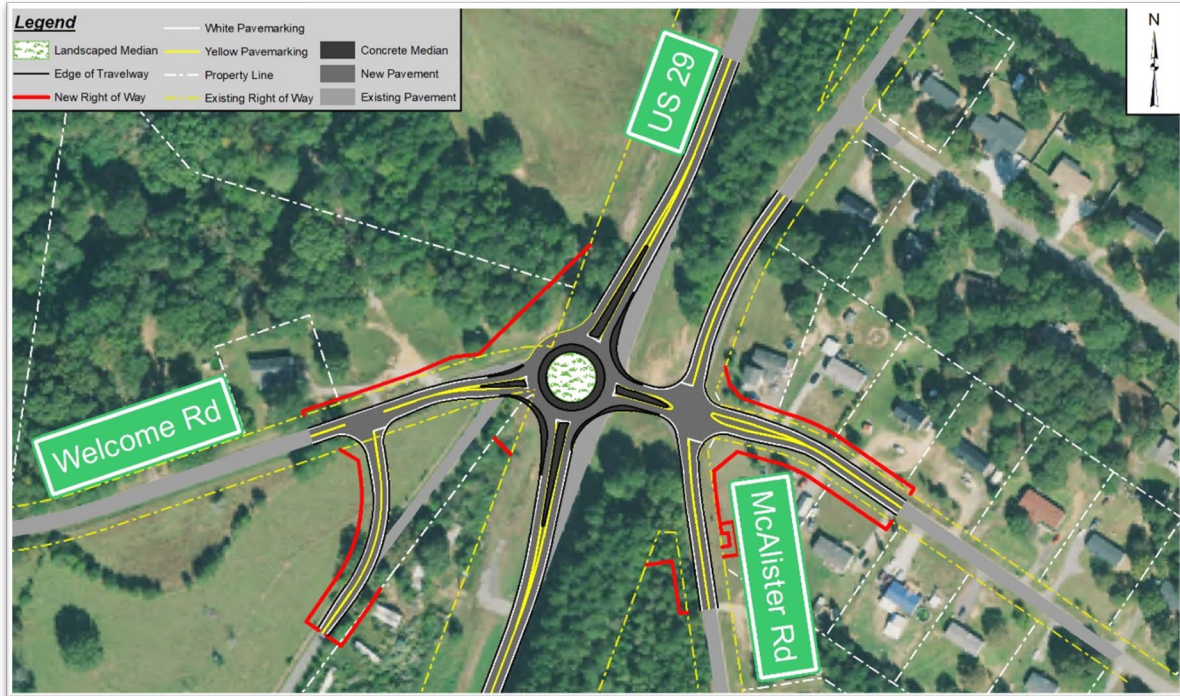


PROPOSED SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS AT THE INTERSECTION OF US 29 AND S-96 (WELCOME RD) IN ANDERSON COUNTY

Public Information Meeting



The South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) welcomes you to this public information meeting. We appreciate your attendance at this meeting and encourage your feedback. The purpose of the meeting is to provide an opportunity for the local community, stakeholders, and interested persons to review and comment on the proposed improvements. Another purpose of the meeting is to gather local knowledge from the public or interested organizations regarding historic or cultural resources.

Project Highlights

Project Purpose

This is an important safety project to help reduce the frequency and severity of crashes occurring at this intersection. Recent safety analysis indicates a pattern of crashes occurring at this location. High speeds combined with failure to yield right of way and disregard of traffic control are factors that may have contributed to the crashes.

Proposed Improvements

SCDOT proposes to convert the current intersection to a single lane modern roundabout. The most recent study of intersections converted to a single-lane roundabout by the SCDOT Traffic Safety Office have shown to reduce injury crashes by 79% and total crashes by 64%. Roundabouts reduce the number of conflict points and prevent right-angle crashes, which are one of the most severe types of crashes, often resulting in serious injuries and even fatalities.

Roundabouts are designed to slow traffic while allowing it to move more freely, making them safer and more efficient than signalized or stop controlled intersections.



HOW ARE SAFETY PROJECTS IDENTIFIED?

Federal Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP)

This intersection was selected for improvement through the 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 countermeasures. This is to ensure that maximum safety benefits are obtained for the amount of funds invested.

Requested Feedback

If you would like to submit written comments about the project, you may do so as follows:

- 1) Complete a comment form and deposit it in the comment boxes located in this meeting room.
- 2) Mail or email your comments using the contact information provided to the right.
- 3) Online at the Project Website:
<https://scdotgis.online/US29SafetyProject>

SCDOT will compile all comments given at the public information meeting along with those that are mailed into an official public meeting file. All materials from tonight's meeting can be found at:
<https://scdotgis.online/US29SafetyProject>

Comments should be submitted no later than April 8, 2022.

Anticipated Schedule

Right of Way

Mid 2022

Construction

Mid 2023

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