

Public hearing for the preferred I-73 set for next week

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The South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) have announced an upcoming meeting regarding the recommended preferred alternative for I-73 from I-95 to the Bennettsville, SC and Hamlet, NC areas.

On Tuesday, August 14, 2007, a meeting will be held in the Marlboro County High School gymnasium at 951 Fayetteville Avenue Extension in Bennettsville. It will be a two-part meeting with an open house occurring from 5:00- 8:00 p.m. and a formal hearing occurring simultaneously from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Aerial mapping displays will be set up in the Commons Area with the project team members from the SCDOT and the FHWA available to discuss the preferred alternative with citizens.

At 6:00 p.m., the SCDOT and the FHWA will make a brief formal presentation in the gymnasium on the project purpose and need, schedule, and potential natural and human impacts to the community.

Immediately following the presentation, citizens will have the option to make formal, verbal comments on the proposed project. Anyone that desires to verbally comment must sign up between 5:00 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. as they enter the meeting. Each comment will be limited to two minutes and may not be transferred. The informal portion of the Public Hearing will continue from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

A second meeting will be held at the Cole Auditorium in Hamlet, NC from 4:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Tuesday, August 28, 2007.

I-73 is a new interstate highway from Myrtle Beach to Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, traversing through six states. Additional information can be found at [www.I73insc.com](http://www.I73insc.com).