

Interstate 526 Lowcountry Corridor West Final Environmental Impact Statement, Record of Decision, and Final Section 4(f) Evaluation

**Paul Cantrell Boulevard to Virginia Avenue
Charleston County, South Carolina**



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The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) propose to upgrade the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor West (I-526 LCC WEST) corridor and reconstruct associated interchanges in Charleston County, South Carolina. The primary purpose of the proposed I-526 LCC WEST project is to increase capacity and improve operations at the I-26/I-526 interchange and along the I-526 mainline from Paul Cantrell Boulevard to Virginia Avenue. The Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) discusses the changes that have been made to the Recommended Preferred Alternative based on public and agency comments as well as further engineering refinements that have been made to the design of the Recommended Preferred Alternative after the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS). Based on these updates and after review of the potential impacts and mitigation measures, the Recommended Preferred Alternative detailed in the FEIS is selected as the Build Alternative for the project in the Record of Decision (ROD).

The Notice of Intent for this project predates the 2020 updates to the Council on Environmental Quality regulations that went into effect on September 14, 2020. Therefore; the project has been developed under the provisions of the regulations in place at the time of the Notice of Intent (NOI).

FHWA is issuing a single document that consists of the FEIS and ROD pursuant to Public Law 112-141, 126 Stat. 405, Section 1319(b). As a result, the 30-day waiting period between the FEIS and ROD, prescribed in 23 CFR 771.127(s), will not occur. FHWA intends to issue a Notice of Final Federal Agency Action on the ROD pursuant to 23 CFR 771.139 which notifies the public that one or more federal agencies have taken final action on permits, licenses, or approvals for this project.

The Final EIS and ROD are available on the project website: 526lowcountrycorridor.com/west/. For additional information, contact:

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