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## **County Council approves addition of multi-use path to Main Road Segment A project scope**

The Main Road Segment A project will include a multi-use path over the Stono River to provide a safe crossing and increased connectivity for bicyclists and pedestrians. The path's addition to the project scope received final approval from County Council tonight after being preliminarily approved by the Finance Committee late last week.

The new plans include widening the existing Limehouse Bridge to accommodate four 11-foot travel lanes and the up to 10-foot-wide multi-use path. A barrier will be constructed to separate the path from the outermost travel lane and protect users from the adjacent vehicular traffic.

Over the past six months, Charleston County officials have been evaluating all potential bicycle and pedestrian accommodations and working to develop a feasible, cost-effective multi-modal solution.

Upon completion, the nearly three-mile path would provide unprecedented regional connectivity, tying into existing paths on Bees Ferry Road, the Glenn McConnell Parkway, and the West Ashley Greenway. With the completion of the Ashley River Crossing expected in the coming years, bicyclists and pedestrians will be seamlessly connected from Johns Island to downtown Charleston.

"The inclusion of this multi-use path reflects our unwavering commitment to safety and accessibility for all," said County Council Chairman Kylon Middleton. "Whether you're driving, biking, or walking, every resident deserves safe passage across the Stono, and this is a powerful example of how thoughtful infrastructure can connect communities and protect lives."

"This multi-use path embodies the core mission of this project—creating safer, more accessible connections for everyone who travels this corridor," said County Councilmember Joe Boykin. "I'm grateful to everyone who worked tirelessly to ensure this important accessibility feature remained a priority, and I look forward to seeing this long-awaited vision become a reality."

The estimated cost of the multi-use path approved by County Council is \$10 million, which is within the project's projected funding total of \$445 million.

Early versions of the Main Road Segment A project scope proposed a standalone bicycle and pedestrian bridge, which was deemed unfeasible due to long-term maintenance and ownership concerns.

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