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Low-cost options presented for S.C. 133 project

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CLEMSON — The S.C. 133 bridge replacement and road widening project will officially begin next year, and the Clemson City Council is going all out.

Council voted recently to spend an additional $80,200 for four upgrades.

Clemson City Administrator Rick Cotton identified the improvements as a brick-paver sidewalk, decorative mast-arm traffic signal structures, specialty painting for the bridge structure and street print decorative crosswalks.

Individually, Cotton said replacing replacement brick pavers would be an additional $19,500, while the crosswalk differential is $8,400, the decorative mast-arm signal structure is $50,000 and the decorative bridge structure is $2,300. The addition of brick paver sidewalks from the intersection to the Cochran Road intersection would cost an additional $52,000.

Cotton said those costs are in addition to the $135,000 estimated for relocating water and sewer lines that must be moved due to the construction project. Funds

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Replacement of the S.C. 133 bridge, as well as widening the road around that area, will begin next spring.

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were budgeted within the Tax Increment Finance (TIF) fund ($250,000) and spread over two fiscal years.

Having approved the upgrades, council conversation turned to decorative painting of the bridge with Mayor Larry Abernathy saying he would like to see a city theme.

"Nobody loves the Tiger paw more than I do, but I also like the slogan (Clemson) In Season, Every Season," he said.

The $8 million project, funded by federal stimulus funds, consists of removing the existing railroad bridge and installing a temporary bridge for trains to use as well as an additional track, or "fast track" as referred to by Abernathy, regarding future light rail capabilities.

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The project will also consist of widening S.C. 133 to add two lanes and a middle lane.

Plans call for project bids to be received in March 2010. Construction is expected to begin in June and take 18 months to complete.

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