



Edgefield Highway(SC 19 North) Corridor Planning Study

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Project Overview

Aiken County, the City of Aiken, and DRMP consultants are beginning to study future improvements to approximately 11 miles of the Edgefield Highway (SC 19) **between Hampton Avenue and the Edgefield County line**. Depending on the location and the traveler, this highway functions as either an urban road, a rural road, an industrial road, a truck route, a bike/walking route, and/or a freeway interchange. Congestion along this corridor has been steadily increasing and will continue if no improvements are made.

This Corridor Study will combine community needs and goals with traffic and land use analysis to develop a Corridor Management Plan that identifies improvement strategies and a corresponding implementation plan.

This study will use federal funds dispersed through the Augusta Regional Transportation Study (ARTS) in addition to local government funds.

Process

This process will solicit feedback on transportation needs and preferred corridor land uses and incorporate the findings into a corridor vision for the Edgefield Highway.

During this process some items to be studied include:

- Safety of intersections to reduce accidents
- The possibility of adding travel lanes
- Addition of sidewalks and bike lanes
- Welcome entrance into Aiken
- Protection of greenspace & public areas
- Economic Development

Public Involvement & Schedule

The success of the study depends on your input. There are several ways to provide input and keep up with information on the project.

- **Newsletters** – As the study progresses, newsletters will be available online at www.aikencountysc.gov, and at www.cityofaikensc.gov.
- **Questionnaire** - An online questionnaire is available at www.aikencountysc.gov and www.cityofaikensc.gov for all those interested to give input to the planning team.
- **Steering Committee** – A project Steering Committee is being established to help guide the process. Getting involved in this committee provides an opportunity to be a part of this study and share your valuable input and perspective. This committee will meet three times during the study with the first meeting expected Oct 3, 2013.
- **Resource member** – This is a volunteer with a certain area of expertise about aspects of the project that will be able to relay information to the planning team.
- **Public Meeting** - One public meeting is planned for this project, as well as several small community outreach opportunities. More information will be posted on the website further along in the study.

The Study will take approximately one year to complete. We estimate the final corridor vision to be established by summer 2014.

