

PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING

Intersection Improvement Project at SC 56/ASHEVILLE HWY & SC 85 BUS. (HEARON CIRCLE)

WELCOME

Welcome to the Public Information Meeting (PIM), hosted by the South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT), for the proposed improvements at the intersection of SC 56/Asheville Hwy & SC 85 Business (Hearon Circle). Your attendance and feedback are very important components of the project development process. The purpose of this meeting is to provide you with an opportunity to review and comment on the proposed improvements. SCDOT staff or their representatives are available to address any questions or concerns that you may have regarding the project. Experience this drop-in format and there will not be a formal presentation.

Meeting Details:

Date: August 22, 2024

Time: 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Location: USC Upstate / Readiness Center
301 N Campus Blvd,
Spartanburg, SC 29303

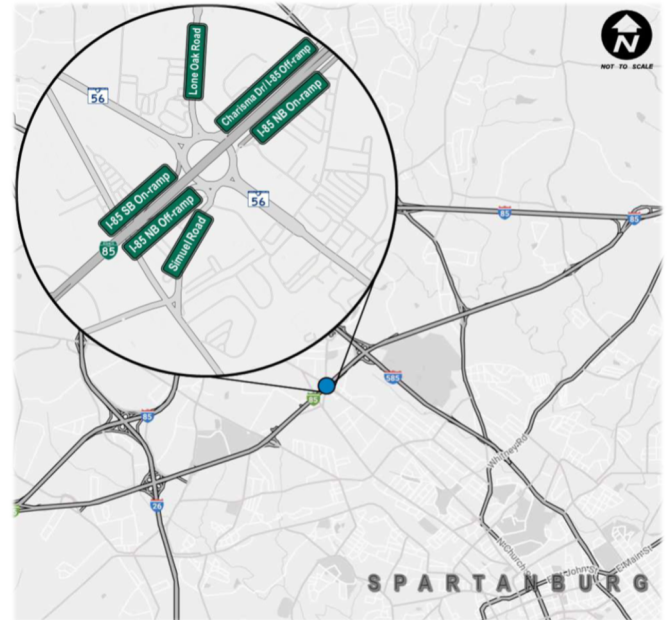
PROJECT BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

The South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) along with the Spartanburg Area Transportation Study (SPATS) identified the intersection of SC 56/Asheville Highway & SC 85 Business (Hearon Circle) in Spartanburg County for improvement based on the intersection experiencing significant congestion with a history of frequent collisions.

SCDOT selected local engineering firm Stantec to analyze and evaluate safety and traffic conditions of the Circle to determine potential safety and operational improvements on roadway approaches and through Hearon Circle. The analyses of the 10-year historical crashes at Hearon Circle revealed most crashes were of the rear-end type which included high frequency clusters at:

- SC 56/Asheville Highway between SC 56/Asheville Hwy and the SC 85 Business northbound on-ramp
- Southeast bound approach to the Circle along SC 56/Asheville Highway and
- near the northbound approach of Simuel Road at the Circle.

PROJECT LOCATION



PROJECT CRASH DATA

- From 01/01/10 to 12/31/20 there were 1546 total crashes with 206 (13%) resulting in injury
- Rear end crashes at the Circle were the most common with nearly 80%
- 60% of crashes occurred between 12 PM and 5 PM

ANTICIPATED PROJECT SCHEDULE

Task	Start Date
Plan Development	Summer 2025
Construction Begins:	Early 2026
Construction Duration:	18 Months



PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The proposed design is to close and reconfigure various approaches to Hearon Circle such that the existing roadway width within and approaching Hearon Circle can be reconfigured to improve operation, safety, and driver expectation:

- Maintain two circulating lanes on north and south legs of the circle but provide single circulating lanes on east and west legs of circle.
- Close the Simuel Road approach to Hearon Circle.
- Convert SC 85 Bus SB off-ramp/Charisma Drive to one-way flow entering the circle and terminate Charisma Dr. north of the SC 85 SB off-ramp.

REQUESTED FEEDBACK

You are welcome to submit written comments about the projects by either of the following:

1. Completing a comment form and leaving it in the comment box located in this meeting room.
2. Mailing or emailing your comments **by September 6, 2024** using the contact information below:

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3. Fill out an online comment form on the Project Website.

SCDOT will respond to all comments. Each comment will be made part of the official public meeting file, which will be available for review, along with the displays and public meeting handout, at SCDOT's Headquarters – 955 Park Street, Columbia, SC 29201.

Information and materials presented at this meeting will also be available online, via SCDOT's website

<https://scdot.org/sc85-I585/default.aspx>

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