

BISHOPVILLE TRUCK ROUTE PROJECT

Bishopville, Lee County, South Carolina

Project Fact Sheet

Public Hearing, April 19, 2022



📍 Welcome to the Public Hearing!

The South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) is pleased to welcome you to the Public Hearing for the Bishopville Truck Route Project. The primary purpose of the proposed project is to address truck traffic traveling through downtown Bishopville, and the secondary purpose is to enhance the economic development of the area.

The purpose of this hearing is provide the community with an opportunity to review and discuss the proposed project and the recommended preferred alternative identified in the Bishopville Truck Route Project Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) with SCDOT. Another purpose of the hearing is to get feedback and gather information from the public or any interested organization on historic or cultural resources in the area.

📍 What is a Draft Environmental Impact Statement?

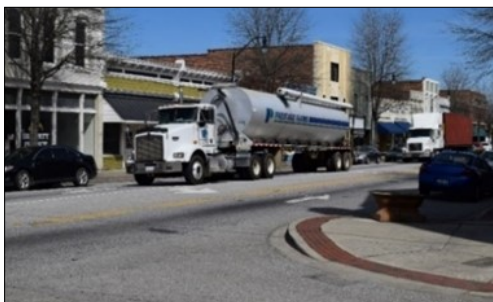
The *Bishopville Truck Route Project Draft Environmental Impact Statement* was prepared in accordance with the *National Environmental Policy Act*, which establishes how federally funded projects are studied and how decisions are made. *The DEIS documents the purpose and need for the proposed project; discusses and analyzes project alternatives; describes the existing conditions of the area; discloses the potential environmental, transportation, social, and economic impacts; identifies proposed mitigation; and presents a recommended preferred alternative.*

At the Public Information Meeting in August of 2019, SCDOT presented three initial proposed alternatives that were anticipated to best meet the project purpose of reducing truck traffic downtown. Based on feedback received after the meeting and additional analysis, *SCDOT, in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), ultimately identified twelve build alternatives (Alternatives 1-12) to evaluate further in the DEIS.*

As part of DEIS-development, SCDOT conducted comprehensive alternative-screening to evaluate how well the build alternatives and a no-build alternative would meet the project purpose of reducing truck traffic while minimizing environmental impacts. SCDOT is recommending Alternative 6 as the Preferred Alternative because it:

- ◆ Best meets the primary purpose of the project of reducing truck traffic downtown;
- ◆ Best meets the secondary purpose of the project of supporting economic development;
- ◆ Would not require any residential or commercial relocations;
- ◆ Provides better connectivity to I-20 and SC 341;
- ◆ Would not affect a historic property;
- ◆ Would not require an additional new location railroad crossing; and
- ◆ Would not have significantly higher impacts on natural resources than other alternatives.

For more information, visit the website: <https://www.scdot.org/inside/BishopvilleTruckRoute/>



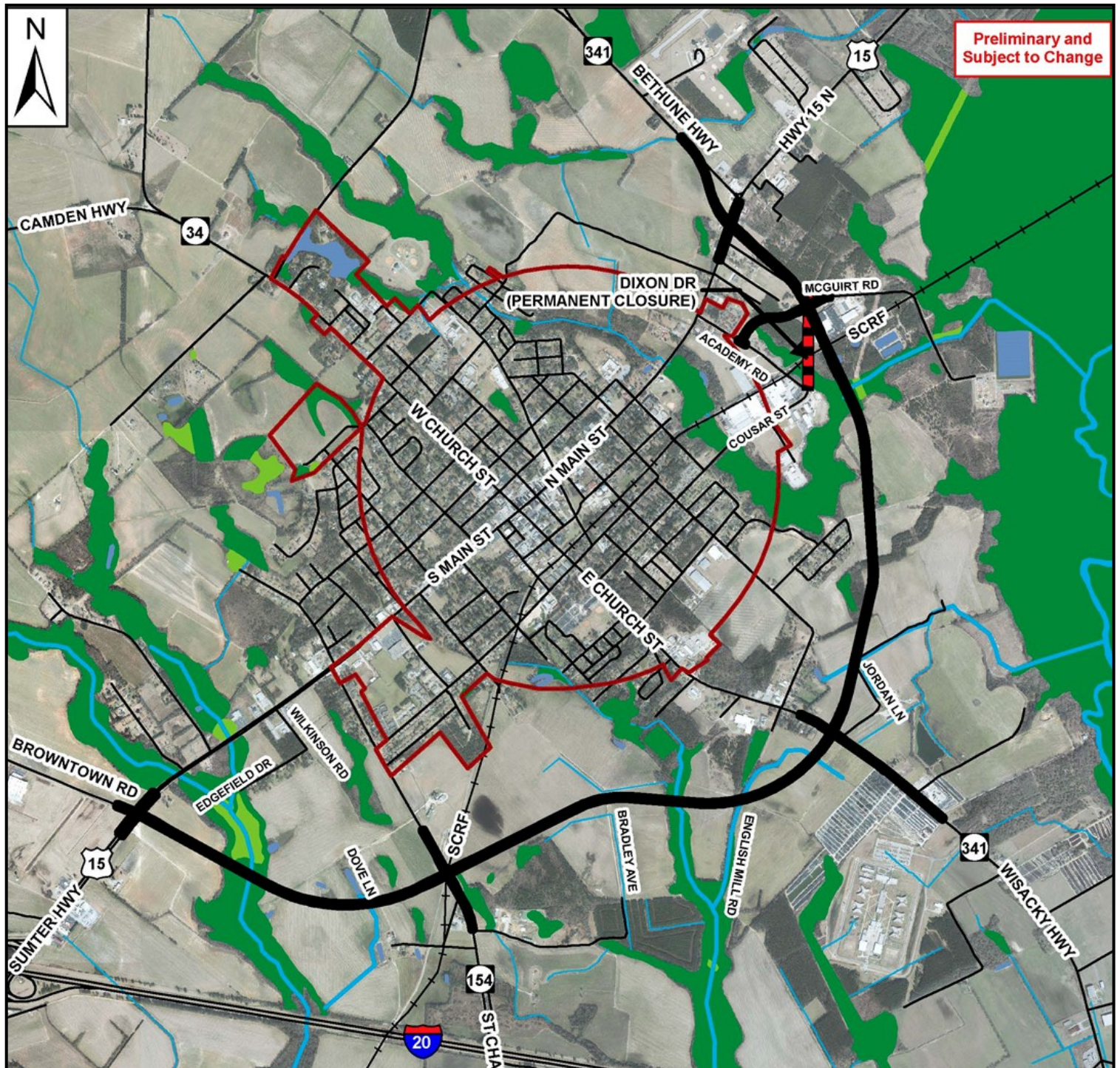
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📍 What is the Preferred Alternative?

Based on the analyses presented in the DEIS, SCDOT is recommending Alternative 6 as the Preferred Alternative. However, this recommendation is subject to review, and an alternative will not be selected until after the end of the DEIS comment period. *The proposed Preferred Alternative is a three-lane roadway, approximately 5.2 miles in length, would require about 78 acres of right-of-way, and would cost an estimated \$22.6 million to construct.*

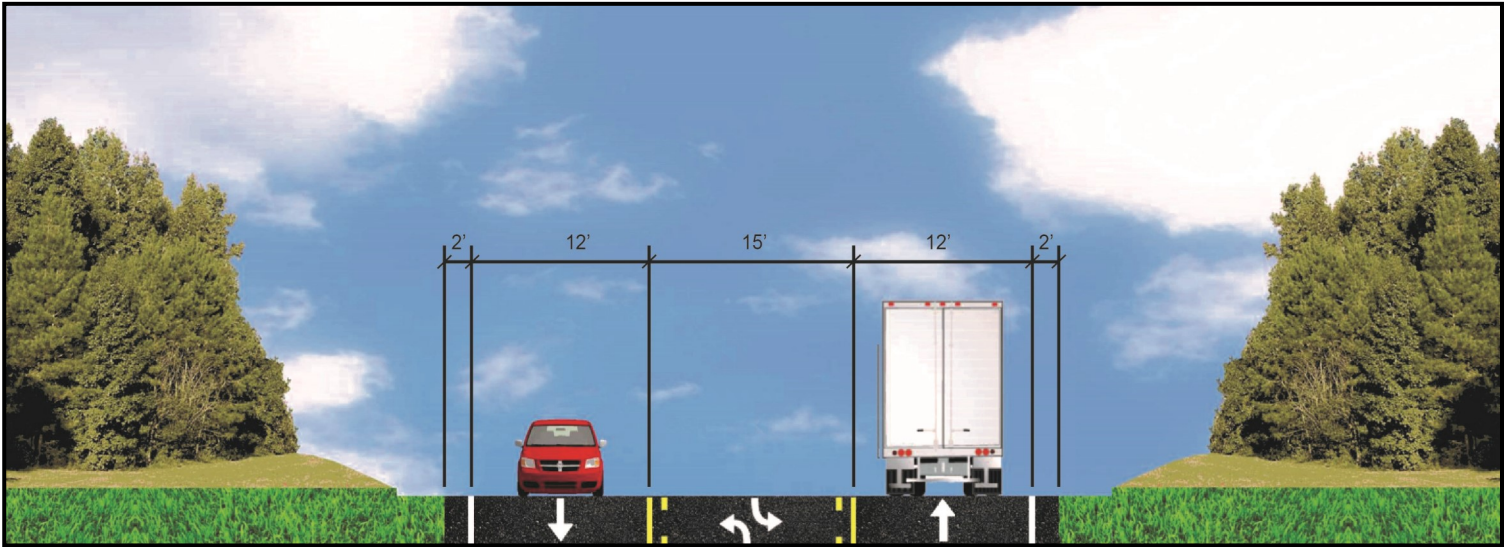


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📍 What will the Preferred Alternative Look Like?



📍 Your Voice Matters! We Need Your Input!

Your input on the DEIS and Preferred Alternative is very important to SCDOT. *Please send us your comments on the DEIS and Preferred Alternative by May 9, 2022.* You can submit your comments via mail, email, or the website.



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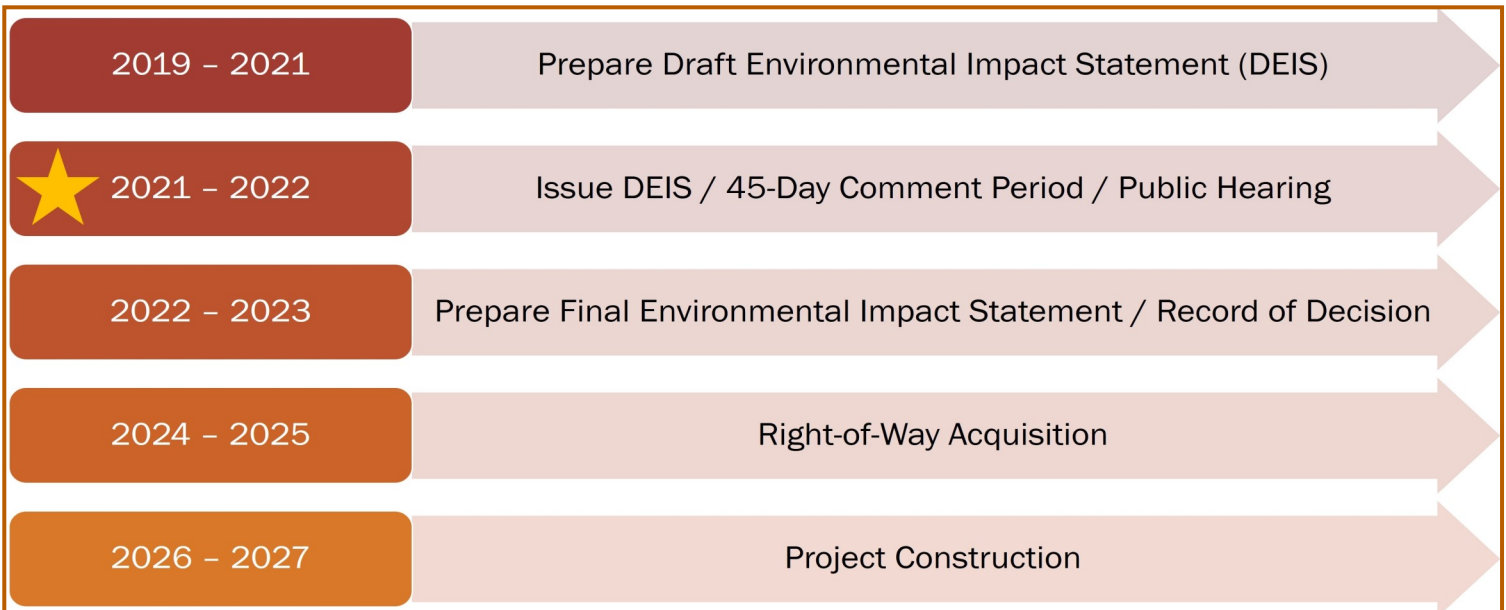
The SCDOT would like your input about the project and the DEIS. The DEIS is available for review online at <https://www.scdot.org/inside/BishopvilleTruckRoute> and at the locations listed below.

Review Location	Address	Phone Number
Bishopville City Hall	135 E. Church Street, Bishopville, SC 29010	(803) 484-5948
Lee County Courthouse	123 S. Main Street, Bishopville, SC 29010	(803) 484-5341
Lee County Department of Transportation	703 E. Church Street, Bishopville, SC 29010	(803) 484-6236
Lee County Public Library	200 N. Main Street, Bishopville, SC 29010	(803) 484-5921
SCDOT Headquarters	955 Park Street, Columbia, SC 29201	(803) 737-1200
SLRCOG Main Office	2525 Corporate Way, Sumter, SC 29154	(803) 775-7381

Please submit your comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement by May 9, 2022!

📍 What are the Next Steps?

SCDOT and FHWA will consider the analysis presented in the DEIS and all comments and input received to identify a Selected Alternative, which could be the Preferred Alternative, the No-Build Alternative, or another build alternative. **The decision and responses to comments on the DEIS will be published in a combined Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS)/Record of Decision (ROD).** Upon FHWA approval of the FEIS/ROD, SCDOT will be authorized to begin final design, acquire necessary permits, acquire right-of-way, and begin construction.



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