



**PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING**  
**P041077 - US 178 & I-85 Interchange Improvements**  
**Anderson County**  
**March 21, 2023**

**Welcome**

Welcome to the Public Information Meeting hosted by the South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) for the proposed interchange improvements at the US 178 and I-85 interchange in Anderson County.

We appreciate your time at this meeting; your attendance and feedback are very important components of the project development process. You are welcome to review the displays, videos, and make written comments.

SCDOT representatives are available to address any questions or concerns that you may have regarding the project.

**Project Purpose**

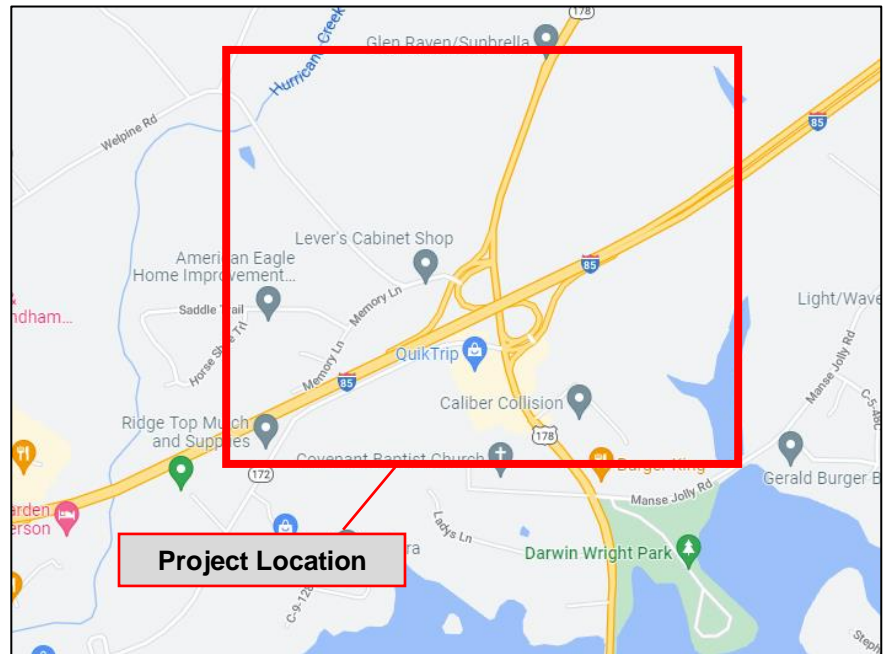
The purpose of the project is to address the operational deficiencies of the current interchange configuration and reduce congestion.

The need for the project is based on an outdated interchange design and increasing traffic volumes.

**Project Description**

The South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) proposes to improve the I-85 Interchange at US 178 in Anderson County. Three possible alternatives for interchange improvements are proposed. These improvements involve ramp realignments, additional roadway developments adjacent to the interchange, adding signalized intersections at the interchange, and improved access to nearby properties.

**Project Location Map**



**REQUESTED FEEDBACK**

You are welcome to submit written comments about the projects by any of the following.

1. Completing a **Comment Form** and leaving it in the comment box located in this meeting room.
2. Submitting a comment **online** through the project website.
3. **Mailing** or **Emailing** your comments by **April 5, 2023** using the following contact information.

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SCDOT will compile all comments given along with those that are mailed into 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, SC 29201.

Information and materials presented at this meeting will also be available online, via SCDOT's website at

<https://scdotgis.online/US178-I85>

Or by visiting <http://www.scdot.org> and clicking the "Programs & Projects" tab.



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**Project Background**

The I-85 Interchange at US 178 in Anderson County was selected for interchange improvements due to current deficiencies related to traffic accumulating on the ramps and onto I-85. Traffic volumes are anticipated to grow in the future due to growth in the area. Also, several future developments adjacent to the interchange are anticipated to begin construction and will likely result in increased traffic at the currently deficient interchange. In order for these developments and future growth to have limited impacts on traffic and safety, and to address current problems with the interchange, several interchange improvement alternatives are proposed.

**Existing Problem**

At the I-85 and US 178 interchange, traffic deficiencies during peak hours are experienced on the northwest loop. Also, traffic backs up from the interchange ramps onto I-85 during peak hours, which is a safety hazard.

**Anticipated Project Schedule**

Preliminary Design Plans: **Winter 2023**  
 Construction Plans: **Summer 2023**  
 Construction Start (18-24 month):  
**Summer 2025**

**Project Alternatives**

**Alternative 1: Partial Cloverleaf**



**Alternative 2: Modified Partial Cloverleaf**



**Alternative 3: Diverging Diamond**



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