



Community Advisory Council
Meeting #15

January 9, 2021

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Neighborhood Update

- Ferndale
- Highland Terrace / Joppa Way
- Liberty Park
- Russelldale



Did you speak to any neighbors or residents who have questions or comments for the project team? Please note any specific items your neighbors would like to bring to the project team's attention.

EJ Community Mitigation Plan Update

Community Infrastructure Enhancement Plan

- What is a CIEP Workshop?
 - Residents will be asked to review and comment on improvements within each of the CIEP categories (*pedestrian and stormwater improvements, street lighting, aesthetics and landscaping, and traffic calming*)
 - There will be a station for each of these categories with images of the proposed types of improvements and large maps to help residents identify areas where infrastructure improvements are needed
- Goal
 - Gain a better understanding of community priorities regarding infrastructure improvements within each category
 - Provide an opportunity for CAC members to interact with other residents in their neighborhoods
- Logistics
 - First workshop tentatively scheduled for February/March 2021
 - Indoor vs outdoor risks and benefits
 - Requiring commitments/sign-ups for participation – appointments at the Community Office
 - Timeslots per neighborhood
 - Proactive COVID-19 safety protocols
- Outreach
 - The project team needs help from the CAC to spread the word about the workshops and encourage neighbors to participate
 - CIEP specific yard signs
 - Door-to-door canvassing
 - The project team will be contacting churches, schools and other local institutions to further identify interested EJ residents

How else can we better encourage residents to participate in the CIEP workshop?

EJ Community Mitigation Plan Update

Community History Preservation Program

- *Completed and On-going Activities*
 - A team has been selected and will kick off their efforts in **March 2021**
- *Upcoming Activities*
 - A detailed workplan for the program will be developed and provided to the CAC for review
 - Introduction of Team Members
 - Kick-off will be coordinated with the first Community Infrastructure Enhancement Plan Workshop
- Engagement and participant recruitment

1st Time Home Buyer / Financial Literacy Training

- *Completed and On-going Activities*
 - A list of vendors to provide the training was developed and reviewed
 - **Trident Urban League** was recommended as the primary vendor for the initial training
 - Updating Outreach Strategy to inform residents of training opportunity and to gauge interest
- *Upcoming Activities*
 - Training kick-off: Summer 2021

Mitigation Subcommittees

- *College Aid Initiative*
 - Gilbert Reeves, Doris Twiggs, Angela Anderson, Earl Muhammad
- *Organizational Training*
 - Cynthia Anderson, Angela Anderson, Earl Muhammad

UPDATED ORGANIZATIONAL TRAINING COMMITMENT

Current Commitment

SCDOT will provide support for training to transition the Community Advisory Council to a Project Oversight Committee (POC). This training will also be made available to residents of the impacted EJ communities who are interested in joining the POC or other groups looking to initiate community advocacy.

Proposed Commitment

Organizational Training

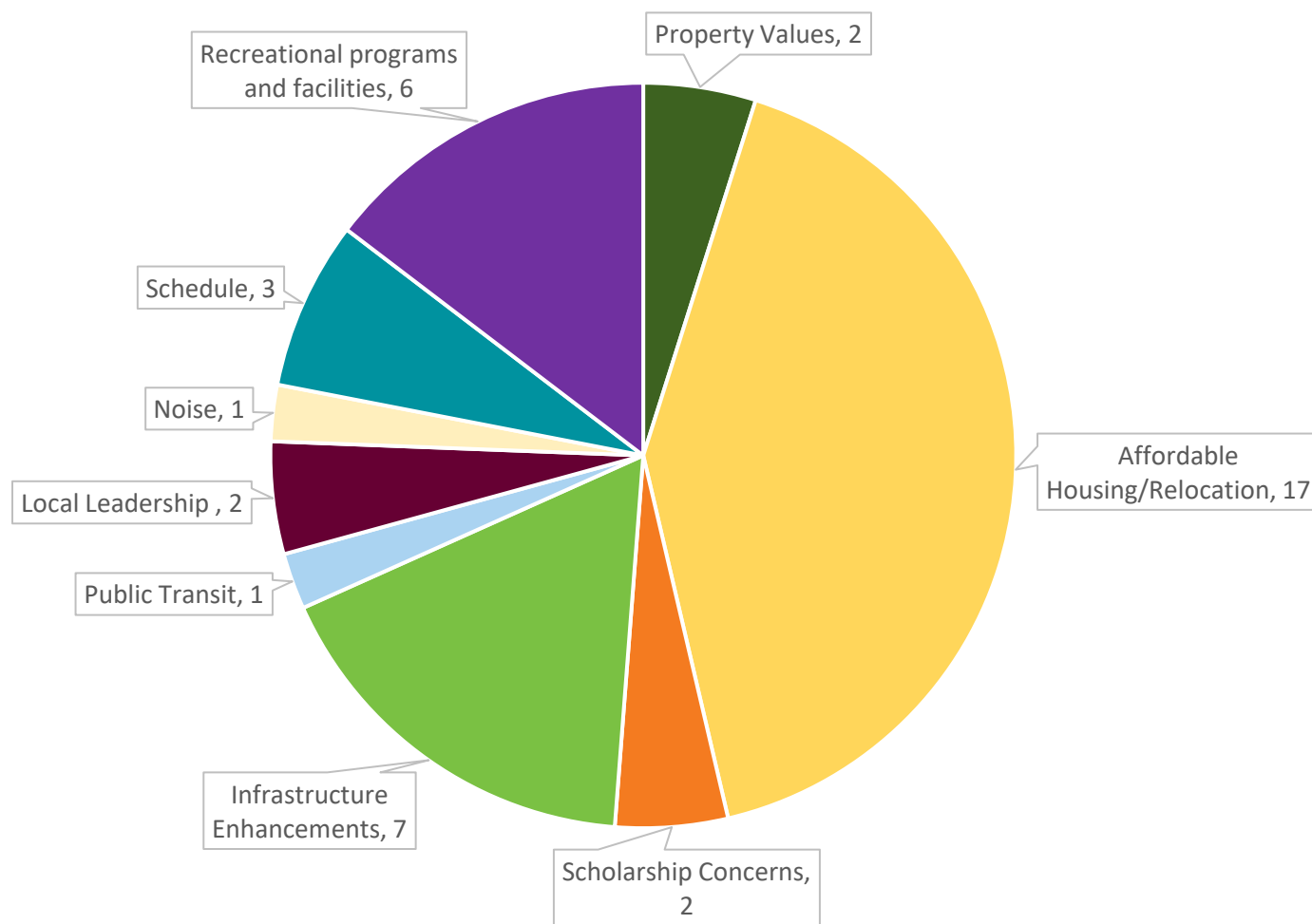
SCDOT will provide organizational training for the CAC and community members interested in creating a community advocacy organization.

Project Oversight Committee (POC)

SCDOT will assist in the creation of a POC that will be responsible for ensuring adherence to the commitments included in the Final Environmental Justice Community Mitigation Plan and Final EIS/ROD. SCDOT will provide training to residents and CAC members interested in joining the POC and provide administrative support to the POC for the duration of the project.

EJ Community Mitigation Plan Survey

Preliminary Comment Summary on – As of 12/29/2020



- Most comments relate to **affordable housing** and concerns over the possibility of **relocation**, especially for the elderly and disabled.
- Second highest category is the request for **infrastructure enhancements**.

All comments can be reviewed in the handout

“Why do all of your projects [a]ffect the Black area? Do you really believe we will be able to relocate with the prices of homes now, especially the elder residents of this area?”

“Need to make some home improvements and I don't know if I should invest the money if I may need to move later???”

EJ Community Mitigation Plan Survey

Preliminary Results as of 12/29/2020

As of 12/29/20, a total of 116 people took the survey.

- 64% live in an EJ neighborhood
- 36% live outside the impacted area

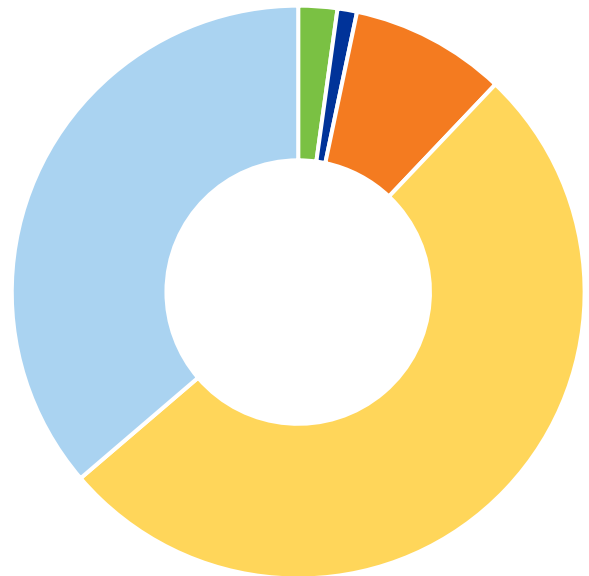
Overall, draft mitigation items had a similar level of prioritization for survey participants.

- **Recreational Facilities/Amenities** were prioritized within the top 5 mitigation items most frequently (17% for each).
- **Affordable Housing** was selected as the #1 priority most frequently (35%).

The CAC will be emailed a summary of the final survey results after 1/15/21.

Survey Participant Demographics: Race

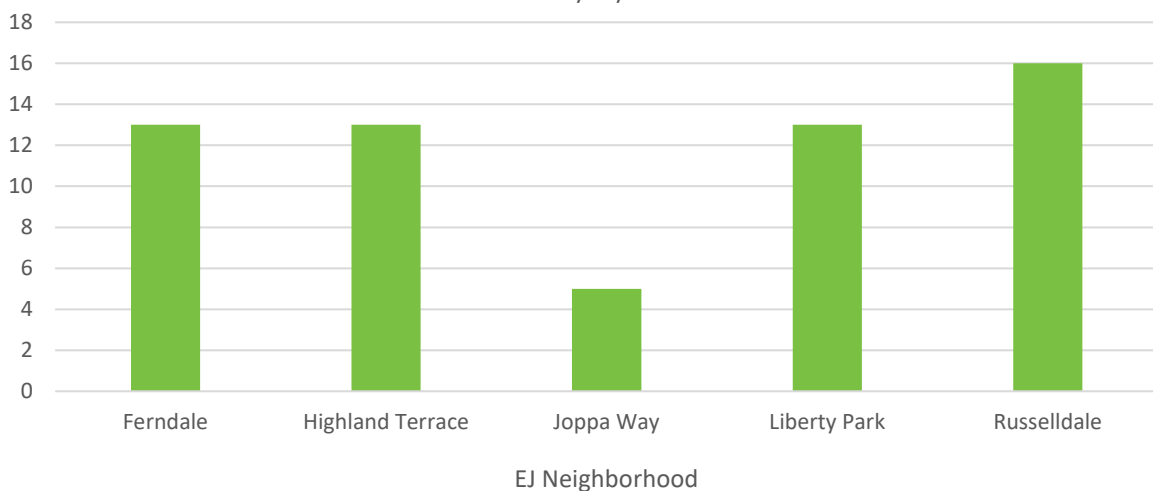
As of 12/29/20



- American Indian or Alaskan Native
- Asian or Pacific Islander
- Other
- Black or African American
- White

Which EJ Neighborhoods are Represented?

As of 12/15/20

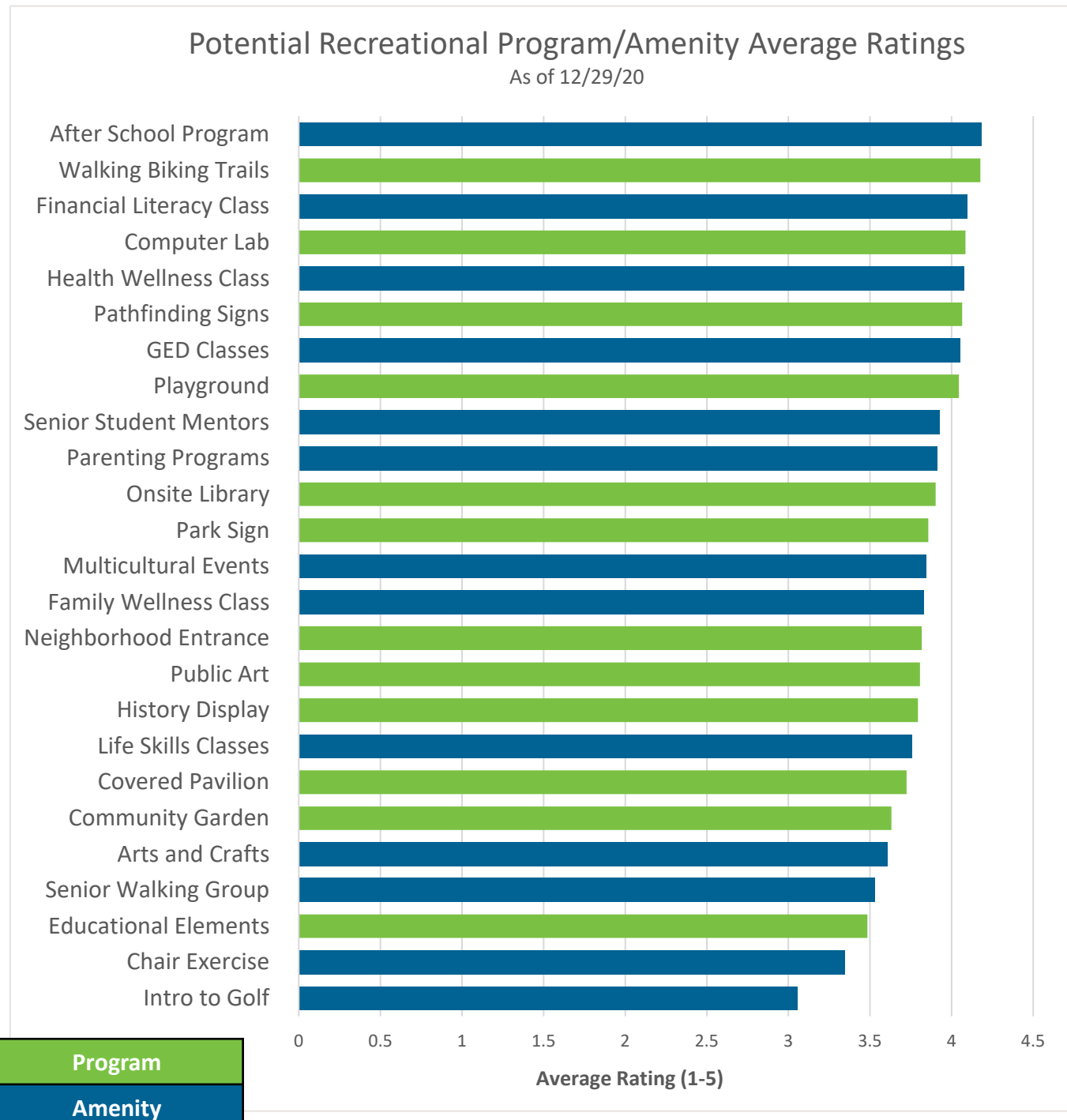


EJ Community Mitigation Plan Survey

Preliminary Results as of 12/29/2020

Each recreational program and amenity was rated at an average of 3 or above.

Key takeaway: residents see a need for both recreational programs and outdoor amenities in their communities. Many of these items require classrooms, supporting the need for a larger community center.



EJ Community Mitigation Plan Survey

Preliminary Results as of 12/29/2020

82%

Prefer multi-family housing to be built ***within or near*** the impacted neighborhoods

Prefer ***single-family*** affordable housing

51%

56%

Prefer a ***basketball court*** as an outdoor recreational amenity

Prefer to receive project information ***in the mail***

43%

31%

Prefer to focus the infrastructure improvements on ***sidewalks with curbs and gutters***

Do you think these results accurately reflect the needs and goals of your community?

Please come to the meeting prepared to discuss if and how the CAC would like to formally respond to the DRAFT EJ Community Mitigation Plan.

Updates to the EJ Outreach Strategy

- Storyboards to garner interest in the mitigation-specific improvements (example: boards displaying images of the proposed community center and pocket parks)
- Yard signs to advertise CIEP workshop and Community History Preservation Program
- Targeted outreach to renters including information and education on renter rights
- Emphasis on engaging younger residents (example: utilize social media to engage with younger residents)
- Conduct small group community drop-in meetings prior to larger-scale public meetings and public hearings
- Increase participation in events that have an emphasis on minority communities and businesses (if they are not cancelled due to public health concerns)
- Invite elected officials and other local government staff to quarterly meetings with residents at the Community Office
- Continue to coordinate with the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance
- Continue to expand community partnerships (examples: Charleston County School District, Trident United Way, and Charleston Water System)

Do you know of any additional resources or strategies that can be utilized to increase resident engagement?

Outreach Update

ONGOING OUTREACH UPDATE

- Holiday postcard from the CAC to remind residents to provide comments on the Draft EJ Community Mitigation Plan and to complete survey was mailed out on 1/4/2021



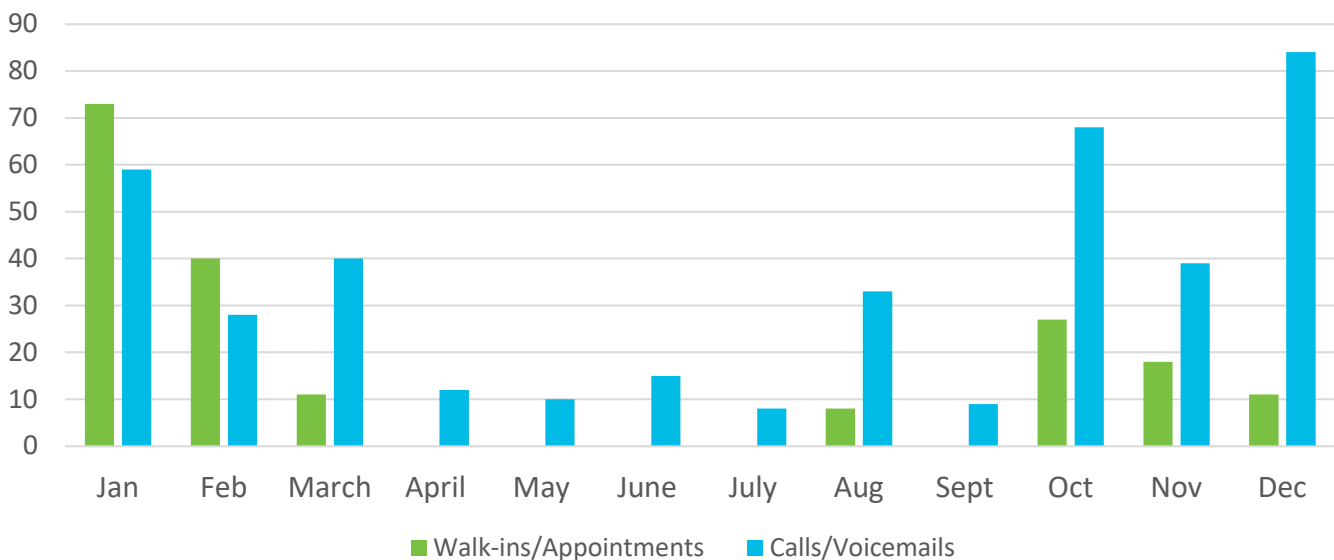
COMMUNITY OFFICE STATS

(December 2020)

- Visitors: 14
- Incoming Calls: 27
- Outgoing Calls: 55
- Voicemails: 5

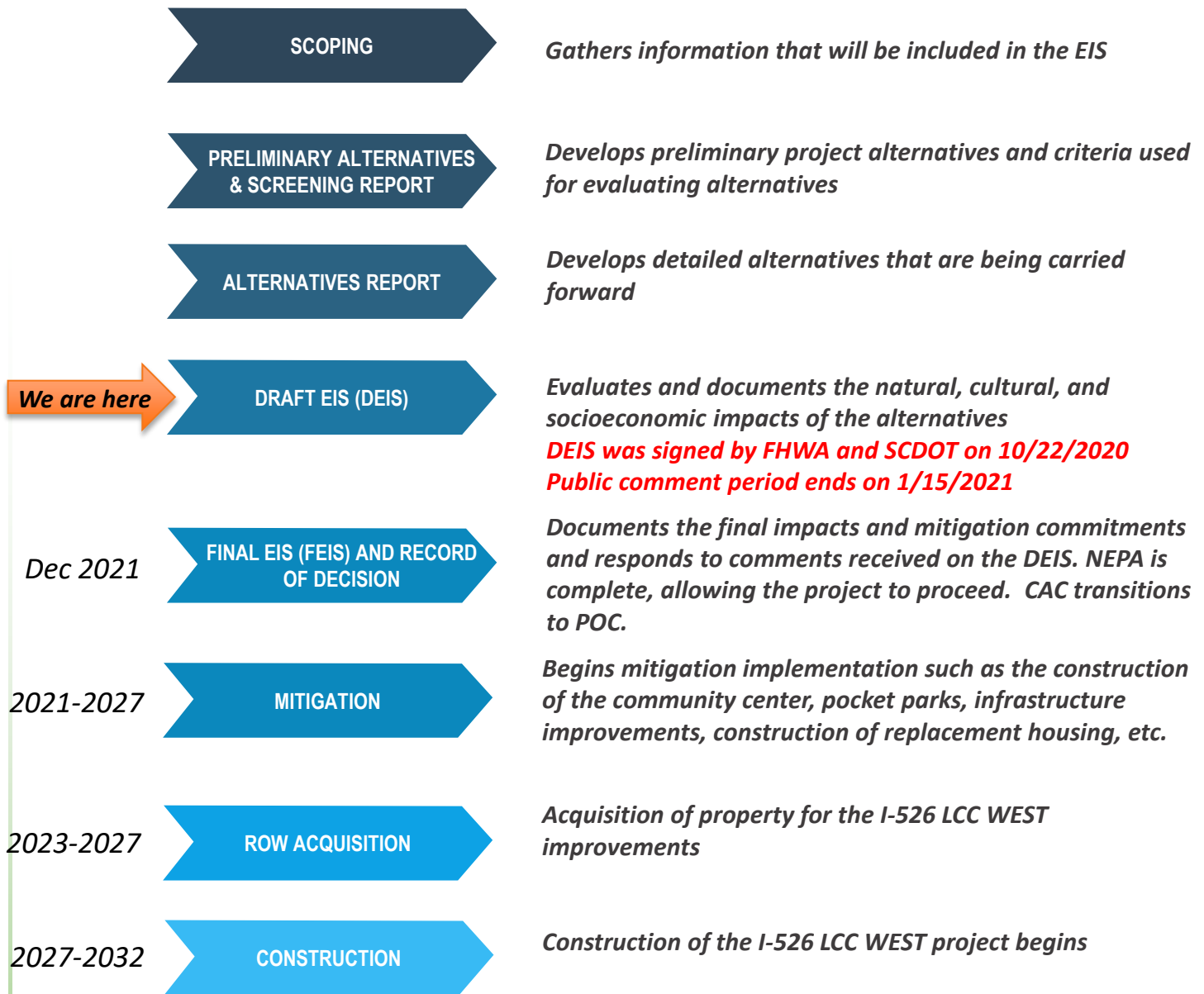
2020 Community Office Engagement

As of 12/28/20



*The Community Office was closed from March through September

Project Schedule / Milestone Review



Summary and Next Steps

- Action Items
- CAC Meeting #16 – February or March 2021, depending on the scheduled date for the CIEP Workshop