

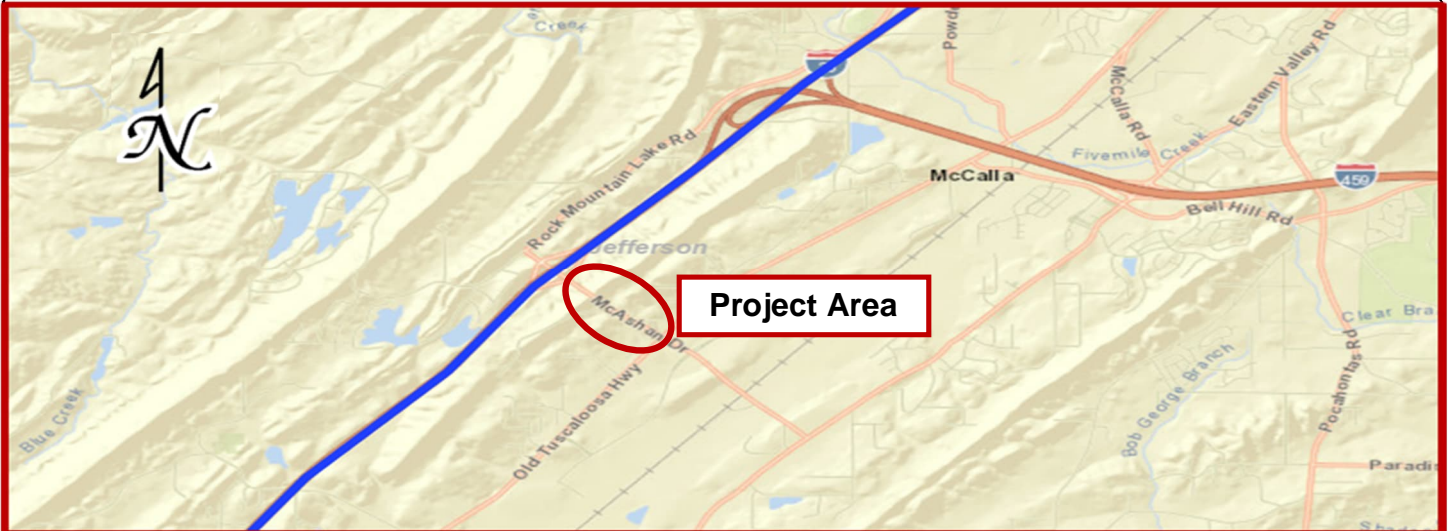


# Public Information

**Project Number: 37-20-002**

McAshan Drive Widening from Bay Drive to Old Tuscaloosa Highway

**To improve traffic operations and motorists safety along McAshan Drive -**  
*The Jefferson County Department of Roads and Transportation proposes to widen McAshan Drive from Bay Drive to Old Tuscaloosa Highway*



## Project Description

McAshan Drive provides access to the interstate for residential communities, institutional entities and industrial facilities. The existing roadway experiences delays and congestion on a regular basis. McAshan Drive from Bay Drive to Old Tuscaloosa Highway will need to be widened to provide the necessary capacity for increasing traffic demand.

### Questions or Concerns?

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# Jefferson County McAshan Drive Widening Project



## **Why is the project being done?**

There has been a significant amount of development that has occurred along Old Tuscaloosa Highway that has created a poor level of service at the intersection of McAshan Drive & Old Tuscaloosa Highway. Future planned development in this area will further decrease the functionality of the current intersection. The existing 2-lane McAshan Drive will be widened to 5-lanes from Bay Drive to Old Tuscaloosa Highway including providing a wider paved shoulder. Improvements at the I-59/20 McAshan Drive interchange are also planned which includes revising the current configuration to a Diverging Diamond Interchange.

## **How much will it cost?**

While the project has not been bid yet, estimated cost is approximately \$4 to \$5-million and will be funded by Jefferson County.

## **How long will it take?**

The project is currently scheduled to bid in December 2023 with construction starting in early 2024.

## **Will McAshan Drive have to be closed for this construction?**

No. Citizens can expect travel lane closures; however, McAshan Drive will remain open at all times and access to businesses and residences will be maintained.

## **Will there be any access management along McAshan Drive?**

Yes. There will be a cul-de-sac constructed on Kelly Drive near the intersection of McAshan Drive and the current Kelly Drive access to McAshan Drive will be removed.

## **Is Jefferson County acquiring property by eminent domain?**

Jefferson County is required by law to follow a specific process in acquiring property for public projects. The first step is evaluating the right of way needs for the project and communicating with residents regarding those impacts. A federally established valuation process is followed, to determine the level of impact to each property owner as a result of the project. Additional design modifications may also result, as all efforts are made to reduce or eliminate impacts where possible while still supporting the roadway operation needs. While taking property by eminent domain is possible, it is the last step after all other efforts have been made.

## **Who came up with this plan?**

Jefferson County evaluated the site and developed a preliminary layout for the McAshan Drive corridor. Jefferson County then retained engineering design consultants, AECOM, to evaluate the proposed alternative and complete the design.

## **Where can I find information related to the I-59/20 McAshan Drive Interchange Modification project?**

All information related to the McAshan Drive Interchange Modification project can be found at the following ALDOT website:

<https://www.dot.state.al.us/news/opmATRP20372022037.html>