

# Proposed Mitigation Schedule



**Community History Preservation Study (2021 - 2027)**  
 The history and culture of the communities being impacted will be documented. The study will be available online and at the new, state-of-the-art community center.

*The study will be completed within 2 years of the Final Environmental Impact Statement/Record of Decision (FEIS/ROD).*

**Focused Community Outreach (2019 - 2039)**  
 The I-526 Lowcountry Corridor Community Office opened in 2019 and will operate through construction as a central place for all project-related and community resources. Free information sessions will also be held at this location. The Community Advisory Council will become a Project Oversight Committee (POC) with local community leaders. The POC will meet with residents to ensure that commitments made in the mitigation plan are completed during construction.

**Affordable Housing (2022 - 2028)**  
 Replacement affordable housing (multi- and single-family) will be built near the impacted communities. A First-Time Homebuyer Grant Program and counseling will be available to residents being displaced to assist them in securing residential loans and transitioning from renters to homeowners.

*This process may extend into construction. Relocated residents in the impacted communities will get first priority. Any remaining units will be open to other residents in the impacted communities.*

**Enhanced Right-of-Way Services (2023 - 2028)**  
 Special services will be available to residents who will be displaced to address right-of-way issues, including rental assistance and an acquisition fairness program.

**Education, Employment & Economic Opportunities (2023 - 2039)**  
 Pre-employment training, on-the-job training, educational & scholarship opportunities, and a Small Business Development Program will be offered. Paid transportation-focused internships and up to \$500,000 in scholarships will be awarded by SCDOT to students from the impacted communities.

**Community Infrastructure Improvements (2023 - 2039)**  
 Improvements to address bicycle and pedestrian safety, access to community centers, enhanced street aesthetics/lighting, community mitigation barriers, project-related stormwater improvements, pedestrian bridges, and traffic calming measures would be included as part of the project. A large, centrally-located community center complex and 2 smaller parks will be constructed within the affected neighborhoods to replace lost, smaller centers and parks.

**SCDOT will implement ALL community mitigation PRIOR to the interstate project construction, except for the mitigation barriers, railroad crossing upgrades and a pedestrian bridge which all require additional coordination.**