

PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING

SC 171 Folly Road Safety Audit

May 22, 2025

WELCOME

Welcome to the Public Information Meeting hosted by the South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) for the proposed safety improvements to SC 171 Folly Road. 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. SCDOT representatives are available to address any questions or concerns that you may have regarding each of these projects. The first meeting was held on Thursday, November 7, 2024. Public comments were received, and replies were sent to all who requested one. Based on feedback and further safety analysis, the concept was revised. A second meeting is being held to present updates to the public.

PROJECT BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

This corridor was selected for improvement through the Federal Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP). The HSIP program uses a data driven strategic approach to identify locations throughout the state with high crash rates or patterns and implements safety enhancements through infrastructure related improvements. The HSIP project selection requires an engineering study that includes an analysis of the crash data, an assessment of the field conditions, and an evaluation of the effectiveness of all potential countermeasures to ensure maximum safety benefits are obtained for the amount of funds invested.

SCDOT's Office of Traffic Safety identified this corridor as a potential safety project and hired local engineering firm Stantec to conduct the Road Safety Audits (RSA). The RSA began with detailed data collection and analysis of the crashes that were occurring. A multidisciplinary team was formed to provide a variety of perspectives.

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The team included SCDOT, Stantec, Town of James Island, City of Charleston, Charleston County, Berkeley-Dorchester-Charleston Council of Governments (BCDCOG), and Charleston Moves. The team identified safety improvements that were documented in the RSA.

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 June 6, 2025** 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:

<https://scdotgis.online/SC171safety>

or

<http://www.scdot.org>

Programs & Projects/Public Comment

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803-737-1271

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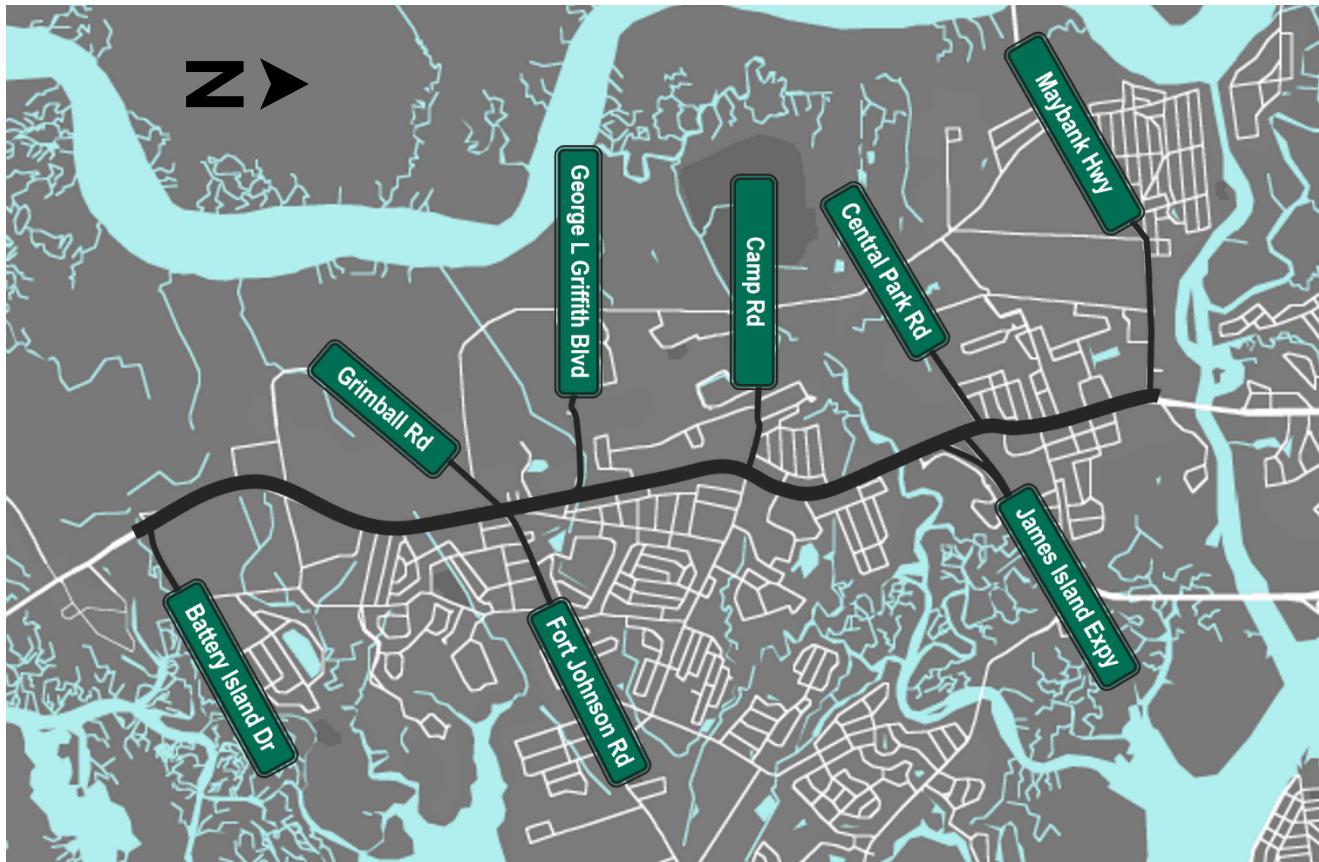
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The project corridor is shown below:



This section of Folly Road experienced 2,103 vehicular, 15 pedestrian, and 21 bicycle crashes from January 2018 to December 2022. A total of 525 crashes resulted in injury and 6 crashes resulted in a fatality.

Key safety elements proposed for these projects include:

- High Visibility Crosswalks
- Compliant ADA Ramps
- Leading Pedestrian Intervals
- Countdown Signal Heads
- New Pavement Markings
- Retroreflective Signal Backplates
- Flashing Yellow Arrow Signals
- CARTA Bus Stop Relocations
- Raised Median

PROJECT SCHEDULE

<u>Task</u>	<u>Anticipated Start Date</u>
Environmental Document / Preliminary Design	Summer 2025
Construction Plans	Winter 2025
Construction (Approximately 18 months)	Late 2026