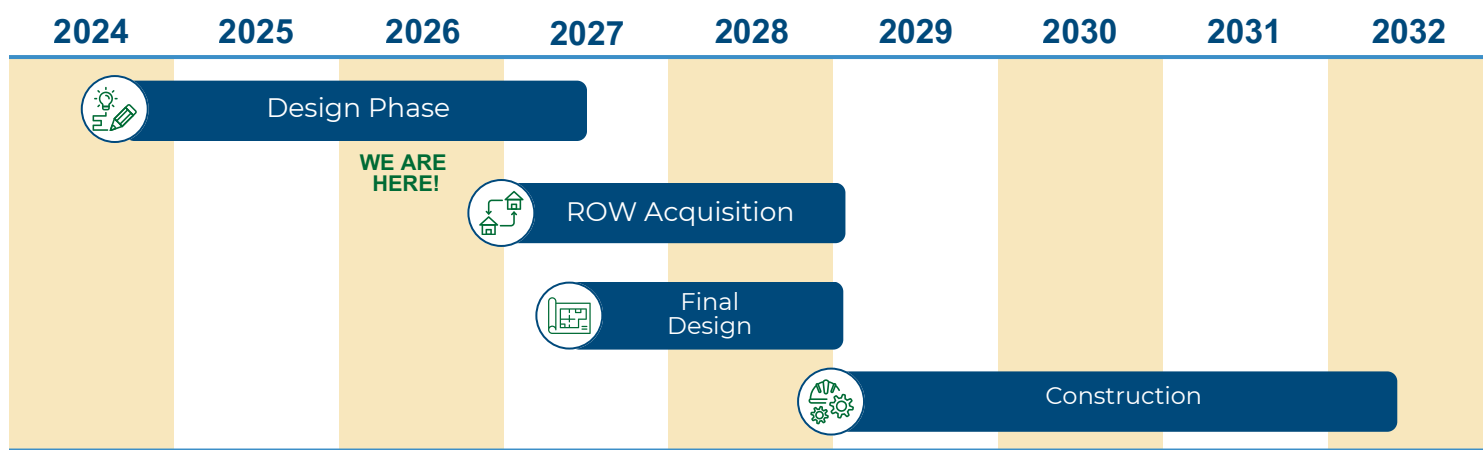


**ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE**



**Funding**

Central Avenue and Parsons Road Improvements are funded by the **Dorchester County Transportation Sales Tax Program.**

**Estimated Total Project Cost**

**Central Ave = \$75,701,346**


**Parsons Rd = \$19,131,042**

**Comment**

**Comments will be accepted from April 23 through May 23, 2026!**

**Public Meeting**  
Complete a comment form and place it in the box provided at the meeting.

**Project Website**  
Complete an online comment form using the QR code.



**Central Ave**  
[dorchestertransportation.com/all-projects-overview/central-avenue](https://dorchestertransportation.com/all-projects-overview/central-avenue)



**Parsons Rd**  
[dorchestertransportation.com/all-projects-overview/parsons-road](https://dorchestertransportation.com/all-projects-overview/parsons-road)

**Mail**  
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Attn: Transportation  
2120 E Main Street  
Dorchester, SC 29437

**Email**  
Transportation@DorchesterCountySC.gov

*We appreciate your attendance and encourage your feedback on the project!*

# Central Ave & Parsons Rd Improvements

**Meeting Purpose**

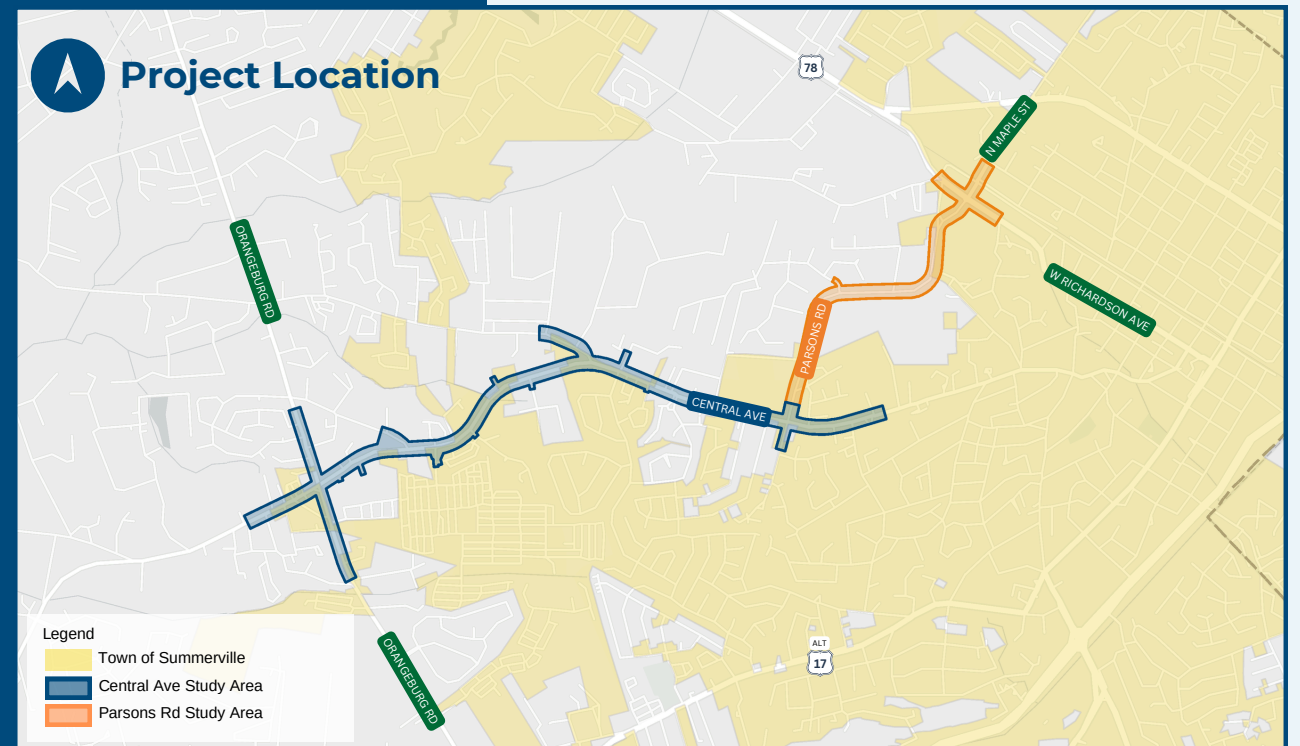
Dorchester County welcomes you to this **Public Information Meeting.**

The purpose of the meeting is to:

- **Update you on key project components**, including the project Purpose & Need, Preferred Alternative, and potential impacts.
- **Share next steps** in the project timeline and development process.
- **Gather input** on the project design.

There will be no formal presentation. You are encouraged to review the display materials and discuss your questions or concerns with Dorchester County staff or their representatives at this meeting.

**Your attendance and comments are very important to the project development process.** You are encouraged to submit written comments on the forms provided and place them in the comment box for Dorchester County to review.



## Central Ave Improvements

The Central Ave Project includes the widening of Central Ave from Orangeburg Rd to Parsons Rd.

The purpose of this project is to **reduce traffic congestion, improve safety, and provide bicycle and pedestrian accommodations.**

### PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE



- Two 12' Travel Lanes in Each Direction
- 15' Two-way Left Turn Lane
- 10' Shared Use Path on North Side
- 5'-8' Sidewalk on South Side
- Roundabout at Intersection of Central Ave and White Gables Dr / Carraway Ln
- Curb and Gutter

## Parsons Rd Improvements

The Parsons Rd Project includes the widening of Parsons Rd from Central Ave to W Richardson Ave.

The purpose of this project is to **reduce traffic congestion, improve safety, and provide bicycle and pedestrian accommodations.**

### PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE



- One 12' Travel Lane in Each Direction
- 15' Two-way Left Turn Lane
- 10' Shared Use Path on West Side
- 5'-8' Sidewalk on East Side
- Curb and Gutter

## DESIGN CHANGES SINCE LAST MEETING

The following design changes have been incorporated since the last meeting in response to public input:

- Advanced the Central Ave 5-lane widening as the Preferred Alternative
- Advanced the Parsons Rd 3-lane widening as the Preferred Alternative
- Revised the typical section to include a smaller shared use path and a larger sidewalk
- Refined design to reduce property impacts at:
  - Roundabout at Central Ave and White Gables Dr / Carraway Ln
  - Central Ave at Pinewood Dr
- Extended design improvements at Rodeman Rd
- Revised left turn access at:
  - Central Ave westbound into Grayco Shopping Center
  - Central Ave westbound into McDonald's
  - Orangeburg Rd northbound onto Mayrant St
- Refined proposed right-of-way for new typical section and drainage design
- Added 3 potential noise walls along Central Ave
- Added 2 potential noise walls along Parsons Rd

## EXISTING & FUTURE TRAFFIC

The Project Team completed a traffic study that analyzed the existing and future conditions for Central Ave and Parsons Rd. Traffic performance is measured by Level of Service and Delay. As shown in the figure below, Central Ave and Parsons Rd operate relatively well today; however, without improvements, conditions will worsen significantly in the future.

### Level of Service (LOS)

is a rating system that uses letter grades to describe traffic operations. LOS ranges from A (free flow) to F (stop-and-go).



### Delay (seconds per vehicle)

measures how long, on average, a vehicle is delayed at an intersection. More delay means longer wait times and slower travel; less delay means traffic moves more efficiently.

### Legend

