

HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT



DORCHESTER COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD DISTRICT 2 IN ASSOCIATION WITH DORCHESTER COUNTY SALES TAX TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

**PROPOSED WIDENING AND IMPROVEMENTS TO SC 165
(DELEMAR HIGHWAY)
FROM ASHLEY RIDGE H. S. TO NEAR SC 61 (ASHLEY RIVER ROAD)
DORCHESTER COUNTY**

PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING

June 3, 2010

5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

WELCOME

Thank you for attending this public information meeting on the proposed widening and improvements to SC 165 (Deleamar Highway) beginning at approximately 2.7 miles south of SC 61 (Ashley River Road) near Ashley Ridge High School and ending at approximately 0.4 miles south of SC 61 (Ashley River Road) at Carolinian Dr. This meeting will have an informal format, which means that several displays are set up and representatives of the project team are available to answer your questions and note your comments. The large displays have been provided to better depict the proposed project that is shown on the attached map. We feel that the informal meeting format will give you the opportunity to better understand this project, while also allowing you a greater opportunity to make comments and suggestions. Your comments are encouraged and can be provided on the written comment form or verbally on the tape

recorders provided. Please deposit written comments in the box located in the meeting room or mail them to the address on the comment form by Friday, June 18, 2010.

Tonight's meeting is being held to solicit your comments and suggestions on the conceptual drawings. This project is in the early stages of development and the final design process has not started. Surveys of the roadway corridor along with wetland delineation, protected species, and cultural resource studies have been completed. Please visit the website www.dorchesterroadstax.org for future updates on this and other sales tax projects.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This project is being developed and advanced by the Dorchester County School Board District 2 in association with Dorchester County Sales Tax Transportation Authority and the South Carolina Department of Transportation. Funding for preliminary design has been provided by Dorchester County School Board District 2, and additional funding to complete the design and environmental process, acquire rights of way (R/W), and construct the project is being investigated.

The proposed project is located along existing SC 165 (Deleamar Highway) beginning at approximately 2.7 miles south of SC 61 (Ashley River Road) near Ashley Ridge High School and ending at approximately 0.4 miles south of SC 61 (Ashley River Road) at Carolinian Dr. Specific details of the improvements include:

- From Ashley Ridge High School to Carolinian Dr widen from 2-lanes to 5-lanes with paved and grass shoulders
- Incorporate dedicated right turn lanes and utilize paved median for left turn lanes at Ashley Ridge High School
- Retain new box culverts near Ashley Ridge High School

PROJECT SCHEDULE

Since funding is not available, the project schedule has not been determined. Additional funding is needed to complete the environmental process which includes preparing the environmental document pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, and in accordance with Federal Highway Administration regulations (23 CFR Part 771) and conducting a Public Hearing. Once the environmental process has been completed and Right of Way Plans are finalized, Right of Way (R/W) Acquisition may begin. Following the completion of the R/W Acquisition, the project may be let for construction.

Conduct Public Hearing	unknown
Begin Right of Way Acquisition	unknown
Begin Construction	unknown

PROJECT NEED

Due to the opening of Ashley Ridge High School, the purpose of the proposed project is to provide **safety**, improve traffic flow, and reduce congestion and delays by constructing additional travel lanes. In addition, bicycles will be accommodated by the 4-ft paved shoulder.

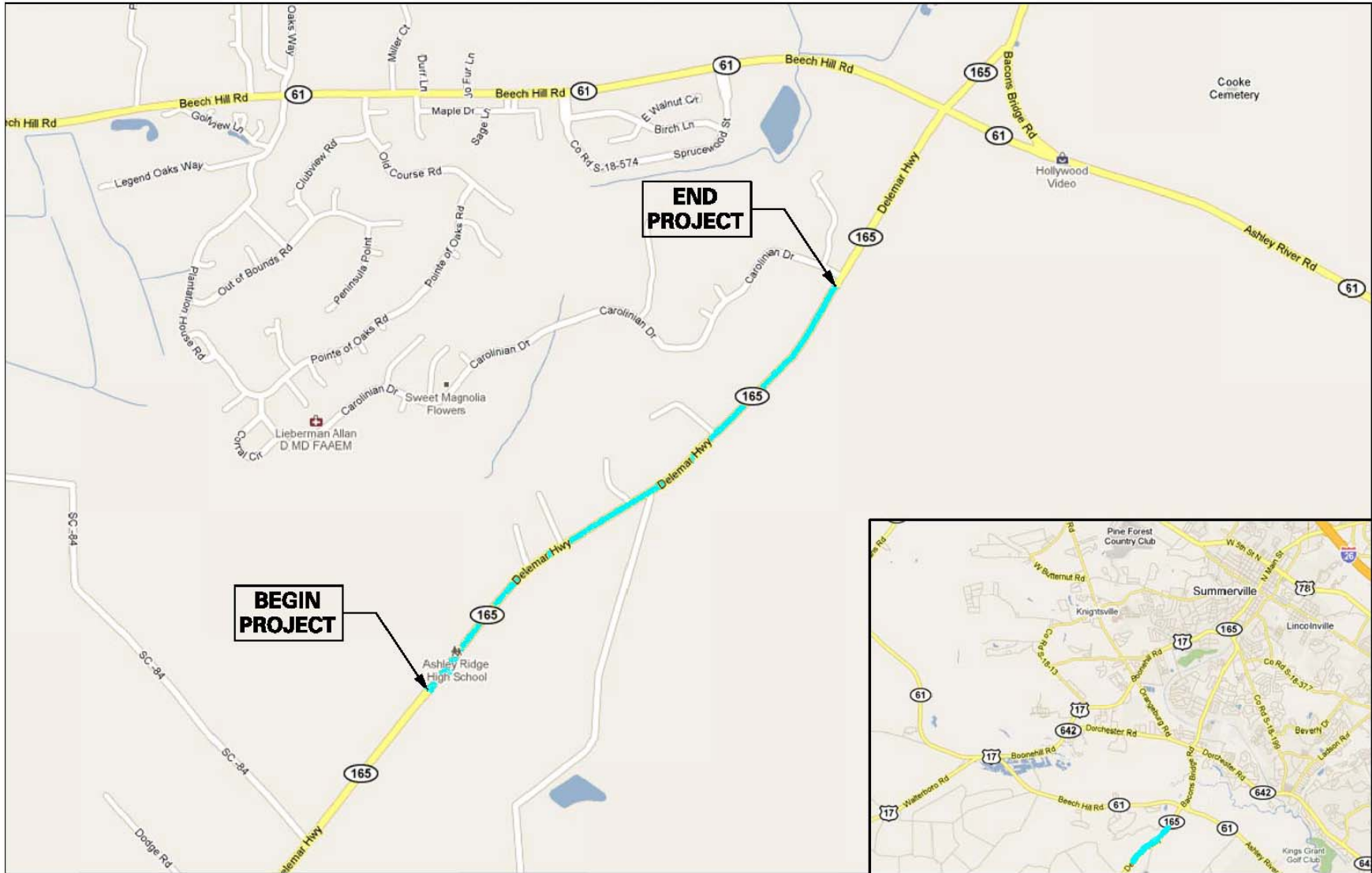
The table shown compares the 2005, 2006, 2007, and 2008 Average Daily Traffic Counts (ADT) with the projected ADT for 2040.

Area of Traffic Data on SC 165	2005 ADT	2006 ADT	2007 ADT	2008 ADT	2040 ADT
Charleston Co. to Rantowels Crk.	2,400	2,300	2,200	2,200	4,300
Rantowels Crk. to SC 61	2,700	5,500	4,800	4,800	9,300

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Thank you for taking this opportunity to participate in the project development process for the proposed widening and improvements to SC 165 (Deleamar Highway) beginning at approximately 2.7 miles south of SC 61 (Ashley River Road) near Ashley Ridge High School and ending at approximately 0.4 miles south of SC 61 (Ashley River Road) at Carolinian Dr. We encourage you to use the comment form provided so the project team can better understand individual concerns and suggestions. Please deposit written comments in the box located in the meeting room or mail them to the address given below by Friday, June 18, 2010.

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