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Subject: Requested info from DOT

Requested info from DOT below:

SCDOT is currently in the design phase for the US 17 widening project in Jasper County.

Project scope: The US-17 Widening Project entails widening US-17 for approximately 4 miles, 2 lanes to 4 lanes divided by a grassed median, from SC-315 to the Georgia State Line. This project also includes intersection improvements at SC-315 and US-17 and the addition of a twin bridge over the Back River. The construction of the Back River Bridge will be constructed has a separate project and will not be included in the initial widening project. This project is intended to increase safety and relieve congestion on a major route in a growing area of the state between Hilton Head and the metropolitan area of Savannah. It will also serve to improve local traffic in Jasper County.

Anticipated Schedule Phase I

- Public Hearing – Beginning of 2017
- ROW Acquisition – Spring 2017
- Construction –Spring 2018

Back River Twin Bridge Project Status:

SCDOT is coordinating with Georgia DOT on the design and development of the Back River Bridge. Construction funds for the bridge are not available until 2021.

The Secretary's Office has received no constituent calls concerning any project related to widening US 17 in Jasper County.

A few members of the General Assembly have called inquiring about this project.

The SCDOT Customer Service Call Center has received no recent calls of any kind in recent days. The Center received some calls in the past few months related to congestion on this highway.

Suggested quote: "This project is intended to increase safety and relieve congestion on a major route in a growing area of the state between Hilton Head and the metropolitan area of Savannah. It will also serve to improve local traffic in Jasper County. "