



MIDLANDS CONNECTION
Improving I-26 from Little Mountain to Irmo



Project Overview

SCDOT The Midlands Connection Project will improve a 16-mile segment of the Interstate 26 roadway system that stretches from Exit 85 in Little Mountain to Exit 101 in Irmo. The Midlands Connection Project will widen the I-26 roadway, modify three interchanges, and replace seven overpass bridges along the Interstate 26 travel corridor.

The primary purpose of this project is to provide more capacity and allow vehicles using this section of I-26 to travel freely with less congestion when the project is completed and into the future. This project has been designed with SCDOT's highest priority in mind. Safety and enhancing safety is our number one job.



Project Route

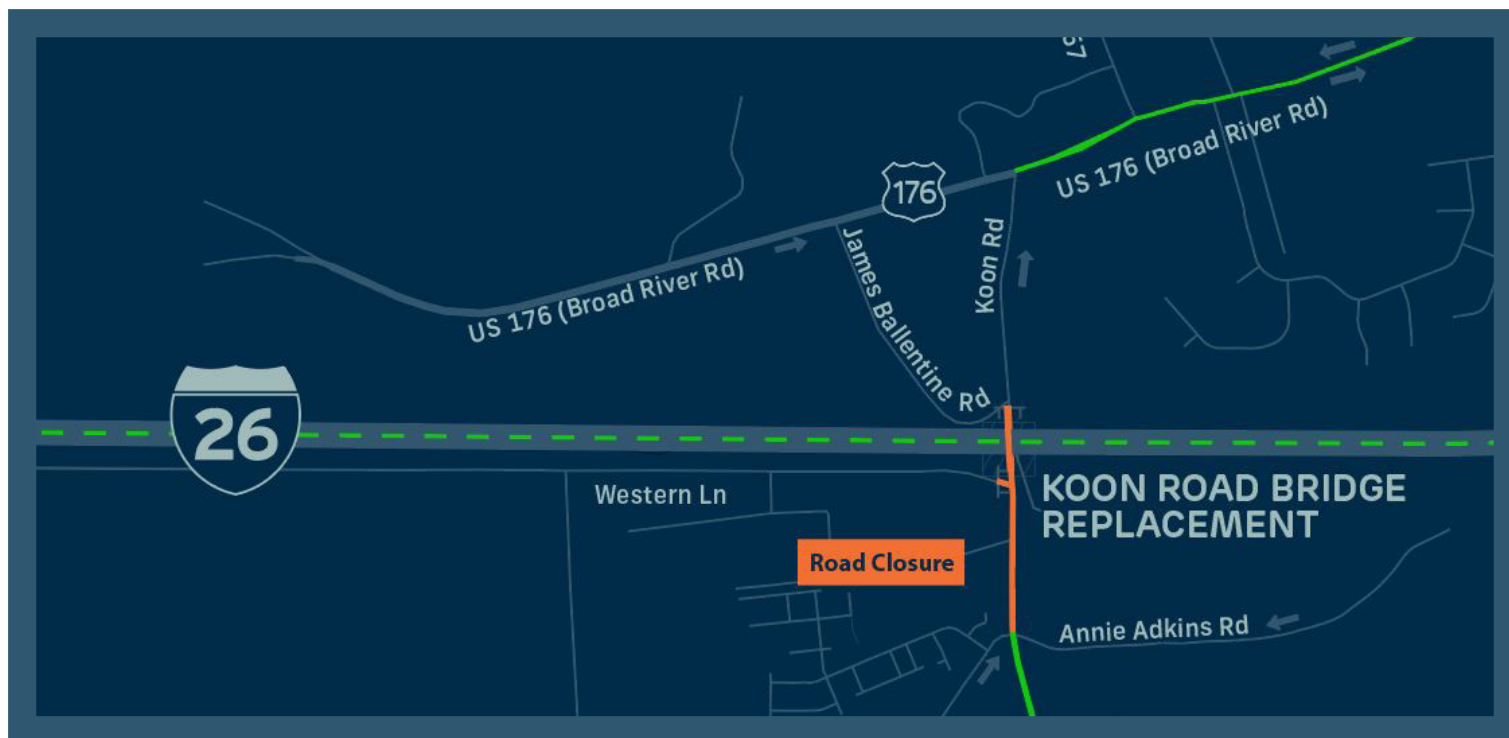


Koon Road Bridge Closure

The South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) announces the closure of the Koon Road Bridge and a segment of Koon Road for utility relocation that is needed ahead of the bridge replacement construction for the Midlands Connection project. The Koon Road Bridge and segments of Koon Road and Western Lane will be closed starting on **December 6, 2021** for approximately two weeks for utility relocations.

Koon Road will be closed from James Ballentine Road to Annie Adkins Road. Access will be maintained at James Ballentine Road but there will be no access to or from Western Lane. Local Residents will also have access to their driveways on Koon Road. A detour route has been identified for the closure and is **shown in the map on the next page**. Detour routes will be appropriately signed to direct traffic in the area. SCDOT remind the public to please use caution while driving through work zones.

This may impact how you travel throughout this area. We encourage everyone to plan ahead!



ANTICIPATED CLOSURE SCHEDULE

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FUTURE CLOSURE INFORMATION

The Koon Road Bridge will be closed again for 6 to 8 months starting sometime between mid-February and early March 2022 for demolition and reconstruction. Traffic will be detoured again to the Shady Grove Bridge and the detour route will be published prior to this closure. No new overpass connection ramps will be constructed for either the Koon Road Bridge or the Shady Grove Bridge.

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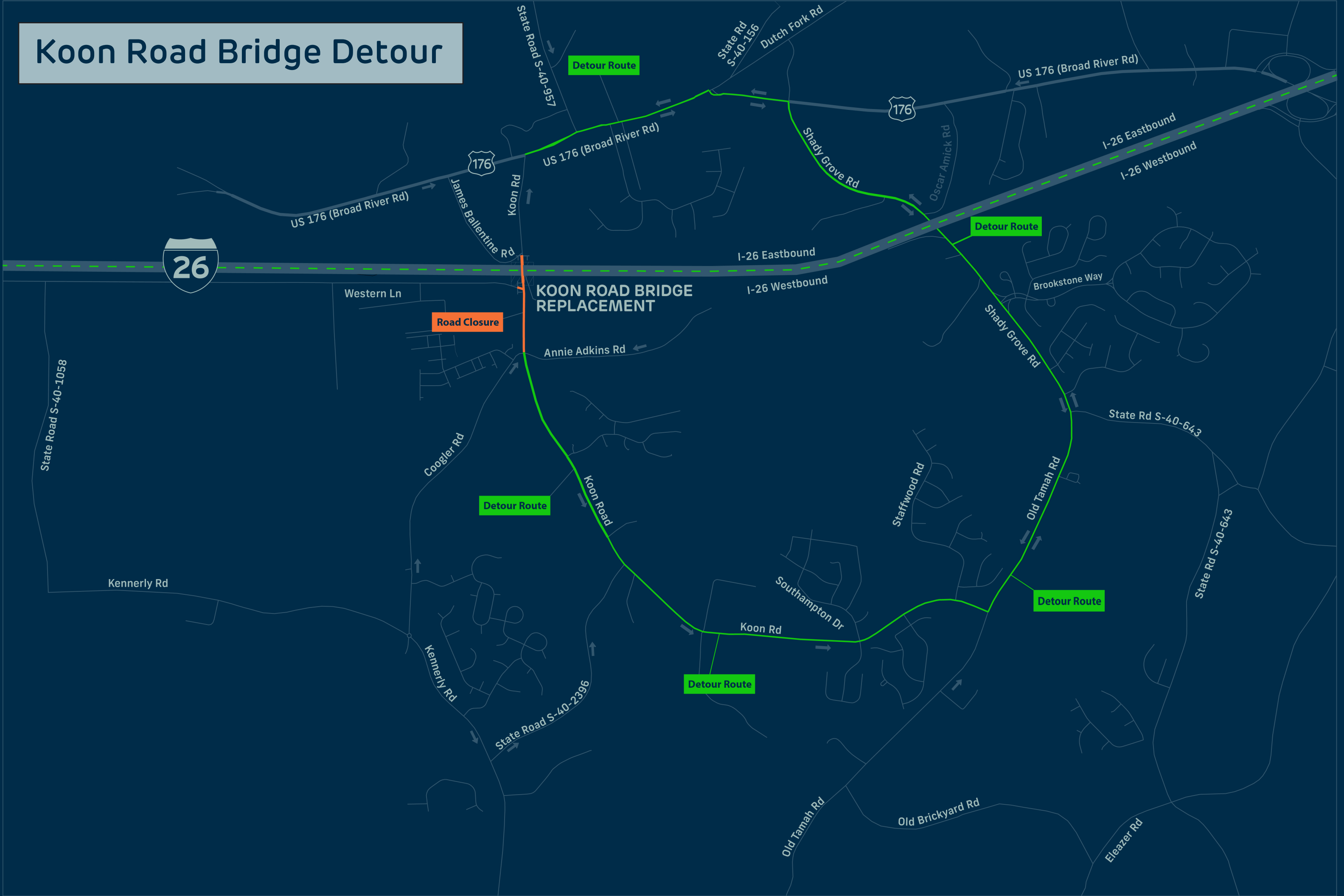
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Koon Road Bridge Detour





WHY MIDLANDS CONNECTION?

Midlands Connection will have the following impact on highway travel:

INCREASED ROADWAY CAPACITY

As the population continues to increase in this area of the Midlands, so do the daily traffic volumes. The project will reduce congestion and enhance operations to accommodate future traffic volumes. The design was based on the expected traffic volume for 2040.



ENHANCED PUBLIC SAFETY

High traffic volumes and roadway congestion on the interstate, interchanges and overpass bridges increase collision risks. The Midlands Connection project design enhances safety by updating infrastructure and decreasing congestion.



IMPROVED INFRASTRUCTURE

The Midlands Connection project will improve the infrastructure design of three interchanges and seven overpass bridges based on current state and federal design standards. These modifications will be made throughout the project corridor to enhance traveler experience and improve driver mobility.



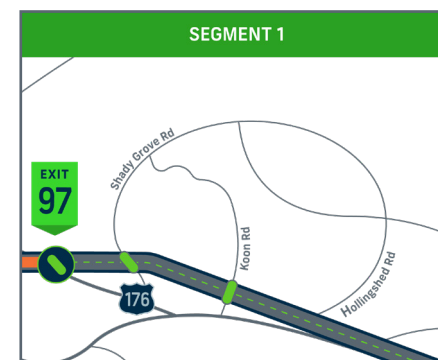
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PROJECT FEATURES

The Midlands Connection Project will include roadway widening, overpass bridge replacement, interchange improvements, weigh station enhancements, and traffic noise barriers.



CONSTRUCTION SEGMENT 1

Construction segment 1 will begin Summer 2020 and will be completed Fall 2023.

The first construction segment will:

- Widen the I-26 Roadway from approximately MM101 to MM97
- Replace three overpass bridges along Koon Road and Shady Grove Road
- Modify the Exit 97 Interchange



CONSTRUCTION SEGMENT 2

Other than some early asphalt repair work, construction segment 2 will begin Fall 2021 and will be completed in Fall 2023.

The second construction segment will:

- Widen the I-26 Roadway from approximately MM97 to MM91
- Replace two overpass bridges along Mt. Vernon Church Road and Old Hilton Road
- Modify the Exit 91 Interchange
- Upgrade the Weight Station near mile marker 94



CONSTRUCTION SEGMENT 3

Construction segment 3 will begin Spring 2020 and will be completed Spring 2023.

The third construction segment will:

- Widen the I-26 Roadway from approximately MM91 to MM85
- Replace three overpass bridges along Peak Street, Holy Trinity Church Road, and Parr Road
- Modify the Exit 85 Interchange

This construction segment will be completed first and opened to traffic prior to completion of the other two segments, providing much needed additional roadway capacity.

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