

US 301 Northbound Bridge Replacement over Snake Swamp

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Project Description:

The South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) proposes to replace the US 301 northbound bridge over Snake Swamp in Orangeburg County. The project includes replacing the existing bridge structure and realigning the roadway to meet current design and safety standards. During this time the northbound bridge would be temporarily closed and a detour would be established. The intersections of Hudson Road and Highway 301 and Oakland Road and Highway 301 would also be closed as part of the proposed temporary detour. Please see the detour tab for additional information.

Purpose and Need:

The purpose of the project is to replace the bridge to correct structural deficiencies and bring the design up to current standards. ****Structurally Deficient** is a status used to describe a bridge that has one or more structural defects that require attention. This status **does not** mean the bridge is not currently safe for vehicle traffic.**

Detour:

Please see map for detour routes. The red highlighting indicates the temporary bridge and intersection closure.

- As the northbound bridge will be closed, both northbound and southbound traffic will temporarily utilize the existing US 301 southbound bridge over Snake Swamp. Each direction will be reduced to one lane and northbound traffic will be shifted to the southbound bridge via temporary cross-overs in the existing median.
- To access US 301 from Hudson Road; take Blewer Road north and turn left on Carver School Road. Carver School Road intersects with US 301 allowing for access north or south. The total length of the proposed detour is 4.1 miles.
- No formal detour is proposed for Oakland Road since all available outlets are dirt roads. All traffic along Oakland Road is local traffic and would be notified in advance of the closure.
- Left turns may be restricted at US 301 and Slab Landing Road. It is proposed to detour traffic along SC 70/ Binnicker Bridge Road, which intersects US 301 approximately 6.3 miles north of the 301 northbound bridge over Snake Swamp.

Schedule:

Project design is ongoing and preliminary documentation is being prepared. Right-of-way acquisitions are anticipated to begin in mid 2020 with construction starting in late-2021 and lasting approximately 9-12 months.

Public Input:

If you wish to submit a comment on the proposed project or detour please do so at this link or access the online form.

If you have questions about the project, please direct them to the Project Manager:

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