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SCDOT Gives the Green Light to the Ashley River Bridge Retrofit

New design will provide bicyclists and pedestrians a safe way to cross the bridge

On Friday, December 16, Chairman of Charleston County Council Teddie E. Pryor, Sr., and Mayor Joseph P. Riley, Jr. received a response from the Secretary of Transportation, Robert J. St. Onge, Jr. concerning SCDOT's review of the feasibility study to accommodate bicyclists and pedestrians on the Ashley River Bridge (the T. Allen Legare Bridge).

SCDOT's response accepts the conclusions of the feasibility study that one travel lane can be successfully converted into a bicycle and pedestrian travel lane. St. Onge's letter stated that the SCDOT will allocate staff resources to work with both the City and the County to finalize the study's recommendations.

The County and the City remain committed to working side-by-side with the SCDOT to complete the engineering drawings to move the plan forward. Mayor Joseph P. Riley, Jr. said "I am most appreciative of Secretary St. Onge's dedication to finding ways to improve pedestrian and bicycle mobility and safety in our community". Mayor Riley also said "SCDOT's positive response is a substantial step forward in creating a bicycle and pedestrian lane for the Ashley River Bridge". The Chairman of County Council echoed the mayor's sentiments and added "I look forward to working with County Council to get the necessary resources to move this project forward," Pryor said. County and City staff along with the SCDOT will meet in January to begin finalizing the design.

The project, is being completed by Charleston County at the request of the City of Charleston. The project is being funded by the Charleston County Transportation Sales Tax,

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