Assembly Street Rail Reconfiguration Project Citizen Update



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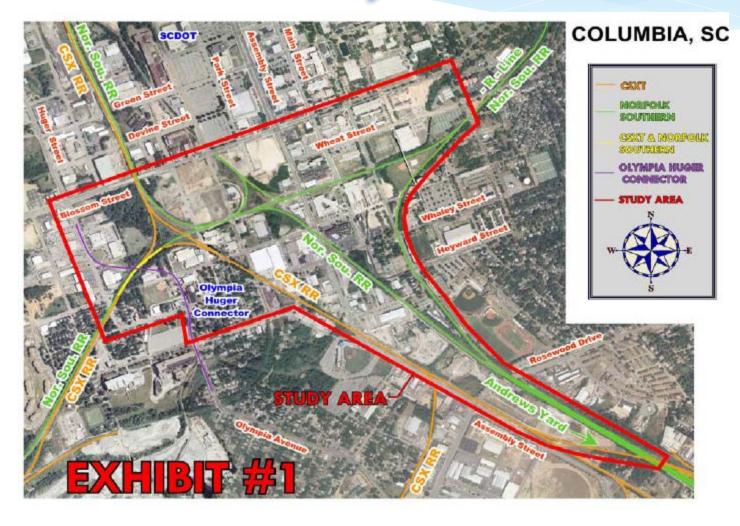
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Background

- 1981 Environmental Impact Statement
- 2006 SCDOT hired STV to conduct feasibility study
 - Reviewed .75 square mile study area in Downtown Columbia



Study Area



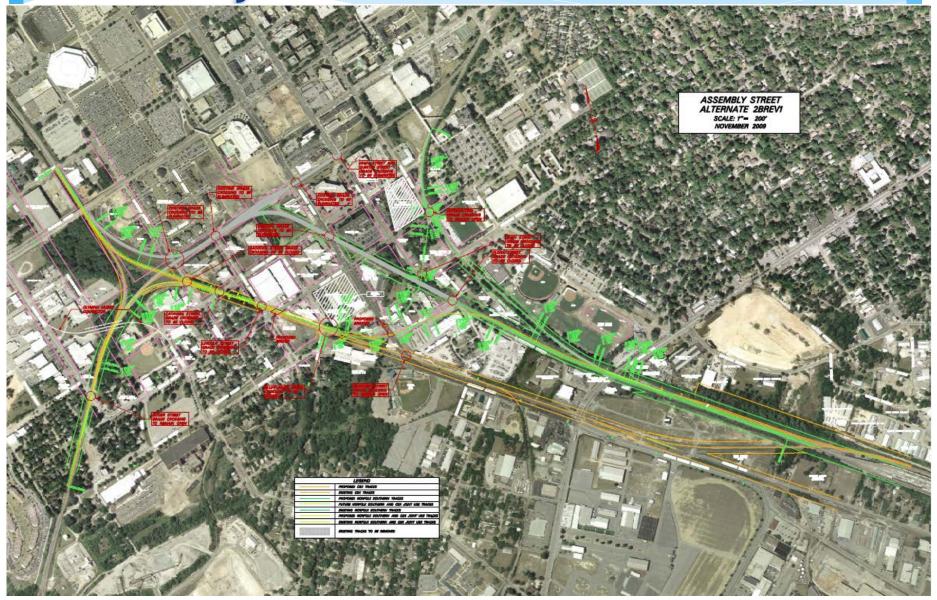


Study Stakeholder Groups

- City of Columbia
- Richland County
- University of South Carolina
- Norfolk Southern Corporation
- CSX Transportation
- SCANA Corporation
- South Columbia Development Corporation
- Central Midlands Council of Governments
- 14 Utility Companies (private and public)



Study Final Recommendation



Current Funding Available

- SCDOT is using a \$595,200 federal earmark to negotiate an update to feasibility study
 - Contracted consultant will update study to include public information meetings as well as public hearings
 - Funds take project through Environmental Review process
 - No money for construction plans or construction



Possible Funding Opportunities

State Infrastructure Bank application



Railroad Relocation Process/Timeline

- Study conducted & options presented
- Railroads select preferred option
- Public hearings held on preferred option
- Environmental Review conducted
- Option approved or revised, as applicable
- Funding sought/acquired
- Preliminary work begins







