

I-526 Lowcountry Corridor West: Paul Cantrell Boulevard to Virginia Avenue, Charleston County Project No. P027507

Draft Environmental Impact Statement and Draft Section 4(f) Evaluation

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This Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) describes the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) proposal to upgrade the I-526 Corridor and reconstruct associated interchanges in Charleston County, South Carolina. The primary purpose of the proposed I-526 Lowcountry Corridor West is to increase capacity and improve operations at the I-26/526 interchange and along the I-526 mainline from Paul Cantrell Boulevard to Virginia Avenue. Multiple Build Alternatives and one No-build Alternative are evaluated in detail in the DEIS. The lead agencies, FHWA & SCDOT, are recommending the Preferred Alternative detailed in the DEIS, as it would best meet the project's purpose and need while minimizing impacts to the natural and human environment.

It is the intent of the FHWA to issue a single document that consists of the Final EIS and Record of Decision pursuant to Public Law 112-141, 126 Stat. 405, Section 1319(b), unless the FHWA determines statutory considerations preclude issuance of the combined document pursuant to Section 1319.

Comments on this Draft EIS are due by January 15, 2021 and should be sent to the following address: I-526 Lowcountry Corridor West Project c/o South Carolina Department of Transportation Ms. Joy Riley, PE P.O. Box 191 Columbia, SC 29202-0191

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