



WELCOME TO THE VIRTUAL PUBLIC HEARING

Woodruff Road Congestion Relief Project

Greenville County, South Carolina

www.fixwoodruffroad.com

Tuesday, July 7, 2020 at 5 p.m. until Friday, August 7, 2020 at 5 p.m.

VIRTUAL PUBLIC HEARING OVERVIEW

For the health and safety of the public, the South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) is holding a virtual public hearing for the Woodruff Congestion Relief Project. The virtual public hearing will start on **July 7, 2020 at 5 p.m.** and will end on **August 7, 2020 at 5 p.m.** It will include weekly live telephone hotline meetings for questions. During these hotline meetings project team members from SCDOT will be available to discuss the project with interested citizens on an individual basis.

All project materials including displays, recorded presentations and additional information is available online at fixwoodruffroad.com.

SCDOT, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), and Greenville County are very pleased to have you attend this virtual public hearing. The purpose of the hearing is to provide an opportunity for members of the public to review and comment on the plans for the proposed project, and to discuss the project on an individual basis with project team members.

PURPOSE OF THE PROJECT

Greenville-Pickens Area Transportation Study (GPATS) and SCDOT have identified the need to alleviate traffic congestion along Woodruff Road. The purpose of the project is to improve operational efficiency and alleviate traffic congestion on Woodruff Road to improve mobility in the busy commercial area between I-385 and Roper Mountain Road/Verdae Boulevard.

VIRTUAL PUBLIC HEARING AND PROJECT SCHEDULE

Written comments will be accepted for 30 days from **Tuesday, July 7, 2020 at 5 p.m.** until **August 7, 2020 at 5 p.m.** Formal verbal comments can be made via voicemail on **August 6, 2020 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.** All comments received during the comment period will be evaluated and included in the project record. FHWA will make a final decision on the project after the virtual public hearing. The anticipated project schedule is:

- Virtual Public Hearing/Response to Comments: July to October 2020
- FHWA Decision Document: December 2020
- Finalize Right-of-Way Design Plans: January 2022
- Begin Right-of-Way Acquisition: Spring 2022
- Finalize Construction Plans: Winter 2023

COMMENTS

SCDOT, FHWA, and Greenville County appreciate your participation and strongly encourage you to provide your input regarding the project. You may comment in four ways:

1. Record a formal verbal comment via voicemail on **August 6, 2020 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.** You must preregister to record a formal verbal comment by contacting Nicole Riddle at RiddleNL@scdot.org by **August 4, 2020.***

**Consent will be required for verbal comments to be posted on the website.*

2. Submit written comments online at the project website.
3. Mail your comments to the SCDOT project manager:

Casey Lucas, PE
SCDOT
955 Park Street, P.O. Box 191
Columbia, SC 29201-3959

4. Email comments to the project email address: contactus@fixwoodruffroad.com

Please submit written comments concerning the project by **August 7, 2020 at 5 p.m.**

An online survey is also available for you to take. Formal written and verbal comments will be entered into the public record. Only written comments will be responded to. Information provided, including name and address, will be published and is subject to disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act.

FUNDING

The total estimated cost for the proposed project is \$121,100,000, including engineering, right-of-way, and construction. The 2017-2022 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) (last updated July 9, 2019) documents that a total of \$23,950,000 has been allocated to the project for engineering and right-of-way acquisitions, with \$12,450,000 allocated for 2023 and beyond. The GPATS Transportation Improvement Program – FY 2021-2026 Financial Statement (approved May 18, 2020) documents a total of \$37,100,000 allocated for 2021-2026, with \$76,000,000 for 2026 and beyond. Because federal funds have been allocated, compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) is required.

TITLE VI COMPLIANCE

SCDOT, in response to the nondiscrimination requirements set forth by the Federal regulations issued by the U.S. Department of Transportation to effectuate Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, complies with all regulations in this regard. Any person who believes that he or she has been discriminated against because of race, color, religion, sex, age, handicap/disabilities or national origin under a program receiving Federal Aid has the right to file a complaint with SCDOT. The complaint shall be filed with the Title VI Program Compliance Coordinator; contact information is located to the right. The complaint should be submitted no later than 180 days after the date of the alleged act of discrimination. It should outline as completely as possible the facts and circumstances of the incident.

Complaint Filing Information

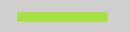
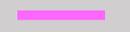
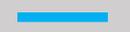
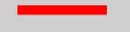
Address:

Title VI Program Compliance
Coordinator
Office of Business Development
& Special Programs
955 Park Street, Suite 117
Columbia, SC 29202

Phone:

803.737.5095

LEGEND

-  New Pavement
-  Landscape
-  Painted Median
-  Bike and Pedestrian Path
-  Roundabouts
-  Bridges
-  Raised Concrete Median

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

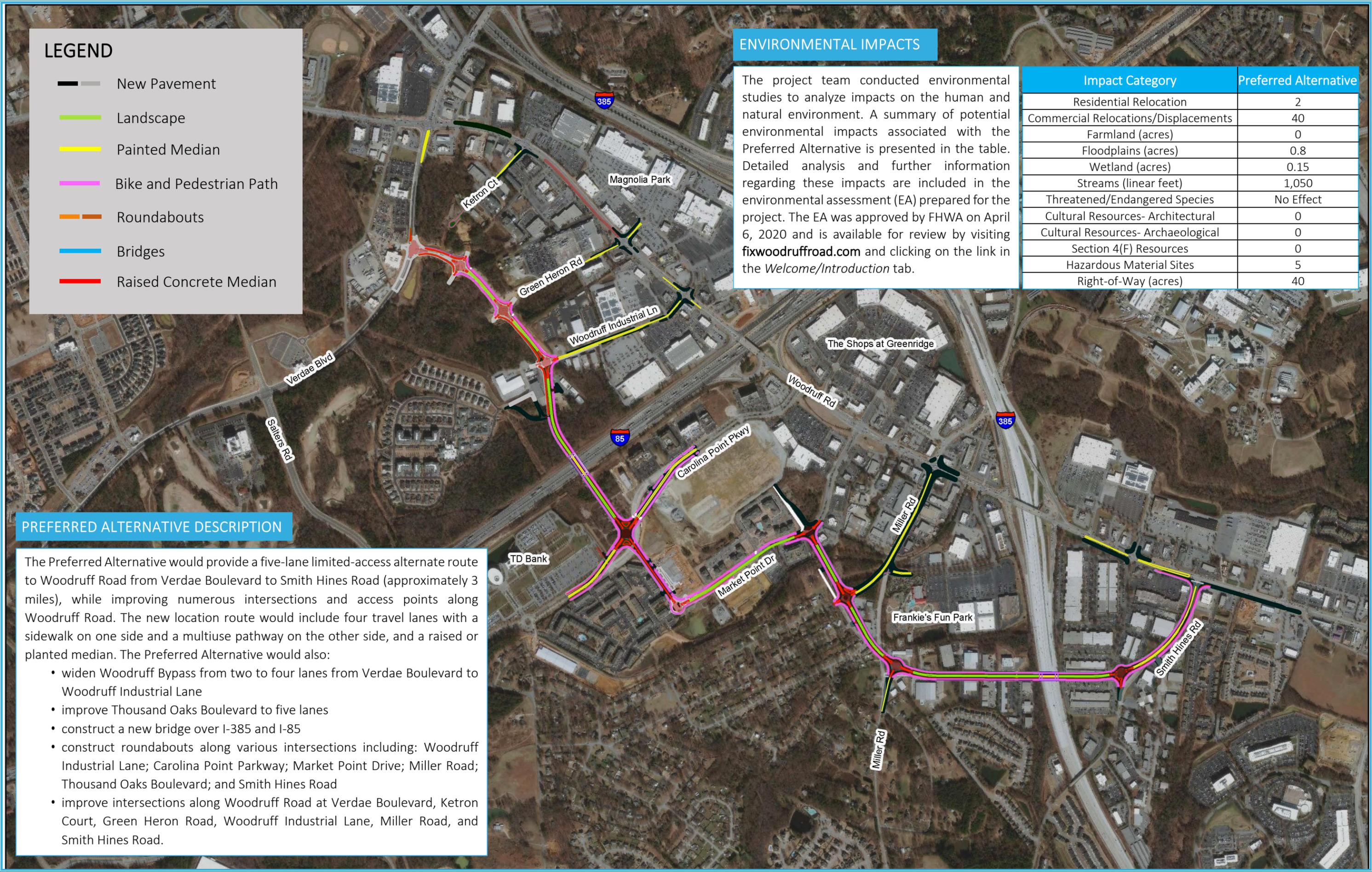
The project team conducted environmental studies to analyze impacts on the human and natural environment. A summary of potential environmental impacts associated with the Preferred Alternative is presented in the table. Detailed analysis and further information regarding these impacts are included in the environmental assessment (EA) prepared for the project. The EA was approved by FHWA on April 6, 2020 and is available for review by visiting fixwoodruffroad.com and clicking on the link in the *Welcome/Introduction* tab.

Impact Category	Preferred Alternative
Residential Relocation	2
Commercial Relocations/Displacements	40
Farmland (acres)	0
Floodplains (acres)	0.8
Wetland (acres)	0.15
Streams (linear feet)	1,050
Threatened/Endangered Species	No Effect
Cultural Resources- Architectural	0
Cultural Resources- Archaeological	0
Section 4(F) Resources	0
Hazardous Material Sites	5
Right-of-Way (acres)	40

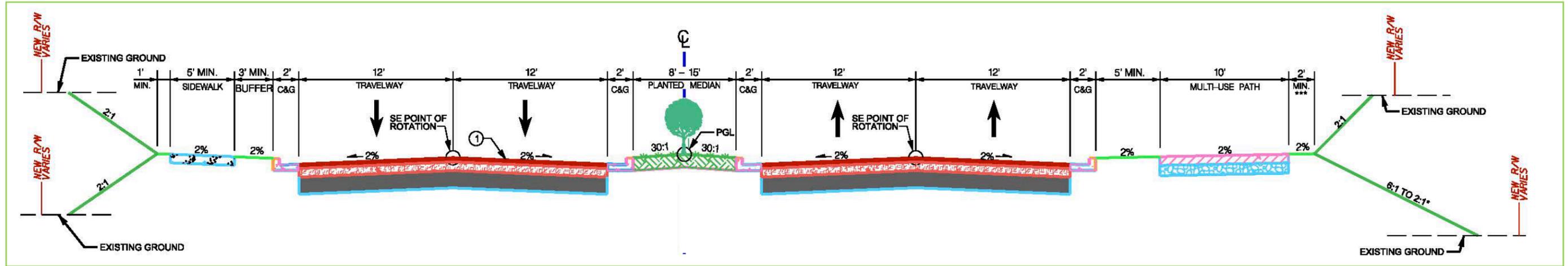
PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE DESCRIPTION

The Preferred Alternative would provide a five-lane limited-access alternate route to Woodruff Road from Verdae Boulevard to Smith Hines Road (approximately 3 miles), while improving numerous intersections and access points along Woodruff Road. The new location route would include four travel lanes with a sidewalk on one side and a multiuse pathway on the other side, and a raised or planted median. The Preferred Alternative would also:

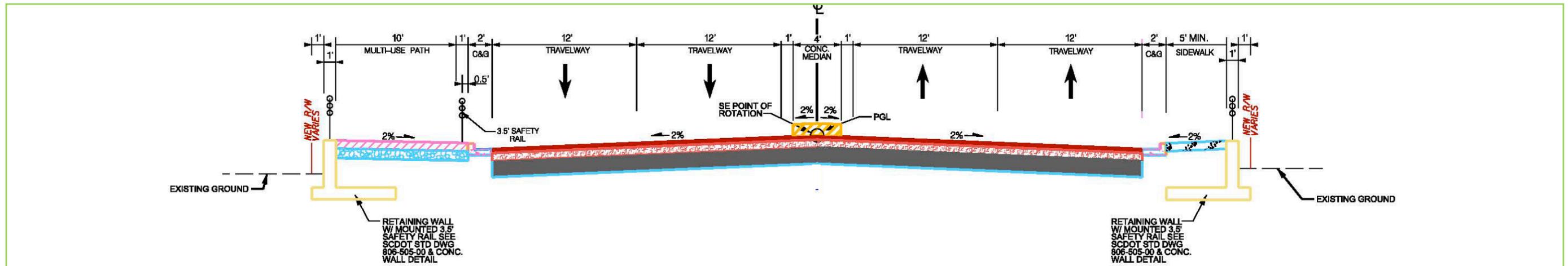
- widen Woodruff Bypass from two to four lanes from Verdae Boulevard to Woodruff Industrial Lane
- improve Thousand Oaks Boulevard to five lanes
- construct a new bridge over I-385 and I-85
- construct roundabouts along various intersections including: Woodruff Industrial Lane; Carolina Point Parkway; Market Point Drive; Miller Road; Thousand Oaks Boulevard; and Smith Hines Road
- improve intersections along Woodruff Road at Verdae Boulevard, Ketron Court, Green Heron Road, Woodruff Industrial Lane, Miller Road, and Smith Hines Road.



VERDAE BOULEVARD TO CAROLINA POINT PARKWAY
MARKET POINT DRIVE TO SMITH-HINES ROAD



CAROLINA POINT PARKWAY TO MARKET POINT DRIVE



SMITH-HINES ROAD TO SC-146 WOODRUFF ROAD

