

## About the Project

Charleston County Government is studying improvements to Maybank Highway on Johns Island between Main Road and the Stono River Bridge. The purpose of the Maybank Highway Improvements Project is to improve traffic flow and safety on Maybank Highway and to accommodate bicyclists and pedestrians.

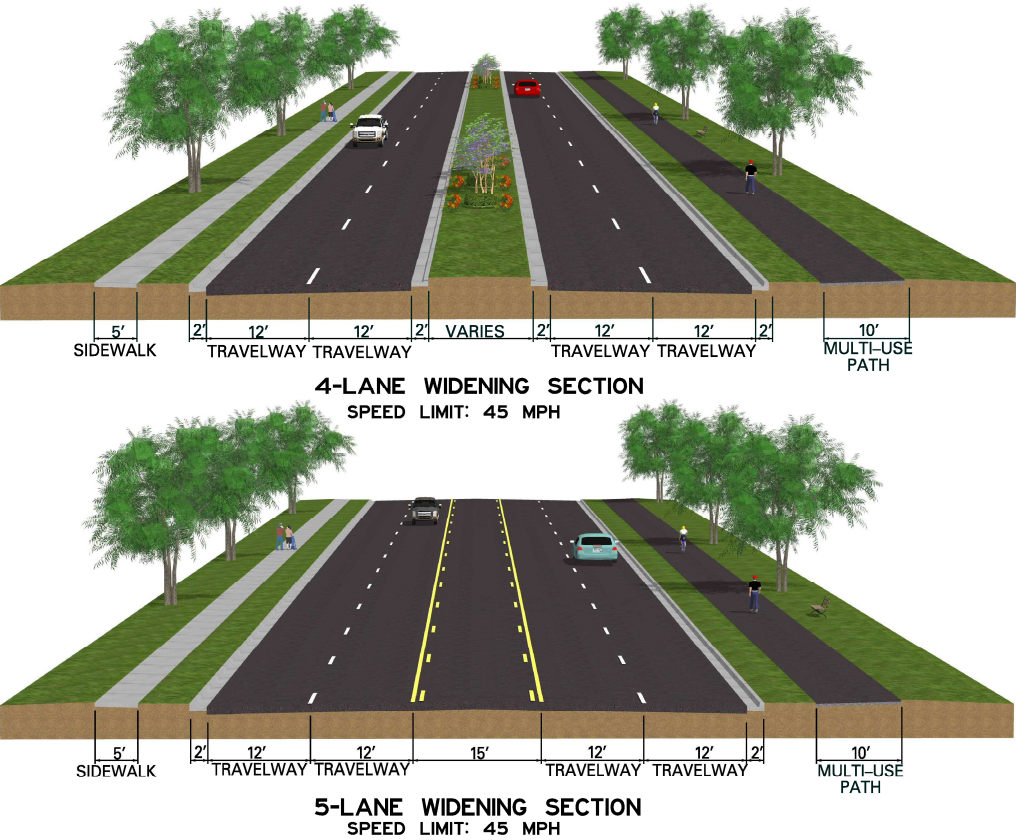
## Project Alternatives

### Alternative A: Widening

The main elements of the widening alternative are:

- Widen Maybank Highway from Main Road to River Road from the existing two-lane road to a four-lane, divided road with a landscaped median. In areas where there are numerous driveways, a center, two-way left turn lane will be added.
- Widen Maybank Highway from River Road to the Stono River Bridge from the existing two-lane road to a four-lane, divided road with a wide natural median to protect the tree canopy.
- Accommodate bicyclists and pedestrians from Main Road to the Stono River Bridge.

### Alternative A Typical Sections



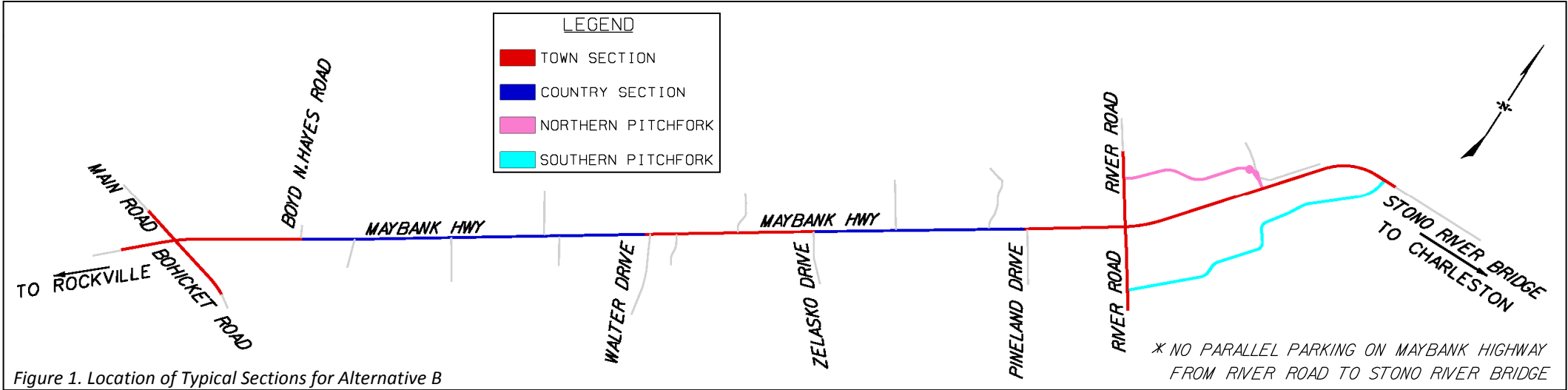
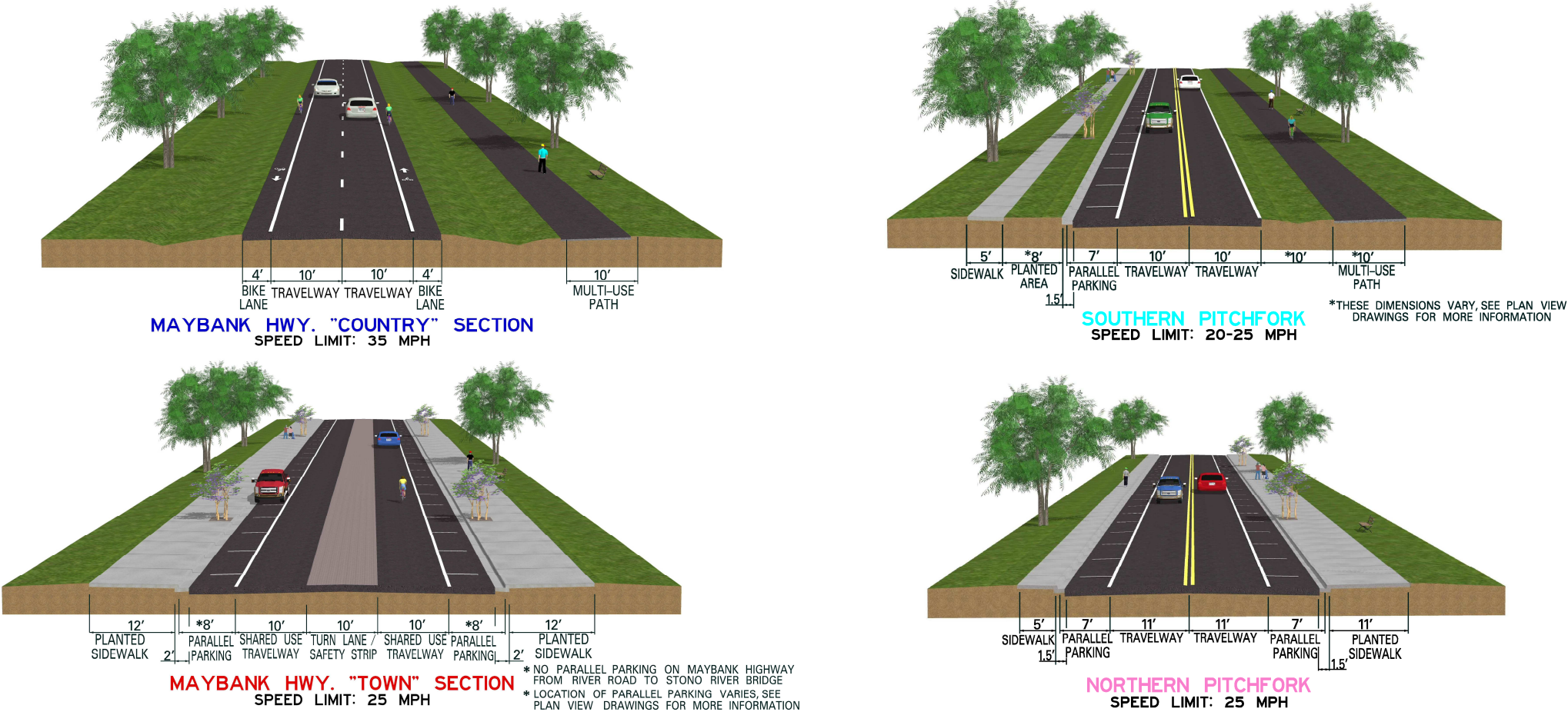
## Project Alternatives (Continued)

### Alternative B: Town/Country and Pitchfork

The main elements of the Town/Country and Pitchfork Alternative are:

- Maybank Highway will alternate between a Town Section and a Country Section between Main Road and River Road.
- Construct two new, parallel, two-lane roads to the north and south of Maybank Highway from River Road to the Stono River Bridge.
- Accommodate bicyclists and pedestrians from Main Road to the Stono River Bridge.

### Alternative B Typical Sections





# Welcome

The purpose of tonight’s Public Information Meeting for the Maybank Highway Improvements Project is to provide information on the project, proposed alternatives and environmental review process. You will have an opportunity to ask questions at the stations and submit comments.

# Past Public Involvement

- Charleston County held a public meeting on September 26, 2007 to obtain public comment on the concept of widening Maybank Highway from the Stono River Bridge to Main/Bohicket Road.
- The City of Charleston held several workshops during March of 2007 to gather input on how Johns Island should be improved as it becomes more developed in the future. The workshops resulted in a recommendation to have a grid network of roadways along Maybank Highway to provide alternate routes. The Johns Island Community Plan was adopted by Charleston City Council in November of 2007.
- Charleston County Government contracted with the Urban Land Institute (ULI) to review the concepts and make a recommendation that was consistent with the context of Johns Island but would also provide traffic relief and improve safety. The ULI held stakeholder working groups and a public meeting in February of 2009. Based on these meetings, the ULI recommendations were to establish a street and roadway network along Maybank Highway, widen Maybank Highway from the Stono River Bridge to River Road, and improve the Maybank Highway and River Road intersection.

# NEPA Planning Process

Currently, the project is undergoing environmental review in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA, 1969). The Environmental Assessment (EA) will provide an in-depth analysis of the proposed project, include several technical studies, evaluate alternatives, and determine if the proposed project would have a significant environmental impact.

Your input will be used by the project team to:

- Further understand community and environmental issues;
- Evaluate and refine proposed alternatives; and
- Analyze potential effects of the project.

Included with this handout is a comment form. You may submit comments at this meeting, by mail to the address on the comment form, or through the program website given below (official comment period ends May 2, 2012).

- **Written Comments:** A comment form is included with this handout, and additional forms can be found at the sign-in table. You may return the form tonight in the box marked “Comments”, or you may mail the form to the address listed on the comment form.
- **Verbal Comments:** If you are unable to provide a written comment, please go to the sign-in table to have your comment recorded verbally.
- **Online Comments:** Comments can be submitted electronically on the website:  
<http://www.ccroadwise.org/projects/maybank/comments.php>

All verbal comments given today and written comments that are received on or before May 2, 2012, will be included in the official project record. Mailed comments must be postmarked by May 2, 2012.

# Topics to be Evaluated in the Study

The Environmental Assessment will consider environmental impacts including, but not limited to:

- Air Quality
- Cultural Resources
- Fish and Wildlife
- Floodplains and Floodways
- Hazardous Materials
- Land Use
- Noise
- Parks and Recreation Areas
- Other Major Actions in the Study Area
- Indirect and Cumulative Impacts
- Homes, Communities, and Businesses
- Local Economy
- Water Quality
- Wetlands

# Project Schedule

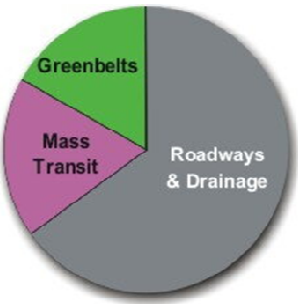
- Alternative Analysis: summer 2012
- Public Hearing: spring 2013
- Right of Way Acquisition: summer 2013
- Construction: fall 2014

\* Plan development will be conducted throughout the above activities

# What is Charleston County RoadWise?

Charleston County RoadWise is the name of Charleston County Government's management program for the construction of road, highway, resurfacing, paving and drainage projects that are funded by the Charleston County Transportation Sales Tax.

In the fall of 2004, Charleston County voters agreed to add a half-cent sales tax on purchases made in the county for 25 years or a total investment of \$1.3 billion. The sales tax is being spent on two priorities: green space acquisition (Charleston County Greenbelt Program) and transportation projects including mass transit. The collection of sales tax funds began in May of 2005.



How funds are used

# For More Information

Charleston County RoadWise website :

[www.ccroadwise.org](http://www.ccroadwise.org)

To submit written comments on this project, visit the following website:  
<http://www.ccroadwise.org/projects/maybank/comments.php>

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# Public Information Meeting

# Maybank Highway Improvements Project

Charleston County, South Carolina

April 2012  
6-8 p.m.



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1861 Bohicket Road  
Johns Island, SC 29455