

### Background

SR 26/US 80 is a two-way, two-lane, rural highway and the only connection between Tybee and the mainland. US 80 is designated as a hurricane evacuation route and also as a future bikeway by the Coastal Region (CORE) Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO).

The proposed project has been the subject of previous GDOT studies and the recent CORE MPO's US 80 Bridges Replacement Study. Since 2014, GDOT has undertaken a project to complete environmental studies and engineering design for the bridges and adjacent improvements on the causeway.

### Where Are We Now?

The conceptual plans for the US 80 bridge replacements and related improvements are undergoing refinements during environmental studies and preliminary engineering.

Today, we are presenting GDOT's proposed alignment to address the identified need and purpose, updated from the alternatives shown in 2015.

We invite you to comment on the proposed project today by leaving a comment card or speaking with the court reporter tonight or sending your comments by May 14th.

More information about the project and current status is available on the GDOT website:  
<http://www.dot.ga.gov/BuildSmart/Projects/Pages/SR26US80.aspx>

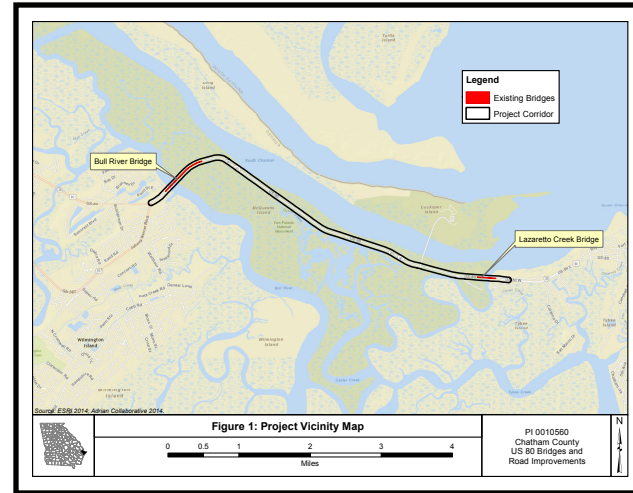
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### Why is the US 80 Project Needed?

Travel between Tybee Island and the mainland is limited during peak season, special events, and traffic accidents, particularly on the existing two-lane bridges. The lack of paved shoulders and multimodal connectivity also are identified needs. Replacement of the Bull River and Lazaretto Creek bridges and related improvements on SR 26/US 80 would serve future needs for island access with enhanced safety for vehicles, pedestrians, and bicyclists.

### The Proposed Project

**The proposed project includes** two 12-foot lanes with 10-foot shoulders (8-foot paved). Left- and right-turn lanes will be added at the McQueen's Island Trailhead, Fort Pulaski entrance, and the Lazaretto Creek Boat Ramp. A 10-foot multi-use trail with an 8-foot grassed buffer is proposed to the north of the roadway, connecting to the McQueen's Island Trail.

**Bridge over Bull River:** The proposed bridge is approximately 3,570 feet long and 63 feet wide with two 12-foot travel lanes, 10-foot shoulders on each side and 10-foot barrier separated bike/ped accommodations on the north side.

**Bridge over Lazaretto Creek:** The proposed bridge is approximately 1,445 feet long and 63 feet wide with two 12-foot travel lanes, 10-foot shoulders on each side and 10-foot barrier separated bike/ped accommodations on the north side.

SR 26/US 80 in Chatham County



# SR 26/US 80 Project

## Bull River & Lazaretto Creek Bridges

*Bridge Replacement and Road Improvements  
 on SR 26 / US 80 at Lazaretto Creek and Bull River*