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County to Host Public Meeting for Ashley River Bridge Bicycle and Pedestrian Path

Discussions regarding the Ashley River Bridge Retrofit to be held at the Citadel Holliday Alumni Center on Aug. 27

<u>Charleston County Government</u> will host a community meeting to discuss the Ashley River Bridge Bicycle and Pedestrian Path project. The meeting will be held on Thursday, Aug. 27 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Citadel Holliday Alumni Center, located at 69 Hagood Ave. in Charleston.

The project involves the retrofit of the northbound U.S. 17 Ashley River Bridge to provide a dedicated bike / pedestrian lane that would represent a major connection between downtown Charleston and West Ashley. Consultants working for Charleston County, in coordination with SCDOT staff, have conducted studies to develop a feasible plan to safely accomplish this goal. The public has provided insight and design comments throughout the process.

The public meeting will operate in an open house format from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. with a brief presentation scheduled for 6:30. There will not be a public Q & A, but staff will be available to answer individual questions one-on-one. Following the meeting, Charleston County will open a 15-day comment period when citizens can submit comments on the project design at http://arb.charlestoncounty.org

Key benefits related to the project:

- Connecting downtown Charleston to the West Ashley Greenway
- Recreational and aesthetic value for the community
- Provides a safe alternative mode of transportation for commuters and visitors to the Charleston area
- Provides for a major connection for Battery 2 Beach Route and the East Coast Greenway

Anyone with questions about the meeting may contact the Charleston County Transportation Development department at (843) 202-6140.

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