

**Public Hearing Thursday, November 5, Concerning Glenn's Bay Road
Widening and Interchange Project**

In Horry County

The South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) has scheduled a public hearing Thursday, November 5, 2009, concerning preliminary plans for the proposed Glenn's Bay Road widening and interchange project in Horry County.

The hearing will be from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., at St. James High School, 10800 Highway 707, Murrells Inlet, SC 29576.

The purpose of the hearing is to provide an opportunity to review and discuss individually with representatives of SCDOT, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), and Horry County, preliminary plans for the proposed Glenn's Bay widening and interchange project. The proposed improvements consist of a Compressed Urban Diamond Interchange at the intersection of Glenn's Bay Road and US 17 Bypass. Glenn's Bay Road will also be widened to a 5 lane section from US 17 Bypass to Spanish Oak Drive, a 4 lane section from Spanish Oak Drive to Kessinger Drive, and a 3 lane section from Kessinger Drive to US 17 Business.

The purpose of this project is to improve the operational capacity and efficiency along Glenn's Bay Road and at the intersection of Glenn's Bay Road and US 17 Bypass. Another purpose of the hearing will be to gather information from the public or any interested organization on historic or cultural resources in the area. This project is funded by Horry County's RIDE II Capital Local Option Sales Tax Program.

From 5 p.m. until 6 p.m., the hearing format will be informal. Displays will be set up in the cafeteria and project team members from the SCDOT, FHWA, and Horry County will be available to discuss the project with interested citizens on an individual basis.

At 6 p.m., a brief, formal presentation will be given in a separate area within the cafeteria on the project purpose and need, schedule, and potential natural and human impacts to the community. Immediately following the presentation, citizens will have the option to make formal, verbal comments regarding the proposed project. Anyone who desires to verbally comment must sign up between 5 p.m. and 5:55 p.m. as they enter the public hearing. Each comment will be limited to two minutes and may not be transferred.

The informal portion of the Public Hearing will continue during this time (from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.).

Project details, including environmental documentation of the project's effects, will be provided. Maps and drawings of the proposed improvements will be available.

The approved environmental document (Environmental Assessment) will be available for public review at least 15 days prior to the public hearing at the SCDOT's Central Office at 955 Park Street in Columbia, the SCDOT's District Office at 3018 E. Palmetto St. in Florence, Horry County Public Works at 4401 Privetts Road in Conway, Grand Strand Area Transportation (GSATS) at 1230 Highmarket Street in Georgetown, and Surfside Library at 410 Surfside Drive in Surfside Beach.

For more information, the public may contact Brian Dix, P.E., Assistant Program Manager, SCDOT, at (803) 737-1085. Persons with disabilities who may require special accommodations to attend the hearing should contact Karen Davis at (803) 737-1549.

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