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Community Advisory Council
CAC Meeting #9

June 6, 2020

How to Join the Meeting!

- *Reference your Adobe Connect Quick Start Guide from Meeting No. 7 packet*
- Call: **1-800-753-1965**
- Enter Access Number: **7236718**

Agenda

- Welcome
- Administrative Items
- ‘Open Mic’ Session
- Report on FHWA EJ Peer Exchange
- Report on Meeting with the City of North Charleston
- Replacement Community Facilities Conceptual Plans Update
- Review Draft Community Mitigation Plan Framework
- Engaging with Elected and Appointed Officials Work Session
- Community Livability Plan
- Update on Coordination with Local Organizations
- Outreach Update
- Summary & Next Steps

Administrative Items

- Technology check
- Review virtual meeting etiquette
- Confirm CAC members have all meeting materials
 - Meeting packet
 - Minutes from CAC Meeting No. 8
- Approve minutes for CAC Meeting No. 8

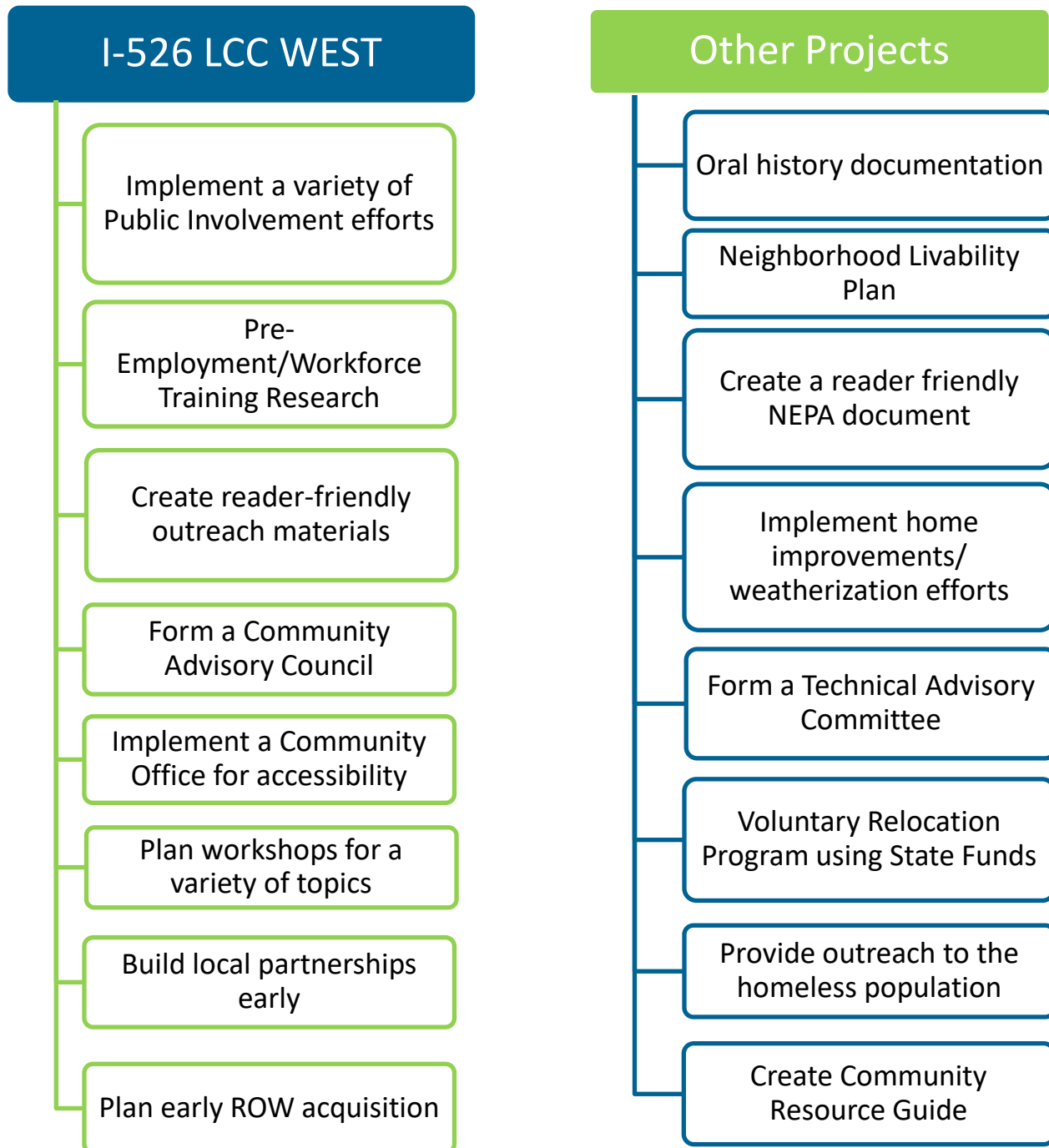


*Are there unanswered questions from the last meeting?
Are there other items you would like to
bring up with the CAC or project team?*

*Did you speak to any neighbors or residents who have
comments for the project team?*

FHWA Environmental Justice Peer Exchange

The purpose of the FHWA EJ Peer Exchange was to assist SCDOT in developing EJ mitigation strategies for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor WEST project. Four mentor projects from Ohio, Texas, and Colorado were identified as having similar urban settings and impacts to EJ communities. The following chart shows I-526 mitigation/outreach efforts and ideas that were shared by SCDOT along with examples of effective mitigation concepts and practices presented by the other state DOTs.



Meeting with the City of North Charleston

The I-526 LCC WEST project team met with the City of North Charleston on May 19, 2020 to provide a project status update and facilitate future coordination.

CAC Listening Session

Purpose: Coordinate meetings between the CAC and the City of N. Charleston to voice concerns, address expectations, and verify a spirit of cooperation with implementing relevant portions of the mitigation plan.

- City of N. Charleston staff/SCDOT/CAC listening session
 - Date: June 16, 2020
 - Time: 6 – 8 pm
 - Location: Montague Terrace at North Charleston Coliseum & Performing Arts Center

Monthly Coordination Meetings

- Technical Coordination Meeting: Meeting between the City of N. Charleston and SCDOT to evaluate technical aspects of the mitigation requests. Meetings start June 24, 2020. Items to discuss include, but are not limited to:
 - Sidewalk connectivity improvements
 - Replacement recreational facilities, staffing, and programs
 - Transit stops and coordination with Rivers Avenue Bus Rapid Transit (BRT)
 - Neighborhood street improvements
- CAC/City of N. Charleston Coordination Meetings:
 - After listening session, SCDOT/N. Charleston to develop schedule for coordination meetings

Other Items of Interest

- Mitigation Grant – N. Charleston received a \$250,000 planning grant to evaluate Filbin Creek watershed.
 - Provides opportunity for SCDOT to coordinate I-526 LCC WEST Filbin Creek mitigation efforts with City of N. Charleston

Meeting with the City of North Charleston, continued

Conceptual Recreational Facility Renderings

Determine how the City of N. Charleston will be involved in the long-term sustainability of the replacement recreation facilities. SCDOT would provide funding for resources, land, and facilities; however, agreements with the City would need to be developed related to mitigation implementation/operations and maintenance/or other City commitments to ensure **long-term success**.

- Filbin Creek Community Center
 - Need to weigh importance of spectator space in the gymnasium?
- Highland Terrace/Russelldale Community Parks
 - Recommend larger indoor facilities – Need to be larger than 800 square feet to meet Recreation Department program requirements. City of N. Charleston Parks and Recreation Department will provide a recommendation for appropriate building size.
 - Due to limited space at the Highland Terrace park site, the proposed half-basketball court may need to be removed to accommodate a larger building

Replacement Community Facilities Conceptual Plans: Update



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Draft Community Mitigation Framework

Potential Mitigation Actions to discuss with City of N. Charleston

- Community center functions, staffing, and services
- Improved access/connectivity to community centers
- Address current and potential safety issues
- Maintain public spaces – consistent garbage pick up
- Transit stop improvements and connectivity
- Maintain community fabric

Are there other potential mitigation actions that should be added to the conversation with the City of N. Charleston?

On-going efforts

- Quantifying project impacts to better define mitigation measures
“Project impacts drive the mitigation”
- Bi-weekly work sessions to refine the mitigation measures
- Investigating the development of a Community Livability Study
- Assessing programs identified during EJ Peer Exchange to improve implementation of mitigation measures

Engaging with Elected and Appointed Officials



Understanding the Scope and Limitations of Primary Stakeholders

- SCDOT
- FHWA
- City of North Charleston
- Community Advisory Council



Goals and Expectations

- What is the goal of the meeting?
- What does the list of “asks” include?
- What does the CAC consider realistic expectations regarding feedback?



Meeting Preparation, Engagement, and Interactions

- Ask questions comfortably
- Meeting behavior
- Information exchange: receiving and delivering information effectively when in dialogue
- Offensive vs non-offensive interactions



Next Steps

- Need for additional resources or training? Format?
- North Charleston Meeting logistics

Community Livability Plan

What is a “Livable Community?”

“Livable community” – equitable access for all residents to education, jobs, healthcare, food, housing, as well as diverse opportunities in arts, culture, and recreation

What is a Community Livability Plan and why is it being developed?

A Community Livability Plan should, at a minimum, serve as a tool that:

- Establishes a vision for the future of the community
- Identifies needs and coordinates resources and partnerships beyond the scope of the I-526 project mitigation efforts
- Promotes collaboration while restoring a spirit of community that unifies a neighborhood

Potential Livability Plan Components	Mitigation Action
Public Safety	Crime / Surveillance
	Speeding
Community Appearance	Abandoned/Overgrown lots
	Improve Sense of Neighborhood Pride/Common Area/Landscaping/signs
	Maintain Public Spaces
Long-term Community Cohesion	Implement Cohesion Activities
	Advocacy Training
	Prioritize Small Businesses
	Maintain Community Fabric
Public Health	Stormwater / flooding

Partnership with the College of Charleston Riley Center for Livable Communities

- SCDOT is evaluating partnering with the Riley Center as a local resource to assist the project team, working in conjunction with the CAC, to develop a Community Livability Plan for the EJ neighborhoods

Update on Coordination with Local Organizations

The **Community Resource Guide** has been developed as a supplemental resource for the CAC to use before, during and after the I-526 LCC WEST project. This guide helps identify local organizations and contacts that may be able to assist the neighborhood residents with the following categories:

- 1. Food Insecurities
- 2. Health & Wellness
- 3. Home Repairs
- 4. Financial Assistance
- 5. Minority-Owned Businesses
- 6. Referral Agencies

Due to the COVID 19 pandemic, many listed entities are still closed. The project team will confirm contact information and other details once local organization begin to open back up. Once finalized, the project team will use this guide to start forming relationships with local organizations to initiate potential mitigation opportunities.

The project team will continue to update a **Community Resource Guide** that has been developed for the Community Advisory Council. Please include this list in your notebooks for future reference.

Please take a moment to review the list of community resources provided. Are you aware of additional entities that should be included on this list?

Outreach Update

- Community Office Data: April 27 – May 22, 2020
 - Call-ins: 5
 - Outreach Calls: 3
 - Voicemails: 3
- COVID:
 - The Community Office is closed to visitors, but Office Manager Horrace Tobin is onsite daily to address concerns and requests received by email, postal mail, and phone.
 - Right-of-Way Liaisons are not currently scheduling face-to-face appointments but are continuing to communicate by phone with the property owners identified in your Meeting #7 packet.

***How can we best reach your neighbors to gather
feedback on potential mitigation ideas?***

Summary and Next Steps

- Confirm schedule for upcoming CAC Meetings: First Saturday in July falls on July 4th – propose meeting on July 11th as an alternative
- 7/2020 CAC Meeting # 10 agenda to include possible follow-up training session, further discussion on refined mitigation actions, and follow-up on action items from the City of North Charleston Listening Session
- Update on COVID-19/SCDOT Public Engagement Policy