

Tuesday
January 29, 2019
5:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Mellichamp Elementary School
350 Murray Road SW
Orangeburg, SC

US 301 BRIDGE REPLACEMENTS

Public Information Meeting

Welcome

On behalf of the South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) and Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), welcome to the Public Information Meeting for the proposed US 301 Bridge Replacements project. Your attendance and comments are very important components of the project development process. The purpose of this meeting is to provide you with the opportunity to:

- ✓ Review and discuss the proposed bridge replacements project with representatives from the Project Team
- ✓ Review and comment on potential impacts to the City of Orangeburg's Edisto Memorial Gardens and Disc Golf Course, which are recognized as Section 4(f) properties

This meeting is being conducted with an informal, drop-in format. Exhibits are on display that depict the preferred alternative being evaluated for the project. A comment form is being given to you so that you can provide us with important feedback regarding the proposed improvements.

Thank you for your participation!

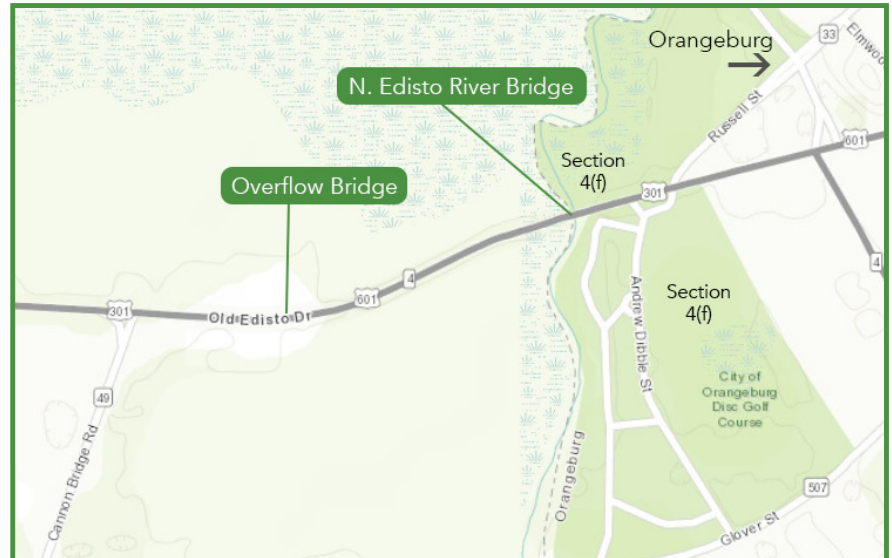
PROJECT DESCRIPTION

SCDOT proposes to replace the US 301 bridge over North Edisto River and the adjacent overflow bridge, located west of downtown Orangeburg, SC. The US 301 river and overflow bridges were originally constructed in 1922 and 1954, respectively, and need replacement. The project also includes improvements to the intersection of US 301 and Russell Street (SC 33), including the addition of an acceleration lane from Russell Street onto US 301 southbound.

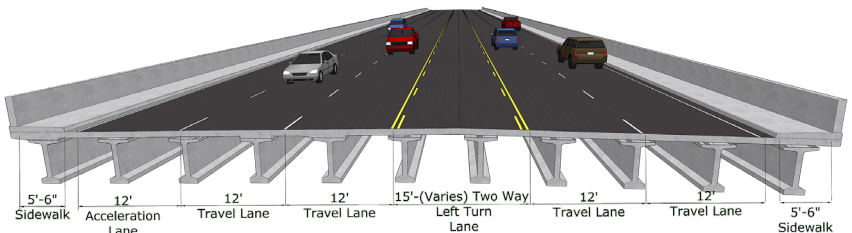
PROJECT PURPOSE

The purpose of the project is to eliminate structural deficiencies of the existing bridge over North Edisto River and to improve traffic flow and safety with the addition of an acceleration lane from Russell Street onto US 301.

PROJECT LOCATION



BRIDGE TYPICAL SECTION



PROJECT SCHEDULE

Right of Way Acquisition – Begin Quarter 4, 2019
Construction – Begin Quarter 1, 2021 (approximately 24 months)

FUNDING

Right of Way – \$1 Million
Construction – \$21.7 Million



ALTERNATIVES

Three Conceptual Build Alternatives were considered:

- Alternative 1** Replace both bridges (North Edisto River and overflow) south of the existing alignment
- Alternative 2** Replace both bridges (North Edisto River and overflow) north of the existing alignment
- Alternative 3** Replace the North Edisto River bridge on new alignment located to the south, transitioning to a replacement bridge on new alignment north of the existing overflow bridge

Based on the high average annual daily traffic (AADT) volume of nearly 26,000 vehicles within the US 301 study corridor, four travel lanes must be maintained during construction of the replacement bridges. As conceptual design progressed, it was recognized that only Alternative 1 could meet this requirement. This is primarily due to the greater span length required for the northern alignment at the overflow bridge, which also increases the height of the bridge structure. The result is an elevation difference between the existing and new travel lanes of more than four feet. The approximately four-foot difference in elevation is too great and would prevent four lanes of traffic from being maintained. Therefore, Alternatives 2 and 3

are deemed not reasonably constructible. An environmental document is being completed to evaluate potential impacts associated with the Preferred Alternative (Alternative 1), as well as the No-Build Alternative.



SECTION 4(f) PROPERTIES

Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation Act provides protection to publicly owned parks, such as the City of Orangeburg's Edisto Memorial Gardens and Disc Golf Course. A goal of this public meeting is to receive your feedback regarding these properties and to inform citizens how the Section 4(f) designation will affect the proposed US 301 Bridge Replacements project. A finding of *de minimis* (minor) impact is currently anticipated.

COMMENTS

We appreciate your attendance and encourage your feedback regarding the proposed US 301 Bridge Replacements project. You may provide comments in the following ways:

**For more information,
please contact:**

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- ✓ Fill out your comment form and place it in the comment box at this meeting
- ✓ Mail your comments to Mr. Adam Humphries
- ✓ Email your comments to HumphrieAS@scdot.org
- ✓ Fill out the on-line comment form under "Contact Us" on the project website: <http://arcg.is/1z8SKL0>

**Please provide your comments on this project no later than
February 13, 2019.**

The SCDOT will respond to all comments. Each comment will be made part of an 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, South Carolina 29201.

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