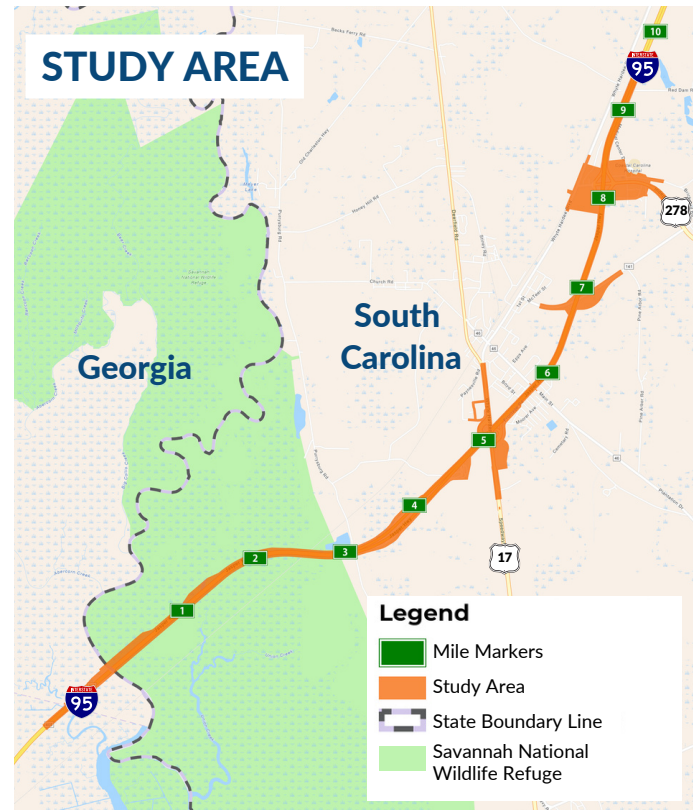


PROJECT PURPOSE

The South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) has proposed the I-95 Widening project to **improve capacity, mobility, and operations** within the study area and to **address operational deficiencies for interchanges and bridges** along the corridor.

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING?

The project team has evaluated options in this corridor to reduce traffic delays and congestion through 2050. The potential improvement options for the I-95 Corridor Main Line, John Smith Road, and Exit 8 (US 278) were presented in September 2022 as part of the public information meeting. Since the public information meeting, the project team has submitted the environmental document, the Draft Non-Programmatic Categorical Exclusion, to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) for review. Additionally, preliminary right-of-way plans have been developed.



WHAT ARE THE PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS?



Widen Roadway

- Widen I-95 toward the inside median from 4 to 6 lanes (Knoxboro Creek Bridges in Georgia to approximately 1.0 mile north of US 278 (Exit 8))



Replace Bridges

- I-95 dual bridges over the Savannah River
- I-95 mainline dual bridges over Savannah Overflow, Sand Island Swamp, SCL Railroad, and SC 46
- John Smith Road Bridge over I-95



Improve Interchanges

- Exit 5 (US 17) – Frontage road relocation & ramp modifications with signals
- Exit 8 (US 278) – interchange redesigned to a 6-lane Diverging Diamond Interchange (DDI)

What is a DDI?

www.SCDOTI95Widening.com/vpim

WHAT ABOUT OTHER SEGMENTS OF I-95?

SCDOT plans to widen portions of I-95 in the lowcountry in three phases. The first segment would be from the Georgia state line to Exit 8 in Hardeeville (this project). This first segment is expected to start in late 2024, followed by Exit 8 to Exit 21 in 2026, and Exit 21 to Exit 33 at the northern tip of Jasper County in 2028. The three segments are shown on the map to the right. More information will be available on each specific segment closer to the start of the project.



NEXT STEPS



FINALIZE ENVIRONMENTAL

Once the Draft Non-Programmatic Categorical Exclusion is approved, publish on website



RIGHT OF WAY

Impacted property owners/occupants would be contacted by a right-of-way agent



FINALIZE DESIGN

Finalize engineering and construction drawings



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