

Butler Road Improvements Project

Public Information Meeting Greenville County, SC

NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT

Because federal funds are being used to develop the proposed project, FHWA is the lead agency and requires preparation of an environmental document to comply with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). As part of the NEPA process, federal agencies must fully evaluate the proposed project's impacts to the human and natural environment, examine reasonable alternatives for the improvements, and provide opportunities for federal, state, and local agencies and the public to provide input during the development of the project. The environmental review is completed to avoid, minimize, or mitigate environmental impacts and to ensure public participation is incorporated into the decision-making process. The environmental document identifies the purpose and need of the project, analyzes alternatives that may meet the purpose and need, and recommends a preferred alternative based on an impact analysis and public input. A proactive public involvement process will be an integral component of the project. Input regarding the project's purpose and need, public outreach methods, alternatives development, and identification of a preferred alternative is welcomed.

Every effort is made to minimize impacts to the human and natural environment during the development of the project. For this reason potential impacts to wetlands, streams, farmlands, threatened and endangered species, floodplains, and archaeological or historical sites are evaluated as part of the NEPA process. Mitigating impacts to the human environment also include ensuring environmental justice (EJ), or fair treatment and meaningful involvement of all people regardless of race, color, national origin, or income with respect to the transportation decision making process. When minority and low-income populations (EJ communities) may be affected, SCDOT must determine whether there is a disproportionately high and adverse impact on the population. If impacts are anticipated, avoidance is considered first, and then minimization and mitigation of impacts.

Community impacts such as right-of-way acquisition and property owner relocations are also considered as a part of the NEPA process. While minimal right-of-way acquisition is a goal, some right-of-way will need to be acquired by SCDOT to facilitate the project. All right-of-way will be acquired in conformance with the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, or the Uniform Act. SCDOT policies and procedures are outlined in SCDOT's Highways and You Manual, which can be found at <https://www.scdot.org/business/pdf/rightofway/HighwaysandYou.pdf>.

*Please contact the SCDOT Regional Right of Way Administrator for specific right-of-way questions:
Robby Camp | CampRA@scdot.org | 1-864-239-6057*

WE WANT YOUR INPUT

We appreciate your participation and strongly encourage you to provide your input on the project. The NEPA process relies heavily on public input and community participation. Public comments will be accepted from November 10, 2021 through December 10, 2021. You may access project information on the project website buildingabetterbutler.com and contact the project team anytime by selecting the Contact/Comments tab. You may provide your formal comments in multiple ways:

1. Provide comments by filling out the online form through Contact/Comments on: buildingabetterbutler.com
2. Fill out the comment card (attached and/or downloadable [online](#)) and mail your comments to:
Casey Lucas, PE | SCDOT | 955 Park Street | P.O. Box 191 | Columbia, SC 29201-3959
3. Email your comments to the project email address: butlerroad@scdot.org
4. Fill out a comment card and drop it in the comment box at the November 18, 2021 in-person meeting.

All written comments received within the comment period will be evaluated, responded to, and included in the public record. All information provided will be published and is subject to disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act. (FOIA).

PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING OVERVIEW

The South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT), Greenville-Pickens Area Transportation Study (GPATS), City of Mauldin, and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), thank you for your participation in this Public Information Meeting. This handout contains information and exhibits for the proposed Butler Road Improvements Project.

Si desea hablar con un intérprete para traducir los materiales del proyecto o discutir preocupaciones del proyecto, comuníquese con SCDOT al 864-250-5948 para obtener instrucciones grabadas.

ONLINE: All meeting materials, including displays of the proposed design and comment forms, will be available online beginning November 10, 2021 for viewing or download. Comments will be accepted through December 10, 2021.

IN-PERSON: Thursday, November 18, 2021, 5-7 p.m. | Mauldin Cultural Center | 101 E. Butler Road

Current health and safety protocols will be followed for the in-person meeting, which may include, but not be limited to, temperature checks at the door, face coverings, and social distancing. If the room is at capacity, people may be directed to wait in the hall until there is availability.

*For project questions, or if you have limited Internet access and would like to receive project information, please contact the SCDOT Project Manager:
Casey Lucas | 803-737-1087 | butlerroad@scdot.org*

Persons with disabilities who may require special accommodations should contact Betty Gray at SCDOT at 803-737-1395.

PURPOSE OF THE MEETING

The purpose of this meeting is to provide an opportunity for you to review, comment on, and discuss the revisions made to the proposed project since the January 2021 Public Information Meeting. The proposed project design was further developed and revised based on feedback from project stakeholders and comments received during the January 2021 public comment period. Preliminary technical studies, including traffic and environmental impact analyses were also further developed. Another purpose of the meeting is to gather information from the public or any interested organization on historic or cultural resources in the area.

PROJECT OVERVIEW

SCDOT, in conjunction with GPATS, the City of Mauldin, and FHWA, propose to improve East Butler Road (S-107) in the city of Mauldin for approximately 1.7 miles from US 276 (N. Main Street) to the Mauldin Senior Center entrance on East Butler Road. The project is located about 1 mile south of the I-385 interchange at Butler Road in Greenville County.

PROJECT PURPOSE AND NEED

The purpose of the project is to improve the operational efficiency, including improvements to the existing bicycle-pedestrian (bike-ped) facilities, along East Butler Road between US 276 (N. Main Street) and the Mauldin Senior Center entrance.

FUNDING

GPATS is the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Greenville urbanized area. The MPO is tasked, in accordance with federal requirements, with creating a Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), and Transportation Improvement Project (TIP), as well as developing a Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). The TIP is the region's short-range program that schedules funding for transportation projects to be implemented over a six-year cycle. The most recent TIP (for fiscal years 2021-2026) identifies the Butler Road Improvements Project to receive \$17 million beginning in 2019, which includes design, right-of-way acquisition, and construction.

Online
November 10, 2021
through
December 10, 2021
at
buildingabetterbutler.com



Interpreter (Spanish)
864-250-5948

Comments Due:
December 10, 2021

In-Person Meeting
Thursday,
November 18, 2021
5 p.m. – 7 p.m.
Mauldin Cultural
Center
101 E. Butler Road
Mauldin, SC 29662

ANTICIPATED PROJECT SCHEDULE

Public Information Meeting
November 2021

Environmental Document
Approval
July 2022*

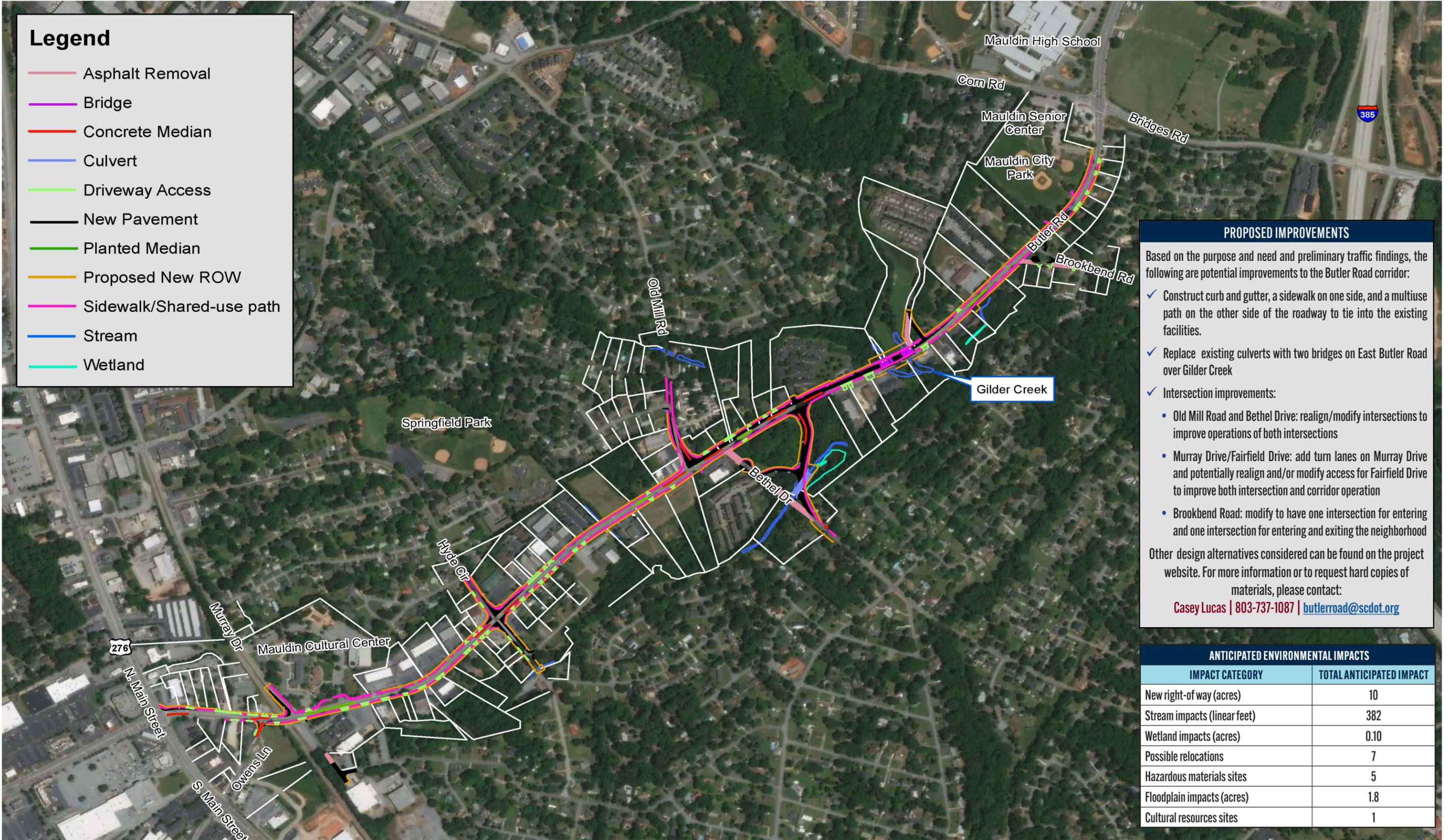
* Tentative, dependent on public input.

Finalize Right-of-Way
Design Plans
July 2022

Finalize Construction
Plans
July 2023

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