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## **Update on Damage to Brick Arch Culvert in Downtown Summerville**

The South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) on Saturday, Sept. 17, repaired the damaged brick arch culvert on Central Avenue in downtown Summerville.

Crews will return to the site this week to remove the timber forms from the culvert and the brick debris from the stream channel. These activities do not require any lane closures and can be performed during the week without impacting the traveling public.

On the evening of Sept 12, SCDOT was notified of damage that occurred when a vehicle collided with a brick arch culvert on Central Avenue. Inspectors visited the site multiple times per day to ensure that the culvert remained safe for vehicular travel and that the heavy rains associated with Tropical Storm Julia did not significantly undermine the road. To ensure continued, long term safety, SCDOT was required to implement repairs to the structure.

To avoid impacting work week commuter traffic or Sunday church services, these repairs occurred on Saturday, Sept. 17. Central Avenue was closed and detoured from 8:45 a.m. Saturday until 3:15 p.m.

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Photo information: 1) Arch after struck by vehicle Sept. 12

2) After repair work Saturday, Sept. 17.

3) Shortly before road reopened to the public Saturday, Sept. 17.

(Photos by M. Kevin Turner/SCDOT District 6)