

Public Information Meeting

October 1, 2019 5-7 PM

PROPOSED SAFETY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT ALONG US 1 FROM WREN RD TO SC 12 (JARVIS Klapman Blvd)



The South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) welcomes you to this public information meeting. We appreciate your attendance at this event and encourage your feedback. The purpose of this meeting is to provide the public an opportunity to review and discuss the proposed safety improvements. You are welcome to review the displays and make written comments.

Project Purpose

The purpose of this project is to reduce the frequency and severity of crashes along the corridor while maximizing traffic operations. The project includes specific safety countermeasures that have been proven successful on other similar roadways. The countermeasures are selected based on crash history, field conditions, traffic engineering principals, and input from the RSA team.

How Are Safety Projects Identified?

This corridor was selected for improvement through the Federal Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP). This 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 countmeasures to ensure maximum safety benefits for the funds invested.

Requested Feedback

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

Completing a Comment Form and leaving it in the comment box located in this meeting room.

Mailing or emailing your comments by October 16th, 2019 using the contact information below:

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Information and materials presented at this meeting will also be available online, via SCDOT's website at: <http://arcg.is/1nq1bC> or visit <http://www.scdot.org> -> Public Involvement Portal -> Public Comment.

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Project Schedule

Task	Anticipated Start Date
Environmental Document/Preliminary Design	Late 2019
Property Negotiations	Mid 2020
Construction	Late 2021

How Do Medians Improve Safety?

Raised medians are a **key component of this project's safety improvements.**

The medians will significantly reduce the number of conflict points, simplify driver decision making, and **reduce crash potential.**

Raised medians have been **implemented successfully** on numerous other roadways like US 1.



Local Business

Research shows that median projects have **little to no overall adverse impact** on adjacent businesses:

- Iowa study found about 80% of businesses along corridors with medians stated that the level of sales were as high or higher with installation of medians. It also found thoroughfares with completed medians tended to have higher retail sales.
- Texas study found business owners reported that the volume of pass-by traffic did not change. It also noted employment in area businesses experienced a boost after the installation of a median.
- Kansas study found that 14 of 15 businesses studied were either upgraded or retained the same use.
- South Carolina study of 17 corridors found that local/regional economic conditions likely caused a decrease in sales volume, but installation of raised medians did not affect business sales.



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