



## Welcome

The South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) welcomes you to this very important public meeting for the proposed SC 153 Extension. This meeting provides an opportunity to review and discuss the need for the project, the limits of the project, and the alternatives proposed. Your comments will enable us to design the project to best meet the needs and desires of the community. Thank you for your participation.

## SC 153 Extension:

The South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) in partnership with the Greenville-Pickens Area Transportation Study (GPATS) proposes to extend the existing SC 153 roadway in Pickens County. The scope of the project would be to connect SC 153 from its existing terminus at US 123 to a point on Saluda Dam Road (S-36) between Olive Street (S-221) and Prince Perry Road (S-135). The purpose of the project is to provide an alternate route to relieve congestion on US 123, provide an alternate route to US 123 and SC 93 through Easley, provide a grade separated crossing at Norfolk-Southern Railroad and support economic development.

## Purpose of Public Information Meeting:

The public is encouraged to attend the meeting to review information and provide comments regarding the proposed recommendations. SCDOT will consider the comments received in finalizing the recommendations that will be included in the project's environmental document.

Another purpose of the meeting will be to gather information from the public or any interested organization on historic or cultural resources in the area. Engineering and environmental personnel from SCDOT and the consultant will be available to answer questions. In the Spring of 2012, an official public hearing will be held, where a formal presentation will be given and attendees will have the opportunity to make formal, verbal or written comments immediately following the presentation.

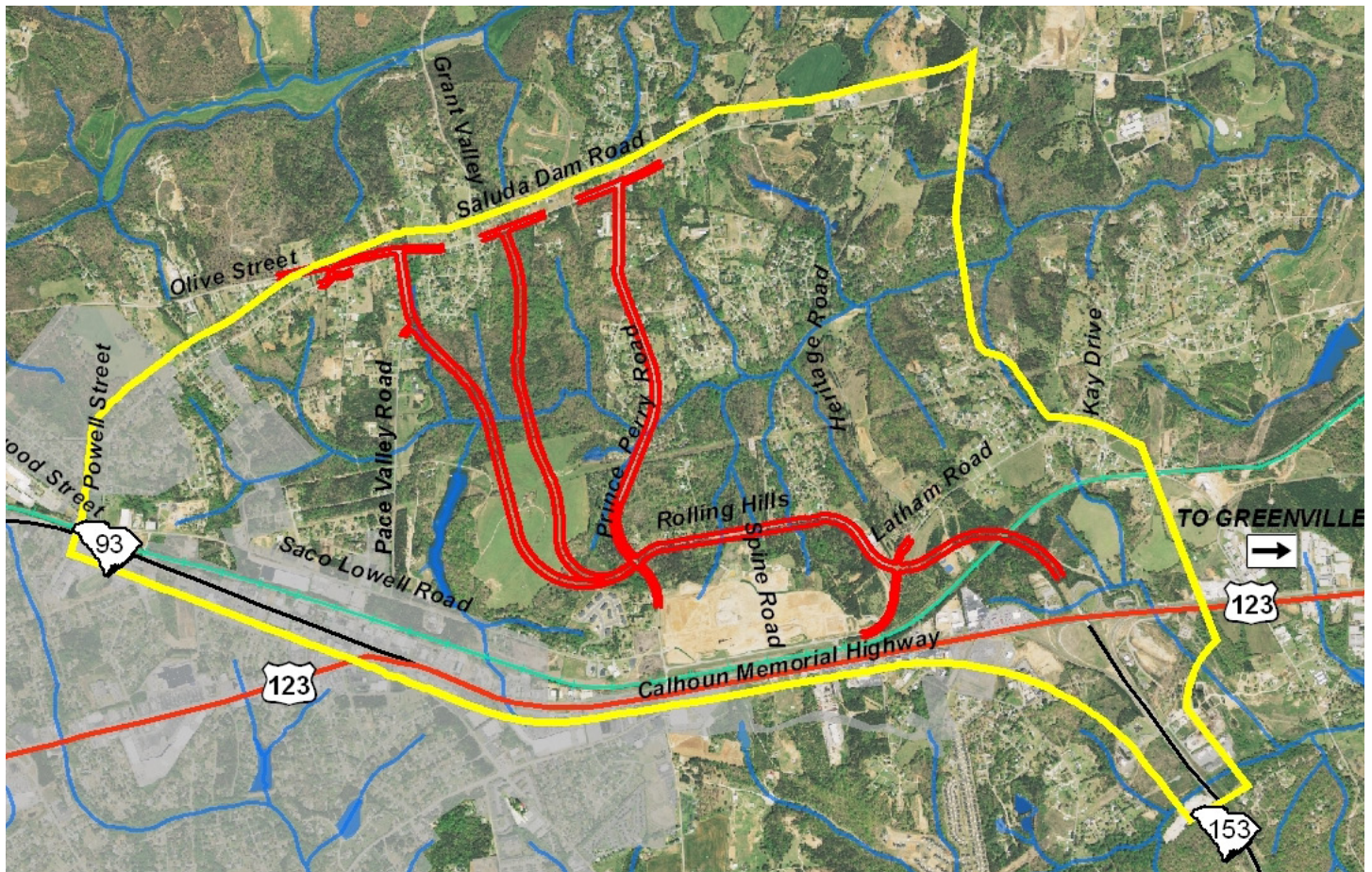
## Project Schedule:

Public Information Meeting	October 4, 2011
Public Hearing for Proposed Design	Spring 2012
Right of Way Acquisition*	2013
Construction*	2014 and 2015

\* Dates apply to the segment between US 123 and Prince Perry Road. Funding must be approved by GPATS and SCDOT Commission before right of way acquisition and construction may begin on the remaining portion of the project.



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## Contact:

Additional information concerning the project may be obtained by contacting SCDOT Program Manager Tommy Elrod at 864-241-1010 in Greenville, SC, or at [ElrodJT@scdot.org](mailto:ElrodJT@scdot.org). Persons unable to attend the meeting are encouraged to visit the SCDOT website ([scdot.org](http://scdot.org), Public Forum, Public Hearings) beginning October 5 and view the displays and handouts and submit comments by email or mail to Mr. Elrod at 252 S. Pleasantburg Drive, Greenville, SC, 29607.

## Comments:

If you would like to submit comments to SCDOT about this project, you may do so as follows:

1. Complete the comment form included in this packet and place it in the comment box provided.
2. Record a verbal comment at the meeting.
3. Comment via email to Mr. Tommy Elrod at [ElrodJT@scdot.org](mailto:ElrodJT@scdot.org)
4. **Mail your comments to:**  
Mr. Tommy Elrod, PE  
SCDOT Program Manager  
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Please submit comments concerning this project no later than **October 19, 2011**.

All comments received will be made part of an official public meeting file, which will be available for review along with the project displays in the SCDOT Planning and Environmental Office at 955 Park Street in Columbia, SC, 29201.