

City Council Work Session

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CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREENVILLE WORK SESSION MEETING

Monday, February 24, 2025 – 4:00 p.m.

Greenville City Hall, 206 S. Main Street

Citizens may access the meeting at the following web address:

<https://www.greenvillesc.gov/1694/Online-Meetings>

CITY COUNCIL: Mayor Knox White; Councilmembers John DeWorken, Lillian Flemming, Ken Gibson, Wil Brasington, Dorothy Dowe, and Russell Stall

CITY STAFF: City Manager Shannon Lavrin, City Attorney Leigh B. Paoletti; City Clerk Camilla G. Pitman

AGENDA

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| 1. | Call to Order | 4:00 p.m. |
| 2. | State Legislative Update | 4:00 p.m. |
| 3. | State/City Infrastructure Partnership Updates | 4:15 p.m. |
| 4. | SCDOT Church Street Bridge Update | 4:30 p.m. |
| 5. | Executive Session (S.C. Code §30-4-70):
<i>NOTE: City Council will leave the Work Session to conduct an Executive Session which is not open to the public. The Work Session meeting will adjourn following the completion of the Executive Session. No action will be taken prior to adjourning the meeting.</i> | 5:00 p.m. |
| | a. Economic Development / Legal Briefing | |
| | b. Boards and Commissions / Personnel Update | |
| 6. | Adjourn | 5:30 p.m. |

City of Greenville State Government Relations Update

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South Carolina General Assembly

scstatehouse.gov

Senate – 46 members who serve **4-year terms**

- 34 Republicans (Supermajority)
- 12 Democrats
- 13 NEW Senators elected in November 2024

Leadership:

Senate President Thomas Alexander (R, Oconee)

Senate Majority Leader Shane Massey (R, Edgefield)

Senate Minority Leader Brad Hutto (D, Orangeburg)

House of Representatives – 124 members who serve **2-year terms**

- 88 Republicans (Supermajority)
- 34 Democrats
- 19 NEW House members elected in November 2024
- **Two Vacancies** — Rep. Will Wheeler (D, Lee) and Rep. Marvin Pendarvis (D, Charleston) resigned

Leadership:

Speaker of the House Murrell Smith (R, Sumter)

House Majority Leader David Hiott (R, Pickens)

House Minority Leader Todd Rutherford (D, Richland)

- ▶ **2025 is not an election year**
- ▶ **2026 is an election year for the Governor, statewide officials and the House of Representatives**
- ▶ **Governor Henry McMaster is term-limited and cannot run in 2026**

Legislative Session / Committees

126th Session of the South Carolina General Assembly – 1st Regular Session (2025)

- Convened this past Tuesday, January 14th
- First year of a two-year session
- Legislation not enacted during the 2025 session will hold its place in the legislative process and carry forward to 2026
- April 10th deadline no longer exists; deleted from Senate and House Rules
- Statutory Sine Die date – Thursday, May 8th
- After May 8th, legislation must be specifically listed in the adopted Sine Die Resolution to be considered. Historically, the General Appropriations bill and other budget-related bills, veto consideration or bills deemed the highest priority by leadership are included in the Sine Die Resolution.

Major Senate Committees considering local government legislation:

Senate Judiciary – chaired by Senator Luke Rankin (R, Horry)

Senate Labor, Commerce and Industry – chaired by Senator Tom Davis (R, Beaufort)

Senate Finance – chaired by Senator Harvey Peeler (R, Cherokee)

Major House Committees considering local government legislation:

House Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs (3M) – chaired by Representative Sylleste Davis (R, Berkeley)

House Judiciary – chaired by Representative Weston Newton (R, Beaufort)

House Labor Commerce and Industry – chaired by Representative Bill Herbkersman (R, Beaufort)

House Ways and Means – chaired by Representative Bruce Bannister (R, Greenville)

Greenville Delegation Members representing a portion of the City of Greenville:

Senator Karl Allen – Senate Finance; serves on Criminal Justice Budget and Property Taxation Standing Subcommittees

Senator Jason Elliott – serves on Senate Judiciary

Senator Ross Turner – Senate Finance; serves on Health & Human Services Budget and Higher Education Budget Subcommittees

Chairs the Sales & Income Taxation Standing Subcommittee

Representative Bruce Bannister – Chairman of House Ways and Means

Representative Chandra Dillard – House Ways and Means; serves on Public Education Budget Subcommittee and Economic Development Legislative Subcommittee

Representative Wendell Jones – House 3M; serves on Municipal and Public Affairs Subcommittee

Representative Paul Wickensimer – House Judiciary; serves on AI, Cybersecurity & Special Laws Subcommittee

Greenville County Legislative Delegation

State Senators

- Karl B. Allen, District 7
- Thomas D. "Tom" Corbin, District 5
- Jason Elliott, District 6
- Shane R. Martin, District 13
- Roger A. Nutt, District 12
- Rex F. Rice, District 2
- Ross Turner, District 8
- Daniel B. "Danny" Verdin III, District 9

House of Representatives

- Bruce W. Bannister, District 24
- Thomas Beach, District 10
- James Mikell "Mike" Burns, District 17
- William M. "Bill" Chumley, District 35
- Neal A. Collins, District 5
- Bobby J. Cox, District 21
- Chandra E. Dillard, District 23
- Stephen Frank, District 20
- Thomas Lee Gilreath, District 7
- Patrick B. Haddon, District 19
- William C. "Chris" Huff, District 28
- Wendell K. Jones, District 25
- T. Alan Morgan, District 18
- David Vaughan, District 27
- Paul B. Wickensimer, District 22
- Mark N. Willis, District 16

2025 Important Issues and Active Legislation as of February 24th

- Funding through the State Budget; Infrastructure Funding
- Storm Relief
- SCDOT Roadways
- Liquor Liability; relief for restaurant and business owners
- Tort Reform
- Affordable Housing
- Annexation and Planning
- Energy Codes Update

- H.4025** – FY 2025-26 General Appropriations Bill
- H.4026** – FY 2024-25 Capital Reserve Fund Bill
- S.184** – Dram Shops (Senate bill)
- H.3497** – Liquor Liability (House bill)
- S.244** – Tort Reform
- S.37** and **S.38** – Election Bills
- H.3309** – House Energy Reform Bill; Senate bill forthcoming
- Senate** Energy Reform bill could include Energy Code language
- H.3215** – Local Government permit application reviews; **Michael Frixen testifying on Wednesday**
- H.3165** – County to report residential development plan to municipalities
- S.47** – Childcare Tax Credit
- S.264** – Annexation; resides on Senate calendar
- S.125** – Tax exemption for nonprofit housing corporations

House Ways and Means Budget FY 2025-26

- Monday, March 10th: House floor debate
 - Senate Finance budget subcommittees meeting now to receive state agency budget requests
 - Week of April 8th: Senate Finance Committee deliberations
 - Week of April 22nd: Senate floor debate
 - We expect an “H2” version of the budget once sent back from the Senate at the end of April
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- \$14.5M added to the Local Government Fund base of \$306M
 - Note: 2019 Act which revised the LGF formula; when state revenues increase, LGF increases by 5%*
 - \$22M nonrecurring for SC Emergency Management Division – Hurricane Helene relief
 - \$50M nonrecurring under the Department of Transportation for Hurricane Helene relief
 - \$10.7 nonrecurring Statewide Voting System Upgrade
 - \$15M nonrecurring for Statewide Water and Sewer Fund
 - \$200M nonrecurring for Bridge Modernization Funding under DOT
 - \$9M nonrecurring for Road Safety Enhancements under DOT
 - \$20M nonrecurring for State Lakes – High Hazard Dams under DNR plus \$5M from CRF
 - \$3M recurring and \$9M nonrecurring for the Conservation Bank
 - \$2M nonrecurring for Regional Farmers Markets under the Department of Agriculture

STATE/CITY INFRASTRUCTURE PARTNERSHIP UPDATES



WORK SESSION

APPROPRIATIONS TIMELINE

**July
2023**

FY 2023-2024
State Budget
includes \$20M
for Public
Safety
Improvements



**Sept. 25,
2023**

Resolution
from City
Council
supporting
staff's
proposed
project list



**Oct. 19,
2023**

City approved
by the State
to proceed
with the
project list



**Nov.
2023**

Staff begins
planning and
design on the
approved
projects



**Early
2024**

Construction
begins on
Cultural
Corridor.
Phase 1 of
pedestrian
safety is
completed



**Fall
2024**

FY 2024-2025
includes
additional
\$4M for public
safety
projects

WHAT ARE OUR GOALS?



PUBLIC SAFETY & CONGESTION RELIEF

Each of the selected projects improve public safety, reduce the likelihood of a collision, and/or reduce traffic congestion on our roadways



DEVELOPMENT AND GROWTH

The selected projects provide Greenville an opportunity to enhance infrastructure to support the growth in the area



COMMITMENT TO INFRASTRUCTURE

The City's ability to complete these projects on an expedited timeline demonstrate our continued commitment to improving infrastructure

CURRENT PROJECTS

Cultural Corridor/Academy Bypass

- Construction underway
- Landscaping in Spring 2025
- 75% complete



Wade Hampton Corridor Safety Improvements

- Design for phase 1 is 90% complete
- Design for phase 2 is 30% complete



Queen Street Bridge Conceptual Design

- Conceptual designs are complete
- Positive response at public meetings
- 95% complete



Pedestrian Safety Action Plan Phase 1 & II

- Phase 1 is complete
- Phase 2 begins construction in March 2025



CURRENT PROJECTS

East North Streetscape Design

- Design is 95% complete
- Extensive coordination with Gateway development



Augusta Street Undergrounding

- 43 properties are impacted
- ROW Acquisition
- Construction to start summer 2025



Pendleton Street Road Diet

- Design is complete
- Overwhelmingly positive public feedback
- Construction contract has been awarded



Stone Avenue Corridor Safety Improvements

- Roadway Safety Audit Complete
- Construction underway on PHB signal
- Design underway for additional lighting



CULTURAL CORRIDOR & ACADEMY BYPASS

SCOPE

Decades in the making, the Cultural Corridor project will reduce the number of lanes on College Street and expand the public space allowing for direct access between Main Street and the facilities at Heritage Green. Landscaping, lighting and artistic wayfinding will centerpiece the project once construction is complete.

QUICK FACTS



\$6M DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION



15-MONTH CONSTRUCTION
COMPLETING **MAY 2025**



2,200 feet of MUP





WADE HAMPTON CORRIDOR

SCOPE

Following the recommendations of the 2018 Strategic Plan, this project features a phased approach to reimagining Wade Hampton Boulevard. Phase I, beginning this summer, will complete the White Oak Road/Bradley Boulevard realignment project. Phases 2 and 3 will see significant traffic changes including Reduced Conflict Intersections, multi-modal enhancements, a road diet and enhanced landscaping.

QUICK FACTS



\$2.5M



**Phase 1 to begin Spring 2025,
phase 2 to follow in 2026**



1.5 MILES

QUEEN STREET BRIDGE

CONCEPTUAL DESIGN

SCOPE

The Queen Street Bridge, while not owned by the city, is an important neighborhood connection for vehicles and pedestrians alike. Due for a replacement after 100+ years of services, the conceptual plans illustrate how a new bridge can better serve the community and sets the stage for making this project a reality.

QUICK FACTS



\$130K CONCEPTUAL DESIGN



CONCEPTUAL DESIGN AND PUBLIC
COMMENT **SUBSTANTIALLY COMPLETE**



20' WIDTH INCREASE





PEDESTRIAN SAFETY ACTION PLAN

SCOPE

Implementation of the Pedestrian Safety Action Plan to improve/install ADA ramps, high visibility crosswalks, signage and other enhancements city-wide. Phase 1 was complete in the summer of 2025 and included all school zones as well as major corridors such as Laurens Road and Pleasantburg Drive. Phase 2, underway now, includes Academy, Pete Hollis and other major roadways.

QUICK FACTS

\$ \$2.5M



Phase 1 complete, phase 2 in construction



613 new ramps, 600 new crosswalks

EAST NORTH STREETSCAPE

SCOPE

A streetscape to enhance and protect pedestrian flow around the Bon Secours Wellness Arena. The project features a road diet with 8-10' wide sidewalks and an 8' wide planter area to include trees and pedestrian level lighting.

QUICK FACTS



\$2.87M DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION

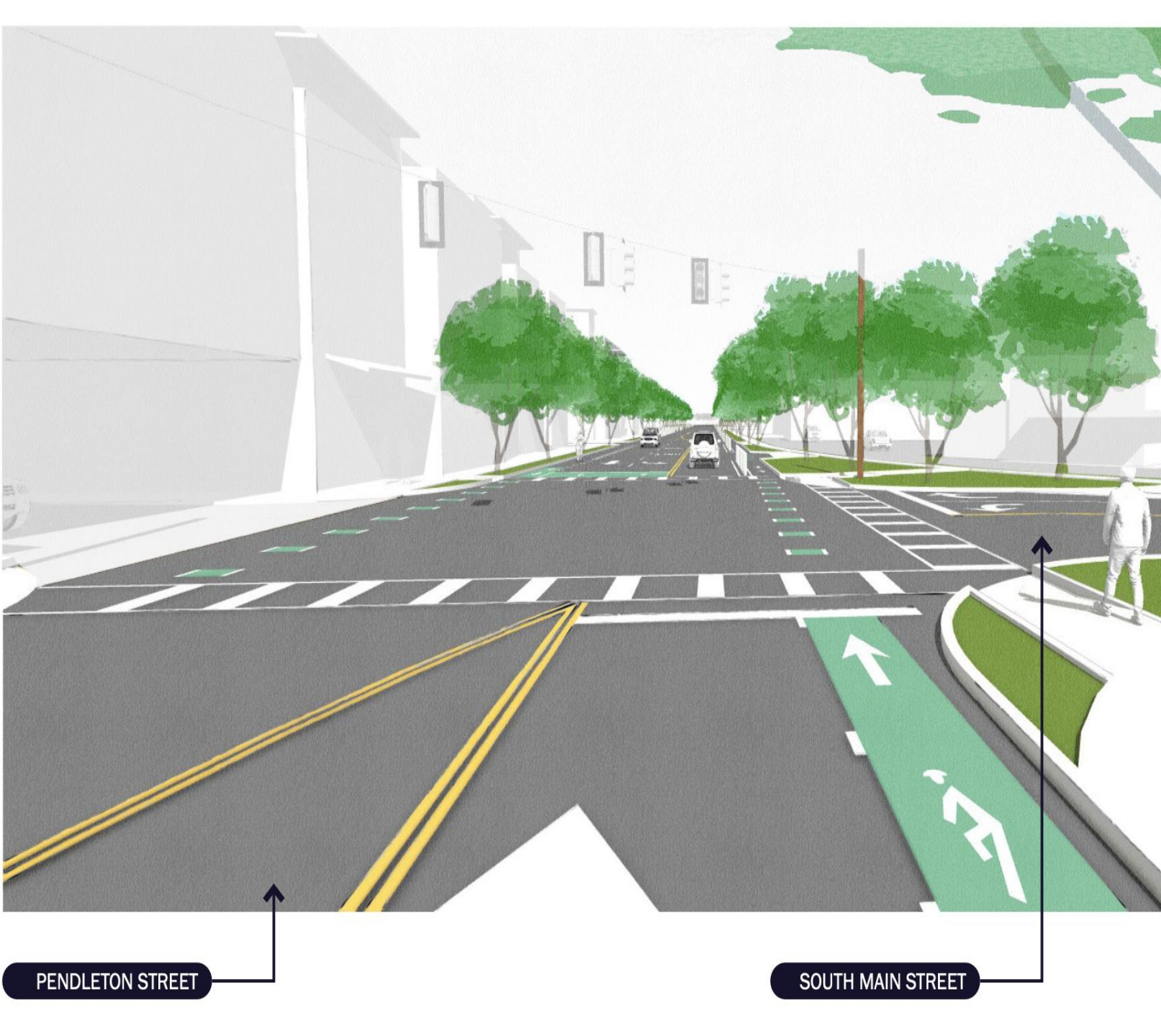


8-MONTH CONSTRUCTION COMPLETING
DECEMBER 2025



36 NEW CANOPY TREES





PENDLETON STREET ROAD DIET

SCOPE

Project to road diet Pendleton Street to include new high-visibility crosswalks, protected bicycle lanes, complete resurfacing and a realigned intersection at Vardry Street. The project has been awarded for contract and will break ground within the next month.

QUICK FACTS

\$ \$1.3M



Project awarded for
construction



1 MILE

AUGUSTA STREET UNDERGROUNDING

SCOPE

Project will underground utilities on Augusta Street between Cateechee Avenue and Faris Road. The project will increase reliability of the system as well as enhance the safety of drivers by removing the poles that are directly behind the back of curb. ROW negotiations are underway.

QUICK FACTS



\$5.8M STATE FUNDING



CONSTRUCTION EXPECTED **SUMMER
2025**



0.5 MILES





STONE AVENUE CORRIDOR

SCOPE

Funding included a traffic analysis and roadway safety audit to complete a list of project recommendations. The first project identified is underway at the intersection of Stone & Wilton to construct a Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon traffic signal. The second project will include pedestrian and street level lighting along the corridor.

QUICK FACTS

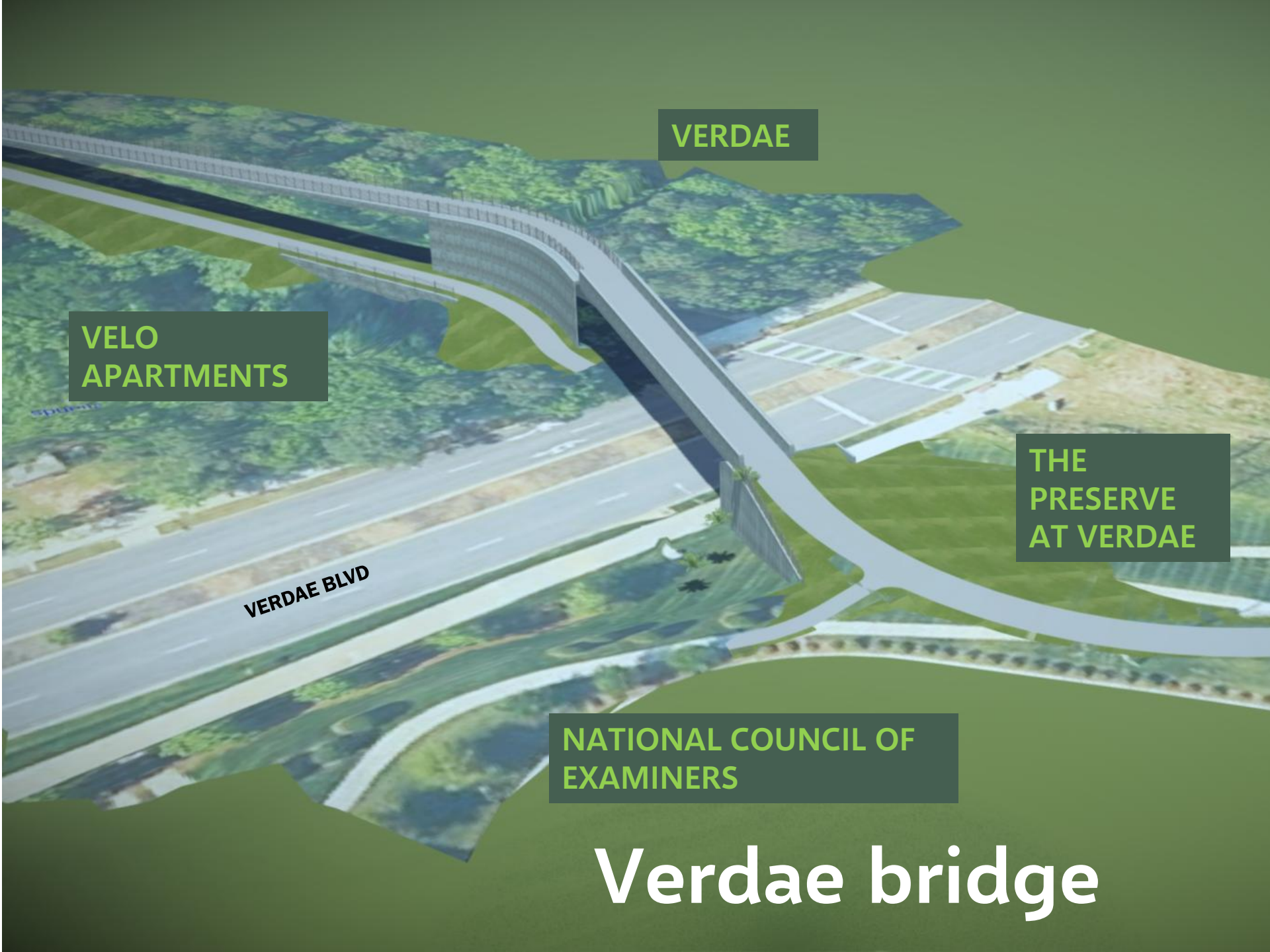
\$ \$1,400,000



PHB Signal Underway



1.5 MILES



Verdae bridge

\$4,500,000
BUDGET

\$1,500,000
STATE EARMARK

\$100,000
UGATA DONATION

Q2 2026
GOAL
COMPLETION

1,180 LF TOTAL
488 LF SPANS



QUESTIONS & DISCUSSION



US 29 (Church St)

Bridge Rehabilitation

Project Overview

- Rehabilitation of the US 29 Bridge in Downtown Greenville originally constructed in 1959
- Project is being funded through SCDOT's Bridge Maintenance Program
- Project will be a combination of staged construction Phases 1-3 and a detour Phase 4

Project Overview

- The purpose of this project is to rehabilitate the aging Church Street (US 29) Bridge in downtown Greenville. The project is needed to address the deteriorating bridge deck, update the storm drainage system on the bridge, and improve the overall condition of the structure.

Construction Schedule

- **The contract is to be completed by July 31, 2026**
 - **Limited traffic operations: NTP – 4/15/2025**
 - **Stage 1-3 Operations: 4/15/2025 – 3/5/2026**
 - **Stage 4 Operations: 5/1/2026 – 6/12/2026**
 - **Project Closeout: 6/12/2025 – 7/31/2026**

Construction Schedule

- **Pre Phase 1 (Now) – 4/15/2025**

Installation of Perimeter Fencing under the bridge

Installation of the Phase 1-3 Signing and Message Boards

Construction Schedule

- **Phase 1-3: 4/15/2025 – March 8/2026**
(1 Lane Traffic in Each Direction)

Installation of the Phase 1-3 Traffic Control Devices

**Demolition and Construction of the Median, Barrier Walls,
Sidewalks and accompany apertures.**

Construction Schedule

- **Phase 4: 6/12/2026 – 7/31/2026**
(Full Bridge Closure to Traffic)

Installation of the Phase 4 Traffic Control Devices

Hydrodemolition and Overlay of the Bridge Deck Surface

Upgrade of Drainage Pipes

Final Milling and Paving on Approaches

QUESTIONS?

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