



## WINECOFF SCHOOL ROAD RAILROAD CROSSING

**Current condition:** The I-85 widening project will necessitate replacement of the existing railroad bridge over I-85 between the Ridge Avenue and Main Street bridges. The new bridge location affects the railroad tracks through the Winecoff School Road crossing. The existing crossing is badly humped, with little distance between Ridge Avenue and Main Street. This makes it impossible to raise the railroad grade and keep the crossing in operation.

**Proposed improvement:** A new bridge carrying Winecoff School Road over the railroad, S. Ridge Avenue, and S. Main Street will be constructed adjacent to the existing bridge, with a higher clearance to meet current standards. The current Winecoff School Road railroad crossing will be closed. The proposed bridge will maintain the connection the at-grade crossing now provides. In addition, the proposed bridge will allow the elimination of the Ridge Avenue Bridge over I-85, creating a cost-saving opportunity without substantially affecting local travel patterns.

Two design options are being studied. With both options, Winecoff School Road will be realigned south of the existing road to avoid a property recommended as eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. Both options include two roundabouts – one that provides a free flow connection from Winecoff School Road to S. Main Street, and one that connects to Mt. Olivet Road. The options differ in how they connect to Main Street, the alignment of Winecoff School Road, and design of the railroad bridge. Both designs are shown tonight. You will have the opportunity to tell the project team which one you prefer.

