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Welcome and Introductions

- Advisory Council Members
- SC Department of Transportation
- Federal Highway Administration
- Consultant Team



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Logistics



Food



Exits



Restrooms

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Agenda

- Administrative Items
- Approve CAC Roles & Responsibilities
- Items Currently in the Parking Lot
- 'Open Mic' Session
- Highway Project Impacts
- Break / Lunch
- Vision Statement Activity
- Brainstorming Session: Potential Mitigation Ideas for Recreational Facilities
- Outreach Update
- Summary and Next Steps

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Administrative Items

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Administrative Items

- For Distribution:
 - CAC Meeting No. 5 Agenda
 - Minutes from CAC Meeting No. 4
 - Comment cards for Open Mic/general use
 - Approve Final CAC Roles & Responsibilities
 - Worksheet for mitigation brainstorming activity

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Approve Roles and Responsibilities

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Roles and Responsibilities

- File in binder under “Guiding Principles”
- Highlights:
 - Freedom of Information Act requirements
 - CAC meetings are not open for general public participation
 - Encourage neighbors to attend a “Meet Your Advisory Council” Open House
 - You are the community connection
 - Public can always contact SCDOT project team to relay questions, concerns, and information they would specifically like shared with the CAC
- If votes are taken at any point, only formal CAC members may participate in a vote

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Open Mic

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Open Mic Session

- Goal: Open Mic at every CAC meeting
- Express opinions, voice concerns, ask questions
- Can address Advisory Council and/or Project Team
- Can speak or use comment card
- Time limit: will vary; may have to set limits if necessary, based on agenda
- Speak from your own experiences; avoid generalizations
- Recall Rules of Engagement related to listening and speaking one at a time

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Parking Lot

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Currently in the Parking Lot

■ Aesthetics

- I-526 bridge over Rivers Avenue and bridge over Bryant Street
- City gateway at Rivers Avenue and I-526
- Flowering trees
- Maintenance of brush/weeds to help prevent crime by improving line of sight
- Trash pick-up
- Vagrancy deterrents at Rivers Avenue overpass

■ Bike/pedestrian facilities

- Better facilities
- Better connectivity to Rivers Avenue

■ Stormwater runoff

- Stormwater on Deacon Street: widening ditch and uprooting trees
- Stormwater management for project? Storm drains? Dirt washing down fill slopes into backyards

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Highway Project Impacts

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Direct Impacts from I-526 WEST Project



- Residential displacements
- Affordable housing takes
- Recreational facilities displacement

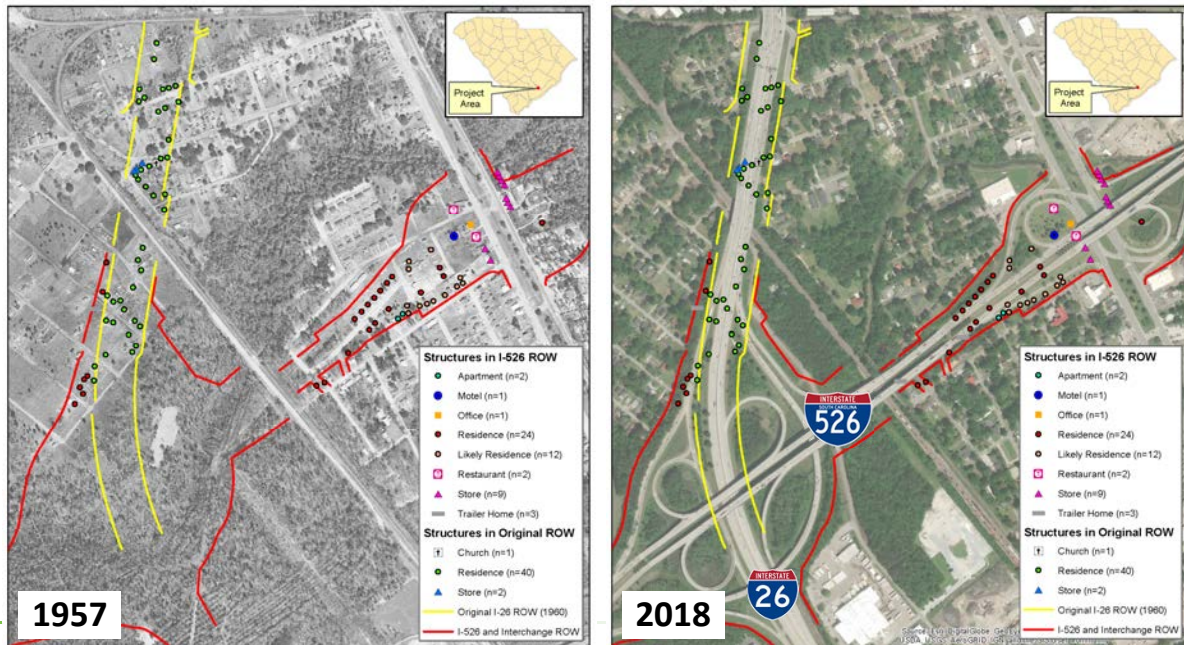
RELOCATION TYPE	TOTALS
Apartment Units (16 buildings/duplexes)	68-90
Single family homes/mobile homes	48-67
Parks/community centers	2
TOTALS	159

** Preliminary estimates based on approximate additional right-of-way for Alternatives 1 and 2*

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Past Impacts from Highway Projects (cont.)



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Past Impacts from Highway Projects (cont.)

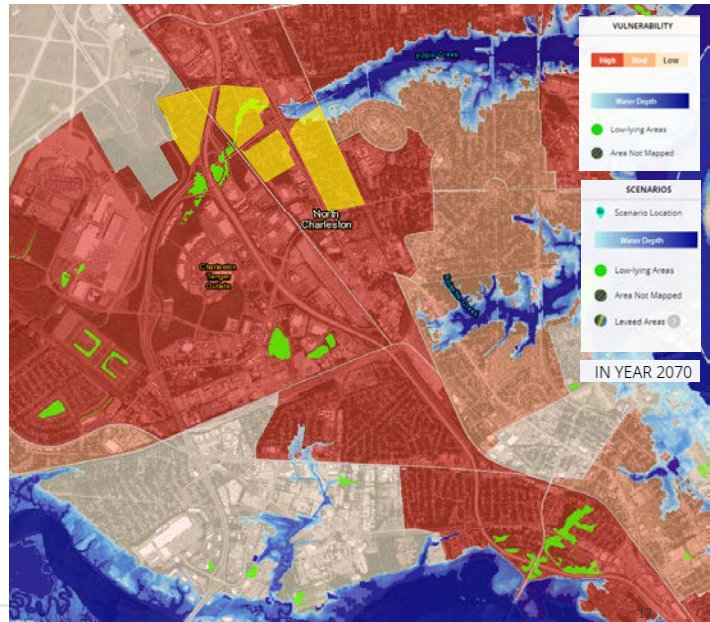
- Direct impacts from construction of I-26 and I-526
 - Residential relocations/encroachment
 - Business relocations
- Indirect/cumulative impacts from I-26 and I-526 construction
 - Community cohesion
 - Effects on neighborhood property values
 - Increased imperviousness/water quality effects
 - Increased noise
 - **Unaddressed project effects/mitigation:** stormwater management; sidewalk/bicycle facilities; replacement housing; well-lit streets/sidewalks (* also identified in Social Needs Assessment)



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Community-wide cumulative/recurring EJ Impacts

- Intergenerational poverty
- Segregation and isolation
- Surface transportation projects
- Changing job market
- Lack of affordable housing
- Environmental pollutants
- Flooding
- Limited access to transit
- Lack of sidewalks, bike facilities
- Language barriers



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I-526 West EJ Mitigation Strategy: Overarching Goal

- *Effectively mitigate direct, indirect, and cumulative (/recurring) impacts on EJ communities by **establishing relationships, building trust, and gathering feedback that will inform decisions** on mitigative measures and other aspects of project development.*

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I-526 West EJ Mitigation Strategy: Looking Ahead

Questions to think about for upcoming mitigation work session:

*What do you feel where the **impacts not addressed**
from past transportation projects?*

*What do you see as **effective mitigation** for:*

Direct impacts (relocations/encroachment)

Indirect effects (air/noise)

Cumulative effects (decreased community cohesion; blight)



Lunch / Break (15 Minutes)



Developing the CAC Vision

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Developing the Community Advisory Council Vision

Our Cause Who? What? Where?	Our Actions What we do	Our Impact Changes for the better
Motivators		
How has the existing highway affected you?	What brought you here today? What are your values?	What you would like to see from this process?
How will the proposed project affect you?	What motivated you to participate in the Advisory Council?	
Themes		
Cultural diversity and inclusiveness Social responsibility Informed and involved community	Effective communication Embrace innovation and new ideas Equitable and inclusive approaches	Educated, civically-involved, healthy, and safe community

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Community Advisory Council Vision Statement - DRAFT

Our Cause
Who? What? Where?

Our Actions
What we do

Our Impact
Changes for the better

*"A **diverse and engaged group** of residents **working together**, embracing new ideas to develop an **equitable and inclusive approach** to address project-related impacts and contribute **to building a sustainable, healthy, and safe community**."*

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Public Outreach Update

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December 2019: Public Outreach Updates

- Comments from PIM
- Community Office activity
- Open House – January 25th, 2020
- Informational Workshops
- *Meet Your Community Advisory Council* Open Houses



Brainstorming Session: Potential Mitigation Ideas

Direct Impacts to Recreational Facilities



* Community center would be impacted by all alternatives under evaluation (Alts 1, 1A, 2, and 2A)

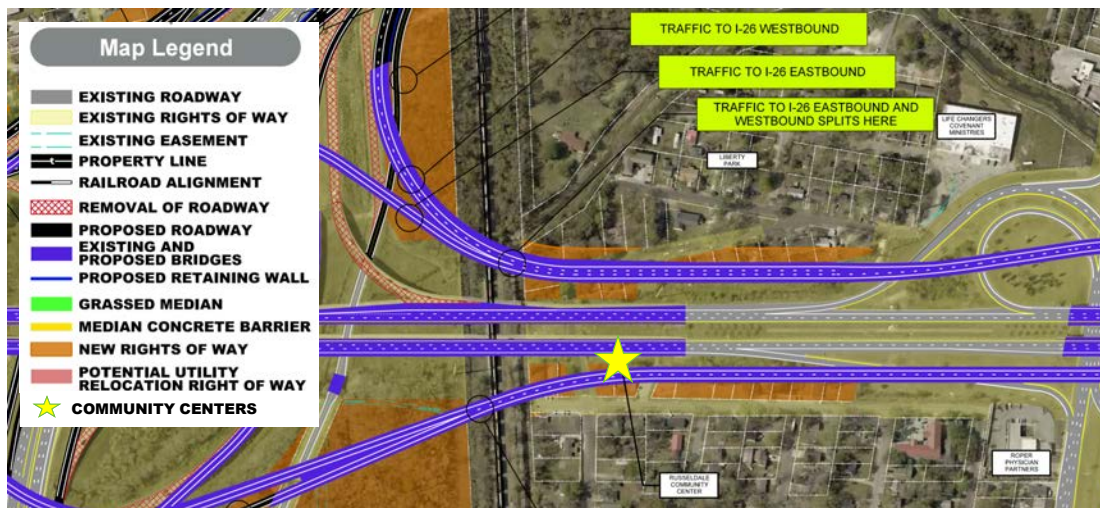
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Mitigation Requirements

- Section 6(f) of the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act
 - Highland Terrace-Liberty Park Community Center
- Section 4(f) of the US Department of Transportation Act
 - Russelldale Community Center
- Early public involvement and public review are part of regulatory process
 - CAC input on potential replacement locations / facility amenities, etc.
 - Focus group with community center staff, City staff, school transportation officials, and others
 - Proposed relocation

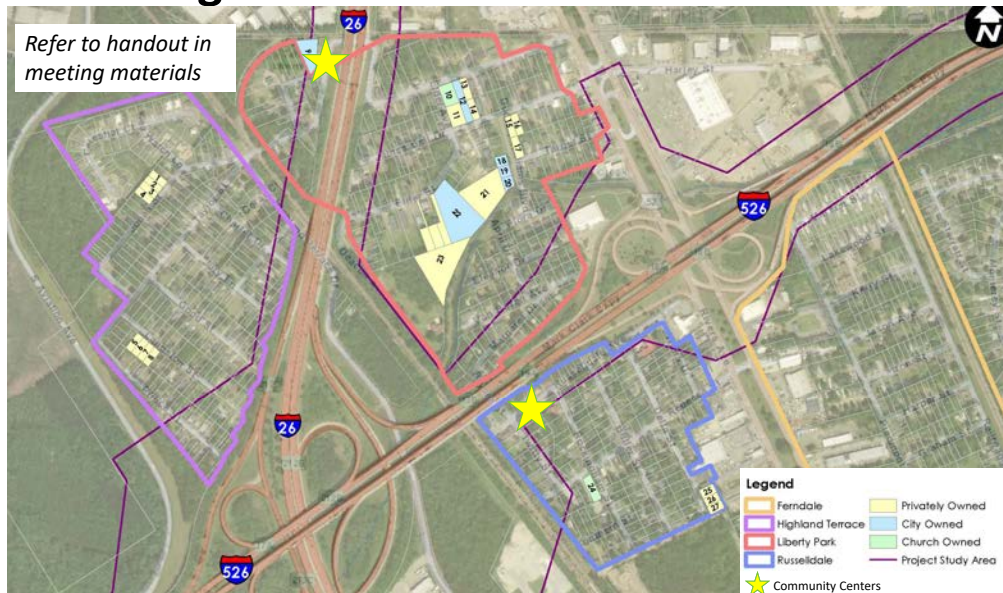
Mitigation Requirements cont.

- Connection to Environmental Justice (EJ) /Cumulative Effects Mitigation:

Can the replacement facilities address direct impacts from the project but also include elements that address community issues and priorities as identified in the Social Needs Assessment and in conversations with the CAC?

GOAL: Work with CAC, focus group(s), the public and local entities to develop replacement recreational facilities as part of comprehensive EJ mitigation plan

Brainstorming Session: Recreational Facilities



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Brainstorming Session: Recreational Facilities cont.

- High-level questions *(see activity sheet)*
- What we've heard:
 - Children in Russelldale also use Highland Terrace-Liberty Park Community Center *(reason for question on number/size of facilities)*
 - Children in Joppa Way walk home across railroad from Highland Terrace-Liberty Park Community Center *(reason preliminary mapping shows parcels in Joppa Way)*
- All ideas are on the board

RELEVANT NEEDS FROM THE SOCIAL NEEDS ASSESSMENT:

Availability of:

- Services for seniors
- Services for youth
- Youth employment opportunities
- Supervised after-school youth activities

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Brainstorming Session: Recreational Facilities

- Will be conducting focus group with community center staff, City staff, school transportation officials, and others
- Early public involvement and public review are part of regulatory process*
- Leads into Mitigation Development Work Session
- Connection to Social Needs Survey
 - Confirm team understands community issues and priorities
 - Team will examine direct impacts and proposed relocation as part of cumulative effects assessment
 - Helps set priorities for future actions

** Section 4(f) of the USDOT Act and Section 6(f) of the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act*

Brainstorming Session: Other Mitigation Ideas

- High-level ideas
 - What resources are lacking?
 - Thoughts on preferable location(s)?
 - Other?
- All ideas are on the board



Petersburg Park in Louisville, KY



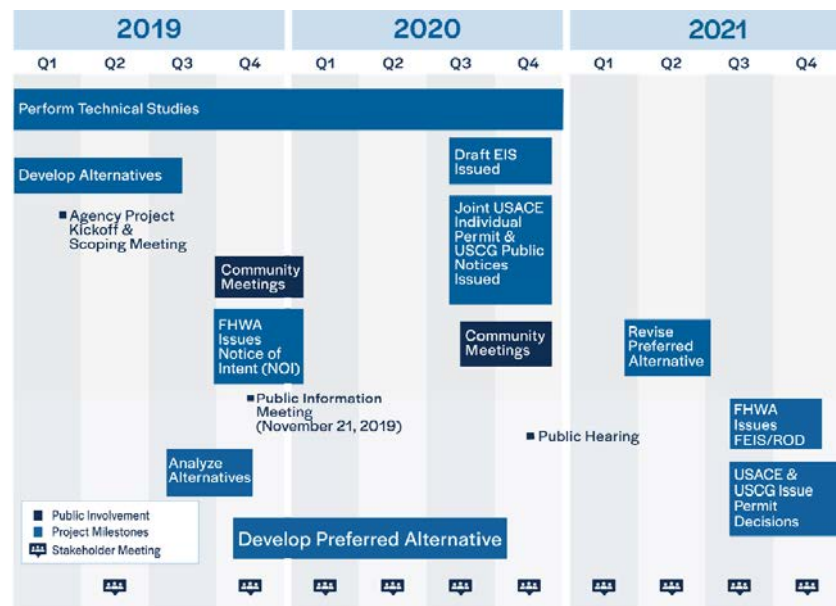
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Schedule

- Final environmental document: Fall 2021
- Right-of-way acquisition: 2022
- Construction: 2023
- CAC transition to Oversight Implementation Committee



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Summary and Next Steps

- CAC Meeting No. 5 Recap
- Mitigation development work session:
 - Need to hold work session soon
 - Extend next meeting to four hours? OR have another three-hour meeting in February plus regular meeting in March?
- Poll group for *Meet Your Advisory Council* Open House date(s)
- Confirm schedule for upcoming CAC Meetings

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