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- **Project website:** http://www.ccroadwise.org/projects/harbor_view_road/index.php
- **Design options:** http://www.ccroadwise.org/projects/harbor_view_road/docs/HarborViewRd-Alt-A-versus-Alt-B.pdf
 - **Video Rendering of Alternative A:** http://youtu.be/l9KLS_iogtU
 - **Video Rendering of Alternative B:** <http://youtu.be/NTGb1n1rX80>
- **Submit comments:** http://www.ccroadwise.org/projects/harbor_view_road/comments.php

Public Information Meeting Feb. 16 for Harbor View Road Project

Public invited to view design options and submit comment forms; official public comment period is Feb. 16 – March 2

[Charleston County Government](#) invites residents to a public information meeting about the [Harbor View Road Improvements Project](#). The meeting will be held on Thursday, Feb. 16 from 6-8 p.m. at Stiles Point Elementary School ([883-A Mikell Drive; Charleston, SC 29412](#)).

The additional meeting on the project is a result of a discussion at the October 25, 2011 regular meeting of [Charleston County Council](#). As a part of these efforts, staff is soliciting feedback from the public on the previous design (Alternative A) and the new Council-directed design (Alternative B). The alternatives can be seen online at http://www.ccroadwise.org/projects/harbor_view_road/docs/HarborViewRd-Alt-A-versus-Alt-B.pdf.

Details on the meeting:

- Drop-in format beginning with a brief presentation about the project at 6 p.m.
- Engineering, right of way and environmental personnel will be available to answer questions at individual stations.
- Opportunity to see displays and design alternatives on the project.
- Opportunity to submit comments in writing on the design alternatives.
 - The official public comment period is Feb. 16 – March 2, 2012.
 - Those who attend the public meeting can submit comment forms in person at the meeting.
 - Those who cannot attend the public meeting can submit comments online beginning Feb. 16 at http://www.ccroadwise.org/projects/harbor_view_road/comments.php.
 - Although questions and comments are accepted by staff at any time, only comments received during the Feb. 16 – March 2 official comment period will be included in the official project record and are taken into consideration when evaluating project alternatives under the [National Environmental Policy Act](#).

In addition to the Feb. 16 public information meeting, a separate, official public hearing will be held in the future, and the public will be notified when the hearing date is confirmed. At that time, citizens will have the opportunity to make formal, verbal comments immediately following a brief project presentation by County staff.

The purpose of the project is to improve traffic flow and safety on Harbor View Road and to provide adequate bicycle and pedestrian facilities. The project proposes to improve 2.1 miles along Harbor View Road between North Shore Drive and Fort Johnson Road by providing a center two-way left-turn lane, adding right turn lanes at major intersections, and adding pedestrian and bicycle facilities for the length of the project.

Alternative B Design Revisions Include:

1. Eliminate the 10-foot multi-use path on the north side of Harbor View Road and replace with 4-foot-wide, one-way bicycle lanes adjacent to the lanes of traffic in each direction on Harbor View Road between North Shore Drive and Fort Johnson Road.
2. Eliminate the center two-way left-turn lane between Affirmation Boulevard and Mikell Drive, and reduce the width of the two-way left-turn lane between North Shore Drive and Mikell Drive from 15 feet to 13 feet.
3. Eliminate the 4-foot-wide grass buffer separating the sidewalk on the south side of Harbor View Road.

County Council also directed that efforts be undertaken to evaluate the following for either [Alternative A](#) or [Alternative B](#):

1. Include traffic signals at the intersections of Fort Sumter Drive and Mikell Drive with Harbor View Road as alternate construction items to be installed when warranted by traffic volumes.
2. Include striped crosswalks across Harbor View Road at locations subject to S.C. Department of Transportation approval.
3. Pursue a reduction in speed limit from 40 mph to 35 mph.

The project is funded by the [Charleston County Transportation Sales Tax](#) and [Berkeley, Charleston, Dorchester Council of Governments \(BCDCOG\) – Charleston Area Transportation Study \(CHATS\)](#) Guideshares and is managed by [Charleston County Government](#). It is one of the projects that voters in Charleston County approved in the first Transportation Sales Tax bond referendum in November 2004. This authorized the County to issue \$77 million in bonds, which will be repaid through Transportation Sales Tax revenues.

The public can get up-to-date project information, including the project status, schedule, designs and maps, and public meeting information online at http://www.ccroadwise.org/projects/harbor_view_road/index.php.

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