## YOU'RE INVITED TO A COMMUNITY DROP-IN



Come provide input on the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor WEST!

> Informal, Drop-ins More Details on Back









# **Project Overview**



**Location:** Paul Cantrell Boulevard (West Ashley) to Virginia Avenue (North Charleston)



Most Congested Interstate Segment in SC: I-526 between I-26 and Virgina Avenue



The I-526 and I-26 interchange is a major source of congestion. Why?

- The high number of vehicles that move between I-526 and I-26
- The interchanges are close together, so they do not allow much room for cars to merge onto the highway
- The on and off-ramps are steep and have tight curves which slows the flow of traffic



## What is the South Carolina Department of Transportation doing about it? How can you be involved?



Environmental Studies Public Involvement Surveying Traffic Analysis Preliminary Design Cost Estimates Due to the potential for significant impacts to the environment and the community, an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will be prepared. The project team is currently refining the range of project alternatives to present to the public this fall.

Over the coming months, the team will be in communities potentially affected by the project. These small group dropins will be held in the residential communities to discuss the project with residents and businesses.

 Public Information Meeting: November 21
11am-7pm (Drop-In, No Presentation) Charleston Area Convention Center CARTA Bus Route 11
ADA Accessible & Hearing impaired services available
Online Virtual Meeting: 526lowcountrycorridor.com

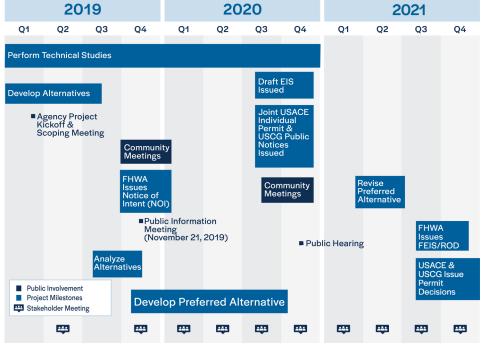
# **Community Involvement**

#### **COMMUNITY Advisory Council**

The I-526 Lowcountry Corridor WEST proposed project improvements are anticipated to impact several residential communities in close proximity to the I-526 and I-26 interchange. These communities have been identified as Environmental Justice (EJ) communities. SCDOT, in coordination with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), is seeking input from those who reside in these communities to understand the full extent of potential project impacts to the community, the needs of the communities, and the desires of the community in the development of potential community mitigation.

A community project office will be established in the area to provide information and accessibility to our project team. SCDOT is also seeking to identify residents in the Russelldale, Ferndale, Liberty Park and Highland Terrace neighborhoods that are willing and available to serve as community liaisons on a Community Advisory Council. The council will meet regularly to provide input on the project and help guide the process to formulate an EJ Community Mitigation Plan. The council will also help inform other residents on how they can get involved and have a voice in the project decision-making process.

### I-526 Lowcountry Corridor WEST Project Schedule





Community Drop-Ins Small groups in potentially affected communities Early November See back page



Public Information Meeting Larger Meeting; Drop-in, informal style; Project team available to answer questions and hear concerns November 21, 2019 |11am-7pm Charleston Area Convention Center



Virtual Meeting Unable to attend in person? Join us online. Nov 21 - Dec 21, 2019 www.526lowcountrycorridor.com

Your input is important to the success of this project, and we encourage you to attend one of the meetings or reach out directly to the project team.

### **COMMUNITY DROP-IN DETAILS**

### **Biblical House of God**

Sat., Nov. 9, 2019 | 2 - 5 PM 2205 Van Buren Ave. | North Charleston CARTA Route 10

### Ferndale Community Center (Gym)

Wed., Nov. 13, 2019 | 5 - 8 PM 1995 Bolton Street | North Charleston CARTA Route 104

### Life Changers Covenant Ministries

Thur., Nov. 14, 2019 | 5 - 8 PM 2140 Eleanor Drive | North Charleston CARTA Route 10

### Danny Jones Community Center

Mon., Nov. 18, 2019 | 5 - 8 PM 1455 Monitor Street | North Charleston CARTA Route 104

### **Citadel Mall (Between Belk and Loft)**

Tues., Nov. 19, 2019 | 5 - 8 PM 2070 Sam Rittenburg Blvd. | West Ashley CARTA Route 30



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