HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

DORCHESTER COUNTY SALES TAX TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

PROPOSED WIDENING AND IMPROVEMENTS TO U.S. ROUTE 78
FROM 0.68 MILES NORTHWEST OF ORANGEBURG ROAD (S-18-22) TO 0.43 MILES
SOUTHEAST OF BERLIN G MYERS PARKWAY (SC RTE 165)
IN DORCHESTER COUNTY

PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING
December 15, 2016 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

WELCOME

Thank you for attending this public information meeting on the proposed widening and improvements to U.S. Highway 78 from 0.68 miles northwest of Orangeburg Road (S-18-22) to 0.43 miles southeast of Berlin G. Myers Parkway (SC Route 165) for a total length of 7.18 miles. This meeting will have an informal format, which means that displays are set up and representatives of the project team are available to answer your questions and note your comments. Three large displays have been provided to better depict the proposed project that is shown on the attached map. This informal meeting format will give you the opportunity to better understand this project by interacting with the project team. You are also encouraged to make comments and suggestions about the project. Comments in regards to known cultural or historic sites are particularly appreciated and can be provided on the written comment forms. Please deposit written comments in the box located in the meeting room or mail them to the address on the comment form by January 5, 2017.

PURPOSE AND NEED

The purpose of the proposed project is to improve safety conditions along this section of US Route 78 and increase the traffic capacity between its intersection with Orangeburg Road and Summerville. A secondary purpose of this project is to add facilities to improve safety, mobility, and connectivity of alternate modes of non-motorized travel.
PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This project is being developed and advanced by the Dorchester County Sales Tax Transportation Authority and South Carolina Department of Transportation. Funding for the project will come jointly from the Dorchester County Transportation Sales Tax, State Transportation Infrastructure Bank, and Federal Highway Administration Funds. Due to funding constraints and scheduling, Phase 3 has been broken into two phases, Phase 3A and Phase 3B. In accordance with the 2004 Referendum authorizing the 1-cent sales tax for transportation improvements, Dorchester County Transportation Sales Tax funds can only be applied to Phase 3A. Phase 3B will be financed through State and Federal funds.

As seen on the attached map, Phase 3 is located along existing U.S. Highway 78 beginning near secondary road S-22 (Orangeburg Road/Dawson Branch Road) to just beyond SC 165 (Berlin G. Myers Parkway) in Summerville. Specific details of the proposed improvements include:

- Widen US 78 to 5 lanes from Orangeburg Road to Berlin G. Myers Parkway
- Intersection Improvements to Orangeburg Rd./Dawson Branch Rd. Intersection
- Intersection Improvements to Jedburg Rd./Mallard Rd. Intersection
- Intersection Improvements to West Richardson Ave. Intersection
- Intersection Improvements to North Maple Street Intersection
- Construct 6.27 miles of Sidewalks
- Construct 2.55 miles of Multi-use Path from Auburn Hills Road to Branch Creek Trail

The environmental document is being prepared pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, and in accordance with Federal Highway Administration regulations (23 CFR Part 771).

PROJECT INFORMATION

If you would like to review materials from the meeting, please go to www.dorchesterroadtax.org. The proposed project is expected to require right-of-way acquisition. Property owners impacted by the project would be compensated for acquired property and for any damages to remaining property, in accordance with SCDOT policy and the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended.

PROJECT SCHEDULE

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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Thank you for taking this opportunity to participate in the project development process for the proposed widening and improvements to U.S. Highway 78 from near secondary road S-18-22 (Orangeburg Road) to just beyond SC RTE 165 (Berlin G. Myers Parkway) in Summerville. 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 Thursday, January 5, 2017.

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US ROUTE 78 WIDENING AND IMPROVEMENTS
Public Information Meeting
December 15, 2016
COMMENTS
(Please Print)

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Please mail in comments by January 5, 2017

NOTE: Information provided, including name and address, will be published and is subject to disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act.