PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING

SPEARS CREEK CHURCH ROAD (S-53) WIDENING IN RICHLAND COUNTY

Project Website: richlandcountysc.gov/Government/Departments/Transportation-Penny/Public-Meetings

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2021 6:30 P.M. - 8:30 P.M. NO FORMAL PRESENTATION IS SCHEDULED

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PURPOSE OF THIS PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING

Richland County welcomes you to this Public Information Meeting. The purpose of the Public Information Meeting is to present the project to the community, gather comments from the public, and help identify concerns about the improvements or impacts to the natural and human environment.

You are encouraged to review the project display boards and discuss your questions or concerns with appropriate County staff or their representatives at this meeting. You are also encouraged to submit written comments on the forms provided, and place in the comment box provided. Comments will also be accepted by mail or email through November 14, 2021, contact information is provided on the back.

OVERVIEW OF THE PROJECT

Richland County proposes to widen Spears Creek Church Road (S-53) from Two Notch Road (US 1) to Interstate 20 (I-20). The purpose of this project is to relieve traffic congestion and improve mobility on Spears Creek Church Road by increasing capacity and adding dedicated turn lanes. The existing traffic conditions within the project area result in substantial congestion and are projected to worsen over time.

Spears Creek Church Road is classified as an urban minor arterial between I-20 and Two Notch Road. This section of roadway serves as a primary access to numerous commercial properties, residential-local streets, and schools.



The Spears Creek Church Road Widening project extends from Two Notch Road (US 1) to I-20, for approximately 2.1 miles.





Proposed Improvements

The proposed improvements include incorporating a designated two-way left turn lane (TWLTL) and widening Spears Creek Church Road from two to three lanes from Two Notch Road to Earth Road and from three to five lanes from Earth Road to I-20. Curb and gutter would be added throughout, and a new bridge would be constructed over Spears Creek. Additional right-of-way would be acquired in some areas but there would not be any residential or business displacements.

These proposed improvements will enhance traffic capacity and operations, safety, storm drainage, and infrastructure resilience.



LOOKING TOWARDS I-20 TWO NOTCH ROAD (US 1) TO EARTH ROAD





Right-of-Way Plans Finalized: Summer 2023

Anticipated Schedule



Begin Acquiring Right-of-Way: Fall 2023



Begin Construction: Winter 2024 Finalize Construction: Winter 2027

All comments are due by November 14, 2021

Please use the comment form provided to submit a comment about the project. Comments can also be emailed to <u>transportationpenny@richlandcountysc.gov</u> or mailed to:

Richland County ATTN: Allison Steele, P.E. 2020 Hampton Street P.O. Box 192 Columbia, SC 29201

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