Thursday November 17, 2022 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Bluffton Recreation Center 61B Ulmer Road

BURNT CHURCH ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

Public Meeting

Welcome

On behalf of Beaufort County Government, welcome to the Public Meeting for the proposed Burnt Church Road Improvements Project. Your attendance and suggestions about the plan are important components of the project development process. The meeting is being conducted with an informal, drop-in format. Exhibits are on display that depict the various alternatives being evaluated for the project, and members of the project team are here to answer questions and receive your input. A comment form is also being given to you so that you may provide us with written feedback regarding the proposed improvements.

Thank you for your participation!

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Beaufort County proposes to improve Burnt Church Road from Alljoy Road/Bridge Street extending northeast approximately 1.3 miles to Bluffton Parkway. The project corridor is mainly residential and includes Michael C. Riley Elementary and Early Childhood Center and Bluffton Fire Station #30. The current roadway facility includes two, 12-foot travel lanes with 2-foot paved shoulders. There are currently no sidewalks or other bicycle or pedestrian

facilities in the project corridor. The only existing turn lanes on this section of Burnt Church Road are located at Lake Linden Drive. Proposed improvements being considered include the addition of a center turn lane, sidewalk, and multi-use path.







PROJECT BENEFITS



Improved Safety and Mobility for Motorists with the addition of a center turn lane



Improved Safety and Mobility for Pedestrians/Bicyclists with the addition of bike lanes, sidewalk, and multi-use path



Improved Connectivity for Pedestrians
by tying into existing/planned sidewalk facilities



Improved Traffic Operations at the Bruin Road Intersection with construction of a single-lane roundabout

ALTERNATIVES

Four Conceptual Build Alternatives have been considered. Based on a design goal of avoiding residential and business relocations, the approximately 79-foot wide typical section was shifted 7.5 feet, half the width of the proposed center turn lane, to evaluate both a Left Alternative and a Right Alternative. The 79-foot wide typical section was centered on the existing roadway centerline for the Center Alternative.

- LEFT ALTERNATIVE
- **→ RIGHT ALTERNATIVE**
- **→ CENTER ALTERNATIVE**
- **+ COMBINATION ALTERNATIVE**

Finally, based on preliminary review by the project team, a fourth alternative was created to minimize property impacts throughout the corridor. This best-fit alternative is identified as the Combination Alternative. A single-lane roundabout at Bruin Road has also been included in the proposed design, as it would provide a better level of service than a standard intersection. A traffic signal is not warranted at this location.



PROJECT SCHEDULE

Roadway Design:
Right of Way Acquisition:
Construction:

Summer 2022 through Summer 2023 Begin Fall 2023 Begin Summer 2024



COMMENTS

We appreciate your attendance and encourage your feedback regarding the proposed Burnt Church Road Improvements project. You may provide comments in the following ways:

For more information, please contact:

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- ✓ Fill out your comment form and place it in the comment box at this meeting
- ✓ Mail your comments to Brittanee Fields:
 2266 Boundary Street, Beaufort, SC 29902
- ✓ Email your comments to brittanee.fields@bcgov.net
- ✓ Fill out the online comment form at https://www.beaufortcountysc.gov/engineering/Burnt-Church-Road-Improvements.html

Please provide your comments no later than December 16, 2022.