

# Introduction

- The purpose of this meeting is to:
  - Present and discuss the proposed project
  - Gather your input
- All meeting materials are available online

*\* If you would like to speak with an interpreter, please contact SCDOT at 864-250-5948 for recorded instructions.*

*\*Si desea hablar con un intérprete, comuníquese con SCDOT al 864-250-5948 para obtener instrucciones grabadas.*





# Overview

- Project history and funding
- Purpose and need
- National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)
- Proposed improvements
- Overview of proposed design exhibit



# Project History and Funding

Corridor studied in various reports and planning documents:

2008: SCDOT developed an Advanced Project Planning Report

2014: City of Mauldin received funding from the Greenville-Pickens Area Transportation Study (GPATS) to conduct a corridor study

2016: City completed the East Butler Road Corridor Study (January 2016)

October 2016: federal funding obligated

2019: Project identified to receive \$17 Million total for design, right-of-way acquisition, and construction





# Purpose and Need

Improve  
operational  
efficiency

Improve existing  
bicycle-pedestrian  
(bike-ped) facilities



## Proposed Improvements

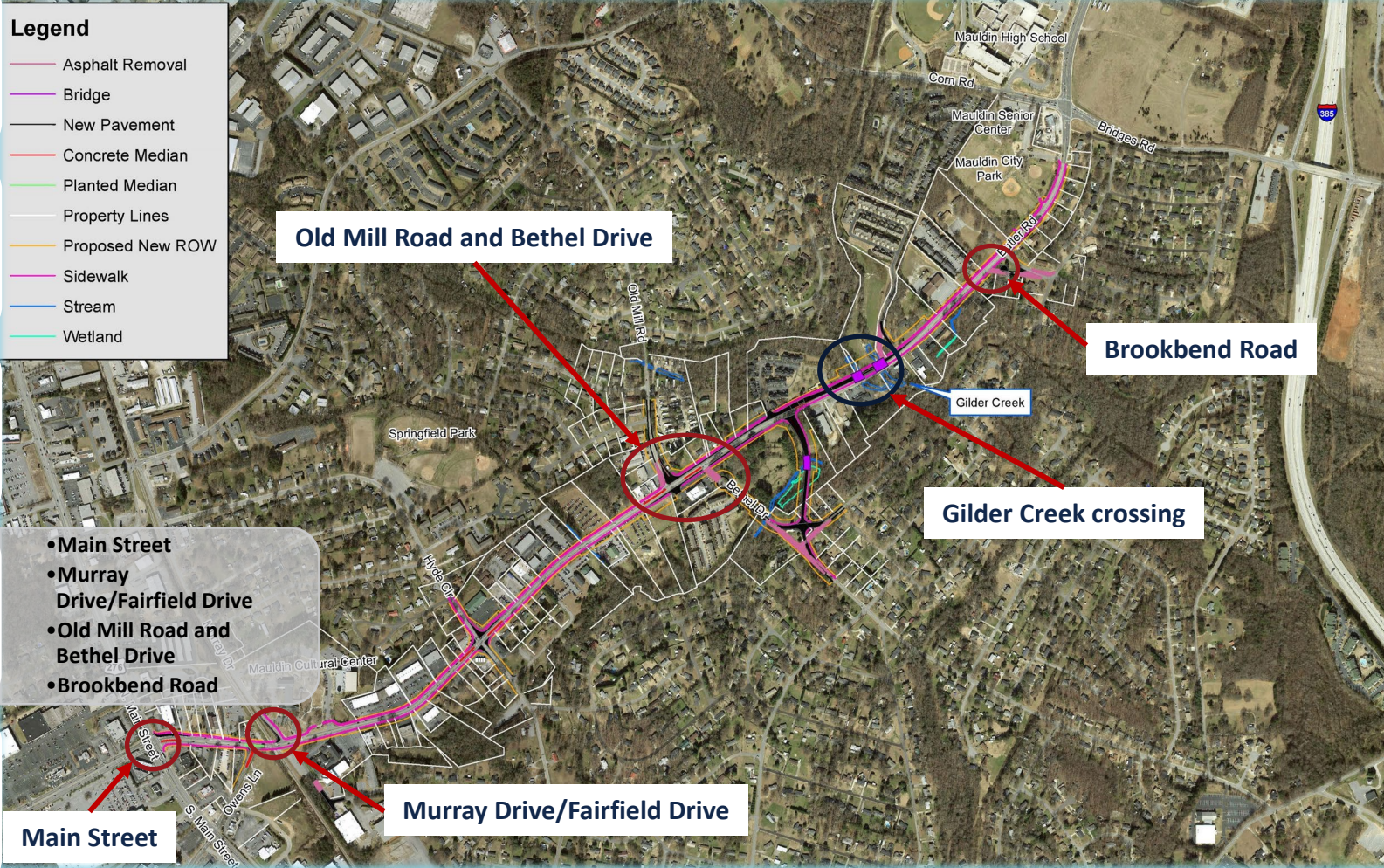
**Construct curb and gutter**

**Construct sidewalk on one side and a multiuse path on the other**

**Tie into existing bike-ped facilities**

**Intersection improvements to improve operations at:**

**Replace existing culverts with two bridges on East Butler Road over Gilder Creek**





# Proposed Improvements

- Extend/lengthen westbound turn lanes on East Butler Road at N. Main Street
- Improve existing sidewalks and construct a multiuse path to the Mauldin Senior Center
- Widen Murray Drive for right and left-turn lanes
- Modify access for Fairfield Drive
- Add planted and concrete medians throughout the corridor for access control



# Proposed Improvements

- Realign the Old Mill Road and Bethel Drive intersections:
  - Relocate Bethel Drive to the north
  - Realign Old Mill Road to improve intersection operations
- Replace existing culverts with two bridges on East Butler Road over Gilder Creek
- Remove Y-configuration at Brookbend Road and convert one leg into a cul-de-sac to produce one intersection at Butler Road
- Tie into the new curb and gutter and intersection improvements in front of the Senior Center





# Proposed Improvements

- Potential new right-of-way from a public park (Mauldin City Park) owned by the City of Mauldin
- Improve access to the park with the proposed improvements
- The Federal Highway Administration intends to make a *de minimis*, or minimal impact, finding for the project in respect to the park





# National Environmental Policy Act

- Federal funds are being used
- Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) is the lead agency
- Requires preparation of an environmental document to comply with the National Environmental Policy Act





# National Environmental Policy Act

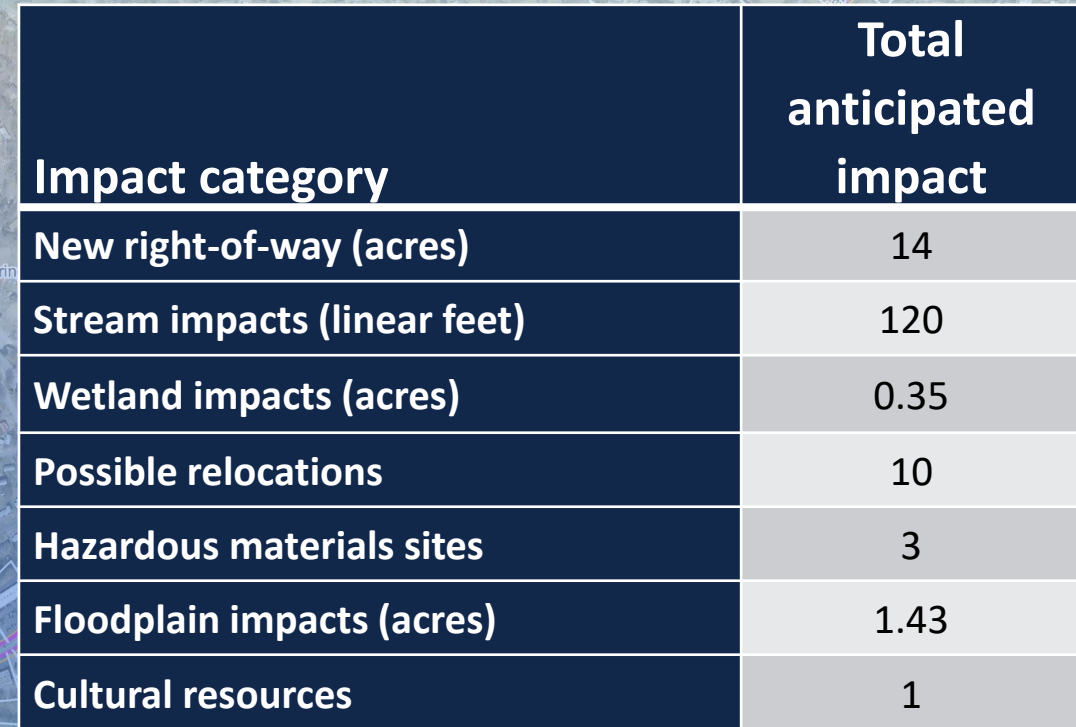
- NEPA compliance:
  - Requires thorough evaluation of impacts to the human and natural environment
  - Provides opportunities for agency and public input
  - Evaluates impacts with respect to the proposed *de minimis* finding on Mauldin City Park, or any possible social, economic, and environmental effect of the proposed project on the community.





# National Environmental Policy Act

- The environmental study identifies:
  - Purpose and need
  - Alternatives that meet the purpose and need
  - Recommends a preferred alternative



Impact category	Total anticipated impact
New right-of-way (acres)	14
Stream impacts (linear feet)	120
Wetland impacts (acres)	0.35
Possible relocations	10
Hazardous materials sites	3
Floodplain impacts (acres)	1.43
Cultural resources	1

# We want your input!

- Provide written comments January 5 through February 5, 2021 in one of the following ways:
  - Fill out and submit the [online comment form](#) on [buildingabetterbutler.com](https://buildingabetterbutler.com)
  - Download and fill out a comment card and mail your comments to:  
**SCDOT Project Manager**  
**Casey Lucas**  
**955 Park Street, P.O. Box 191**  
**Columbia, SC 29201-3959**
  - Email your comments to [butlerroad@scdot.org](mailto:butlerroad@scdot.org)
  - Schedule an in-person meeting for January 14, 2021 by contacting Casey Lucas at 803-737-1087 or [butlerroad@scdot.org](mailto:butlerroad@scdot.org), or by signing up [online](#); then fill out a comment card and drop it in the comment box.

