



PRESS RELEASE

Citizen Input Sought for Corridor Access Management Study Looking at US 278 Improvements in Okatie

*May 17, 2022 Public Information Meeting
at Buckwalter Recreation Center*

Beaufort County has announced that citizen input is being sought in an Access Management Study on a new section of US 278 (Fording Island Road) in Okatie. The portion of highway being studied includes a 3.0-mile section of US 278 beginning at the intersection of Argent Boulevard (S-442) and ending at Okatie Highway (SC 170). The study will develop management strategies to minimize traffic congestion and improve safety and traffic flow. This section of the US 278 corridor currently carries an average of 31,000 vehicles per day and has experienced significant growth, which has led to increased congestion and safety concerns. The study was initiated in March 2022 and is anticipated to conclude by the fall of 2022.

A public information meeting has been scheduled for **May 17, 2022 from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm at Buckwalter Recreation Center located at 905 Buckwalter Parkway, Bluffton, SC 29910**. This will be a drop-in style meeting and will include displays and handouts for viewing as well as the opportunity to discuss specifics of the Corridor Study with the project team.

Citizens can also provide written comments in the following ways:

- Attend the May 17, 2022 in-person meeting and place a comment in the comment box provided.
- Mail or email comments to Brittane Fields, Capital Projects Coordinator, Beaufort County Engineering at 2266 Boundary Street, Beaufort, SC 29902 or brittaneefields@bcgov.net

Comments will be accepted through May 26, 2022

For more information, please contact:

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