

The 411 On 41

In early spring 2019, the project team met with leadership from HOA communities, business owners and stakeholders to provide updates on the project development process and to collect feedback. The presentation from these meetings is available on the <u>Resources page</u> of the project website for your reference.

The Charleston County project team is continuing to evaluate the impacts of Alternative 1 and Alternative 7a under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process. The team is also evaluating intersection design concepts for the Highway 17 and Highway 41 intersection. We anticipate sharing information on the intersection design for public review in July via the project website. The evaluation findings will be documented in detail in the environmental report for the project.

In addition, the project team introduced the proposed interim improvements for the Highway 41 corridor, which will help to alleviate traffic congestion until the final project can be permitted, designed and constructed.

For the next several months, the project team will continue detailed environmental studies and traffic analysis. Charleston County will hold a public meeting in September 2019 to present the recommended preferred alternative and take public comment.

New mapping tool!

We are excited to introduce the project's <u>new mapping tool</u> that is now available online. The information shown on the mapping tool application is for conceptual design representation only and should not be considered final. Rather, this tool allows for a look at how Alternative 1 and Alternative 7a are conceptually located in proximity to your property. Opportunities to shift these alignments to further avoid, minimize or mitigate impacts to residents will continue to be evaluated as the design progresses. The alignments may also be refined to accommodate adding cross-walks and other features to improve safety and connectivity.

To access the Highway 41 Corridor Improvements mapping tool application, please visit <u>http://hwy41sc.com/mapping.html</u>.

Property impacts

As part of the alternatives analysis process, the project team is identifying whether properties would require any level of right-of-way acquisition. At this time, we have not identified any full property acquisitions with either Alternatives 1 or 7a. The amount of land acquired may vary based on the impacts to residences and businesses on the property, while providing proper right-of-way for the SCDOT to maintain roads, sidewalks and drainage systems. The right-of-way acquisition process would begin if/when a permit is issued to Charleston County by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. If right-of-way must be acquired from a property by the County, the property owner will be immediately contacted to begin the process of reaching a fair compensation price for the land that must be acquired. This process could also include minor changes to the project design to avoid or minimize right-of-way and environmental impacts.



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We are continuing to define the project's potential impacts on natural and community resources, which will be documented in the environmental report, and will also include traffic studies, a detailed noise analysis, biological assessments, community impact assessments, and other technical studies.

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