

BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT



US 15 BRIDGE REPLACEMENT OVER SPARROW SWAMP

Project Background

The South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) proposes to replace the US 15 Bridge over Sparrow Swamp. The proposed project is located southwest of Lydia and approximately 0.5 miles east of the Darlington-Lee County Line.

Project Schedule

- Public Comments: April 14 to May 12, 2026
- Right of Way: Fall 2026
- Construction: Fall 2027
- Construction Duration: ~ 6 to 12 Months

Project Purpose & Need

The purpose of the proposed project is to eliminate the structural deficiencies of the US 15 Bridge over Sparrow Swamp.

Project Highlights

The proposed project includes the following improvements:

- Eliminates structural deficiencies of the existing load-restricted bridge that was constructed in 1922
- Increases bridge length over Sparrow Swamp, improving bridge hydraulics
- Provides 10-foot-wide shoulders on the bridge and 6-foot-wide paved shoulders on US 15

Project Detour

To minimize environmental impacts, the proposed replacement bridge uses the existing alignment. The bridge would be closed for approximately 6 to 12 months during construction with a traffic detour. While local citizens are welcome to take their preferred route, the official signed detour would direct traffic along SC 403, Interstate 20, and Lee State Park Road (S-31-22).

PROPOSED PROJECT PLAN



Proposed Improvements

The US 15 Bridge is currently load restricted due to structural deficiency. The SCDOT project team is finalizing the various planning and engineering studies required for the design of a replacement bridge and adjacent roadway.

The proposed multi-span bridge would be approximately 200 feet long and 44 feet wide. The roadway section would consist of two 12-foot travel lanes, 6-foot paved shoulders, and 4-foot graded shoulders.

Share Your Comments: April 14 to May 12, 2026

Project Website

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