedback is very important to us, and SCDOT representatives are available to address any questions or concerns that you may have regarding the proposed project. We encourage you to provide written comments on the forms provided, so that we may have a written record of your comments.



Improvements that would impact Hitchcock Woods

Improvement D:

- Add right-turn lane on SC 118 westbound onto Dibble Road.
- Add left-turn lanes on Dibble Road onto SC 118.
- Add a new traffic signal.
- This improvement would acquire 0.43 acres of right-of-way from Hitchcock Woods.

BACKGROUND:

The proposed Corridor Improvement project extends approximately 4.8 miles from US 1 (Jefferson Davis Highway) to SC 302 (Silver Bluff Road) in the City of Aiken, and includes potential improvements such as turn lanes, traffic signals, and bicycle/pedestrian accommodations. Hitchcock Woods consists of approximately 2,100 acres and is owned by the Hitchcock Woods Foundation, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. The proposed project would construct new turn lanes along SC 118 and Dibble Road, near the northwestern end of Hitchcock Woods. A right-turn lane from SC 118 westbound onto Dibble Road would be added and a left-turn lane from Dibble Road onto SC 118 would also be constructed. Additionally, a new traffic signal would be installed at the intersection. To construct the turn lanes, approximately 0.43 acres of property would be acquired from Hitchcock Woods. Along SC 118 the current right of way extends approximately 50 feet from the centerline of the road. This would be expanded to approximately 80 feet from the centerline. Along Dibble Road the current right of way extends 40 feet and this would be expanded to approximately 70 feet to support construction of the turn lanes. Access to Hitchcock Woods and its facilities will be maintained during construction. The purpose of the upgrades is to improve the operational efficiency of the Corridor for both motorized and non-motorized transportation.

SCHEDULE

PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING PHASE	CURRENTLY UNDERWAY
FHWA NEPA DECISION	1 ST QUARTER 2019
RIGHT OF WAY ACQUISITION PHASE	1 ST QUARTER 2019
CONSTRUCTION PHASE	2 ND QUARTER 2020

SECTION 4(F) PROPERTY

Section 4(f) protects park and recreation sites. The Hitchcock Woods property is open year-round to the public and is part of the SC Department of Natural Resources Heritage Preserve Program. One goal of this public meeting is to receive your feedback regarding this property and inform citizens of how the Section 4(f) designation will affect the Corridor Improvement Project.

Title VI Compliance

SCDOT complies with all nondiscrimination requirements set forth by the Federal regulations issued by the U.S. Department of Transportation under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended. Any person who believes that he or she has been discriminated against because of race, color, religion, sex, age, handicap or disability or national origin under a program receiving Federal Aid has the right to file a complaint with SCDOT. The complaint should be filed with the Title VI Program Compliance Coordinator at the Office of Business Development and Special Programs, 955 Park Street, Suite 117, Columbia, SC 29202 or at (803) 737-5095. The complaint should be submitted no later than 180 days after the date of the alleged act of discrimination. It should outline as completely as possible the facts and circumstances of the incident; and should be signed by the person making the complaint.

Other SC 118 Corridor Improvements

ID	Description of Improvement	Wetland/Stream Impacts	Right-of-Way Impacts (Acreage and total number of tracts impacted.)
A	US 1 at SC 421	Note: This intersection improvement will be constructed as a safety project	
B	SC 118 at US 1	Note: This intersection improvement will be constructed as a safety project	
C	SC 118 at SC 421 <ul style="list-style-type: none">Add right-turn lane on SC 118 WB onto SC 421Add left-turn phase to existing traffic signal for SC 421 approaches (Note: to be completed through the traffic safety program.)	None	Acreage: 0.21 Residential (tract): 1 Commercial (tr): 0 Relocations (tr): 0
F	SC 118 at Huntsman Dr <ul style="list-style-type: none">Add right-turn lane on SC 118 EB onto Huntsman Drive, modify signal system	None	None
G	SC 118 at Hickory Ridge Rd at Oriole St <ul style="list-style-type: none">Add left-turn lanes on Hickory Ridge Road/Oriole Street onto SC 118Add new traffic signal	None	Acreage: 0.52 Residential (tr): 10 Commercial (tr): 0 Relocations (tr): 0
H	SC 118 at Silver Bluff Rd <ul style="list-style-type: none">Add double left-turn lanes on SC 302 onto SC 118 (Pine Log Road)Add right-turn lane on SC 302 onto SC 118Add right-turn lane on SC 118 EB onto SC 302	None	Acreage: 0.29 Residential (tr): 3 Commercial (tr): 2 Relocations (tr): 0
I	Resurface Corridor	Note: This improvement will be funded by Federal Aid Resurfacing	
K	Multi-use Path along Corridor (Totals) <ul style="list-style-type: none">Add bicycle/pedestrian accommodations Huntsman Drive to SC 302, in the form of a 10-foot multiuse path	Streams: 145 feet	Acreage: 2.486 Residential (tr): 30 Commercial (tr): 4 Relocations (tr): 0
M	Traffic Signal Improvements along Corridor <ul style="list-style-type: none">Adjust timing of existing traffic signals for improved traffic flow.	None	None