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## Updated Harbor View Road Design to be Shared at April 30 Public Meeting

*Public invited to see the new Proposed Alternative, provide comments and ask questions*

[Charleston County Government](#) invites residents to a public information meeting about the [Harbor View Road Improvements Project](#) on Tuesday, April 30 from 7-9 p.m. at Stiles Point Elementary School ([883-A Mikell Drive; Charleston, SC 29412](#)). If you plan to arrive early, please note that the school will not be open to the public until 7 p.m. and no one can enter until that time.

In January 2013, [Charleston County Council](#) approved a refined design with modifications, as requested by the [South Carolina Department of Transportation \(SCDOT\)](#), which staff refers to as the Proposed Alternative. The purpose of the April 30 meeting is for County staff to share the Proposed Alternative and information on the environmental review process with the public.

### Details on the April 30 meeting:

- The doors to the meeting will open at 7 p.m. and will have a drop-in format.
- A brief presentation will be conducted at 7:30 p.m. to provide an overview of the Proposed Alternative.
- Engineering, right of way and environmental personnel will be available to answer questions at individual stations.
- Opportunity to see displays of the Proposed Alternative on the project.
- Opportunity to submit comments in writing on the Proposed Alternative. There are several ways the public can submit comments:
  - 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 April 15 at <http://roads.charlestoncounty.org/projects/harborviewroad/comments.php>.
  - The official public comment period is April 15 - May 15, 2013. Although questions and comments are accepted by staff at any time, only comments received during the official public comment period will be included in the official project record and will be taken into consideration when evaluating the project under the [National Environmental Policy Act](#). Because the meeting is for informational purposes, formal responses to comments will not be provided. Comments submitted through mail must be post marked by May 15, 2013, to be included in the official project record.

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 is designed 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.

The elements of the Proposed Alternative are listed below and are the subject of the April 30 meeting:



### **Roundabout**

A roundabout at the intersection of Harbor View Road and Fort Johnson Road.



### **Traffic Signals**

Traffic signals to be installed at the intersections of Harbor View Road at Fort Sumter Drive and Harbor View Road at Mikell Drive.



### **Revised Pedestrian Accommodations**

A 5-foot wide sidewalk on both sides of Harbor View Road, directly abutting the curb.



### **Crosswalks**

Crosswalks will be striped across Harbor View Road, at locations recommended by the public, subject to SCDOT approval.



### **Speed Limit Reduction**

A speed study will be performed after construction is completed to determine if the posted speed limit should be reduced from 40 to 35 mph; speed limit reduction is subject to SCDOT approval.

### **Project Background:**

- **Oct. 2008:** The [Federal Highway Administration \(FHWA\)](#) issued a [Finding of No Significant Impact \(FONSI\)](#) for a design on the project in October, 2008. However, on October 26, 2011, [Charleston County Council](#) directed that a refined design be evaluated in response to concerns regarding the FHWA approved design.
- **Feb. 16, 2012:** a Public Information Meeting was held to receive feedback on the FHWA approved design and the Council directed refined design. The Council directed refined design presented at the meeting was supported with additional alteration. At the direction of County Council on May 9, 2012 the refined design with alteration was submitted to the SCDOT and FHWA for consideration.
- **January 17, 2013:** Charleston County Council approved the refined design with alteration and additional modification, as requested by the SCDOT, now referred to as Proposed Alternative.

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://roads.charlestoncounty.org/projects/harborviewroad>.

Persons with disabilities who may require special accommodations at the April 30 meeting should contact Molli LeMin with Charleston County's Transportation Development Department at (843) 202-6154.

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