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SCDOT AND FHWA COORDINATION

Project coordination meetings were held monthly with SCDOT and FHWA during the development of the PEL study. In addition, formal coordination with FHWA occurred during four coordination points that served as check-in points to confirm progress to date, review any issues or concerns, and lay out next steps to achieve the next coordination point. The coordination points coincided with the following milestones:

- Coordination Point 1 – PEL Initiation (March 23, 2020)
- Coordination Point 2 – Purpose and Need Statement (February 18, 2021)
- Coordination Point 3 – Alternatives Screening (September 13, 2021)
- Coordination Point 4 – PEL Document

KEY STATE AND FEDERAL AGENCIES

The following state and federal agencies were invited to participate in the PEL process:

- South Carolina Department of Archives and History
- South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control
- South Carolina Department of Natural Resources
- National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, National Marine Fisheries Service
- United States Army Corps of Engineers
- United States Environmental Protection Agency
- United States Fish and Wildlife Service

These are critical agencies that were specifically engaged in the PEL process based upon the identified resources that are anticipated to be affected. A more expansive list will be developed as part of the NEPA Coordination Plan, which will also identify NEPA Participating and Cooperating agencies. The Public Involvement Plan for the project presents a more expansive list of stakeholders.

The state and federal agencies listed above were also invited to attend two agency coordination effort (ACE) meetings and all PEL public informational meetings. ACE meetings with these agencies were held to discuss specific subjects of interest, concerns, and recommendations at key milestones in the PEL process. Each agency will also receive a copy of the Final PEL study, with opportunity to review. This is the only planning product contemplated for submission to these agencies for review.

One federally recognized tribal nation, the Catawba Nation, is active in the PEL study area. Coordination with the Catawba Nation will include notification of and invitation to review the Final PEL study.

MPO COORDINATION

Coordination meetings were also held with the Berkeley-Charleston-Dorchester Council of Governments (BCDCOG), which serves as the Charleston Area Transportation Study (CHATS) Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). The CHATS MPO will receive a copy of the Draft PEL study, with opportunity to comment.

April 3, 2020

Dear Agency Representative:

Subject: Invitation to Participate on the Planning and Environmental Linkages Study for I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST, Berkeley and Charleston Counties

Dear Sir or Madam:

The South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT), in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), is evaluating existing and future transportation demands for the entire I-526 corridor from just south of Paul Cantrell Boulevard in West Ashley to just south of US 17 in Mount Pleasant. Named the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor (I-526 LCC), this effort is intended to improve the operational characteristics within the corridor for both local and through traffic. SCDOT has separated the I-526 LCC into two logical termini: the I-526 LCC EAST project and the I-526 LCC WEST project. The purpose of this letter is to initiate interagency coordination for the I-526 LCC EAST project.

The I-526 LCC EAST project is approximately ten miles long and extends from Virginia Avenue in North Charleston to US 17 in Mount Pleasant. SCDOT and FHWA have determined that a Planning and Environment Linkages (PEL) Study will be prepared for the I-526 LCC EAST project. A PEL study is a collaborative approach to decision-making used to identify transportation issues and environmental concerns. This integrated approach considers environmental, community, and economic goals early in the planning process and uses this information to streamline the transportation project development and environmental review process. The resulting information of a PEL study will be carried forward into the next phase of the project development process, the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process. More information on the PEL process can be found at https://www.environment.fhwa.dot.gov/env_initiatives/PEL.aspx

To encourage early, meaningful, and productive public and stakeholder engagement, SCDOT invites you to participate in the I-526 LCC EAST PEL study. During the course of the PEL study, agency coordination will occur through a series of Agency Coordination Effort (ACE) meetings. At the January 9, 2020 ACE meeting, we presented an overview of the PEL study process and provided a draft purpose and need statement for agency comment. Future ACE meetings will be held to review alternatives to be evaluated during the PEL study and the PEL document.



Following the January 9, 2020 ACE meeting, the draft purpose and need statement was revised as follows: *The purpose of the study is to improve travel time reliability and reduce congestion along I-526 from Virginia Avenue in North Charleston to US 17 in Mount Pleasant.*

Attached for your review is the project location map and an updated presentation from the January 9, 2020 ACE meeting which includes the updated purpose and need. We are also attaching some of the existing conditions boards developed for the first round of public meetings that have since been postponed.

Please provide your agency's comments on the draft purpose and need statement and any information your agency might have that would be helpful in evaluating potential environmental impacts of the project. If applicable, please identify any permits or approvals that may be required by your agency.

Please respond with written comments on the draft purpose and need and your willingness to participate on the project within 30 days of the receipt of this letter to:

Chad Long
South Carolina Department of Transportation
Director of Environmental Services
Post Office Box 191
Columbia, SC 29201
LongCC@scdot.org

SCDOT looks forward to your participation. Should you have any questions, please contact me at (803) 737-1396.

Sincerely,



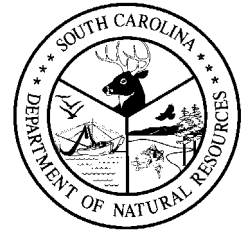
Chad C. Long
SCDOT Director of Environmental

ENC: January 9, 2020 ACE Meeting PPT
Traffic and Safety Boards from canceled March public meetings

CC: Chad Long, SCDOT
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April 15, 2020

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Re: Invitation to Participate on the Planning and Environmental Linkages Study for I-526 Lowcountry Corridor East, Berkeley and Charleston Counties

Dear Mr. Long:

The SCDNR understands that the South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT), in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), is evaluating existing and future transportation demands for the entire I-526 corridor from just south of Paul Cantrell Boulevard in West Ashley to just south of US 17 in Mount Pleasant and will be preparing a Planning and Environment Linkages (PEL) study to identify transportation issues and environmental concerns. decision-making used to identify transportation issues and environmental concerns.

The SCDNR also understands that during the course of the PEL study, agency coordination will occur through a series of Agency Coordination Effort (ACE) meetings and that our agency is invited to participate in these efforts. According to information presented at the January 9, 2020 ACE meeting, the draft purpose and need statement is as follows: The purpose of the study is to improve travel time reliability and reduce congestion along I-526 from Virginia Avenue in North Charleston to US 17 in Mount Pleasant. The SCDNR offers no specific comments or concerns regarding the draft purpose and need statement.

The SCDNR accepts the invitation to participate in the environmental review of this project and looks forward to working with the FHWA and SCDOT in the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process. Thank you for the opportunity to participate in the review of this project and provide comments. Please feel free to contact me as you deem necessary regarding this project. I can be reached by email at daviss@dnr.sc.gov or via phone at 843-953-9003.

Sincerely,

Susan F. Davis

Susan F. Davis
Coastal Environmental Coordinator
Office of Environmental Programs

cc: SCDOT, Chad Long, David Kelly & Will McGoldrick
FHWA, J. Shane Belcher



United States Department of the Interior



FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE
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April 9, 2019

Mr. Chad Long
Director of Environmental Services
South Carolina Department of Transportation
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Columbia, South Carolina 29202-0191

Re: SCDOT Project, I-526 East Lowcountry Corridor Improvements, Charleston County, SC
FWS Log No. 2020-CPA-0025

Dear Mr. Long:

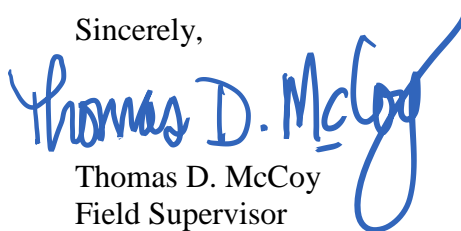
The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) is submitting this letter upon request from the South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) office in Columbia, South Carolina. In cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), SCDOT has initiated a Planning and Environment Linkages Study (PEL) and is seeking early engagement and comments from resource agencies regarding the I-526 East Lowcountry corridor project. Information gathered during the PEL study will be integrated into the National Environmental Policy Act process. Briefly, the project is to widen I-526 from its interchange at Virginia Avenue in North Charleston to US Hwy 17 in Mt. Pleasant. The SCDOT and FHWA have also requested agency comments on the draft Purpose and Need which is to “improve travel time reliability and reduce congestion” along the corridor.

As a resource agency, the Service is primarily focused on conservation of the Nation’s natural resources including species that are protected under the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA). Therefore, we rely upon the expertise of transportation agencies to recognize the infrastructure’s deficiencies and develop appropriate measures to resolve challenges. We do however appreciate the opportunity to provide input on this matter. Upon review of the information provided the Service agrees that the draft Purpose and Need is appropriate for the I-526 East project.

If the I-526 East proceeds with the FHWA as a partner consultation under section 7 of the ESA will be required. Once a preferred alternative is selected, it would be necessary for SCDOT to survey the selected corridor for the presence of species protected under the ESA. The Service recommends that survey efforts also include at-risk species. Salt marsh wetlands are predominant along the I-526 East corridor and may be significantly impacted by any selected alternative. We recommend that all efforts be taken during the planning stages to consider and design alternatives that avoid impacts to salt marsh resources. The PEL study must also consider potential impacts to migratory birds. Flight patterns, foraging, and nesting of migratory birds may be adversely affected by the corridor improvements, particularly during construction phases of the project.

The Service appreciates the opportunity to provide input at this early stage of the project's development. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Mark Caldwell at (843) 300-0426, or by email: mark_caldwell@fws.gov, and reference FWS Log No. 2020-CPA-0025.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Thomas D. McCoy". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping flourish at the end of the name.

Thomas D. McCoy
Field Supervisor

TDM/MAC

From: [Hadley, Karen L.](#)
To: [Goodin, Krista R.](#)
Cc: [Lester, Mark C.](#); [Belvin, Michael L.](#)
Subject: FW: 526 East Planning and Environmental Linkages Study
Date: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 2:11:37 PM

FYI... Another response...

From: Long, Chad C. <LongCC@scdot.org>
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 10:25 AM
To: Cynthia Cooksey - NOAA Federal <cynthia.cooksey@noaa.gov>
Cc: Hadley, Karen L. <hadleykl@cdmsmith.com>; Belvin, Michael L. <belvinml@cdmsmith.com>
Subject: Re: 526 East Planning and Environmental Linkages Study

Hi Cindy,

Yes, we would invite NMFS to become a participating agency once we initiate the NEPA process. There is currently no funding for RW or Construction so that is likely years from now.

Thanks for the response. Look forward to working with you on this project!

Chad

On May 19, 2020, at 11:29 AM, Cynthia Cooksey - NOAA Federal <cynthia.cooksey@noaa.gov> wrote:

***** This is an EXTERNAL email. Please do not click on a link or open any attachments unless you are confident it is from a trusted source. *****

Hi Chad,

Sorry we did not get back to you sooner. We do want to participate in the I-526 LCC EAST PEL study. I do have one question, do you anticipate inviting NMFS to also be a participating or cooperating agency later in the process?

Regards,
Cindy

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On Fri, Apr 3, 2020 at 1:27 PM Long, Chad C. <LongCC@scdot.org> wrote:

Good afternoon,

Please see attached agency invitation letter for the Interstate 526 East Planning and Environmental Linkages Study. A copy of an updated ACE meeting presentation is also included for your review (traffic boards were updated).

Additional information about the project can be found on the Lowcountry Corridor website: <https://www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east/>

Let me know if you have any questions.

Regards,

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Safety 1st – Live By It!
Let 'em Work, Let 'em Live!

January 9th, 2020 ACE Meeting Notes

In attendance – (sign-in sheet attached)

Siobhan Gordon – SCDOT	Chad Long – SCDOT	David Kelly – SCDOT
Will McGoldrick – SCDOT	Joy Riley – SCDOT	Shane Belcher – FHWA
Steve Brumagin -- USACE	Christopher Mims – USACE	Joe Wilkinson – SCDAH-SHPO
Mark Lester – CDM Smith	Karen Hadley – CDM Smith	Michael Belvin – CDM Smith

Phone

Stacie Crow – SCDNR	Alya Singh-White - EPA
Susan Davis – SCDNR	Josh Hoke – OCRM
Cindy Cooksey – NOAA	Chris Stout – OCRM
Blair Williams – SCDHEC OCRM	Henry Phillips – SCDOT ENV

I-526 East Lowcountry Corridor

Chad Long - SCDOT

- First formal Planning and Environmental Linkage (PEL) study for SCDOT. Comments will make a huge difference at this stage. Consultant – CDM Smith will be handling the process. Karen Hadley has experience with PEL projects in Colorado.

Mark Lester – PM for CDM Smith

- Project Overview of the ongoing Lowcountry WEST corridor. Study limits extended to the Cooper River. Currently in the NEPA phase – reasonable alternatives presented to the public during multiple meetings in November of last year. Preferred alternative will be determined later this year.
- Project Overview Lowcountry EAST corridor – picks up where WEST stops and continues to US 17 in Mt. Pleasant. Use the PEL phase to narrow the range of alternatives to streamline the NEPA process. Currently developing the P&N and would like agency input. PEL process will last approximately 2 years ending with a path forward (road map) for the project. 10 miles in length with 5 miles elevated and 5 interchanges. Project is focused on mainline, but will assess if the ramps need additional capacity and ramps may need reconstruction depending on what improvements are necessary for the mainline.

Karen Hadley – CDM Smith

- What is a PEL study? Linking planning and ENV studies together. Identify transportation issues, priorities and environmental concerns. Gather details to use information in further studies. Streamline the NEPA process.

- Benefits – collaborative approach involves agencies early, reduces delays in implementation, identify key resources, promotes ENV stewardship. Can identify areas that can be constructed in a phased approach or one large project.
- Process – (send link to everyone online) Since the process will be rolled into NEPA there is a legal process. Requires 4 meetings with FHWA.
- P&N – Draft – to increase capacity and reduce congestion. Need – roadway deficiency and mobility.
- Project Goals – provide guidance to develop alternatives. Coordinate with local plans and project. Improve road infrastructure to accommodate increased traffic. Enhance mobility of people and goods. Improve modal interrelationships with ports and transit. Improve accessibility of the Cooper River upstream of the Don Hold Bridge. Improve Seismic resiliency.

Karen –

- Three components – Road, Bridge and Interchanges
 - Roadway Improvement needs – insufficient capacity, deficiencies in median widths....
 - Bridge Improvement needs – Cooper River - insufficient capacity, ...
 - Wando Bridge – insufficient capacity, ...
 - Grade separated bridges (4) – insufficient capacity, ...
 - Marsh Bridges (6) – insufficient capacity, ...
 - Interchange Improvement Needs (5) – insufficient ramp capacity
- Any reasonable alternatives identified will need to be analyzed during the NEPA stage.
- Lowcountry corridor website ties the EAST and WEST project together
- Public involvement – want to make it clear that there are separate projects going on – EAST, WEST and Extension. Plan to have a public meeting in Spring 2020.

Discussion:

Cindy (NOAA) – asked for more information regarding the goal of improving accessibility of the Cooper River.

Karen and Mark – Cooper and Don Holt bridges have not been hit, but there are monitors that have been struck. Need to know the future of the terminal to see if there are navigational concerns that we are not currently aware of. Improvements to the large bridges will be very costly – can they be widened? Would it be less expensive to build a new structure?

Joy – there are a lot of decisions that need to be made during the planning stage because of the complexity of the project and the bridges. Public outreach office will also be used for this project once we get to the first public information meeting (PIM).

Chad – CDM Smith has been performing technical studies for a while now – wetlands, traffic, etc.

Mark – all wetlands are delineated, traffic data collected and is being evaluated. Bridge studies are about 90% complete - Some of the decisions made for the bridges will have a significant impact on the rest of the project.

Chad – planned agency coordination – would like to send an official letter notifying of the PEL study and requesting comments on the P&N. How do project goals fit into decisions that the agencies make? Can we rely on goals as part of the decision making process?

Christopher (USACE) – With regards to the accessibility of the upstream Cooper. If the current bridges aren't going to work, then the P&N can be revised to include navigation improvements.

Joy – The two large bridges are \$1.5 billion bridges. They are not really set up to be easily widened. Retrofitting would not improve the seismic resiliency of the original structure – would be damaging to the state if these were to be damaged by an earthquake. Studies will likely push us towards supplemental bridges and/or constructing new bridges. If there were an earthquake, seismic retrofit will likely keep existing users from being killed, but the bridge would not be guaranteed safe for future traffic.

Mark – Unlikely we can bring existing bridges to the current standard. Reached out to other states with similar seismic standards – have gotten many different responses.

Christopher (USACE) – P&N would still work with the discussion above consider these factors.

Shane (FHWA) – Clarified the distinction between the P&N and supporting goals. Is the goal a driver of the project? If so, then it needs to be part the P&N. Preferred alternative can meet the primary purpose and none of the goals. If seismic is required then it should be part of the P&N.

Joy – Seismic is not required when widening, but we want to look at the bridges from a cost benefit standpoint.

Shane (FHWA) – If the PEL shows that the bridges have to be replaced, then the seismic would probably then become a driver of the project. Goals allow the P&N statement to stay simplified.

Joy – interstate route is a critical roadway. Seismic concerns complicate maintaining the mobility. A lot congestion issues are due to the high truck volume in this area (port mobility).

Steve (USACE) – Sees the PEL as a starting point and we can look at the benefits and deficiencies during the NEPA stage. Appears to be a great process.

Shane (FHWA) – PEL purpose is to streamline the NEPA process. Includes more than just a feasibility study. Formalizes coordination points which allows you to take credit of the PEL work during the NEPA phase. If P&N changes then it will need to be re-evaluated at NEPA, but if not then it's already been addressed.

Chad – Formal concurrence points required with FHWA, but not with other agencies. But we do WANT agency input during this process. Address agency questions now and then the P&N will be more solid once the NEPA stage starts.

Shane (FHWA) – Formal consultation points for the agencies, but not concurrence.

Steve (USACE) – it will be helpful to go ahead and include the 404 and Section 10 information at this stage, so it's included in the alternatives analysis.

Chad – would like to be flexible as we move through the process and can hold multiple meetings with the ACE group if needed.

Cindy (NOAA) – Making sure that we are aware that increasing the bridge height will increase the size and number of vessels that can move upstream. Would need to include a detailed analysis of the indirect and cumulative impacts to EFH and sturgeon habitats.

Susan (SCDNR) – No comments on the process at this point.

Blair (OCRM) – No questions on the process at this time.

Chris (CZC) – No comments at this time.

Alya (EPA) – No comments at this time.

Chad – need to reach out to Coast Guard (not on the phone)

Joe (SHPO) – No comments at this time. Would need to see proposed footprint before knowing what kind of impact there would be.

PROJECT SUMMARY

The South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT), in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), is evaluating the existing and future demands for the I-526 corridor from Paul Cantrell Boulevard in West Ashley to US Highway 17 (US 17) in Mount Pleasant. Two separate projects have been identified within the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor. The I-526 Lowcountry Corridor WEST (I-526 LCC WEST) project extends on I-526 from Paul Cantrell Boulevard to Virginia Avenue in North Charleston. This project, I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST (I-526 LCC EAST), extends from the eastern terminus of the I-526 LCC WEST project (Virginia Avenue) to US 17 in Mount Pleasant.

The I-526 LCC EAST project would address current and projected congestion and operational issues along this 9.9 mile segment of I-526. The project consists of two major river crossings that include the Don Holt Bridge (over the Cooper River) and the James B. Edwards Bridge (over the Wando River). The proposed study area is preliminary and may expand to include additional areas for staging, widening on the outside of the roadway, and/or new structures.



WHAT IS THE PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT LINKAGES?

The Planning and Environment Linkages (PEL) program was developed by FHWA to assist the transportation decisionmakers by encouraging the incorporation of key elements that include environmental resources, community, and economic goals early in project planning and development phases. FHWA states that “Decisionmakers can then use and rely on planning analysis, studies, decisions, or other information developed in planning process for the project development and environmental review processes of transportation projects.”

WHY A PEL?

Linking planning and NEPA is an integral part of the PEL process. A PEL study can lead to a seamless decision-making process that accomplishes the following:

- Minimizes duplication of effort
- Promotes efficient and cost-effective solutions and environmental stewardship
- Reduces delays in project implementation

SCHEDULE

It is not intended as a substitute for the NEPA process but as a way to streamline the NEPA process and focus project development.

Study recommendations will include early action improvements that may identify phasing program options for the implementation of recommended actions.

Major components of the PEL process includes:

- Identifying transportation needs
- Identifying and engaging stakeholders throughout the community
- Defining roles and responsibilities
- Developing purpose and need, goals, and performance measures
- Developing, evaluating, and screening conceptual alternatives
- Identifying planning-level environmental impacts and potential mitigation options
- Documenting the evaluation process
- Documenting and finalizing the PEL study

The PEL study will be prepared to meet the thresholds identified in FHWA *Planning and Environment Linkages Questionnaire* to 23 CFR 450, specifically 23 CFR § 450.212(b) and 450.318(b), so that it can be used to inform the NEPA process.

In order to meet these requirements, the PEL study shall be NEPA-like and will include the following thresholds:

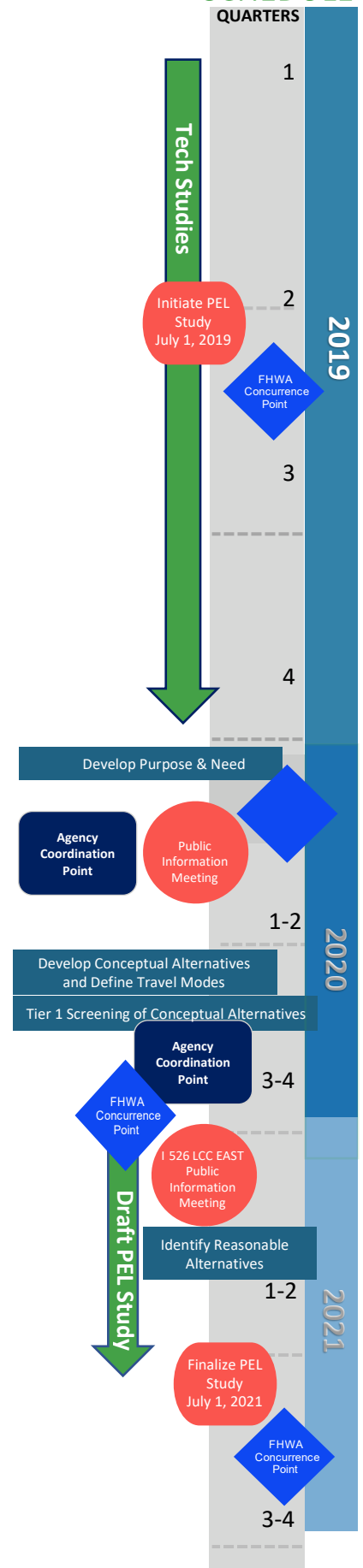
- Coordination with local, state, tribal, and federal agencies
- Public input and review of the PEL study, including opportunity for public/agency involvement in decision-making
- Document decisions in technical memorandum format including specific information such as dates, interested parties, decisions made, distribution list, etc.
- Adherence to and completion of the FHWA *Planning and Environment Linkages Questionnaire* that shall be included in the PEL study

WHAT IS THE PROJECT PURPOSE?

The main purpose of the project is to increase capacity and reduce congestion along I-526 from Virginia Avenue in North Charleston to US 17 in Mount Pleasant. However, one of the objectives of the PEL is to receive input from the public, stakeholders, and federal and state agencies to determine the goals of the project and overall purpose and need.

The goals of the project could include:

- Coordinate with local plans
- Improve roadway infrastructure to accommodate increased traffic volumes
- Enhance mobility for people and goods through the corridor
- Improve modal interrelationships with area ports and transit
- Improve seismic resiliency





526 EAST
LOWCOUNTRY
CORRIDOR

The logo features a shield-shaped emblem on the left containing a stylized road with a dashed center line. To the right of the shield is the number '526' in a large, bold, black font. The word 'EAST' is written in white inside a green arrow pointing to the right, which is positioned behind the number '6'. Below this, the words 'LOWCOUNTRY' and 'CORRIDOR' are stacked in a bold, sans-serif font, with 'LOWCOUNTRY' in green and 'CORRIDOR' in black.

Agency Coordination Effort Meeting #1
January 9, 2020

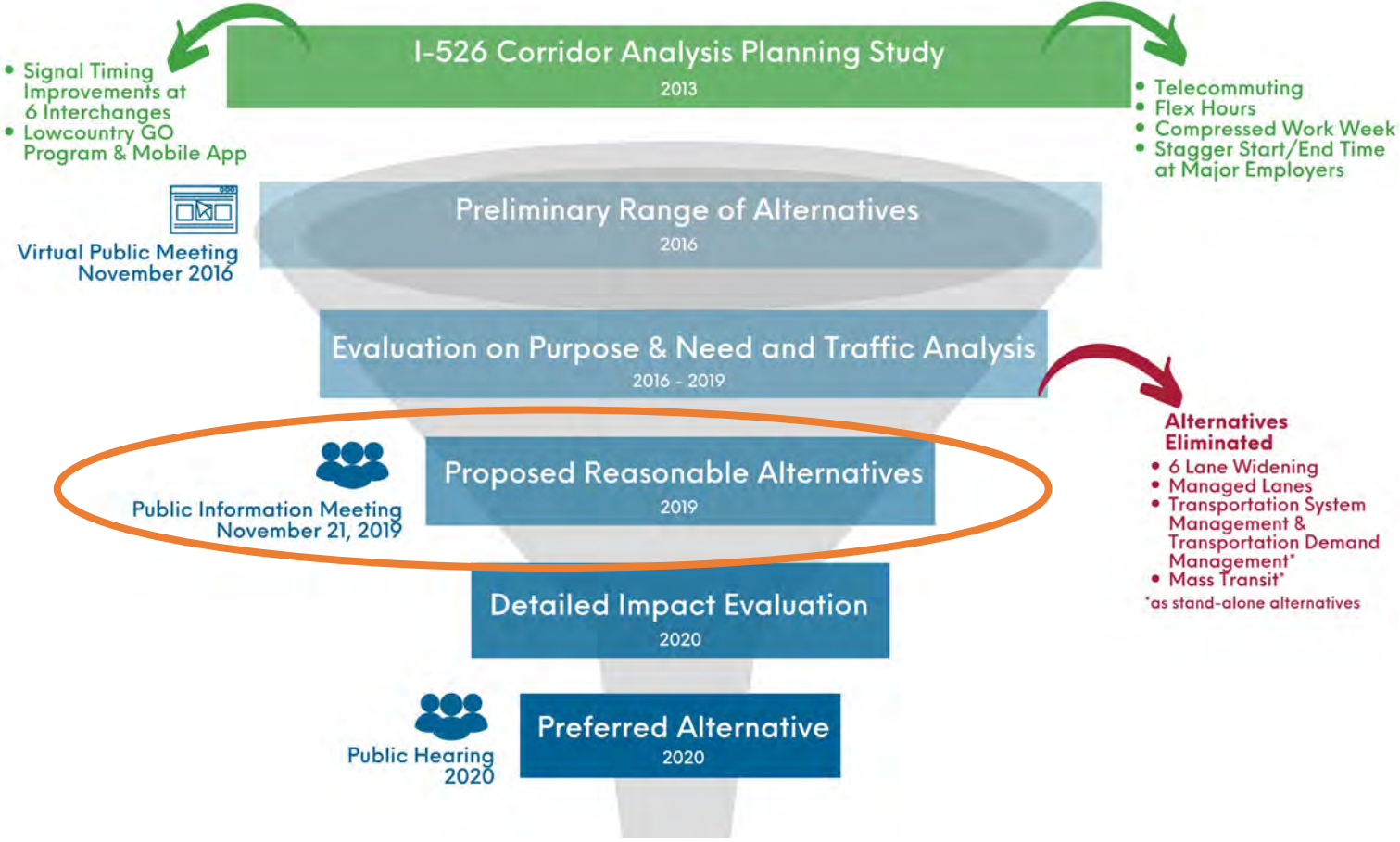
Agenda

- Introductions
- Project Overview (WEST/EAST)
- I-526 LCC EAST Study Area
- What is a Planning and Environment Linkages (PEL) Study?
- Why is SCDOT Completing a PEL Study on I-526 LCC EAST?
- Draft Purpose and Need Discussion
- Schedule
- Next Steps

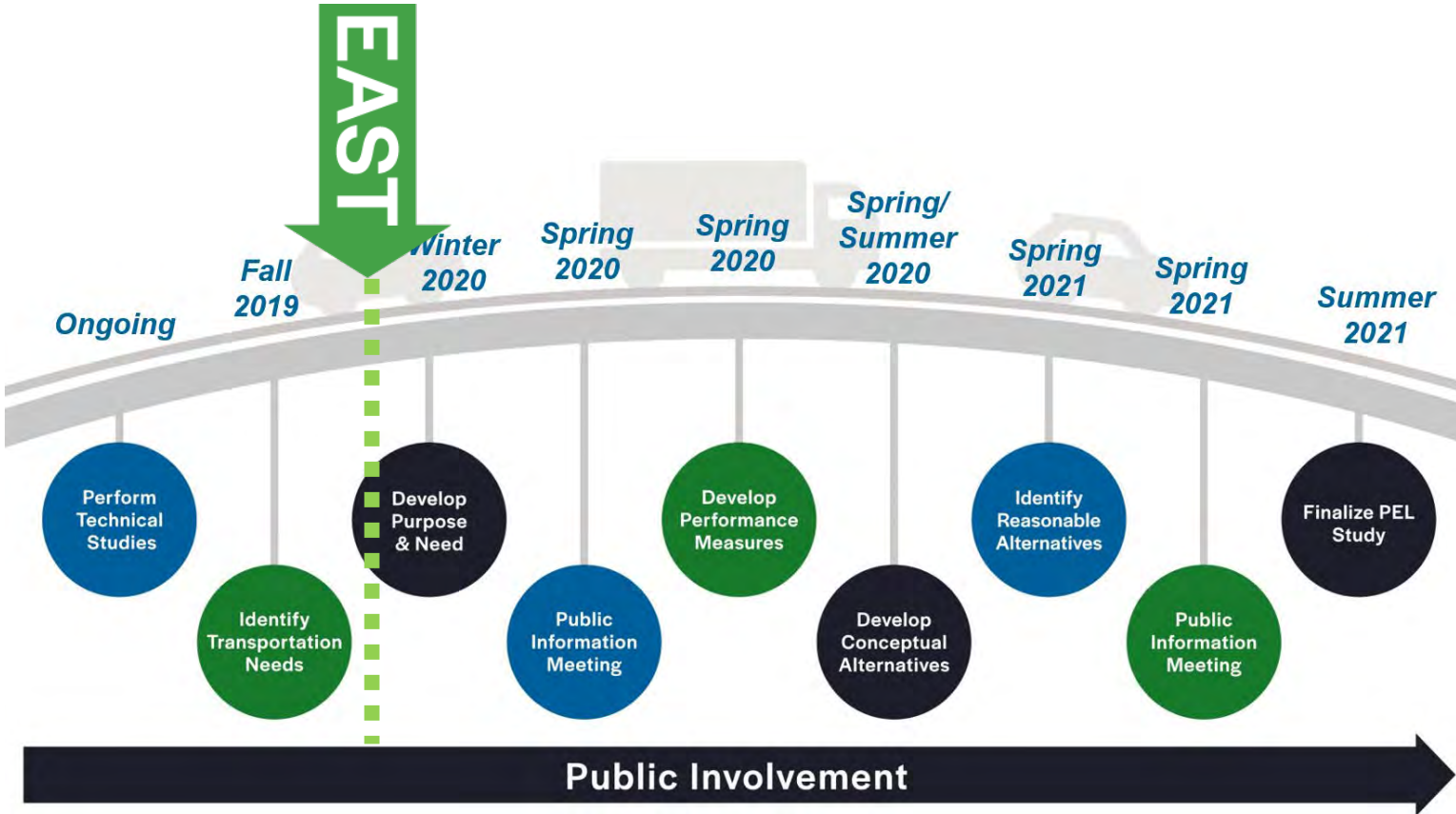
Introductions

- Joy Riley, PE, SCDOT Project Manager
- Chad Long, SCDOT
- Mark Lester, PE, CDM Smith Project Manager
- Michael Belvin, CDM Smith

Project Overview – WEST



Project Overview – EAST





Study Area

I-526 LCC EAST Study Area

- I-526 from Virginia Avenue to US 17
- 10 miles total
- 5 miles elevated structure
- 2 major bridges
 - Don Holt Bridge over Cooper River
 - Wando River Bridges over Wando River navigational channel
- 5 interchanges





What is a PEL Study?

What is a PEL Study?

Planning & Environment Linkages Study

- Tool for creating efficiency in transportation project development
- Collaborative and integrated approach to decision-making
- Considers environment, community, and economy
- Assists with project delivery
- Gives flexibility to agencies

Benefits of the PEL Study

- Combines planning, engineering, and NEPA
- Minimizes duplication
- Promotes environmental stewardship
- Encourages early, meaningful, and productive public engagement
- Reduces delays in implementation
- Uses decisions and analysis to inform NEPA

PEL Study Process

- Identify transportation needs
- Develop purpose and need
- Develop performance measures
- Develop/screen conceptual alternatives
- Identify reasonable alternatives
- Public information meeting(s)
- Draft/Final PEL Study



Purpose and Need

Project Purpose

*The purpose of the project is to **increase capacity and reduce congestion** along I-526 from Virginia Avenue in North Charleston to US 17 in Mount Pleasant.*



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Need for Project

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Roadway Deficiency:

Over capacity facilities, inadequate shoulder widths, inadequate acceleration/deceleration ramp lengths, and loop ramp radii deficiencies

Mobility:

Traffic congestion along the corridor resulting from high traffic volumes and incidents

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Project Goals

FHWA's Planning and Environment Linkages Questionnaire states: "Provide the purpose and need statement, or the corridor vision and transportation goals and objectives to realize that vision."

- Goals are not project needs or project purpose
- Goals provide guidance for alternatives development and evaluation

Ex: "Maximize the use of existing infrastructure" or "Avoid and minimize impacts to environmental and cultural resources"

Project Goals

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- Coordinate with local plans and project
- Improve roadway infrastructure to accommodate increased traffic volumes
- Enhance mobility for people and goods through the corridor
- Improve modal interrelationships with area ports and transit
- Improve accessibility of the Cooper River upstream of the Don Holt Bridge
- Improve seismic resiliency

Project Goals

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The main purpose of the project is to increase capacity and reduce congestion along I-526 from Virginia Avenue in North Charleston to US 17 in Mount Pleasant.



Other goals of this project could include:

Improve Roadway Deficiency

Inadequate shoulder widths, inadequate acceleration /deceleration ramp lengths, loop ramp radii deficiencies



Enhance Mobility

How well can you move people through? Truck only lane, HOV/HOT lanes



Modal Interrelationships

Serve to complement airports, ports, rail, commuter transit



- Insufficient capacity
- Deficiencies in median width/inside shoulder width
- Deficiencies in vertical alignment at Cooper and Wando Rivers
– insufficient length of vertical curve
- Deficiencies in vertical clearance at structure over roadways

Cooper River Bridge – Built 1989

- Existing Conditions
 - Twin parallel structures, 88 ft. wide, 2 miles long
 - 155 ft. vertical clearance
 - Designed/constructed for 2 lanes (each direction)
- Needs
 - Insufficient capacity
 - Requires seismic retrofit
 - Inadequate shoulders
 - Insufficient vertical clearance
 - Unplanned maintenance



Wando River Bridges – Built 1989

- Existing Conditions
 - Twin parallel structures, 44 ft. wide per bridge, 1.5 miles long
 - 138 ft. vertical clearance
 - Designed/constructed for 2 lanes (each direction)
- Needs
 - Insufficient capacity
 - Inadequate shoulders
 - Insufficient seismic design



Bridge Improvement Needs

2

I-526 Grade Separation Bridges

- Over Wakendaw Road (C-4436)
- Over Mathis Ferry Road (S-56)
- Over US 17/701
- Over Long Point Road (S-97)

Needs: Insufficient capacity, inadequate shoulders, and insufficient seismic design



Bridge Improvement Needs

2

I-526 Marsh Bridges

- Over Tidal Creek near Clements Ferry Road Interchange
- Over Beresford Creek
- Over Tributary to Beresford Creek
- Over Tidal Creek between Wando River & Long Point Road
- Over Tributary to Hobcaw Creek
- Over Hobcaw Creek

Needs: Insufficient capacity and inadequate shoulders



Five Interchanges

- I-526/Virginia Avenue
- I-526/Clements Ferry Road
- I-526/River Landing Drive/Seven Farms Drive
- I-526/Long Point Road
- I-526/US 17

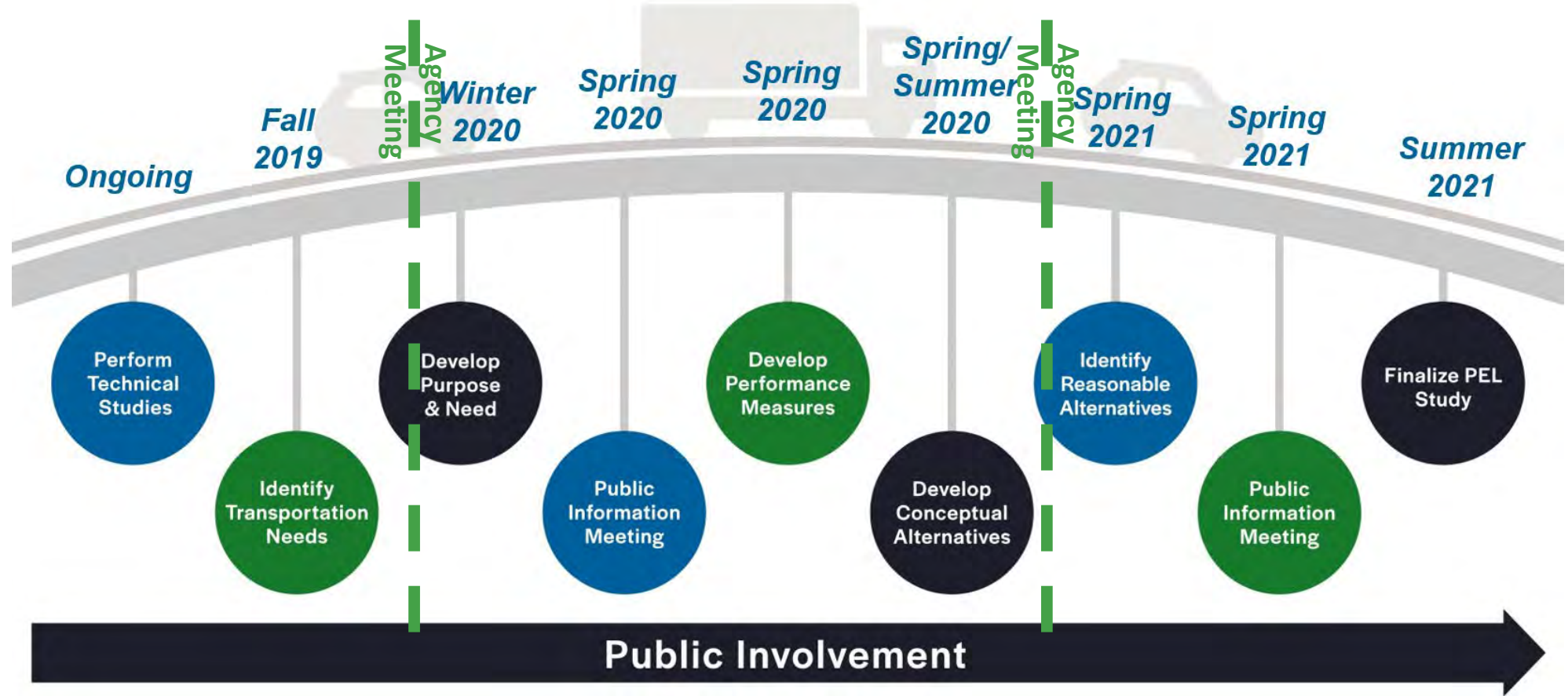
Needs: Insufficient ramp capacity and geometric deficiencies



Schedule



Schedule



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ACE MEETING SUMMARY | 7/08/21

MEETING INFORMATION

SCDOT Environmental ACE Meeting (Microsoft Teams)
10:00 am Thursday, July 8th, 2021

MEETING ATTENDEES

NAME	ORGANIZATION
Will McGoldrick	SCDOT
Chad Long	SCDOT
Shane Belcher	FHWA
James Martin	FHWA
Mark Caldwell	USFWS
Jeremy Kinney	USACE
Amanda Heath	USACE
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Joshua Hoke	OCRM
Kelly Laycock	USEPA
Mark Lester	CDM Smith
Jenny Humphreys	CDM Smith
Krista Goodwin	CDM Smith
Michael Belvin	CDM Smith
Giovanni Cosentino	CDM Smith

MEETING AGENDA

- Introductions
- Review PEL Study Area and PEL Milestones
- Review Purpose and Need
- Overview of Concepts Development
- Overview of Alternatives Analysis Process
- Next Steps

Will McGoldrick provided roll call of the attendees and introduced Mark Lester with CDM Smith as the project manager for the I-526 EAST Team.

Mark Lester introduced the project team and presented on the overall project, Purpose and Need, development of concepts and the alternative analysis. Mark provided the next steps and major milestones to be completed in the coming months. A copy of the presentation is attached as information.

DISCUSSION

SCDOT-Provided brief summary stating that the 526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST project is currently in the PEL process and while the project will eventually enter into the NEPA process, feedback from this group during this stage will greatly benefit the project. Asked for agency comments, feedback, or questions.

USFWS- Noted the black rail, gopher frog, and tri-colored bat. There is existing development along the corridor and after reviewing the database there are no threatened and endangered species of concern at this time. The following link is provided for reference <https://www.fws.gov/southeast/pdf/fact-sheet/south-carolina-species-list-by-county.pdf>

SCDOT-Noted that the previous administration did not focus on areas such as climate change and sustainability. However, the new administration will be placing more emphasis on these areas going forward. Questioned whether the project team addressed these topics in their study.

CDM – Noted that the project team has not specifically looked at climate change as part of the alternative analysis but would be looking to FHWA for guidance as the project further develops. Also stated that the project team is starting to look at climate change and sustainability from a holistic perspective and asked that if there is any additional guidance on these areas that it be shared with the group.

FHWA-Indicated the final report will need to have a general analysis with regards to Environmental Justice (EJ). At a minimum if there could be impacts. A more in-depth evaluation will be done once the project transitions into NEPA. Also noted the highway bill is up for re-authorization and may contain additional guidance on topics such as environmental justice, climate change, and sustainability. These guidelines may include potential bridge heights to account for future climatic conditions.

USACE-Inquired if the project team worked with the US Coast Guard to discuss bridge work along the corridor.

CDM -A navigation study has not been completed yet but will be part of the NEPA process. However, vessel usage along these waterways has been captured and is in the bridge reports. Based on the results of the bridge report, there is no need to replace the Wando bridge at its current height and would recommend lowering the bridge.

CDM/SCDOT/FHWA-This is the first presentation of the project with this level of detail as it relates to the alternatives analysis. These preliminary results will not be shared with the public until October. Agencies asked to not share this information outside their agency until after public has an opportunity to see and comment on the material.

SCDOT-Please send any additional comments or questions to Will McGoldrick and/or Shane Belcher (FHWA).

ACTION ITEMS

- Protected species were evaluated during the environmental review for the study area and is documented in a technical memorandum. A brief summary will be included in the PEL study report. In addition, the project team will include a discussion of resources that need further evaluation during a future NEPA phase in the PEL study report.
- FHWA to coordinate with CDM Smith on updated requirements within the new infrastructure bill, if needed.
- EJ communities were evaluated using U.S. Census data during the environmental review for the study area and is documented in a technical memorandum. A brief summary will be included in the PEL study report.

ATTACHMENTS

- July 8, 2021 ACE Meeting Project Factsheet
- July 8, 2021 ACE Meeting PowerPoint



526 EAST
**LOWCOUNTRY
CORRIDOR**

*I-526 LCC EAST Status Update
Agency Coordination Meeting #2
July 8, 2021*

Meeting Objectives

1. Introductions
2. Review PEL Study Area and PEL Milestones
3. Review Purpose and Need
4. Overview of Concepts Development
5. Overview of Alternatives Analysis Process
6. Next Steps

Introductions

- Mark Lester, PE, CDM Smith Project Manager
- Jenny Humphreys, AICP
- Krista Goodin, AICP
- Michael Belvin
- Gio Cosentino



Review Study Area and PEL Study Milestones


I-526 LCC EAST Study Area

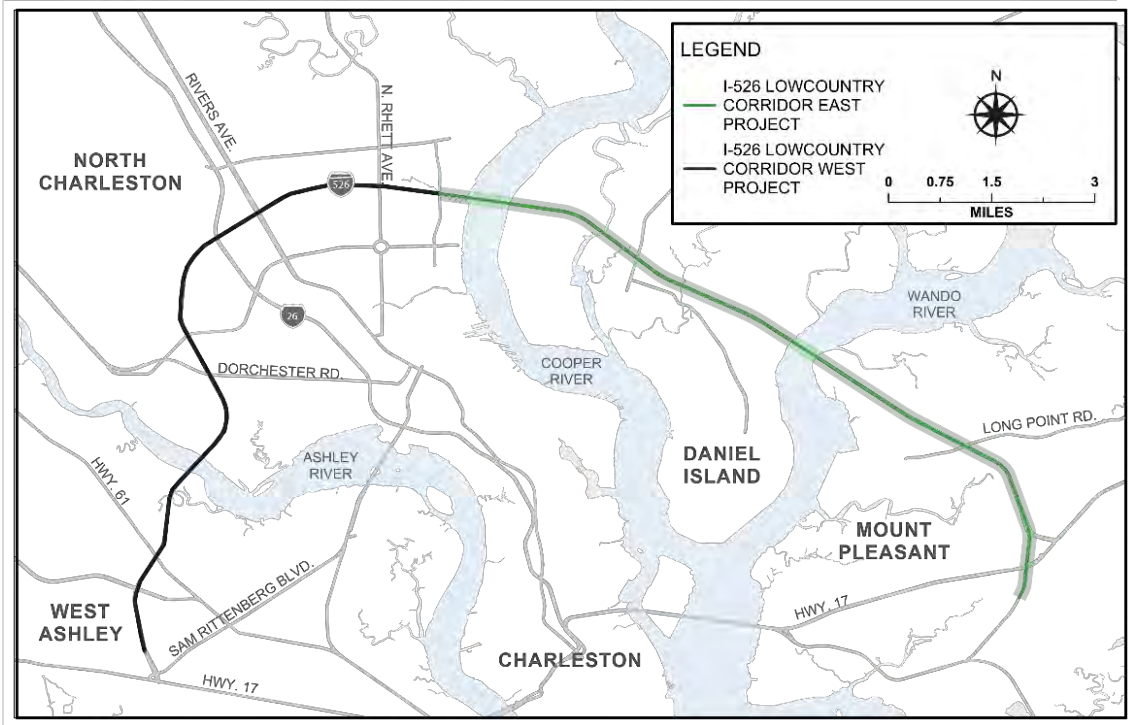
Virginia Avenue to US 17

10 
total miles

5 
miles elevated structure

5 
interchanges

2 
major bridges over navigational channels
–Don Holt Bridge & Wando River Bridges



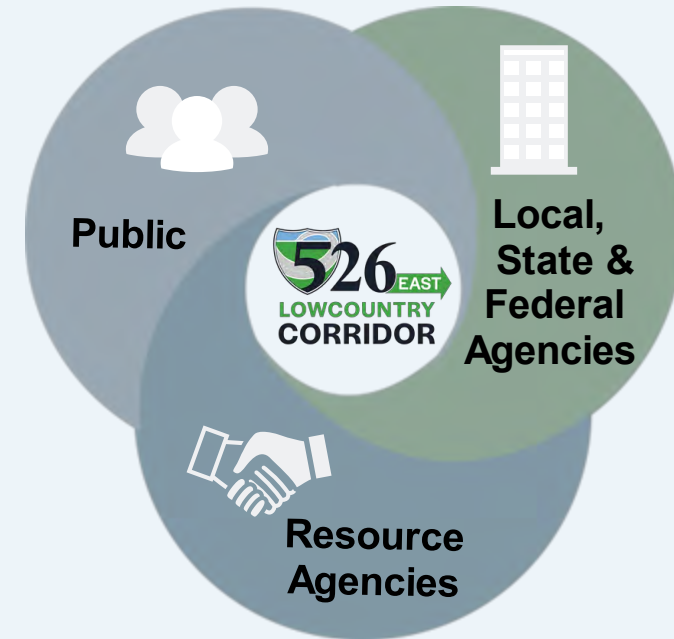
What is a PEL?

- 1 Tool for **creating efficiency** in transportation development
- 2 Considers **environment, community & economy**
- 3 **Collaborative & integrated** approach to decision-making

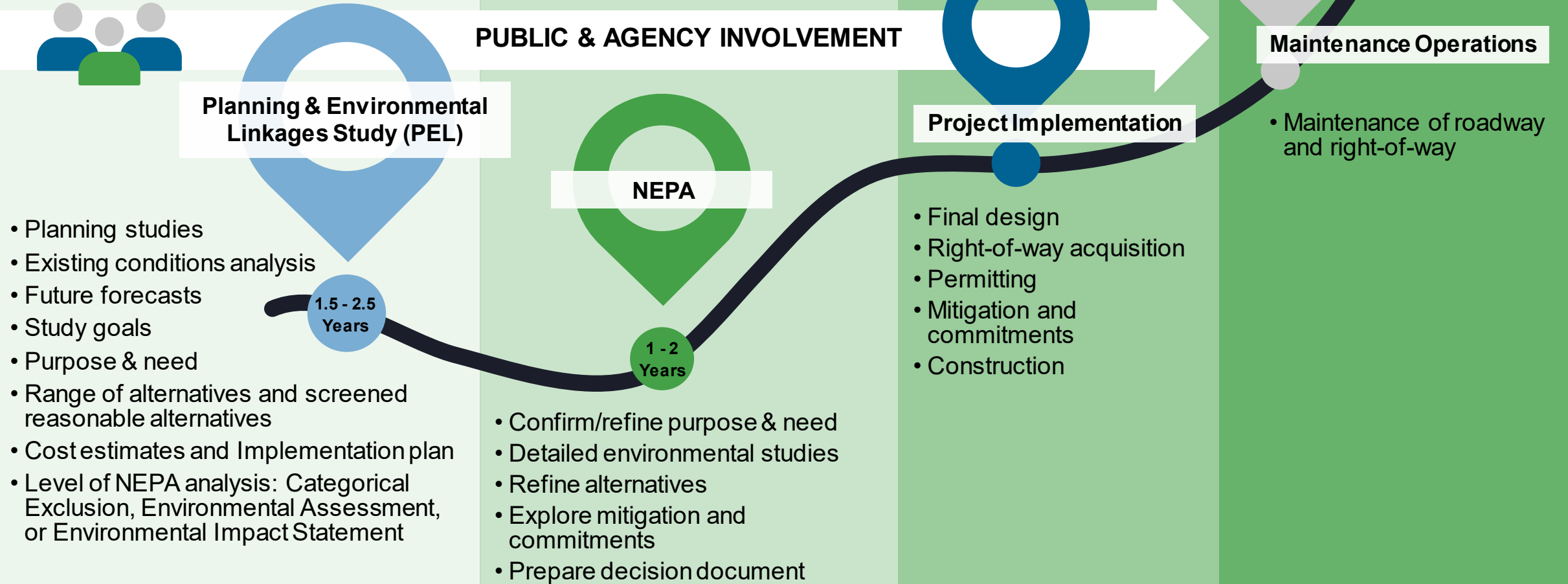
What are the Benefits of including a PEL Study in the project development process?



Who Participates?

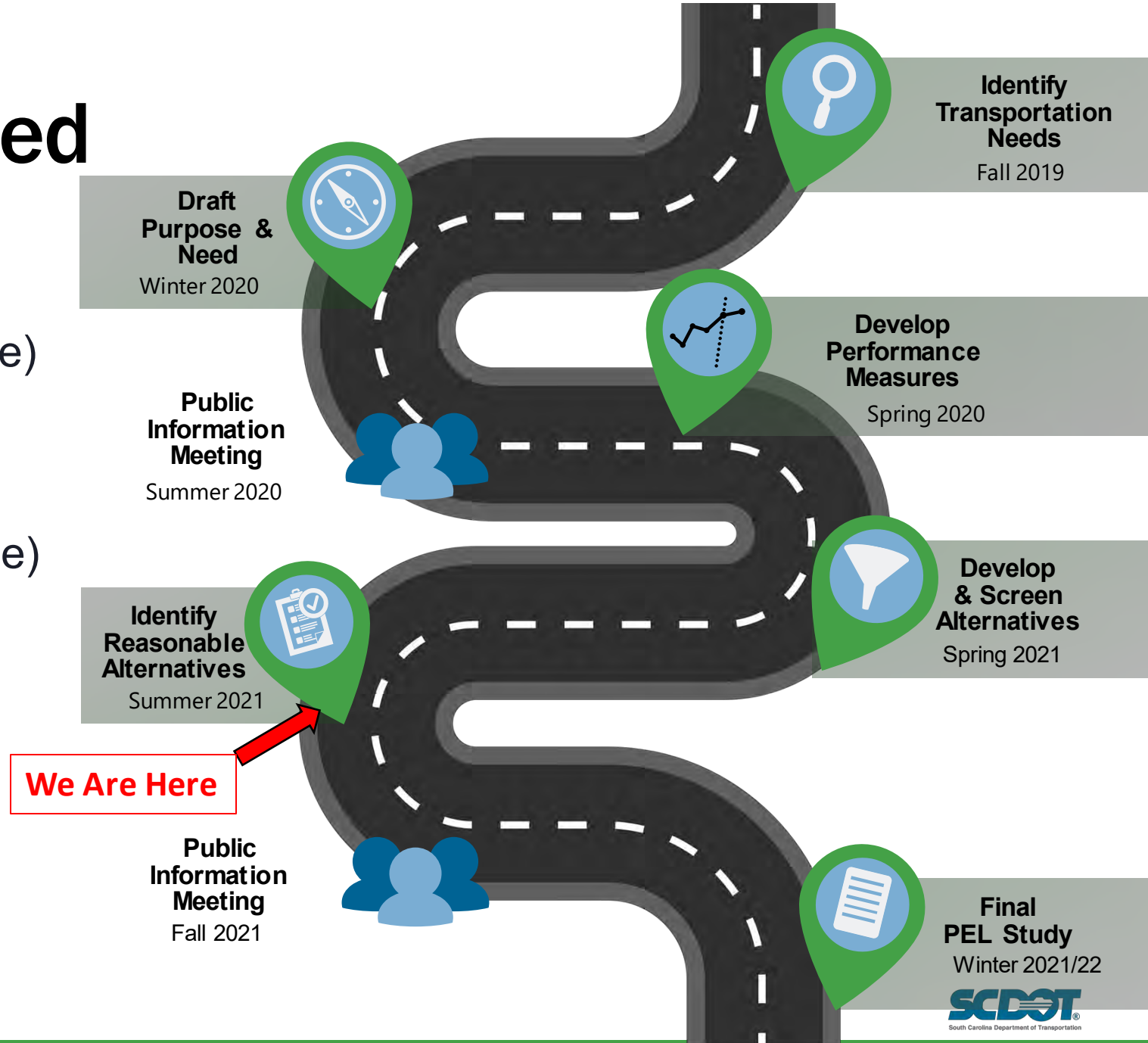


PEL & NEPA Process



PEL Study Completed Milestones

- PEL Initiation (FHWA Concurrence)
March 23, 2020
- MetroQuest Survey
May 14 - August 15, 2020
- Public Information Meeting (Online)
July 15 - August 15, 2020
- Purpose & Need (FHWA Concurrence)
February 18, 2021
- Concepts Development & Preliminary Screening
April/May 2021



PEL Study Upcoming Milestones

- Alternatives and Screening FHWA Concurrence – July 2021
- Combined Stakeholder Meeting – July 29, 2021 (WEST focused)
- Combined Stakeholder Meeting – September 2021 (EAST focused)
- Public Information Meeting – October 2021
- FHWA PEL Questionnaire – January 2022
- PEL Report – January 2022



Concepts Development & Alternatives Analysis



Draft Purpose & Need



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Draft Purpose

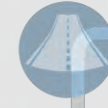
The purpose for transportation improvements along this corridor is to **improve travel time reliability & reduce congestion** along I-526 from Virginia Avenue in North Charleston to US 17 in Mount Pleasant

Draft Need

Roadway Deficiencies



Over Capacity



Shoulder Widths



On & Off Ramp Lengths



Tightly Curved Ramps



Traffic congestion from high traffic volumes & incidents

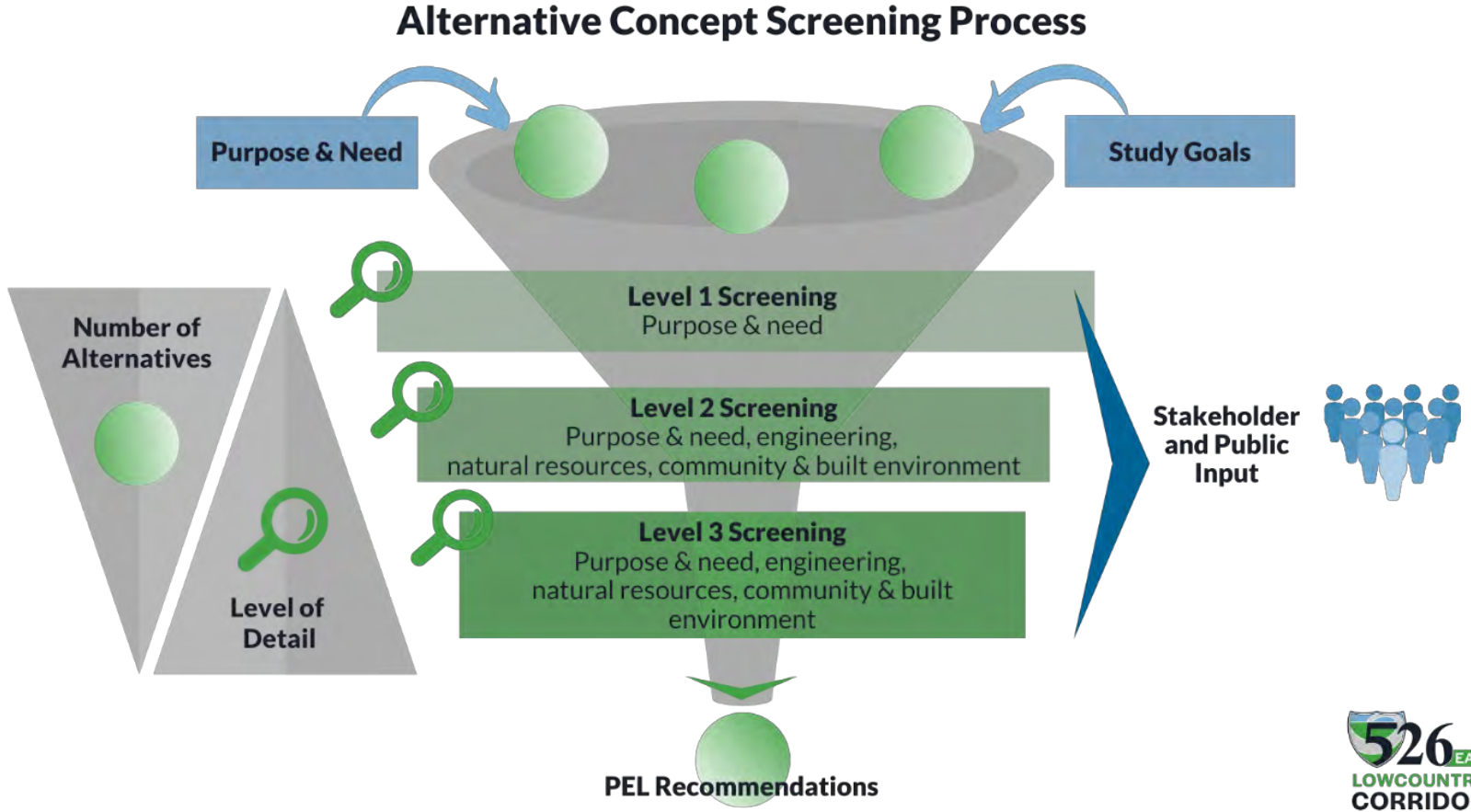
Study Goals

- **Compatibility:** Align with local land use plans
- **Demand:** Improve roadway infrastructure to accommodate increased traffic volumes
- **Safety:** Reduce congestion-related incidents throughout the corridor
- **Multimodal:** Enhance mobility for people and goods throughout the corridor

Study Goals, cont'd

- **Seismic:** Improve seismic resiliency of the infrastructure
- **Technology:** Accommodate future transportation technologies, including vehicle technologies, communications technologies, system monitoring systems, driver information and traffic operations technologies
- **Connectivity:** Improve connections with area ports, rail intermodal facilities, and transit assets

Concept Screening Process



Preliminary Concepts

No-Build

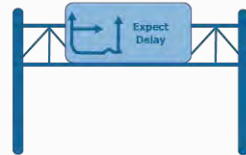


The No-Build Alternative

Transportation Systems Management & Operations (TSMO)



Managed Lanes



Operational Elements



Multimodal Improvements

Infrastructure Improvements



New Location Alignment



Mainline Improvements
1 or 2 additional lanes



Interchange Improvements

Preliminary Concept Development

Level 1 Screening

Study Corridor Division

Conceptual Design Options

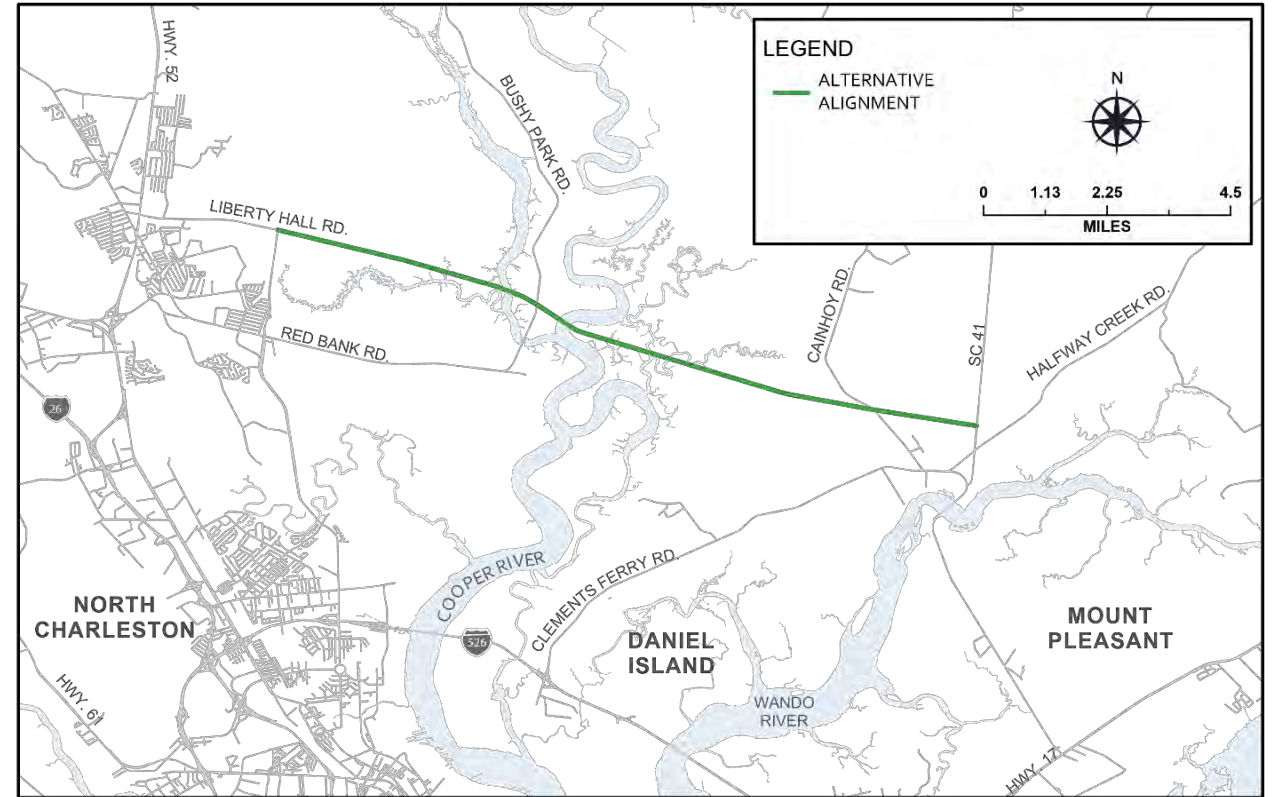
Level 2 Screening

Conceptual Design Alternatives

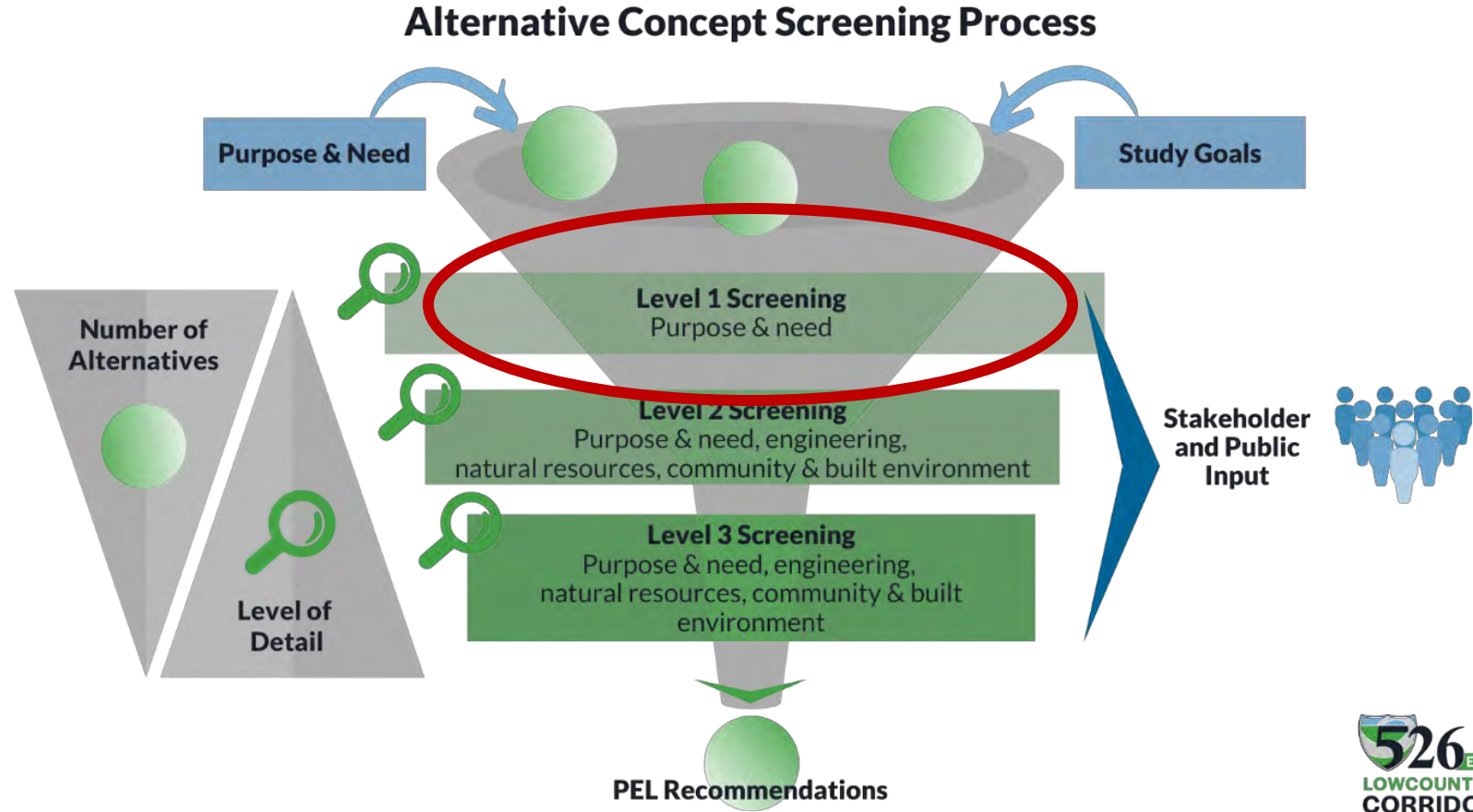
Level 3 Screening

New Location Alignment Route

- Visionary project in CHATS 2040 LRTP
- 4-lane parallel corridor
- 2 lanes in each direction



Level 1 Screening



Level 1 Screening Criteria

- Improve congestion (Quantitative)
 - Performance Evaluation Methodology-CHATS Interim Regional TDM
 - Improved Level of Service and Volume to Capacity Ratio
 - Reduced Delay and Improved Travel Speed
- Improve roadway deficiencies (Qualitative)
 - Does the concept have the potential to meet SCDOT roadway design standards?

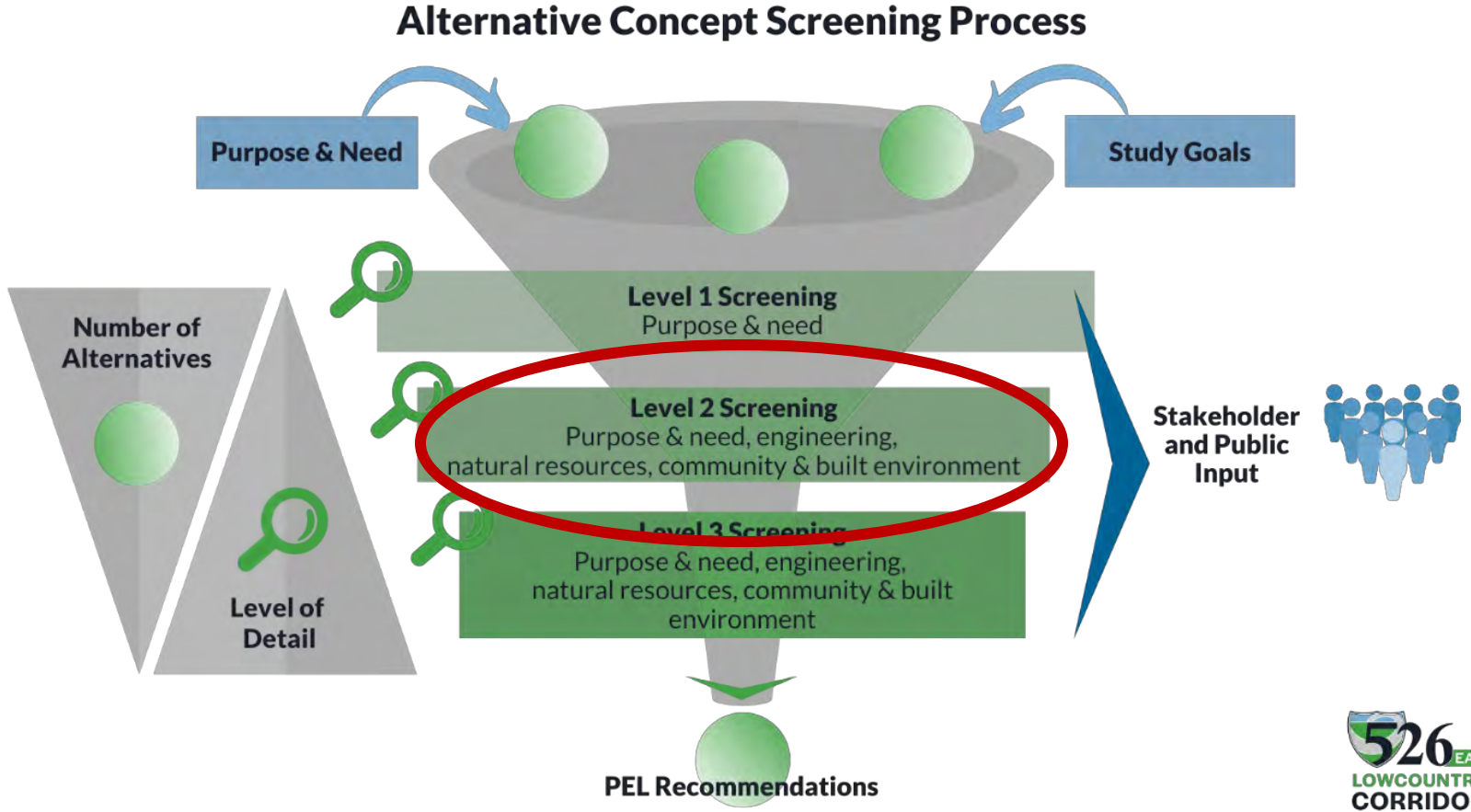


Level 1 Screening Results

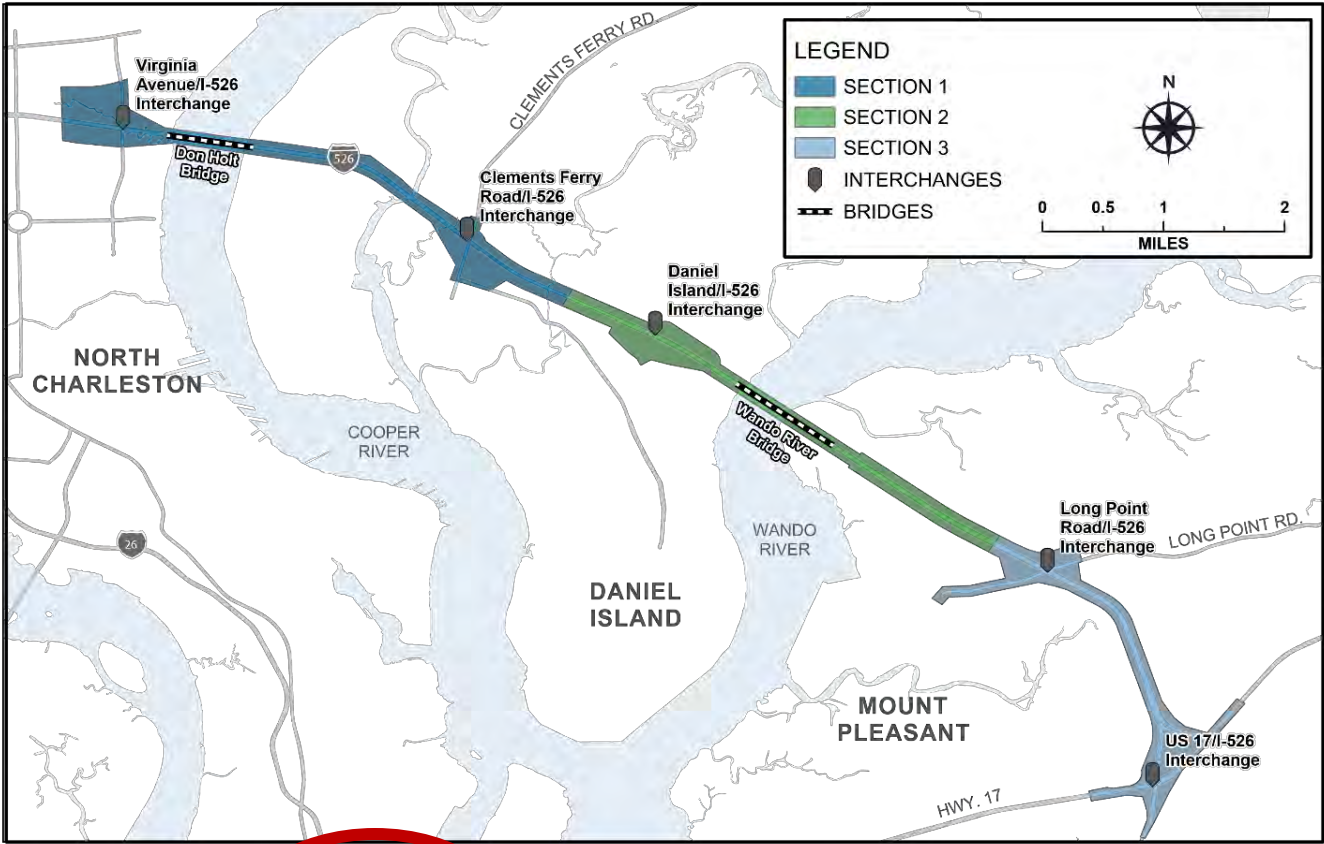
- Concepts Carried Forward
 - No-Build
 - 2 additional lanes in each direction
- Supplemental Options Carried Forward
 - Interchange Improvements
 - Dedicated truck ramps to port (additional facility)
 - TSMO Concepts
- Eliminated
 - New location alignment route
 - 1 additional lane in each direction



Level 2 Screening

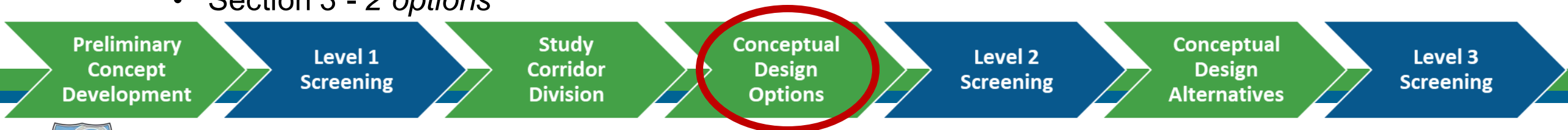


Study Corridor Division







Conceptual Design Options

- Symmetrical – Add capacity symmetrically to each side of the existing alignment
- North – Add capacity to the north of the existing alignment
- South – Add capacity to the south of the existing alignment
- Retain – Retain the current bridge structure
- Replace – Replace the current bridge structure
- 21 overall Conceptual Design Options
 - Section 1 - 9 options
 - Section 2 - 10 options
 - Section 3 - 2 options



Level 2 Screening Categories

-  Purpose & Need (traffic performance/level of service)
-  Engineering (compatible with local projects, seismic resiliency, ports & transit access, constructability)
-  Natural Resources (aquatic resources)
-  Community and the Built Environment (relocations, parks, cultural sites)



Level 2 Screening Results

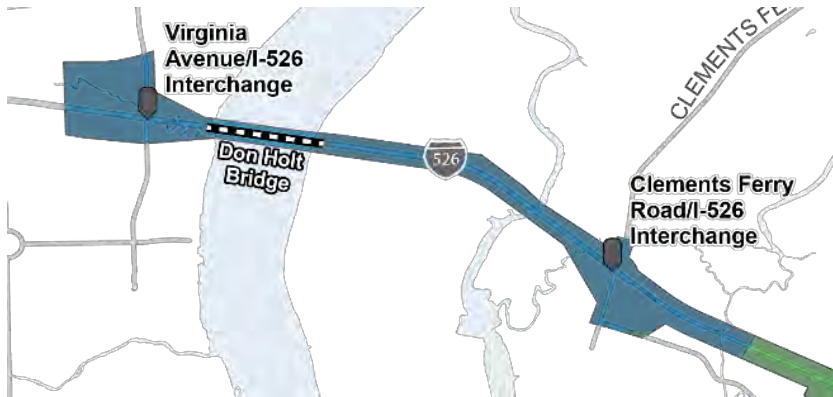
- Conceptual Design Options were eliminated for the following reasons during the Level 2 Screening:
 - Failure to satisfy the purpose and need based on traffic performance (LOS F)
 - Impact to a Cultural Resource (African American Cemetery)



Design Options Moved Forward

Section 1 Features

- Don Holt Bridge
- Virginia Avenue/I-526 Interchange
- Clements Ferry Road/I-526 Interchange



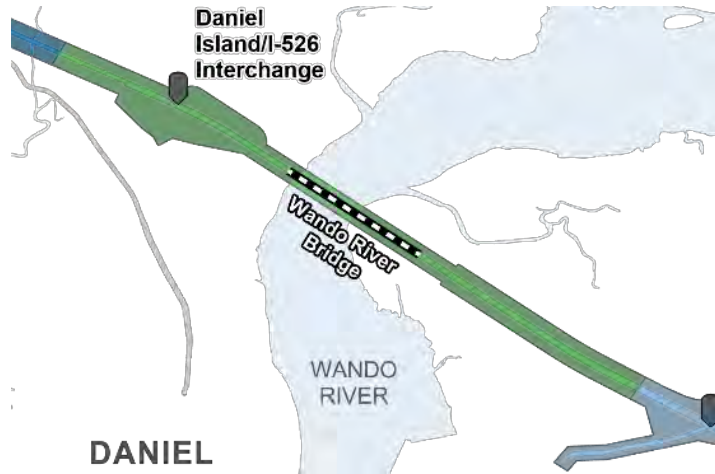
Design Option	Concept Details
1-C	Retain Don Holt/add 4-lane bridge north
1-D	Retain Don Holt/add 4-lane bridge south
1-E	Replace Don Holt with 8-lane bridge symmetrically
1-F	Replace Don Holt with 8-lane bridge north
1-H	Add 4-lane bridge north/replace Don Holt in place
1-I	Add 4-lane bridge south/replace Don Holt in place



Design Options Moved Forward

Section 2 Features

- Wando River Bridges
- Seven Farms Drive/I-526 Interchange



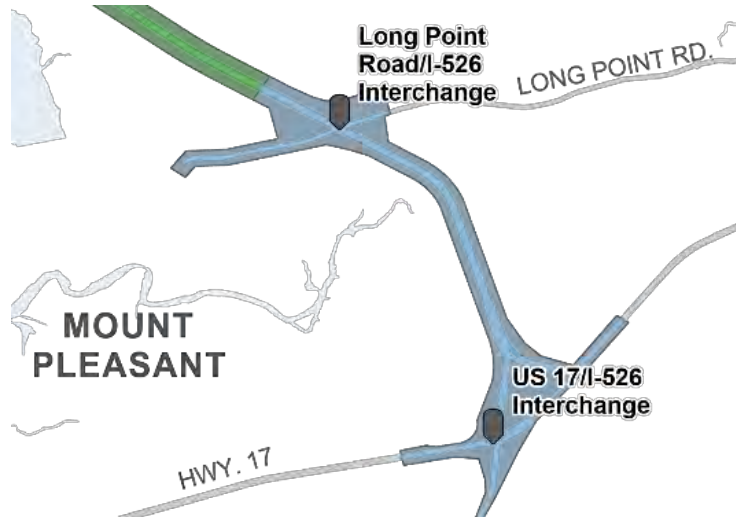
Design Option	Concept Details
2-E	Wando with 8-lane bridge symmetrically
2-F	Wando with 8-lane bridge north
2-H	Add 4-lane bridge south/ remove Wando/add 4-lane bridge in place
2-I	Add 4-lane bridge north/ remove Wando/add 4-lane bridge in place
2-J	Add 2-lane bridges symmetrically/ remove Wando/widen 2-lanes to 4-lanes



Design Options Moved Forward

Section 3 Features

- Long Point Road/I-526 Interchange
- U.S. 17/I-526 Interchange



Design Option	Concept Details
3-A	Widen to 8-lanes symmetrically to the outside and inside using median



Conceptual Design Alternatives

Alternative	Design Options	Capacity Option
Alternative 1	1-C 2-J 3-A	Retain Don Holt/add 4-lane bridge north (Section 1) Add 2-lane bridges symmetrically/remove Wando/widen 2-lanes to 4-lanes (Section 2)
Alternative 2	1-D 2-J 3-A	Retain Don Holt/add 4-lane bridge south (Section 1) Add 2-lane bridges symmetrically/remove Wando/widen 2-lanes to 4-lanes (Section 2)
Alternative 3	1-E 2-E 3-A	Replace Don Holt with two 4-lane bridges symmetrically (Section 1) Replace Wando with two 4-lane bridges symmetrically (Section 2)
Alternative 4	1-F 2-F 3-A	Replace Don Holt with 8-lane bridge north (Section 1) Replace Wando with 8-lane bridge north (Section 2)

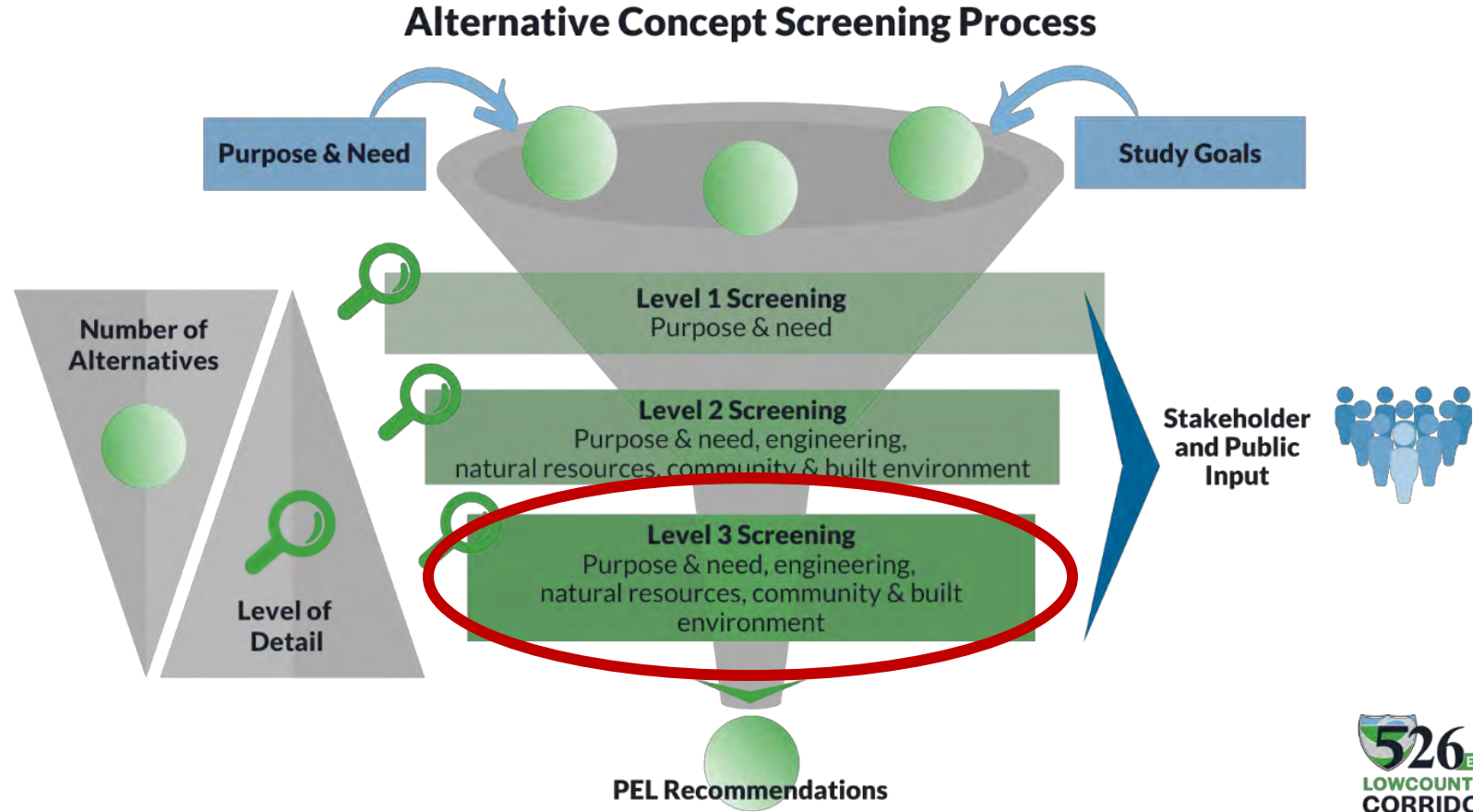


Conceptual Design Alternatives





Alternative	Design Options	Capacity Option
Alternative 5	1-H 2-H 3-A	Add 4-lane bridge north/replace Don Holt in place (Section 1)
		Add 4-lane bridge north/remove Wando/add 4-lane bridge in place (Section 2)
Alternative 6	1-I 2-I 3-A	Add 4-lane bridge south/replace Don Holt in place (Section 1)
		Add 4-lane bridge south/remove Wando/add 4-lane bridge in place (Section 2)
Alternative 7	1-H 2-J 3-A	Add 4-lane bridge north/replace Don Holt in place (Section 1)
		Add 2-lane bridges symmetrically/remove Wando/widen 2-lanes to 4-lanes (Section 2)



Level 3 Screening



Level 3 Screening Categories

-  Purpose and Need (traffic performance, travel time analysis)
-  Engineering (compatible with local projects, seismic resiliency, ports & transit access, constructability)
-  Natural Resources (aquatic resources)
-  Community and the Built Environment (relocations, parks, cultural sites)



I-526 EAST Traffic Performance

- Use microsimulation modeling
- Traffic demand between origins and destinations
 - 8-lane conceptual alternative, 2050
 - Eastbound and Westbound
- AM/PM Peak Period Speeds along corridor
 - No-Build alternative, 2050
 - 8-lane conceptual alternative, 2050
 - Eastbound and Westbound

Travel Time Analysis

- Travel Time Index (TTI) = average peak-period travel time compared to free flow travel time
- Expressed as a ratio
- A reduction in TTI (negative change) is an improvement
- $TTI < 1.10$ is considered **uncongested**
- $TTI = 1.10 - 1.50$ is considered **moderate** congestion
- $TTI = 1.50 - 2.00$ is considered **significant** congestion
- $TTI > 2.00$ is considered **severe** congestion

TTI Examples

Example: TTI value of 1.3 = average rush hour travel times are 30% longer than free-flow travel times such as 10pm and is considered moderate congestion

Example:

Common Origin-Destination Path	2050 No Build Average Peak-Hour TTI	2050 Build Average Peak-Hour TTI	2050 TTI Change
Road A to Road B	1.30	1.20	-0.10
Road A to Road C	1.40	1.57	+0.17

TTI Changes – I-526 Eastbound

Common Origin-Destination Path	2050 No-Build Average Peak-Hour TTI (Travel Time in mins.)	2050 Build Average Peak- Hour TTI (Travel Time in mins.)	2050 TTI Change
I-526 west of North Rhett Avenue to US 17 South	5.28 (49)	1.83 (17)	-3.44
North Rhett Avenue to Clements Ferry Road Northbound	6.11 (15)	1.63 (5)	-4.47
North Rhett Avenue to Long Point Road	4.39 (27)	1.92 (13)	-2.47
Clements Ferry Road to US 17 North	3.62 (18)	1.90 (9)	-1.73
River Landing Drive to US 17 South	3.48 (15)	1.82 (8)	-1.66
Long Point Road to US 17 North	2.50 (3)	1.23 (2)	-1.27

TTI Changes – I-526 Westbound

Common Origin-Destination Path	2050 No-Build Average Peak-Hour TTI (Travel Time in mins.)	2050 Build Average Peak- Hour TTI (Travel Time in mins.)	2050 TTI Change
US 17 North to I-526 west of North Rhett Avenue	6.05 (58)	2.19 (21)	-3.86
US 17 North to Seven Farms Drive	11.85 (54)	1.69 (8)	-10.17
Long Point Road to Clements Ferry Road	10.73 (42)	1.88 (8)	-8.85
Long Point Road to I-526 west of North Rhett Avenue	5.46 (43)	2.36 (19)	-3.10
Seven Farms Drive to North Rhett Avenue	2.61 (9)	2.63 (9)	+0.02
Clements Ferry Road to I-526 west of North Rhett Avenue	2.91 (10)	3.09 (11)	+0.18

Level 3 Screening Results

- Alternative 3 and Alternative 6 were eliminated for the following reason:
 - Impact to a Cultural Resource (African American Cemetery)



Alternatives Recommended to be Carried Forward to NEPA

- No-build Alternative
- Five build alternatives:
 - Retain Don Holt Bridge, add capacity north or south (Alternative 1 and Alternative 2)
 - Replace both bridges, add capacity north, south, or symmetrically (Alternatives 4, 5, and 7)

Conceptual Design Alternatives

Alternative	Design Options	Capacity Option
Alternative 1	1-C 2-J 3-A	Retain Don Holt/add 4-lane bridge north Staged symmetrical replacement of Wando
Alternative 2	1-D 2-J 3-A	Retain Don Holt/add 4-lane bridge south Staged symmetrical replacement of Wando
Alternative 4	1-F 2-F 3-A	Replace Don Holt with 8-lane bridge north Replace Wando with 8-lane bridge north
Alternative 5	1-H 2-H 3-A	Add 4-lane bridge north/replace Don Holt in place Add 4-lane bridge north/remove Wando/add 4-lane bridge in place
Alternative 7	1-H 2-J 3-A	Add 4-lane bridge north/replace Don Holt in place Staged symmetrical replacement of Wando



Supplemental Options to be Carried Forward to NEPA

- Interchange Improvements
 - Dedicated truck ramps to the Wando Welch Port Terminal
- TSMO Options
 - Shoulder lane use
 - Traveler information
 - Incident management
 - Road weather management
 - Work zone management
 - Enhance lane markings
 - Accommodation of connected and autonomous vehicles
 - Variable speed limits (VSL)
 - Park-and-ride lots

PEL Study Next Steps

- FHWA coordination on concepts development and alternatives screening process
- Stakeholder and public input on reasonable alternatives
- Study recommendations – phasing, NEPA class of action, funding opportunities, unresolved issues
- FHWA coordination on PEL FHWA Questionnaire and PEL Study Report

PEL Study Upcoming Milestones

- Alternatives and Screening FHWA Concurrence – July 2021
- Combined Stakeholder Meeting – July 29, 2021 (West focused)
- Combined Stakeholder Meeting – September 2021 (East focused)
- Public Information Meeting – October 2021
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Open Discussion





PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PLAN

INTERSTATE 526 (I-526)

FROM VIRGINIA AVENUE TO US 17 NORTH/BOWMAN ROAD
NORTH CHARLESTON, CHARLESTON, AND
MOUNT PLEASANT SOUTH CAROLINA



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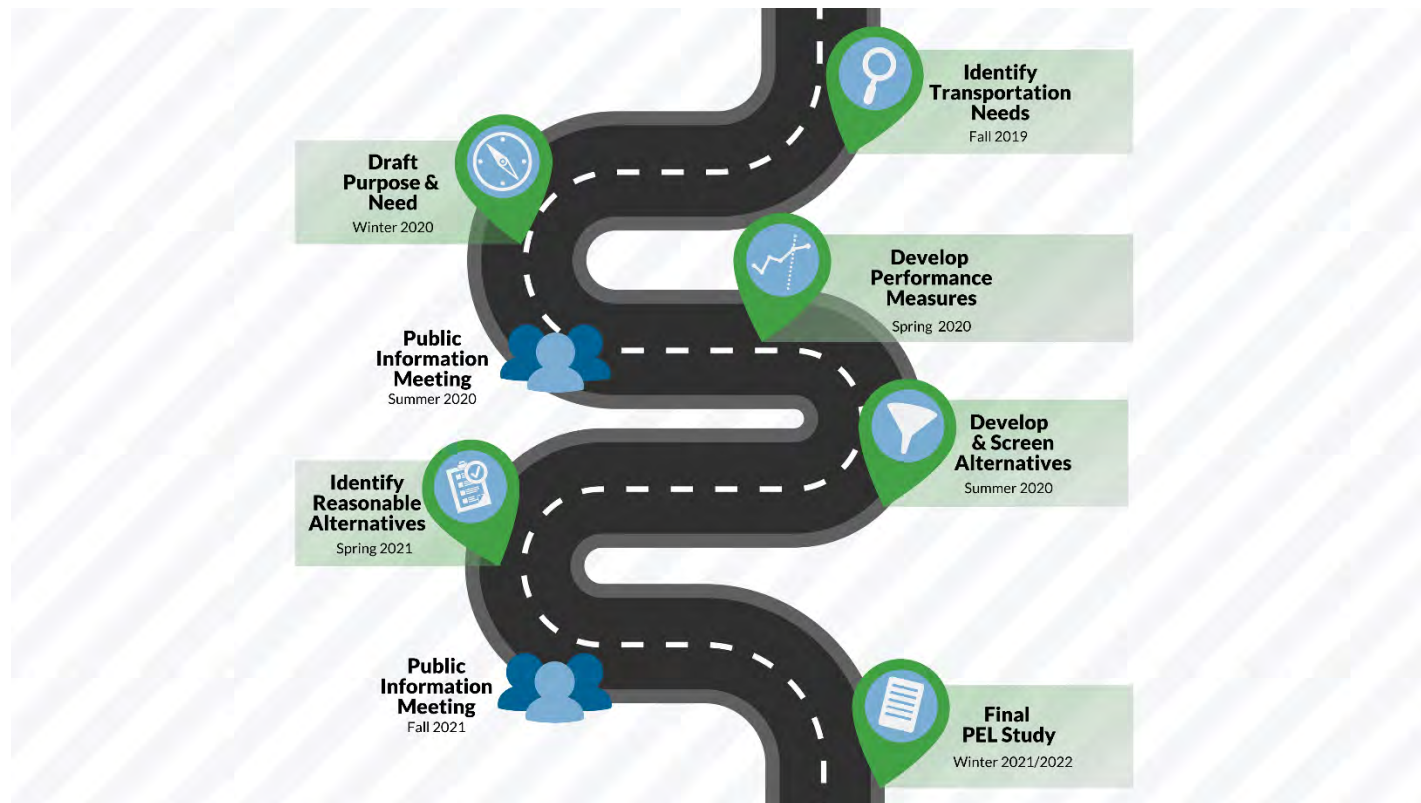
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1.1 PURPOSE OF THE PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PLAN

The I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST (I-526 LCC EAST) Public Involvement Plan (PIP) details strategies and tools to be used to ensure that members of the public receive key information about the project and have opportunities to provide meaningful input on decisions that will affect their community. While the I-526 LCC EAST is currently in the planning phase, undergoing a Planning and Environmental Linkages study, the PIP was developed to be consistent with public involvement requirements under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), Title VI of the Civil Rights Act, Executive Order 12898 – Environmental Justice, and other federal regulations. The PIP outlines methods to engage all segments of the public and other stakeholders in and around the proposed project area. The PIP is a living document that can be adapted to incorporate new or more successful approaches as the project evolves. Community input is critical to the success of any project, and the South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) is committed to providing meaningful public involvement opportunities throughout the project development process (**Figure 1.1**).

Figure 1.1 I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST PEL Process



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2.0 OVERVIEW

2.1 OVERVIEW OF THE I-526 LOWCOUNTRY CORRIDOR EAST PROJECT

I-526 serves as a 23-mile-long, east-west bypass of the Charleston metropolitan area and has been identified by SCDOT as one of the state's most congested interstate highways. Specific problems within the I-526 corridor include, but are not limited to, the growing demand for capacity, congestion, and design deficiencies.

SCDOT is conducting a Planning & Environmental Linkages (PEL) Study for I-526 LCC EAST, which extends from Virginia Avenue in North Charleston to approximately US 17 in Mount Pleasant. The PEL study will identify existing and projected transportation issues within the corridor through public and stakeholder engagement.

The results of the study will help establish a vision for the corridor that will guide future transportation decision-making. This resulting information of the PEL study will be carried into the next phase of project development which is the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process. After the needs are better understood in this corridor, and potential improvements identified, the next steps, including potential phasing and project opportunities, may be developed.

Figure 2.1: I-526 Lowcountry Corridor Study Area



2.2 COORDINATED OUTREACH EFFORTS

SCDOT has implemented protocols to avoid confusion of this project with other projects occurring in the Charleston region.

SCDOT is in the process of completing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor WEST (I-526 LCC WEST). A separate, but distinct project, the I-526 LCC WEST extends from south of Paul Cantrell Boulevard (Exit 11) in West Ashley to Virginia Avenue (**Figure 2.1**) in North Charleston.

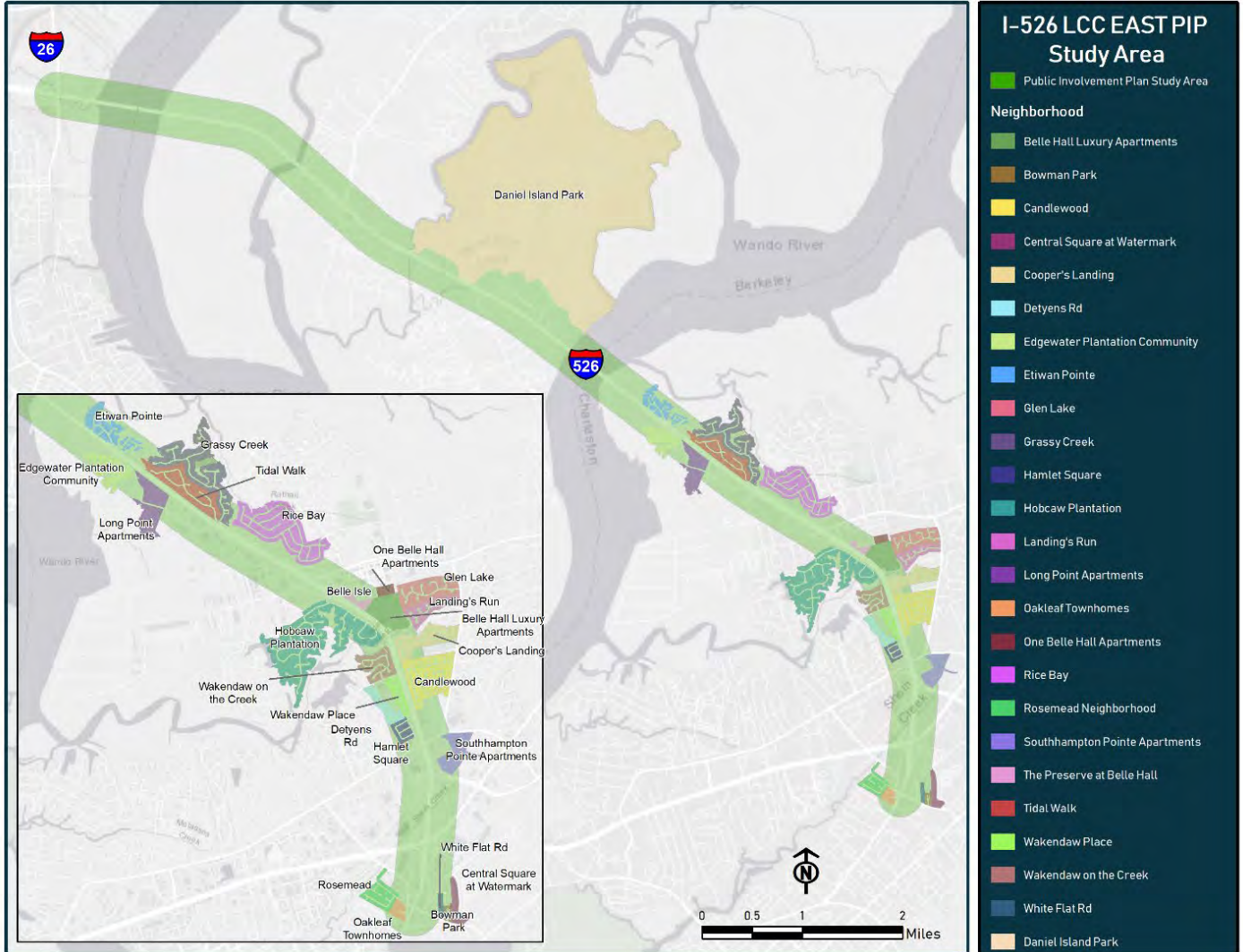
In addition, the Mark Clark Extension project will be going through the NEPA process at the same time. The LCC public engagement team will partner with SCDOT to align messaging across the three projects to maintain the overarching goals of this PIP and those established for the I-526 LCC WEST and the Mark Clark Extension project.

2.3 PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT OUTREACH BOUNDARY

Although changes to a transportation network can be far-reaching, impacting mobility and travel patterns throughout a region, a reasonable boundary is needed to provide guidance for public

involvement and outreach efforts. To be consistent with the WEST project, a 1,000-foot buffer from the roadway centerline will be used as the study area boundary for the EAST project. Outreach efforts will follow neighborhood boundaries of the communities that are adjacent to the 1,000-foot project study area boundary.

Figure 2.2: I-526 Lowcountry Corridor 1,000-Foot Buffer





3.0 DEVELOPMENT OF THE PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PLAN

This PIP is designed to provide a clear description of how SCDOT will: solicit input; develop two-way communication with communities, local citizens, and other interested parties; and document public opinions regarding the I-526 LCC EAST.

While the I-526 LCC EAST project is still in the planning phases, public engagement will be conducted as to follow all NEPA requirements to ensure a seamless transition to an environmental review. As required by SAFTEA-LU Section 6002, the public will be provided with opportunities to provide specific input on the purpose and need statements, as well as the range of alternatives. A project-specific plan for public input has been developed to outline the opportunities for the public to be involved in the project development process. Additionally, this plan describes strategies for encouraging public input, as required by NEPA.

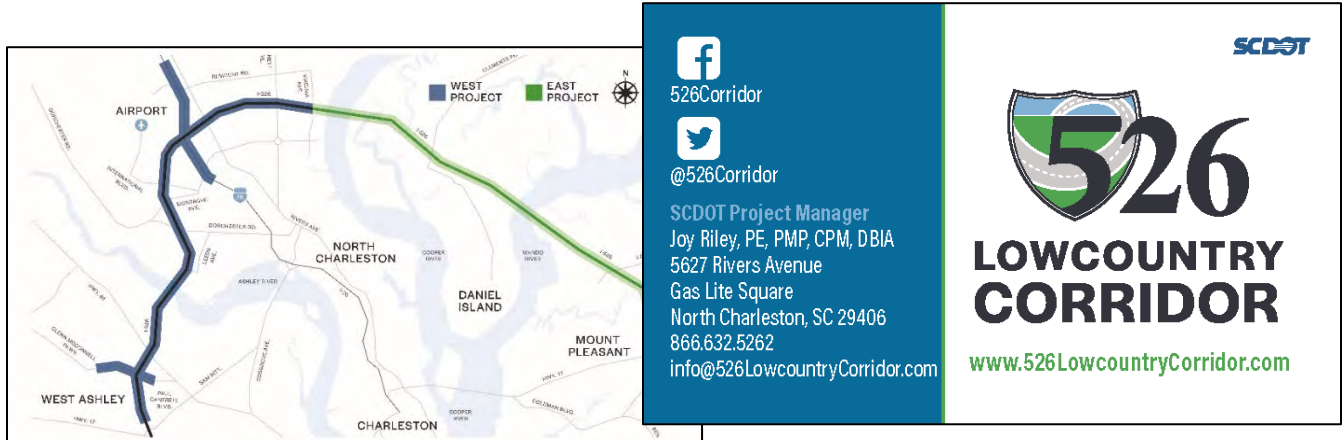
3.1 BRANDING

Project branding is critical to ensure that the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor projects' identities are separate from myriad efforts also underway in the Berkeley-Charleston-Dorchester region. The logo developed for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor will be the cornerstone of the project's branding and the 'look and feel' for both the EAST and WEST projects. Both project teams will use the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor logo for common public facing materials, denoting EAST or WEST for those items that are distinct.

2020 Update: Project business cards were created for the project manager for the overarching LCC project. These include the various communications method for the project in a small, easy-to-carry format.



Figure 3.1 Project Business Cards



3.2 INTERESTED PARTIES

This list is not all-inclusive—as interested parties are identified, they are added to the list. Interested parties may opt-in to receive project updates online or at public meetings. This list is inclusive of interested parties for both the I-526 LCC EAST and WEST projects.

3.3 KEY MESSAGES

There are several key messages that will be emphasized and communicated to the public throughout the study. Key messaging currently approved by SCDOT includes the following:

- The I-526 LCC EAST is still in the planning phases. A Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL) study is being prepared for the I-526 LCC EAST.
 - As a planning study, we are currently defining the transportation challenges and range of possible alternatives. As the project advances into the environmental process, these concepts will be further refined.
 - Due to the major river crossings along the I-526 LCC EAST corridor, identifying feasible project alternatives and cost estimates are challenging without extensive planning efforts.
 - Because this corridor serves as a major economic connector in the lowcountry, linking the goods that flow to and from South Carolina’s busiest port terminal with Interstate 26 and other integral components of the state’s freight network, these factors must be taken into consideration with any planning efforts.
- The I-526 LCC EAST PEL study may result in the identification of multiple potential projects, such as intersection improvements or capacity improvements along the corridor, that could be phased and prioritized for implementation.
- The project team looked at and continues to evaluate a series of strategies that focus on operational improvements without the need for expansion, known as Transportation Systems Management and Operations (TSMO) strategies.

Additional key messages are intended to support the goals of the PIP:

- The study is an objective process to help determine what actions, if any, are needed to best serve the transportation needs of the area.
- Before a major highway project can be constructed, FHWA requires the completion of an environmental study. The PEL study is a precursor to an environmental study.
- SCDOT encourages the public's participation and will actively seek out and engage all who may be affected.
- The public has a voice in the decision-making process, and SCDOT will listen to and consider all input. While this process does not include a public vote, all comments received are reviewed and considered before the final report is published.

3.3.1 Key Themes

Key themes for the I-526 LCC EAST project were identified through work on the I-526 LCC WEST project. The following key themes are from the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor (WEST) Public Involvement Plan (PIP) Update, provided to the EAST team from the WEST team.

3.3.1.1 Regionality

- I-526 LCC WEST, roughly 11.4 miles of existing I-526 between Paul Cantrell Boulevard in West Ashley and Virginia Avenue in North Charleston, and 3.5 miles on I-26, and cannot be completed in a vacuum. Improvements considered for this corridor should be reviewed on a regional basis for performance on adjacent roadways and intersections.
- A regional interstate congestion management plan is being developed for I-26 and I-526 in the greater Charleston region.
 - This interstate congestion management plan is evaluating travel demand management and operational strategies to reduce congestion in the entire region, including “managed lanes” or high-occupancy vehicle (HOV) and high-occupancy toll (HOT) options, which could be critical in managing regional traffic long term. In addition, multimodal transportation options have been studied, such as carpooling, ride-sharing, and expanded transit opportunities.
 - It's clear that this interstate congestion management plan will be crucial in determining the best path forward for long-range improvements to I-26 and I-526 in the region. The results of this study will provide a phased regional strategy for the next 30 years.

3.3.1.2 Getting it Right

- Tens of thousands of Lowcountry residents drive on one of South Carolina's most congested stretches of highway each day. Relief, in the form of additional lanes, upgraded interchanges, augmented safety features and more, is needed.
- The improvements for this corridor should be such that they will last far into the future, at least until 2050.
- The scope of the I-526 LCC WEST project is more than 11 miles in length, and its potential impacts will need to be carefully reviewed and evaluated to avoid, minimize, and mitigate impacts to both the human and natural environment.

2022 Update: Additional key themes received from public comments from the 2020 and 2021 public information meetings include:

3.3.1.3 Truck Traffic

- Concerns with trucks on the I-526 LCC EAST are prevalent. Alternative truck/freight routes/options are being evaluated as part of this study. Adding a travel lane for trucks only was evaluated as a Transportation Systems Management and Operations (TSMO) strategy.

3.3.1.4 Noise Impacts

- Noise concerns were expressed in both public information meetings. Many comments noted that the project needs to incorporate noise mitigation. As a planning study, we are currently defining the transportation challenges and range of possible alternatives. As the project advances into the environmental process, these concepts will be further refined. Having a refined design would allow us to model the potential noise more accurately and explore various noise reduction strategies.

3.3.1.5 Neighborhood Impacts and Right of Way

- Impact concerns were expressed in both public information meetings. As a planning study, we only have design concepts with conservatively established right-of-way limits. When the project advances into the federal environmental review process, NEPA, these concepts will be further refined, and more detailed designs will be developed. More detailed designs will help to better determine, avoid, and minimize possible right-of-way impacts.

3.3.1.6 What happens next?

- The I-526 LCC EAST is a planning-level study that provides recommended projects and costs for consideration in SCDOT's future statewide transportation plans. If and when projects are funded, they would advance to the environmental phase, NEPA. During that process, the range of alternatives would be narrowed down to a preferred alternative based on additional studies, design, and public input. This is when noise and right-of-way impacts will be analyzed in detail.

3.4 DEMOGRAPHICS

The I-526 LCC EAST team conducted an initial site visit on June 6, 2018 to identify communities, churches, recreational facilities, medical centers, schools, and businesses located within the project's 1,000-foot buffer area which spans three municipalities: North Charleston, City of Charleston (Daniel Island), and Mount Pleasant. During the site visit, the team also identified potential environmental justice communities.

Since that time, the project boundaries for the I-526 LCC EAST and WEST have changed. After initial studies, it was determined that the interchange at North Rhett Avenue/Virginia Avenue should move forward in the I-526 LCC WEST project due to the congestion and safety concerns in that area. The I-526 LCC EAST's western termini was moved from Rivers Avenue to Virginia Avenue. Therefore, no EJ communities remain within the I-526 LCC EAST study area.

The team originally used data from the U.S. Census (2018) that comprises the study area, from Charleston (Daniel Island) to Mount Pleasant, to identify demographics for each area along the project

corridor (**Table 3.1**). This information was updated with 2020 data in January 2022 (**Table 3.2**). The data shows there are higher populations of low-income and minority residents located in North Charleston than in the Mount Pleasant/City of Charleston areas. Knowing this, the team will use multiple outreach tools as appropriate to engage the various communities to ensure that all stakeholders are notified of status updates and encouraged to participate throughout project development.

Table 3.1: Initial Demographic Information for the I-526 LCC EAST Project

	Daniel Island	Mount Pleasant
Total Population	9,951	27,115
African American	1,272	2,477
Hispanic	156	905
Avg. Median Income	\$127,716.33	\$82,699.50
Median Value of Owner Occupied Housing	\$649,366.67	\$356,575.00
Age 65 or older	1,103	3,710
Age 17 or younger	2,684	5,968
Bachelor's Degree	2,408	6,876

US Census Bureau, 2018

Table 3.2 Updated Demographic Information for the I-526 LCC EAST Project

	City of Charleston	Mount Pleasant	City of North Charleston
Total Population	150,227	90,801	114,852
African American	21.7%	4.2%	44.8%
Hispanic	3.2%	2.7%	11.4%
Avg. Median Income	\$68,438	\$103,232	\$45,510
Median Value of Owner Occupied Housing	\$330,600	\$461,000	\$174,800
Age 65 or older	14.6%	16.0%	10.7%
Age 17 or younger	16.7%	23.8%	24.6%
Bachelor's Degree	53.1%	63.9%	22.8%

US Census Bureau, 2020

Table 3.3 identifies a list of communities, churches, recreational facilities, medical centers, schools, and businesses within the 1,000-foot buffer as of summer 2018.

Table 3.33-4: Targeted Organizations/Communities for Initial Outreach

Facility Type/Name	
Daniel Island	
Schools	Bishop England High School
Churches	Daniel Island Fellowship *FUTURE
	Intercession Reformed Episcopal Church
	St. James AME Church
	New Hope Missionary Baptist Church
	Olive Branch AME Church

Facility Type/Name	
Recreation Facilities	Charleston Battery Stadium (MUSC Health Stadium)
	Daniel Island Club Golf Course (Daniel Island)
	Dog park at Governor's Park
	Governor's Park
	MW Tennis Academy
	Volvo Car Stadium (Daniel Island)
Neighborhoods/ Communities	Calais Point RV Park
	Daniel Pointe Retirement Community
	Governor's Cay Residential Development *FUTURE*
	St. Thomas Preserve/Thomas Island
	Wharf 7 Apartments
Fire/ Police	Charleston Team 5 Police Department

Facility Type/Name	
Mount Pleasant	
Schools	Lucy Beckham High School *FUTURE*
	James B. Edwards Elementary School
	Trident Academy
Churches	New Hope Missionary Baptist Church
	Olive Branch AME Church
Medical Facilities	East Cooper Medical Center
	MUSC Health Hollings Cancer Center
	Vibra Hospital
Recreation Facilities	Baseball field on Whipple Road
	Live to Play (LTP) Tennis and Wahoo Swimming Club
	Margaret "Mugsy" Kerr Tennis Center
	Town of Mount Pleasant Dorothy B. Kearns Park
	Town of Mount Pleasant Senior Services Center
Neighborhoods/ Communities	Belle Hall Luxury Apartments
	Belle Hall Plantation
	Bowman Park Apartments
	Bridlewood
	Cambridge Lakes Apartments
	Candlewood
	Central Square at Watermark Luxury Apartment Homes
	Cooper's Landing
	Cooper's Point
	Edgewater Plantation Apartments
	Etiwan Point Apartments
	Glen Lake
	Grassy Creek
	Hamlet Square
	Harbor East Apartments
	Hobcaw Creek Plantation
	Landings Run
	Marsh Pointe
	Moultrie Park
	Neighborhood on White Flat Road
	Oakleaf Townhouses
	One Belle Hall Apartments
	Parish Place
	Rice Bay at Belle Hall Plantation
	Rosemead
	Southampton Point Subdivision
	The Preserve at Belle Hall Apartments
	Tidal Walk
	Wakendaw East
	Wakendaw Lakes
	Wakendaw on the Creek
Wakendaw Place	
Wando East Townhouses	
Wando Lakes	
Watermark	
Windward Long Point Apartments	
Heritage	Mae Hall Sweet Grass Baskets
	Gullah Sweet Grass Baskets
Fire/ Police	Mount Pleasant Fire Department, Station 7

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4.0 GOALS AND STRATEGIES

OF THE PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PLAN

4.1 GOALS AND STRATEGIES

Because public involvement is a critical component of the transportation planning process, engaging the public at the very early stages will help ensure decisions are made in consideration of, and to benefit, public needs and preferences while developing potential alternatives for the proposed project area. The public involvement effort is intended to establish and maintain communication between the community and SCDOT regarding issues and concerns surrounding the I-526 LCC EAST project. The public involvement goals and associated strategies are identified below.

Figure 4.1 I-526 LCC EAST Public Involvement Goals and Strategies

GOALS			
	Establish Trust with the community	Educate About the project, the PEL process and the overall project development process	Identify Concerns, issues and potential impacts of the project
STRATEGIES	Provide transparency through timely, complete information	Create easy-to-understand, visually appealing, unbiased, and "on brand" materials	Track public input as it relates to the decision-making process electronically
	Use high-touch techniques such as public meetings to provide direct connections with the project team	Use low-touch techniques (social media, email blasts, virtual meetings, newsletters, HOA emails, etc.) for digitally friendly populations	Gather feedback from stakeholders through already-established stakeholder meetings for I-526 LCC WEST
	Establish messaging protocols & coordination across the team for communications & meetings		Provide easy opportunities for the public to provide comment such as online tools and forms

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SCDOT uses numerous and varied techniques for public outreach. Listed below are the methods SCDOT is currently leveraging for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor. It will be necessary for all communication, regardless of purpose or methodology, always complies with the established messaging for the project. All materials used in the public involvement effort will be approved by SCDOT before they are disseminated.

5.1 I-526 LOWCOUNTRY CORRIDOR WEBSITE

A project website, www.526lowcountrycorridor.com, is used to disseminate project information, provide a schedule of events and studies, and solicit public input. (Figure 5.1) The site includes English and Spanish materials and includes features such as an online feedback form, a location for media information, and technical documents and reports. The website will continue to be updated on a regular basis with the intent of providing real-time project information for the community as new information becomes available.

In May 2019, a redesigned project website was released to the public. The revised project website includes project-related information for both I-526 LCC EAST and I-526 LCC WEST, a separate and distinct project. This new website utilizes Google translate, so all web copy is available in a variety of languages, to include English and Spanish among others. This site is responsive in design, in consideration of the public accessing the site using mobile devices, especially those in traditionally underrepresented communities.

Figure 5.1 Project Website Home Page



The I-526 Lowcountry Corridor (LCC) bridges the Charleston region. It connects port terminals to distribution

Retrieved March 5, 2019 from www.526lowcountrycorridor.com

Website Performance Metrics and Highlights (through May 2019):

- Total Sessions: 1,474
- Most (76.5%) traffic was typing in the website URL directly
- Most users (80.5%) were desktop users (not the national trend)
- The most visited page was the Stay Informed page (2,451 pageviews)

2022 Update: Website Performance Metrics and Highlights (through December 2021):

I-526 LCC Full Website:

- Total Sessions: 24,544
- Most (36%) traffic was typing in the website URL directly
- Most users (36%) were desktop users (not the national trend)
- The most visited page after the Homepage (12,123 pageviews) was the I-526 LCC WEST webpage (9,029)

I-526 LCC EAST:

- Total Sessions: 10,082
- Most (49%) traffic was typing in the website URL directly
- Most users (35%) were desktop users (not the national trend)
- The most visited EAST webpage was the VPIM 2021 page (8,865 pageviews)

5.2 NEWSLETTERS & EMAIL BLASTS

The I-526 LCC EAST project team will prepare newsletters and email blasts (electronic newsletters) at appropriate intervals for the duration of the project to engage the public. These newsletters will include information, presented in a visually appealing and engaging manner, about both the EAST and WEST projects, along with technical facts and contact information for the project manager. The newsletters will be distributed to residents in the study area via email or standard USPS mail and made available on the website and via social media. Because Hispanic communities have been identified in the I-526 LCC WEST, the newsletter will either include a link to a Spanish translation or be translated in Spanish.

2022 Update: To date the I-526 LCC project team has published a total of sixteen newsletters:

- Volume I – Summer 2016 (June) – *WEST Only*: **DONE**
- Volume II – Fall 2016 (November) – *WEST Only*: **DONE**
- Volume III – Spring 2017 – *Introduces Phase II that would become EAST*: **DONE**
- Volume IV – Spring 2018 – *EAST project has started*: **DONE**
- Volume V – Fall 2018 – *EAST update on electrical survey, traffic analysis, bridge survey, natural and cultural resources*: **DONE**
- Volume VI – Spring 2019 – *Update on I-526 LCC EAST, new website and branding, updated study limits, I-26 Corridor Management Study*: **DONE**
- Volume VII – Summer 2019 – *Announcement of I-526 LCC EAST as a PEL, right-of-way FAQ*: **DONE** (sent electronically)
- Special Edition – FALL 2019 – *WEST Only*: **DONE** (sent electronically only, distributed in hard copy in flyer boxes and in the community, available at Community Office)

- Special Edition – May 2020 – *WEST Only* FAQs: **DONE** (sent electronically only, distributed in hard copy in flyer boxes and in the community, available at Community Office)
- Special Edition – May 2020 – *EAST Only, Request for participate in MetroQuest survey*: **DONE** (sent electronically)
- Volume VIII – Special Edition – Summer 2020 – *EAST Public Information Meeting Handout*: **DONE** (Sent electronically, available in hard copy at the Community Office)
- Special Edition – October 2020 – *WEST Only Update on mitigation planning*: **DONE** (sent electronically only, distributed in hard copy in flyer boxes and in the community, available at Community Office)
- Volume X - Fall 2020 – *Request to participate in the I-526 LCC WEST public hearing*: **DONE** (sent electronically)
- Volume XI – Special Edition – Spring 2021 – *WEST only report about the public hearing and upcoming community improvements open house*: **DONE** (sent electronically, available at the Community Office)
- Volume XII – Summer 2021 – *What we heard from the EAST 2020 survey and virtual public meeting, update on mitigation efforts for the WEST*: **DONE** (sent electronically)
- Volume XIII – Fall 2021– *EAST public information meeting announcement*: **DONE** (sent electronically)

5.3 POSTCARDS/POSTERS/FLYERS

Postcards will be produced and used to notify the community about upcoming public information meetings for the EAST project. These will be distributed one to two weeks prior to the public information meetings. Information on the postcards will include the time, date, location, and detailed specifics about the upcoming meetings, including how to participate virtually, if applicable.

Posters may be placed in local businesses throughout the corridor, along with flyers for distribution to customers. This material will be provided in both English and Spanish (where needed). The posters and flyers would emphasize how the public can participate, why the public should attend these meetings, and what they will learn.

5.3.1 Postcard Schedule and Content

- Summer 2020

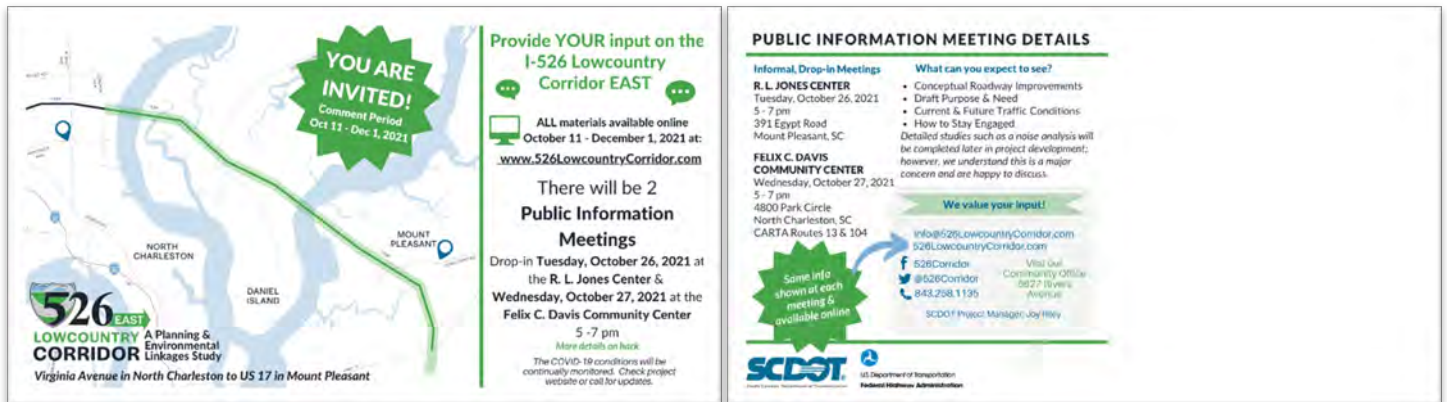
- **2020 Update:** Postcards were mailed to all mailboxes within a one-mile buffer of the study area (5,136 mailboxes) on July 15, 2020 announcing the upcoming public information meeting

Figure 5.2 Front & Back of 2020 Postcard Mailer



- Fall 2021
 - **2022 Update:** Postcards were mailed to all mailboxes within a one-mile buffer of the study area (7,463 mailboxes) on October 8, 2021 announcing the upcoming public information meeting

Figure 5.3 Front & Back of 2021 Postcard Mailer



5.4 SURVEYS

Surveys will be developed to gather information about the project and surrounding communities, in addition to gathering local sentiment regarding the proposed project.

2020 Update: An online MetroQuest survey was released to the public ahead of the public information meeting on May 14, 2020 to begin gathering the public’s feedback. Originally, the plan was to release the survey at the same time as the public information meeting in March of 2020. However, due to public health concerns, the public information meeting was postponed and conducted virtually in July of 2020.

The project team opened the survey in May of 2020 because it was a safe virtual option for participation. The survey remained open through August 15, 2020, the end of the public comment period.

The survey was designed to better identify and refine the purpose and need of future improvements and the suggested range of alternatives that should be explored. A total of 3,103 responses were received. A summary of the results of this survey can be seen below (**Figure 5.4**), full results can be viewed in the 2020 public information meeting summary.

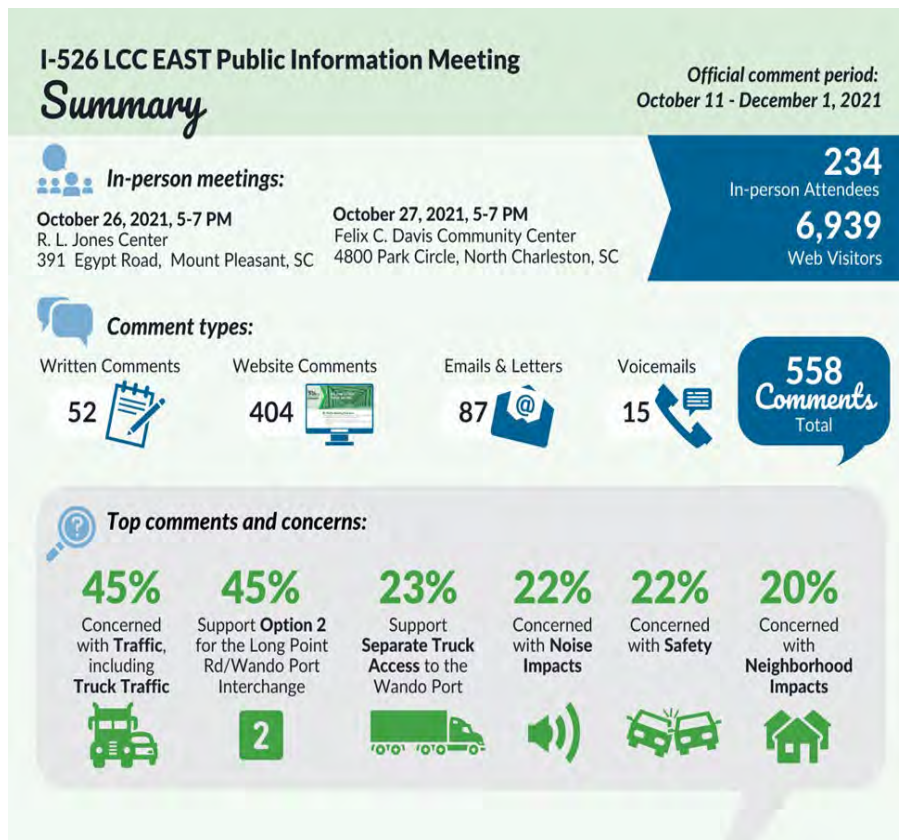
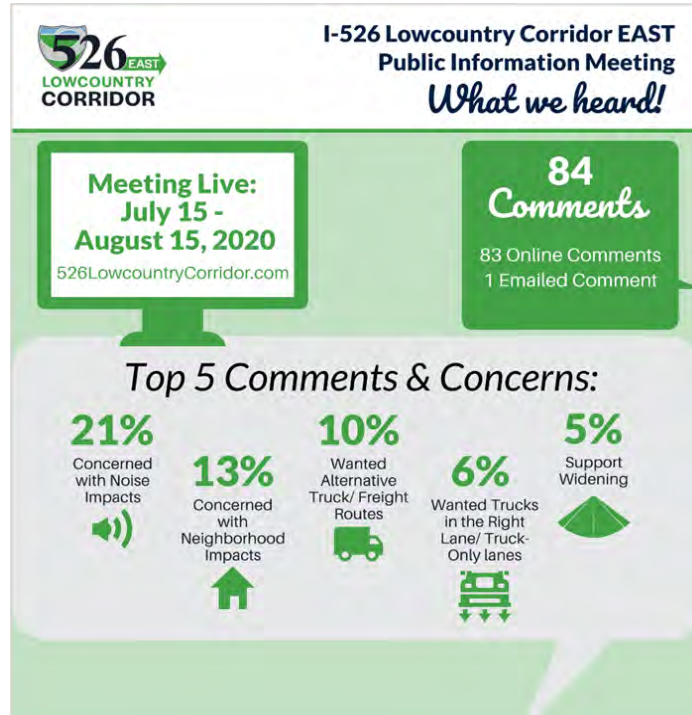
Figure 5.4 MetroQuest Survey Summary



5.5 INFOGRAPHIC DEVELOPMENT

Throughout the project, relevant facts and statistics will be transferred to infographic displays to be used across outreach channels. Results of survey questions and information gathering can also be easily translated into graphics. **Figure 5.5** shows a few examples of graphic representations of project messages.

Figure 5.5: Example Infographics



5.6 TRADITIONAL MEDIA

At key project milestones, the EAST and WEST project teams will provide project updates to specific media outlets.

- The local newspapers identified include the *Post and Courier*, *the Moultrie News*, *Daniel Island News*, *the Chronicle*, *El Informador* and *the Berkeley Independent*.
- Local television stations: the project team will seek opportunities for interviews on free and cable channels. This may include PSAs for Spanish-language stations. Personnel designated by SCDOT will be available for interviews to discuss issues, updates, and/or concerns regarding the project.

5.6.1 Media Relations

This project is highly visible and media relations will play a key role in informing and educating the public. Briefings will be held at key decision points and at times when it is deemed necessary to disseminate information to the public. Media monitoring will ensure consistency and accuracy of information.

2020 Update: For the 2020 public information meeting, SCDOT distributed a press release to local and regional print and TV media to coincide with the launch of the virtual meeting webpage. A virtual media event was hosted on July 14, 2020 to allow the media an opportunity to schedule time to speak with project officials about the I-526 LCC EAST. The platform used was Zoom.

2022 Update: For the 2021 public information meetings, a press release was distributed by SCDOT's communications office on October 11, 2021 to local and regional media, and an in-person media event was hosted on October 25, 2021 at the I-526 LCC Community Office.

5.6.2 Local Newspapers

Advertisements about upcoming meetings will be placed in local newspapers (traditional as well as niche publications) and other relevant local publications to keep the community informed about status updates, milestones, and next steps, especially at the time of public engagement opportunities like public information meetings. The public involvement team has developed a list of newspapers that is diverse and relevant for the outreach area, including Spanish-language newspapers.

- The local newspapers identified include the *Post and Courier*, *Moultrie News*, *Daniel Island News*, *the Chronicle*, *the Berkeley Independent*, and *El Informador*.

5.6.2.1 Schedule

- Summer 2020 – announcing the first public information meeting
- Fall 2021– announcing the second public information meeting

2020 Update: For the 2020 public information meeting, newspaper advertisements were placed in local area newspapers to notify people about the meeting. Traditional public notice advertisements were placed in the following newspapers:

- the *Post and Courier* on June 30, 2020 (83,483 readers)

- *El Informador* on July 8, 2020 (minority-focused newspaper) (32,000 readers)
- *The Chronicle* on July 1, 2020 (minority-focused newspaper) (6,000 readers).

Figure 5.6 2020 Traditional Public Notice Newspaper Advertisement

**PROPOSED I-526 LOWCOUNTRY CORRIDOR EAST
PROJECT – From Virginia Avenue in North Charleston to
US 17 in Mount Pleasant
Berkeley and Charleston Counties**


Virtual Public Information Meeting

Virtual Public Information Meeting:
Due to health and safety concerns, a Public Information Meeting will now be held ONLINE ONLY for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST project. It will be available online at www.526lowcountrycorridor.com from July 15th to August 15th. As part of this online meeting, the public comment period and survey will also last until August 15th and are available on the website.

Purpose:
The I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST project runs 11 miles from Virginia Avenue in North Charleston to approximately US 17 in Mount Pleasant. As a Planning & Environment Linkages (PEL) study, the purpose of the project is to determine the needs along the corridor on I-526 from Virginia Avenue in North Charleston to US 17 in Mount Pleasant. The purpose of the virtual meeting is to provide the public access to the information online that would have been provided during an in-person meeting. It will provide an opportunity to discuss the needs of the I-526 corridor, explain the PEL study process, and provide an update to the community on the project. Another purpose of the meeting will be to gather input from the public or any interested organization on historic or cultural resources in the area. SCDOT is seeking input as a part of this virtual public information meeting to assist in identifying information relative to this project.

Process:
Tentative project schedules for completion of this Planning and Environment Linkages (PEL) Study will be discussed. Maps of the project study area and existing conditions will be available, and citizens may ask questions and provide comments regarding the possible social, economic, and environmental effects of the project. Property owners and business owners on or near the project area are urged to attend.

Review:
Additional information concerning the project may be obtained online at www.526lowcountrycorridor.com or by contacting Project Manager Joy Riley at 843.258.1135 or 866.632.5262 (toll free). Persons with disabilities or limited internet access who may require special accommodations should contact Ms. Betty Gray at 803-737-1395.

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2022 Update: For the launch of the 2021 public information meetings, newspaper advertisements were placed in the following local newspapers:

- *The Post and Courier* on October 11, 2021 (83,483 readers) – traditional public notice in English with accommodations note in Spanish
- *El Informador* on October 13, 2021 (minority-focused newspaper) (32,000 readers) – display advertisement featuring ways to engage in Spanish
- *The Moultrie News* on October 13, 2021 (35,600 readers) – display advertisement featuring ways to engage in English

Figure 5.7 Newspaper Display Advertisement

526 EAST
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Official Comment Period
October 11 - December 1, 2021

I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST
Public Information Meeting
Engagement Guide

SCDOT is conducting a Planning & Environmental Linkages (PEL) Study for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor (EAST (I-526 LCC EAST), which extends along I-526 from Virginia Avenue in North Charleston to approximately US 17 in Mount Pleasant.

How to Participate

Project Website
526LowcountryCorridor.com/eastvpm2021
Live, October 11, 2021
The Public Information Meeting webpage contains all the materials you would see at an in-person meeting.
A mailed public information meeting packet may be requested by calling 843.258.1135 or emailing info@526LowcountryCorridor.com.

In-Person Public Meetings
Tuesday, October 26, 2021 5-7 PM
R. L. Jones Center
391 Egypt Road, Mount Pleasant, SC
Wednesday, October 27, 2021 5-7 PM
Felix C. Davis Community Center
4800 Park Circle, North Charleston, SC
CARTA Routes 13 & 104
Spanish translation services available at all meetings.

How to Comment

Meaningful input is our number one priority. Below are the ways to make your voice heard in the official project records.

Project Website
526LowcountryCorridor.com
Fill out a comment form on the project website.

Project Email
info@526LowcountryCorridor.com

Project Hotline
843.258.1135 (Call Us)
Press "2" to leave a verbal comment. Comments will be limited to 2 minutes.

Mail
Joy Riley, PE, PMP, CPM, DBIA
SC Department of Transportation
Post Office Box 591
955 Park Street, Room 401
Columbia, SC 29202-0191

All formal comments received during the comment period will be evaluated and included in the project record. Please note, only written comments will receive a formal response. All information provided will be published and subject to disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act.

Info@526LowcountryCorridor.com | www.526LowcountryCorridor.com | 843.258.1135 | @526Corridor

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5.6.3 Local Television Stations

Opportunities may be sought for interviews on free and cable channels. It is estimated that up to two public service announcements will be prepared. This will include public service announcements for Spanish-language stations.

Personnel designated by SCDOT will be available for interviews to discuss issues, updates, and/or concerns regarding the project.

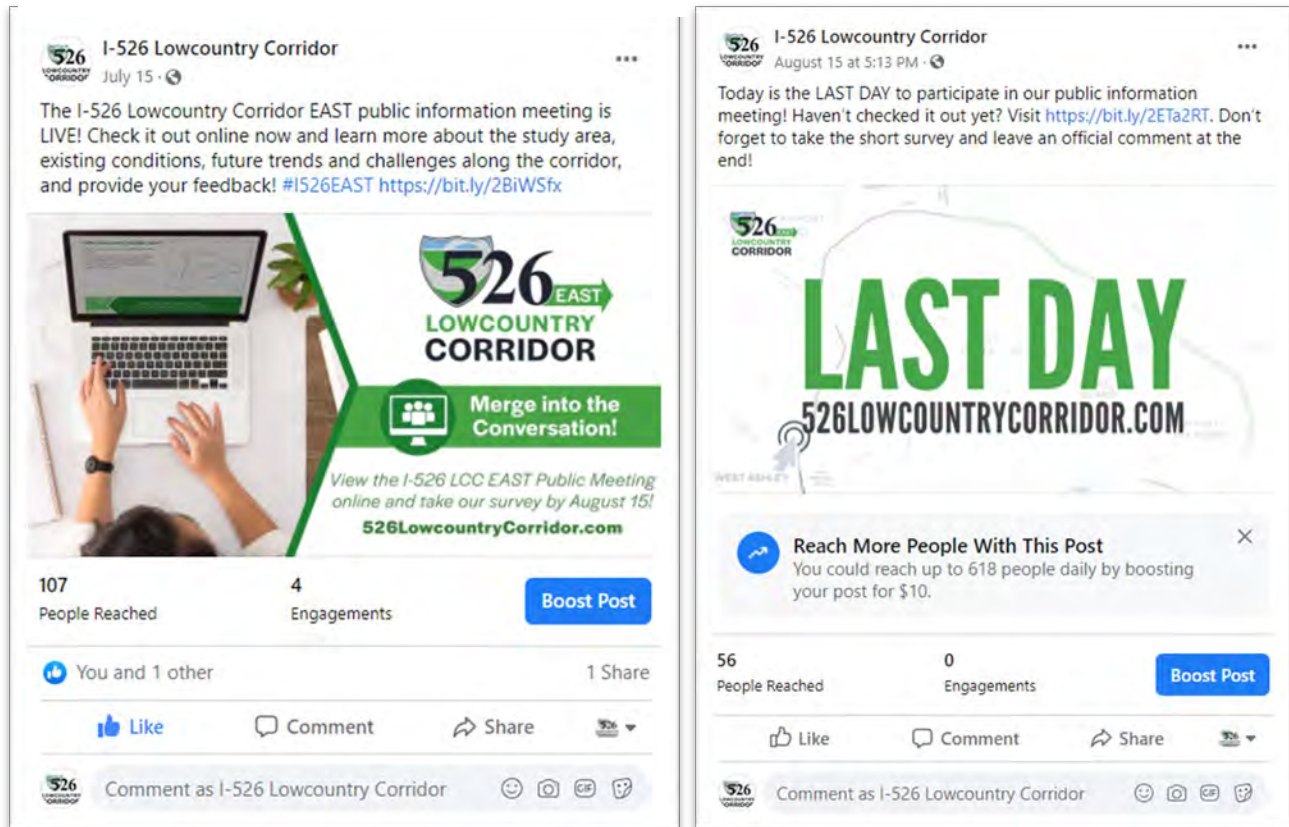
5.7 SOCIAL MEDIA

Throughout the project, information will be disseminated on various social media outlets, including Facebook (Facebook.com/526Corridor) and Twitter (@526Corridor). These handles will provide a stream of regular project updates, including photos of the project team and current activities, to promote upcoming events and engagement opportunities. Communication through social media is intended to be interactive and allows users immediate input on the project. The project team will provide SCDOT with a bank of responses to commonly asked questions to ensure timely engagement.

The EAST project team will provide SCDOT with a monthly content calendar. This will include educational campaigns about the project process, transportation, and other topics, in addition to timely project updates. SCDOT and the project team will generate an engaging, regular stream of content. Additionally, the project team will recommend and execute sponsored posts and ads to reach the project's target audience. These techniques will be used to supplement traditional outreach tactics, and efforts will be coordinated between both the EAST and WEST teams.

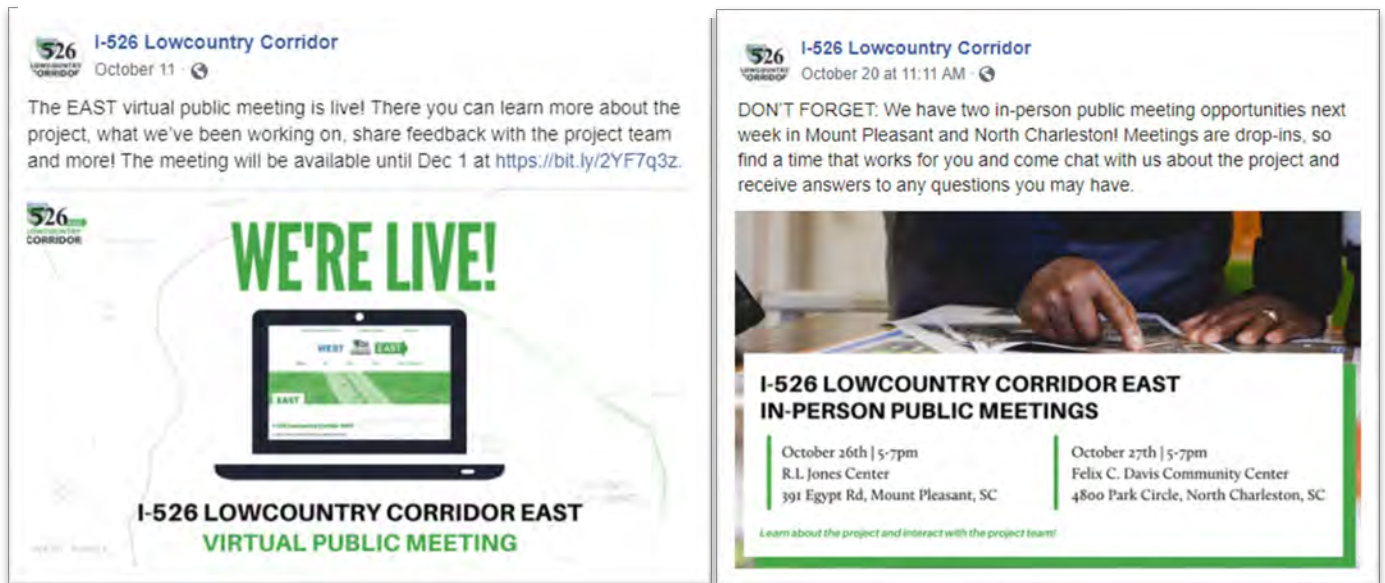
2020 Update: For the first public information meeting, paid social media was used to drive traffic to the online meeting and the MetroQuest survey which was also linked to from the public information meeting webpage (**Figure 5.8**). Social media ads were created to reach the target audience of residents, businesses, and commuters using I-526 LCC EAST. The below figures show two of the paid social media advertisements that were used to drive users to the project website.

Figure 5.8 2020 Public Information Meeting Paid Social Media Posts



2022 Update: Paid social media was also used to drive traffic to the second public information meeting in 2021 (**Figure 5.9**). Social media ads were created to reach the target audience of residents, businesses, and commuters using I-526 LCC EAST on Facebook. The below figures show two of the paid Facebook advertisements used to drive visitors to the project website. Additionally, organic posts on both Facebook and Twitter encouraged participation online and in person.

Figure 5.9 2021 Public Information Meeting Paid Social Media Posts



5.8 VISUALIZATIONS AND VIDEOS

A short video may be produced illustrating features such as design elements, traffic movements, and benefits to the traveling public, including a fly-through animation of the preferred alternative. There will also be up to four (4) additional educational videos produced to educate the public about key project elements, to be determined through the project development. Topics may include noise impacts, traffic management, freight mobility, etc. Up to 20 photographic renderings will also be prepared providing a point of view perspective of the project to be used at community, stakeholder, and public information meetings. One of the four educational videos will be on the Right of Way Process.

2022 Update: A short video has been produced for this project illustrating how projects are identified and how SCDOT chooses the right solutions. Additional educational videos may be produced to help educate the public about key project elements, to be determined through the project development process.

Project videos can be viewed on the project website at <https://www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/project-resources/>. Additionally, a project YouTube channel (526 Lowcountry Corridor) has been established to house all videos created for both EAST and WEST projects: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCEizVvvQjJcoOIVAZzdpGg/videos>.

5.9 DIGITAL BILLBOARDS

Digital billboards may be used to promote informational outlets such as the website and social media, advertise public meetings, and/or inform citizens of the project's progress. Two digital billboards located between Clements Ferry Road and Long Point Road may be used for advertisements related to the EAST project. Billboards may be used to supplement traditional outreach tactics, and efforts will be coordinated between both the EAST and the WEST teams.

2022 Update: The use of billboards in the public involvement process increases exposure to the overall project messaging. By reaching drivers along the project corridor, SCDOT can introduce the project to users of the facility, promote informational outlets such as the website and social media, drive participation at public meetings, and inform citizens of the project's progress. Billboards have been used to promote the I-526 LCC WEST public information meetings, thus driving traffic to the website. It was determined that billboards should be reserved for when the project enters the NEPA process, so billboards have not been used to date for the I-526 LCC EAST.

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The project team will utilize a series of events that are designed to engage the community – sharing project-related information, answering questions, and understanding community concerns and needs.

6.1 STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT MEETINGS

Organizations and individuals with an interest in this project have been identified and invited to participate in a stakeholder group. If new stakeholders are identified, they will be added to the list. The stakeholders’ role is to provide information and concerns to the project team and to share project information with their constituencies.

2022 Update: The I-526 LCC EAST project has meetings with identified stakeholders approximately quarterly. There, updates are provided on both I-526 LCC WEST and EAST projects. The list of participants is drawn from local public agencies, businesses, residents, non-profit organizations, and special interest groups in the project vicinity.

Stakeholder meeting presentations can be found online after the meeting at <https://www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east/public-involvement/#Stakeholder-Meetings>.

6.1.1 Tentative Schedule for Stakeholder Meetings

Table 5.2 Number of Attendees at Stakeholder Meetings

Date of Meeting	Topic	Number of Attendees
June 2016	General Stakeholder Group: WEST project update	19
November 2016 General	General Stakeholder Group: WEST project update	26
November 2016 Business	Business Stakeholder Group: WEST project update	4
May 2017	All Stakeholders: I-526 LCC EAST and WEST project update	32
May 2018	All Stakeholders: I-526 LCC EAST and WEST project update	33
April 2019	All Stakeholders: I-526 LCC EAST schedule, WEST project update	27
November 2019	All Stakeholders: Status update of EAST, WEST public information meetings materials	19
Summer 2020 (Virtual)	All Stakeholders: Information about the EAST project and upcoming EAST public information meeting, WEST project updates and major milestones, follow-on from public information meeting	28
Fall 2020 (Virtual)	All Stakeholders: Project updates and major milestones such as the Recommended Preferred Alternative for the WEST	16
Summer 2021 (Virtual)	All Stakeholders: WEST project update regarding revisions to the recommended preferred alternative and a summary of what was heard during the Public Hearing	29
Fall 2021 (Virtual)	All Stakeholders: Project update on the EAST public information meetings, including meeting materials such as reasonable alternatives	22

6.2 SPEAKERS BUREAU (SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS)

The Speakers Bureau will provide a schedule of opportunities to share project updates throughout the public involvement process with area community groups. The target audience of this effort includes business and community groups, from Daniel Island to Mount Pleasant, for potential speaking opportunities, such as the Mount Pleasant Chamber of Commerce, Charleston Metro Chamber of Commerce, Daniel Island Business Association, Charleston Leaders Network among others. The SCDOT project manager or designee will be present at these speaking opportunities.

2022 Update: To date, the following speaking engagements have been conducted:

Table 6.1 Speaking Engagements

Date	Organization	Venue	Approximate Attendance
8/10/2017	Charleston Chamber of Commerce North	Crowne Plaza Airport	40
9/26/2017	Charleston Chamber of Commerce Central	Doubletree by Hilton	40
10/4/2017	Mt Pleasant Rotary Club	Harbor Breeze Restaurant	40
10/23/2017	American Subcontractors Association Meeting	Town & Country Inn - West Ashley	100
1/18/2018	Charleston Chapter Society of Military Engineers	Ashley Venue - West Ashley	50
2/7/2018	Summerville Rotary Club	Sticky Fingers - Summerville	75
5/16/2018	Highland Terrace, Liberty Hall and Russelldale Communities (Councilwoman Dorothy William's Community Meeting)	City of North Charleston - City Hall	99
8/7/2018	Pile Driver Contractors Association of SC	Town & Country Inn - West Ashley	75
10/12/2018	American Society of Civil Engineers - Citadel	Citadel Campus	40
10/26/2018	International Right of Way Association	Charleston Harbor Resort & Marina	100
3/18/2019	Park Circle Community Meeting (Councilman Bob King)	Felix C Davis Community Center	60
4/16/2019	North Charleston Area Top Real Estate Producers	Oscar's Restaurant	50
7/25/2019	Joint Base Charleston Partnership Council	Joint Base Weapons Station	TBD
7/29/2019	North Charleston Rotary Club	Hilton Garden Inn Airport	TBD
8/27/2019	Berkeley County Continuing Education Course	Berkeley County Building	TBD
9/19/2019	Charleston Motor Carriers Association	Doubletree by Hilton	TBD
1/10/2020	Ashley Harbor Neighborhood	West Ashley Middle School	79
1/27/2020	Providence Commons HOA	West Ashley High School Band Room	40
2/3/2020	Ferndale Community Meeting	Ferndale Community Center	14

1/23/2020	Joint Base Charleston Commanders Meeting	Joint Base Weapons Station	40
2/5/2020	Charleston Metro Chamber of Commerce Champion Advocates: Demystifying SCDOT	The Workshop	30
2/25/2020	The Citadel: Engineering Department	The Citadel, Engineering Building	50
3/5/2020	Charleston Trident Association of Realtors, Investment Division	Crowne Plaza	60
6/23/2020	National Association of Women in Construction	Virtual	30
8/14/2020	SC Engineering Conference	Virtual	100
9/17/2020	City of North Charleston, Council Meeting	North Charleston Coliseum	60
10/1/2020	Charleston County Council Meeting	Charleston County Council Chambers	40
12/16/2020	Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance	Virtual	20
12/16/2020	Charleston Regional Chamber of Commerce, Policy Committee	Virtual	25
1/10/2021	Charleston Area Transportation Study (CHATS) Policy Committee Meeting	Virtual	45
2/16/2021	Origin SC, Board Meeting	Virtual	NA

**Grey indicates topic discussed was I-526 LCC WEST only*

6.3 SMALL BUSINESS OUTREACH

There will be two rounds of small business outreach. This initiative will accomplish the following:

- Provide project information through the distribution of project literature, including updates on project development and other information in the most recently produced project newsletters.
- Determine the knowledge of and interest in the project.
- Evaluate the best time of day and ideal location to schedule public meetings.

The first round of outreach will start prior to the initial public information meeting. The second round of outreach would occur ahead of the final/second public information meeting.

2020 Update: Small business outreach is expected to occur when the PEL study is complete and a funded project moves into the NEPA phase.

6.4 ELECTED OFFICIALS MEETINGS

Local, state, and federal elected officials will be briefed when project events warrant. Their participation in the information-sharing process is important to the success of the project. The SCDOT Project Manager will send all elected officials notifications and emails with periodic project updates and announcing all public information meetings and stakeholder meetings. Specific briefings will be held, and/or notices issued, prior to public meetings to highlight what is to be presented to their constituents. Elected officials will also be copied on any correspondence distributed to stakeholders. It is envisioned that this is an opportunity for elected officials to provide feedback on the project information they receive in the meeting and provide guidance to SCDOT and the project team on opportunities to engage

their communities in a meaningful way through. Their feedback will result in an update to the community engagement program, as needed. No elected official meetings will be initiated, scheduled, or conducted by the I-526 LCC EAST team unless directed by SCDOT. The project teams will coordinate with local officials from the City of Charleston, City of North Charleston, Town of Mount Pleasant, and Charleston County.

Table 6.2 Local, State and Federal Elected Officials Meetings for both EAST and WEST projects

2016	
Stakeholder Meeting (Chamber of Commerce)	November
2017	
Stakeholder Meeting (Chamber of Commerce)	March
2018	
Mount Pleasant (Mayor, Administrator, Transportation Staff)	March
BCDCOG (Senior Staff)	March
Berkeley County (Supervisor & Senior Staff)	March
City of North Charleston (Council members & Senior Staff)	March
City of Charleston (Council members & Senior Staff)	April
Dorchester County (Senior Staff)	April
2019	
Neighborhood Meeting at Request of Council Member Bob King	March
City of North Charleston	April
City of Charleston	June
Legislative Delegation Drop In; Local Elected Officials Drop In	November
City of Charleston (Mayor)	December
2020	
North Charleston City Council Briefing (Montague Terrace)	September
I-526 Progress Briefing with City of Charleston Mayor and Senior Staff	September
Charleston County Council Briefing on I-526	October
2021	
Representative Marvin Pendarvis	March
City of North Charleston	August
City of Charleston	October
US Senator Tim Scott's Staff	November

6.1 NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION (NGO) MEETINGS

NGOs include entities such as Rotary Clubs, professional societies, environmental interest groups, and chambers of commerce. NGO outreach is another means to inform, educate, and involve the public. It also adds credibility to the project by demonstrating that SCDOT is interested in and wants to hear what people have to say. Outreach or engagement activities with planning organizations, NGOs, quasi-state agencies, and public authorities will be identified and requested prior to engagement efforts.

6.2 INTERVIEWS

The project team will talk to knowledgeable persons or community leaders to gain a solid understanding of potential community issues and perceived impacts. These individuals may include Chamber of

Commerce representatives, religious leaders, local elected officials, local planning directors, leaders of social service agencies or non-profit organizations, leaders of area interest groups, school principals, school board members, community or neighborhood association representatives, or others identified as holding special knowledge or interest in the community. The project team will talk to people over the phone or in person to get a perspective on active organizations in the area, issues of local or regional importance, and other people to interview. In addition, these individuals can help in determining the best times and locations for community meetings.

6.3 PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETINGS (PIMs)

There will be two rounds of public information meetings (PIMs) conducted during the PEL study. A public notice will be prepared for the newspaper and postcard mailings will also be distributed notifying the public of the meeting date, time, and location.

2020 Update: Two in-person PIMs for the I-526 LCC EAST PEL Study were originally scheduled to be held in-person on March 24, 2020 and March 26, 2020 in Mount Pleasant and North Charleston, respectively. In response to Governor McMaster’s direction to limit large public gatherings because of public health concerns, the meetings were postponed. When social distancing guidelines continued to develop and evolve over several months, amid increasing public health concerns, it was decided by SCDOT and FHWA to hold the meetings completely online in lieu of the in-person meetings. Read more about this virtual meeting below in **Section 6.5 Virtual Public Information Meeting**.

2022 Update: Two in-person PIMs for the I-526 LCC EAST PEL Study were held on October 26 and October 27, 2021, in Mount Pleasant and North Charleston, respectively. Additionally, all PIM materials were available online at www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/eastvpim2021/.

The purpose of the PIMs was to explain how public input has been used to inform the concepts development and screening process, ask for public input on the Reasonable Alternatives, and outline the next steps in the project development process.

Additionally, SCDOT wanted to gather information from the public, resource agencies, and project stakeholders on any resources in the study area including historic or cultural resources in the area. The information presented at the PIMs were available in both English and Spanish.

These drop-in meetings took place partially indoors and partially outdoors. These open-house meetings did not have a formal presentation. Content was designed to educate the public about the potential improvements along this corridor, analysis done to date, and how their previous input had been used. Additionally, the meeting was designed to receive input from the public. Handouts were available in English and Spanish, and translators were available on site at each meeting to help guide Spanish-speakers through the materials. In-person materials included a mixture of static boards and smartboards. The layout was setup with sign-in and safety screening tables outside, static boards arranged under a tent, and smartboards, roll plots and additional static boards set up inside the venues. Understanding the current public health concerns, masks were highly encouraged when not required and temperature checks were performed at all meetings.

A total of 558 comments were received during the formal comment period (October 11 through December 1, 2021). Of those, 32 were duplicate comments. Duplicate comments are comments that were made by the same person twice or more that are verbatim or have the exact same sentiments and

themes. Duplicate comments count toward the total number of comments made, but their sentiments and themes were only tallied once.

There were multiple ways for people to submit comments: through the website (virtual PIM webpage or general contact page), email comments directly to info@526LowcountryCorridor.com, mail to Joy Riley, SC Department of Transportation, Post Office Box 191, 955 Park Street, Room 401, Columbia, SC 29202-0191, or by leaving a voicemail on the I-526 LCC hotline (843.258.1135). Comments received include:

- 377 online comments through the PIM webpage
- 27 online comments through the main project contact webpage
- 84 email comments
- 15 hotline comments
- 52 in-person comments
- 3 stakeholder comments

The top six comments or concerns received during the public comment period were:

1. Support for Option 2 for the Long Point Road/Wando Port Interchange (45%)
2. Traffic Concerns (*Inclusive of Truck Traffic Concerns*) (45%)
3. Truck Traffic Concerns (37%)
4. Support for Separate/Dedicated Truck Access to/from Port (23%)
5. Noise Concerns (22%)
6. Safety Concerns (22%)

6.4 VIRTUAL PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING

Virtual public information meetings (PIMs) will be conducted during the appropriate stages of project development, likely in concurrence with the in-person PIMs. The virtual meetings will afford the public the opportunity to participate in a public meeting from anywhere and anytime during the official public comment period. This provides additional flexibility for those members of the public with scheduling or transportation challenges to participate, as well as those members of the public not traditionally comfortable with government settings.

2020 Update: The 2020 virtual PIM was hosted on the project website, allowing the public, resource agencies, and project stakeholders to access project information and comment on the project on their schedule (**Figure 6.1**). The purpose of the virtual PIM was to provide the public, resource agencies, and project stakeholders an opportunity for meaningful and timely input into the PEL Study. The materials presented project information including the project purpose and need, the PEL study process, existing conditions within the study area, and solicited comments on the presented materials. Materials were presented graphically on boards and in a video that summarizes how SCDOT plans and makes highway improvements. Attendees were offered various methods (webpage, email, toll-free hotline, and by scheduling an appointment at the Community Office) to provide comments and ask questions.

Additionally, SCDOT wanted to gather information from the public, resource agencies, and project stakeholders on any resources in the study area including historic or cultural resources in the area. The information presented at was available in both English and Spanish. Closed captioning was available in the video, as well.

There were a total of 2,129 sessions, or views, on the public meeting webpage during the public comment period, from July 15 to August 15, 2020. Of the age and gender data that was collected from website sessions, the highest participating cohort were males in the 35-44 age range (117), while the highest participating cohort for women was the 55-64 age range (93).

A total of 84 comments were received during the formal comment period (July 15 through August 15, 2020). There were two ways for people to submit comments within the website online: the virtual PIM webpage and the main I-526 LCC project webpage. Additionally, people could email comments directly to info@526LowcountryCorridor.com Comments received include:

- 76 online comments through the PIM
- 7 online comments through the main project webpage
- 1 email comment during the PIM period

The top five comments or concerns received during the PIM were:

1. Noise concerns (21.3%)
2. Neighborhood impact concerns (12.4%)
3. Alternative truck/freight routes/options (9.5%)
4. Trucks in the right lane/truck lanes (5.9%)
5. Supports -widening (5.3%)

Figure 6.1 I-526 LCC EAST Public Meeting Webpage (2020)

Public Meeting Overview

The public meeting and survey are now closed. The I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST public information meeting and survey were presented to the public July 15 – August 15, 2020. Materials for the public meeting are below.

BACKGROUND ↓ **NEEDS** ↓ **SURVEY** ↓ **HANDOUT: ENG | ES**

Project Background

SCDOT is conducting a Planning & Environmental Linkages (PEL) Study for I-526 LCC EAST, which extends from Virginia Avenue in North Charleston to approximately US 17 in Mount Pleasant. The PEL study will identify existing and projected transportation issues within the corridor through public and stakeholder engagement.

The results of the study will help establish a vision for the corridor that will guide future transportation decision-making. This resulting information of the PEL study will be carried into the next phase of project development which is the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process. After the needs are better understood in this corridor, and potential improvements identified, the next steps, including potential phasing and project opportunities, may be developed. To learn more about the I-526 LCC study area and the PEL study process and schedule, view the boards below.

Where is the I-526 LCC EAST?



View a map of the study limits of the I-526 LCC EAST & WEST projects.

What is a Planning & Environmental Linkages Study?



Learn about the benefits of doing a PEL study before NEPA and the major milestones schedule for this study.

Retrieved January 13, 2022 from <https://www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/vpim-east/>

2022 Update: To accompany the in-person 2021 meetings, an online public meeting was available throughout the comment period (October 11 through December 1, 2021) and will remain on the project website for the duration of the project development process (**Figure 6.2**). The online format allowed the public to view materials and participate on their own schedule. The materials were divided into four main sections: Project Background, Growing Mobility Needs, Concepts Development & Screening Process, and Next Steps & Comments. All materials were available online in both English and Spanish.

Figure 6.2 I-526 LCC EAST Public Meeting Webpage (2021)

WELCOME TO YOUR PUBLIC MEETING

Public Meeting Overview

The I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting ended December 1, 2021. ALL Public Information Meeting materials are still available online below. In-person opportunities to participate were held on:

- Tuesday, October 26, 5-7 PM, R. L. Jones Center (391 Egypt Road, Mount Pleasant, SC)
- Wednesday, October 27, 5-7 PM, Felix C. Davis Community Center (4800 Park Circle, North Charleston, SC – CARTA Routes 13 & 104)

These drop-in Public Information Meetings took place partially indoors and partially outdoors. These open house meetings did not have a formal presentation. The City of North Charleston required masks inside their buildings. Masks were highly encouraged when not required. The COVID-19 conditions were continually monitored. In accordance with current public health guidelines, temperature checks were performed at all meetings. Anyone with a temperature of over 100.4 was not allowed to enter the facility.

The purpose of the Public Information Meeting was to:

- Explain how YOUR input has been used to inform the concepts development and screening process
- Ask for your input on the Reasonable Alternatives
- Outline the next steps in the project development process
- Gather information on historic or cultural resources and any potential impacts

Project Background | Needs | Design Concepts | Handout: ENG | ES

Project Background

SCDOT is conducting a Planning & Environmental Linkages (PEL) Study for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST (I-526 LCC EAST), which extends along **I-526 from Virginia Avenue in North Charleston to approximately US 17 in Mount Pleasant**. The PEL study examines existing and projected transportation issues within the corridor based on the input YOU provided during the 2020 public information meeting and survey. Your input validated the data we gathered and was used to develop the draft Purpose and Needs.

Planning & Environmental Linkages (PEL) Study

What is a PEL Study?

What is a Planning & Environmental Linkages Study?

[View Here: English | Spanish](#)

Draft Purpose & Need

What is the Purpose & Need of this Study?

[View Here: English | Spanish](#)

What did we hear & how did we use YOUR input?

Retrieved January 13, 2022 from <https://www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/eastpim2021/>

There were 6,939 sessions on the PIM webpage during the public comment period. The average time spent on the virtual PIM was 4 minutes and 35 seconds. Of the age and gender data that was collected from website sessions, the highest participating cohort were males (59%) and people within the 35-44 age range.



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7.0 OUTREACH TO TRADITIONALLY UNDERREPRESENTED COMMUNITIES

According to U.S. Census data, low-income, seniors, and limited English proficiency populations are included in the population of North Charleston and the surrounding areas. Continuous “on-the-ground” outreach to, and involvement of, traditionally unrepresented communities identified in the study area will be an important element of the public involvement activities. Special effort will be made to identify and meet with leaders in these communities and go to activity centers such as churches and social service organizations to inform, educate, and seek input from residents and others in these communities. Special attention will be paid to tailoring materials and outreach to these communities to ensure the fullest participation as possible. Potential strategies for reaching these populations may include the following opportunities.

2022 Update: The items below in **Sections 7.1** and **7.2** have been removed from the outreach plan for the I-526 LCC EAST. However, the following additional items were done to promote participation by traditionally underserved populations:

- Summer 2020 – ALL public information meeting materials, including the MetroQuest survey, were translated into Spanish.
- October 2021 – The project team presented to the Community Advisory Council (CAC) on the I-526 LCC EAST public information meeting materials. The CAC was created to help advise project team members on the communities’ needs for the I-526 LCC WEST. CAC members provide input on actions to minimize and mitigate impacts. The CAC is made up of community leaders, neighborhood residents from Russelldale, Ferndale, Liberty Park and Highland Terrace, members of organizations active in the community, and local church members.
- October 2021 – ALL public information meeting materials were translated into Spanish, and a Spanish translator was available at each of the in-person public information meetings.
- October 2021 – In-person public information meetings were conducted to encourage participation from traditional underserved populations who may not have access to internet. Additionally, materials were available through USPS by request for those who did not wish to access the information online or in-person.

7.1 YOUTH ENGAGEMENT

The project team will contact local schools to engage their teachers and students in the data collection and project information distribution effort.

The project team will develop survey packets for distribution at participating elementary schools within the study area. A survey packet that includes a map will be created for each school within the entire project area. These packets will be given to 4th, 5th, or 6th grade students to take home to survey their parents.

7.2 ADDITIONAL OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

- Coordinate with the local senior citizen and disability coordinators to assist in conducting group meetings at local senior centers.
- Coordinate with local homeowners' associations (HOA) to publish project information in their community newsletters or attend HOA meetings to provide project updates.
- Create customized, free PSAs for Spanish-speaking radio stations to specifically reach LEP communities, particularly AM stations (Regional Mexican, Spanish Contemporary).

Table 8-1 lists the schools, churches, recreational facilities, and neighborhoods that have been identified in the North Charleston portion of EAST project study area. The EAST team will coordinate with the WEST project team to obtain outreach activity responses and public feedback already completed for the WEST project and determine which team will be responsible for future outreach efforts.

8.1 WALKING TOUR

A walking tour may be provided by members of SCDOT or the project team. This walking tour would provide one-on-one outreach in an informal group setting with the goal of relationship building.

8.2 ONLINE MAPPING TOOLS AND ONLINE STORY MAPS

Online engagement tools are fast becoming the quickest, easiest and most cost-effective way to reach a large number of people and maximize inclusiveness. Interactive mapping allows people to: identify routes, resources, and places of interest; leave comments; agree/disagree; and upload photos. Story maps are a means of visual storytelling. Story maps provide an interactive visual experience for non-technical audiences. Various uses of mapping tools will be explored, and if deemed usable, may be implemented by the project team.

To date, a story map delving into the NEPA process has been developed for the project as well as an Existing Plus Committed projects map for the Charleston region. These tools will be integrated into the project website, as well.

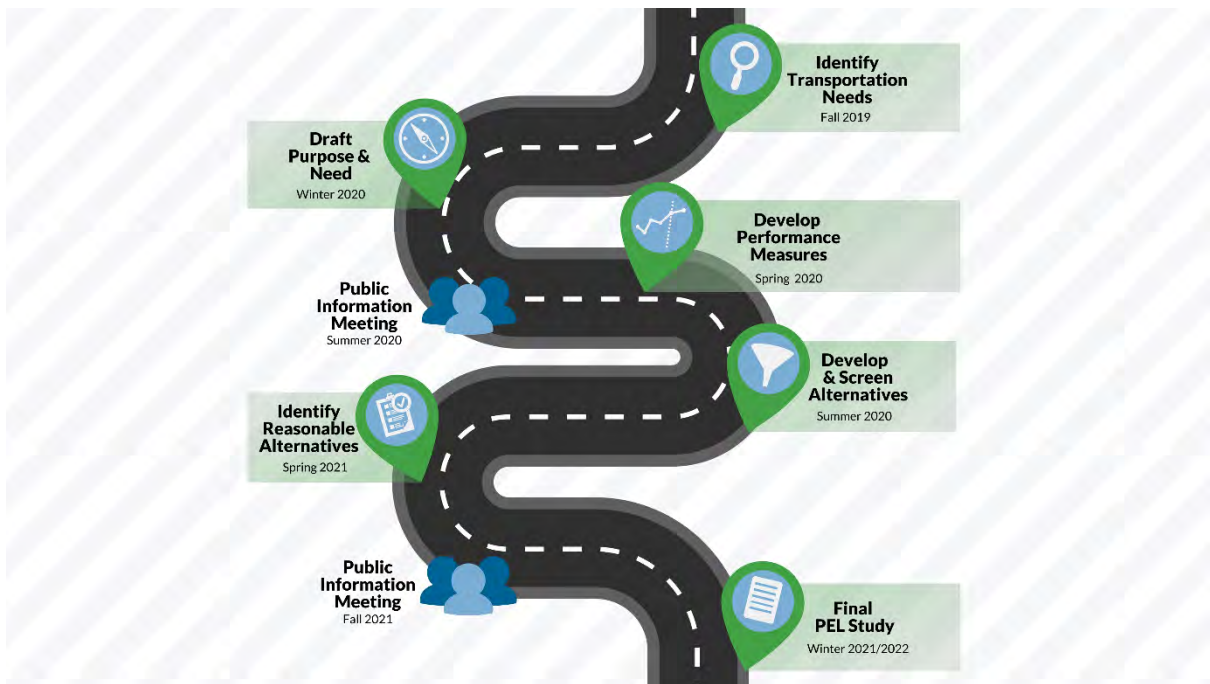
2022 Update: An interactive online map was created to show the design concepts evaluated for each section of the I-526 LCC EAST. This map was made available during the 2021 public information meeting from October 11, 2021 through December 2, 2021. The map will remain available online through the duration of the project development process.

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The anticipated schedule for the completion of the PEL study is Winter 2021/early 2022. This schedule will be revised/updated as the project moves forward, and new information is revealed that may result in schedule adjustments.

The following list identifies the schedule highlights:

- Develop Purpose & Need Winter 2020
- Public Information Meeting Summer 2020
- Develop Conceptual Alternatives Spring/Summer 2020
- Public Information Meeting Fall 2021
- Finalize PEL Study Winter 2021/2022



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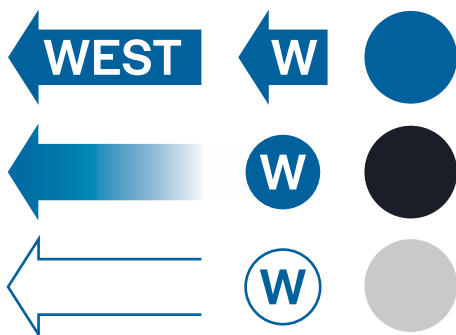
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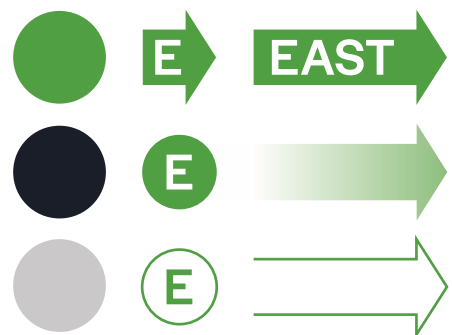
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I-526 Lowcountry Corridor West extends along existing Interstate 526 (I-526) from Rivers Avenue in North Charleston to Paul Cantrell Boulevard in West Ashley. The roughly 8-mile-long project is proposed to reduce congestion, improve traffic conditions and enhance safety along a heavily traveled segment of I-526.



I-526 Lowcountry Corridor East extends along existing Interstate 526 (I-526) from North Rhett Avenue in North Charleston to Johnnie Dodds Boulevard in Mount Pleasant. The roughly 11-mile-long project consists of numerous operational improvements, including interchange improvements and roadway widening along a heavily traveled segment of I-526.



No part of the 526 Lowcountry Corridor should be confused with the extension of the Mark Clark Expressway, which is the completion of Interstate 526 from its current terminus at Savannah Highway to an end at Folly Road.

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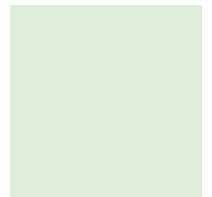
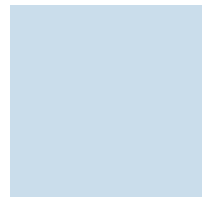
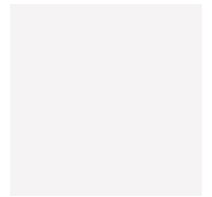
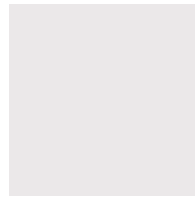
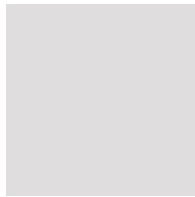
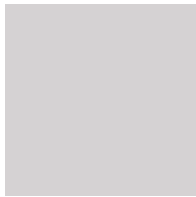
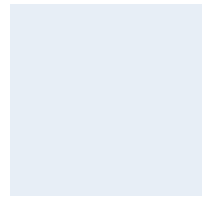
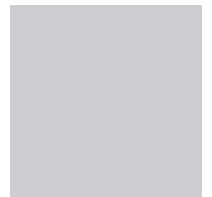
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	Contact		Wetlands/Waterways
	Costs		Text Message
	Endangered Species		Traffic
	Existing/Planned Utilities		Trucks/Freight
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Styling Options



NAMING CONVENTIONS

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PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING 1 & METROQUEST SURVEY SUMMARY

The initial public engagement efforts for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor (I-526 LCC) EAST Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL) Study located in the Charleston region of South Carolina, were conducted virtually between May 14 and August 15, 2020 because of current public health concerns and required social distancing guidelines. An interactive online survey (MetroQuest) was released on May 14 and remained open until August 15, 2020. This survey was followed by an on-demand, Public Information Meeting (PIM) hosted online at www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/vpim-east/ from July 15 to August 15, 2020. The comment period associated with this PIM effort ended on August 15, 2020. The MetroQuest survey had 3,103 responses and the PIM website had 2,129 sessions (views). The PIM and the MetroQuest survey are further described below.

	Public Information Meeting	Survey
Platform Used	Project Website	MetroQuest
Dates Available/ Comment Period	July 15 – August 15, 2020	May 14 – August 15, 2020
Participation	2,129 Sessions	3,103 Responses

Figure 1 I-526 LCC EAST Study Area



1.1 PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING (PIM)

Two PIMs for the I-526 LCC EAST PEL Study were originally scheduled to be held in-person on March 24, 2020 and March 26, 2020 in Mount Pleasant and North Charleston, respectively. In response to Governor McMaster's direction to limit large public gatherings because of public health concerns, the meetings were postponed. When social distancing guidelines continued to develop and evolve over several months, amid increasing public health concerns, it was decided by the South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) to hold the PIM online in lieu of the in-person meetings. The PIM was hosted on the project website, allowing the public, resource agencies, and project stakeholders to access project information and comment on the project on their schedule.

The purpose of the PIM was to provide the public, resource agencies, and project stakeholders an opportunity for meaningful and timely input into the PEL Study. The PIM presented project information including the project purpose and need, the PEL study process, existing conditions within the study area, and solicited comments on the presented materials. Materials were presented graphically on boards and in a video that summarizes how SCDOT plans and makes highway improvements. Attendees were offered various methods (webpage, email, toll-free hotline, and by scheduling an appointment at the Community Office) to provide comments and ask questions.

Additionally, SCDOT wanted to gather information from the public, resource agencies, and project stakeholders on any resources in the study area including historic or cultural resources in the area. The information presented at the PIM was available in both English and Spanish. Closed captioning was available in the video, as well.

1.1.1 PIM Advertisement

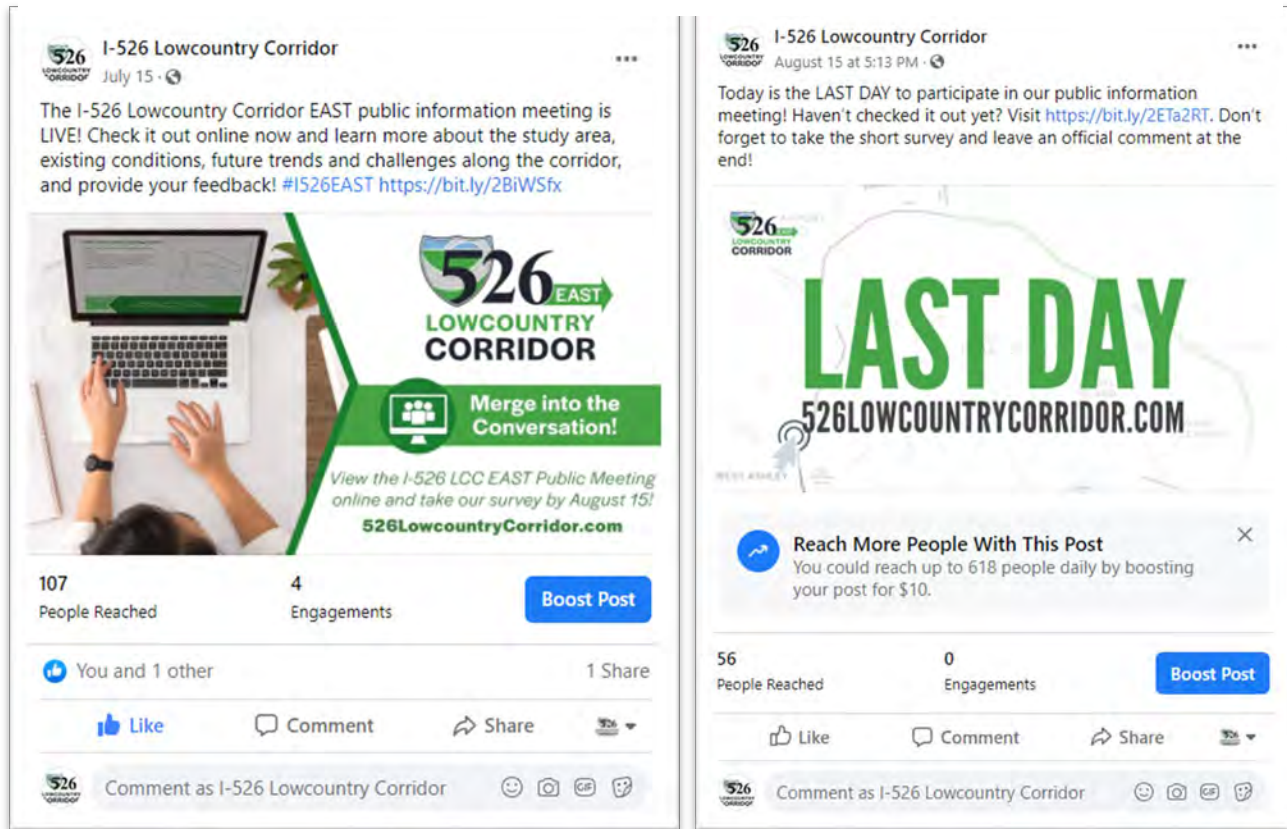
Multiple types of advertisement, both traditional and non-traditional, were used to publicize the PIM. These methods are outlined below.

1.1.1.1 Advertising Methods

Paid Social Media

Paid social media was used to drive traffic to the online meeting and the MetroQuest survey which was also linked to from the PIM webpage. Social media ads were created to reach the target audience of residents, businesses, and commuters using I-526 LCC EAST PEL Study. Figure 2 shows two of the paid social media advertisements that were used to drive users to the project website.

Figure 2 Paid Social Media Posts



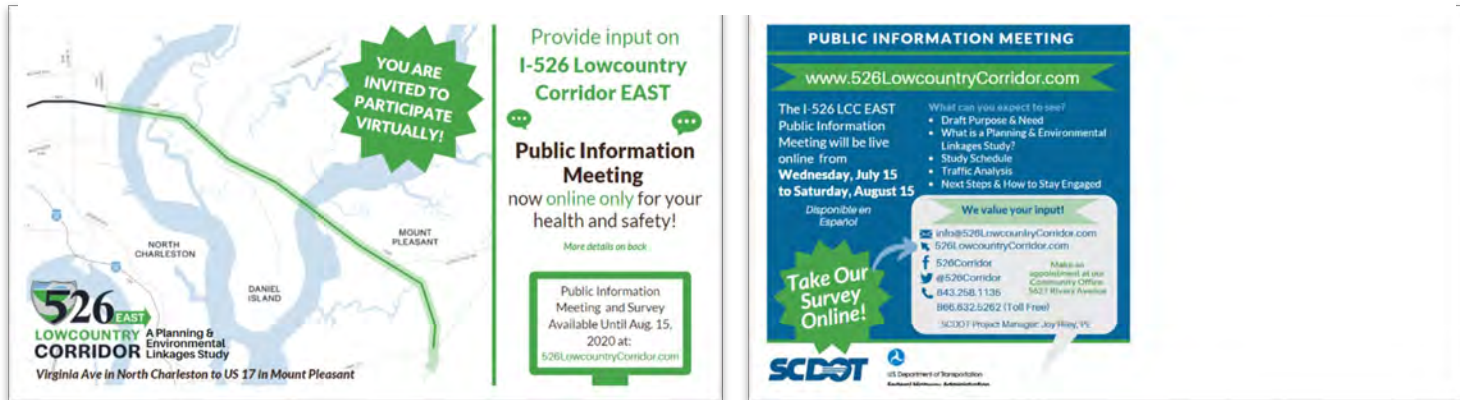
Eblast

An eblast is an email message that goes out to a group of people in mass simultaneously. In this case, the I-526 LCC EAST project has a joint mailing list of interested parties with the I-526 LCC WEST project. People can subscribe to receive email updates online for these projects.

- May 14, 2020: An eblast announcing the MetroQuest survey went out to all stakeholders and interested parties (1,127 email addresses).
- May 27, 2020: An email regarding the announcement of the MetroQuest survey was sent to the list of minority community influencers (149 email addresses).
- July 15, 2020: Another email notifying all stakeholders and interested parties that the PIM was live online and the MetroQuest survey was extended (1,628 email addresses).
- August 4, 2020: A duplicate notification about the PIM was sent to all interested parties and stakeholders (1,956 email addresses).

Postcard

Postcards were mailed to all mailboxes within a one-mile buffer of the study area (5,136 mailboxes) on July 15, 2020. Postcards were mailed in a timely manner so that they would hit mailboxes the day the PIM went live.



Press Release/Media Day

A press release was distributed on the day of the launch of the PIM online, and a virtual media day was hosted on July 14, 2020. The virtual media day gave media outlets an opportunity to schedule time to speak with project officials about the I-526 LCC EAST project through an online meeting platform. The following is the record of media outlets that covered the I-526 LCC EAST project.

Date	Coverage	Outlet Name	Medium
7/14/2020	SCDOT to update public on plans for congested eastern stretch of I-526	Post and Courier Online, The	Online
7/14/2020	SC transportation officials to update public on plans for eastern stretch of I-526	Post and Courier Online, The	Online
7/15/2020	SCDOT Launches Public Information Meeting on Project Website for Proposed I-526 Lowcountry Corridor East Study	Holy City Sinner	Online
7/15/2020	News 2 Today	WCBD-TV	Broadcast
7/15/2020	SCDOT to update public on plans for congested eastern stretch of I-526	Post and Courier, The	Newspaper
7/15/2020	SCDOT provides look into I-526 Lowcountry Corridor East Project prior to public meeting	WCBD-TV Online	Online
7/16/2020	SCDOT Launches Public Information Meeting on Project Website for Proposed I-526 Lowcountry Corridor East Study	Charleston Daily	Online
7/21/2020	Upcoming Proposals for a Safer Commute	Fox24 Charleston	Online

Newspaper Advertisements

Newspaper advertisements were placed in local area newspapers to notify people about the PIM. Advertisements were placed in the following newspapers:

- the *Post and Courier* on June 30, 2020
- *El Informador* on July 8, 2020 (minority-focused newspaper)
- *The Chronicle* on July 1, 2020 (minority-focused newspaper).

Figure 4 Newspaper Advertisement

**PROPOSED I-526 LOWCOUNTRY CORRIDOR EAST
PROJECT – From Virginia Avenue in North Charleston to
US 17 in Mount Pleasant
Berkeley and Charleston Counties**


Virtual Public Information Meeting

Virtual Public Information Meeting:
Due to health and safety concerns, a Public Information Meeting will now be held ONLINE ONLY for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST project. It will be available online at www.526lowcountrycorridor.com from July 15th to August 15th. As part of this online meeting, the public comment period and survey will also last until August 15th and are available on the website.

Purpose:
The I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST project runs 11 miles from Virginia Avenue in North Charleston to approximately US 17 in Mount Pleasant. As a Planning & Environment Linkages (PEL) study, the purpose of the project is to determine the needs along the corridor on I-526 from Virginia Avenue in North Charleston to US 17 in Mount Pleasant. The purpose of the virtual meeting is to provide the public access to the information online that would have been provided during an in-person meeting. It will provide an opportunity to discuss the needs of the I-526 corridor, explain the PEL study process, and provide an update to the community on the project. Another purpose of the meeting will be to gather input from the public or any interested organization on historic or cultural resources in the area. SCDOT is seeking input as a part of this virtual public information meeting to assist in identifying information relative to this project.

Process:
Tentative project schedules for completion of this Planning and Environment Linkages (PEL) Study will be discussed. Maps of the project study area and existing conditions will be available; and citizens may ask questions and provide comments regarding the possible social, economic, and environmental effects of the project. Property owners and business owners on or near the project area are urged to attend.

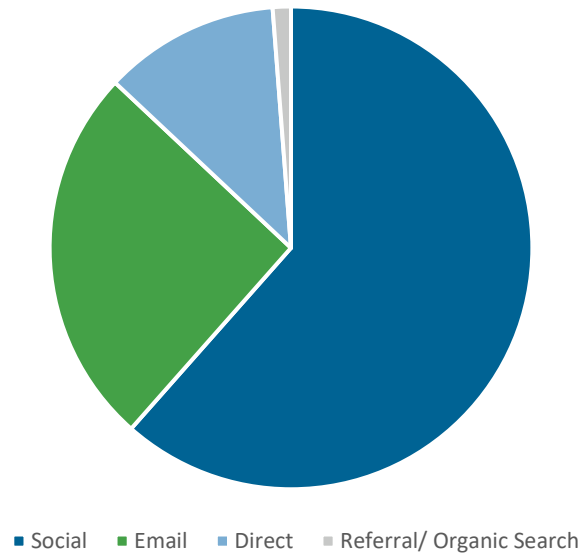
Review:
Additional information concerning the project may be obtained online at www.526lowcountrycorridor.com or by contacting Project Manager Joy Riley at 843.258.1135 or 866.632.5262 (toll free). Persons with disabilities or limited internet access who may require special accommodations should contact Ms. Betty Gray at 803-737-1395.

 **South Carolina Department of Transportation**

1.1.1.2 Website Analytics

Website analytics show that paid social media was one of the top drivers to the website, followed by email traffic, and direct traffic. Direct traffic refers to people who typed in the website address directly to get to the site instead of clicking a link from somewhere else. This data is from Google Analytics, rather than self-selection, meaning people coming to the website did not self-identify how they arrived.

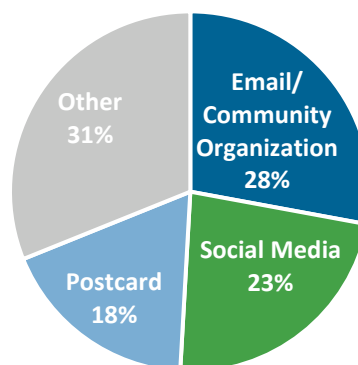
Where is the webpage traffic coming from?



Since many advertisement methods can't be tracked by Google Analytics, if respondents submitted a comment from within the PIM webpage, they were asked how they heard about the PIM. Of the 61 respondents who answered this question,

- 27.9 percent learned about it from an email/notification from a community organization,
- 23 percent learned about it from social media,
- 18 percent learned about it from a postcard,
- and 31.1 percent learned about it from other sources (newspaper, other websites, etc.).

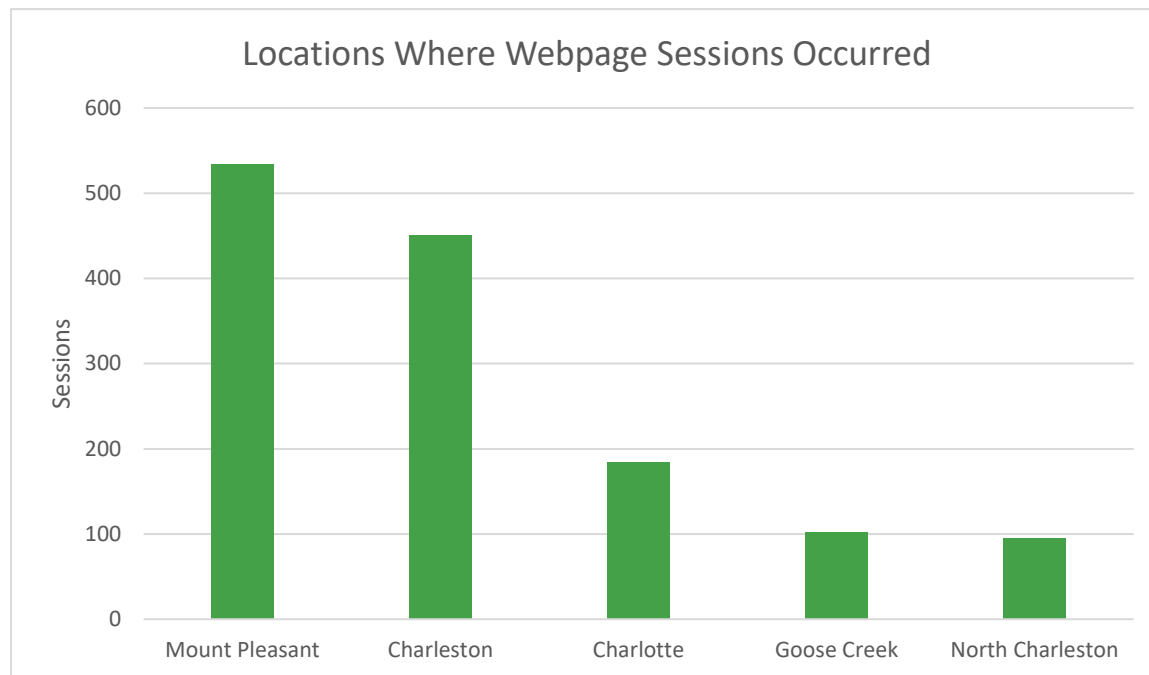
Where is the webpage traffic coming from? Self-Reported



1.1.2 PIM Demographics

There were a total of 2,129 sessions, or views, on the PIM webpage during the public comment period, from July 15 to August 15, 2020. Of the age and gender data that was collected from website sessions, the highest participating cohort were males in the 35-44 age range (117), while the highest participating cohort for women was the 55-64 age range (93).

Geographically, participants were dispersed across the study area from Mount Pleasant to Charleston (likely Daniel Island) and North Charleston. Figure 1 shows a map of the I-526 LCC EAST study area. As I-526 is a regional corridor, a strong contingency from Goose Creek residents who likely use I-526 to reach key regional centers of employment and recreation was observed. The Charlotte, North Carolina aberration could be from a number of factors such as their internet service provider registering them in Charlotte (often is the case in businesses), tourists, or those currently out of the area.



1.1.3 PIM Comments

There were a total of 84 comments received during the formal comment period (July 15 through August 15, 2020) aggregated from the comment forms on the project webpage and the emails. There were two ways for people to submit comments within the website online: the VPIM and the main I-526 project webpage. Additionally, people could email comments directly to info@526LowcountryCorridor.com. Comments received include:

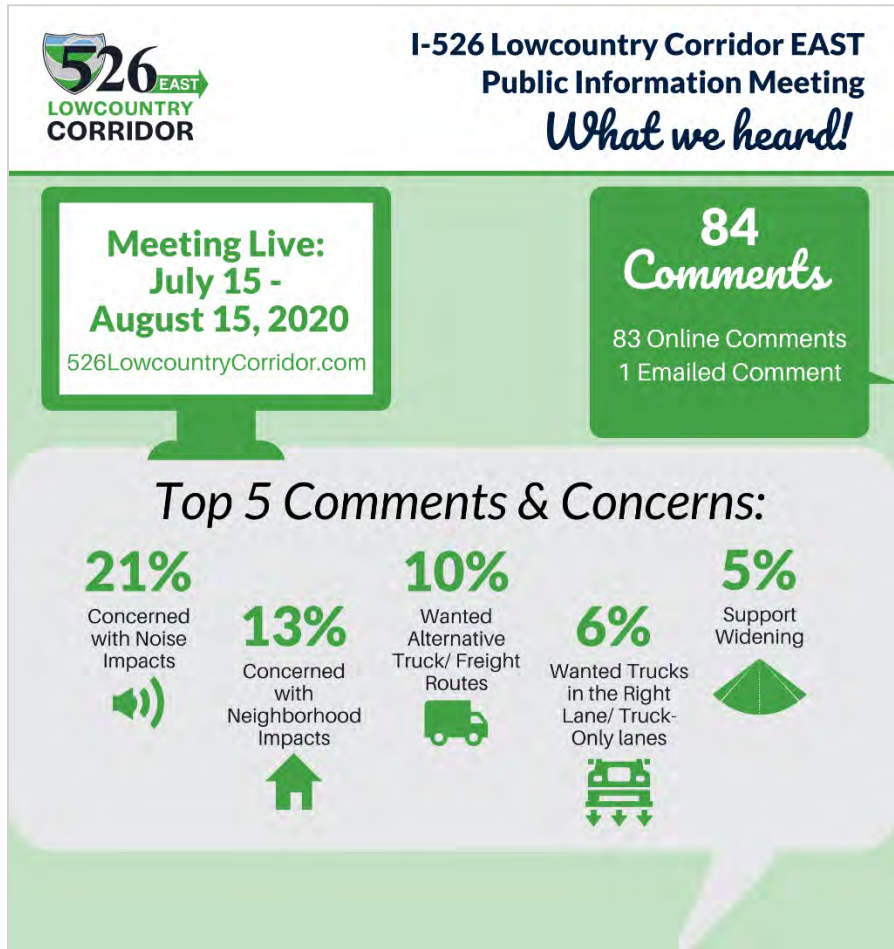
- Seventy-six (76) online comments through the PIM
- Seven (7) online comments through the main project webpage
- One (1) email comment during the PIM period

The top five comments or concerns received during the PIM were:

1. Noise -21.3 percent

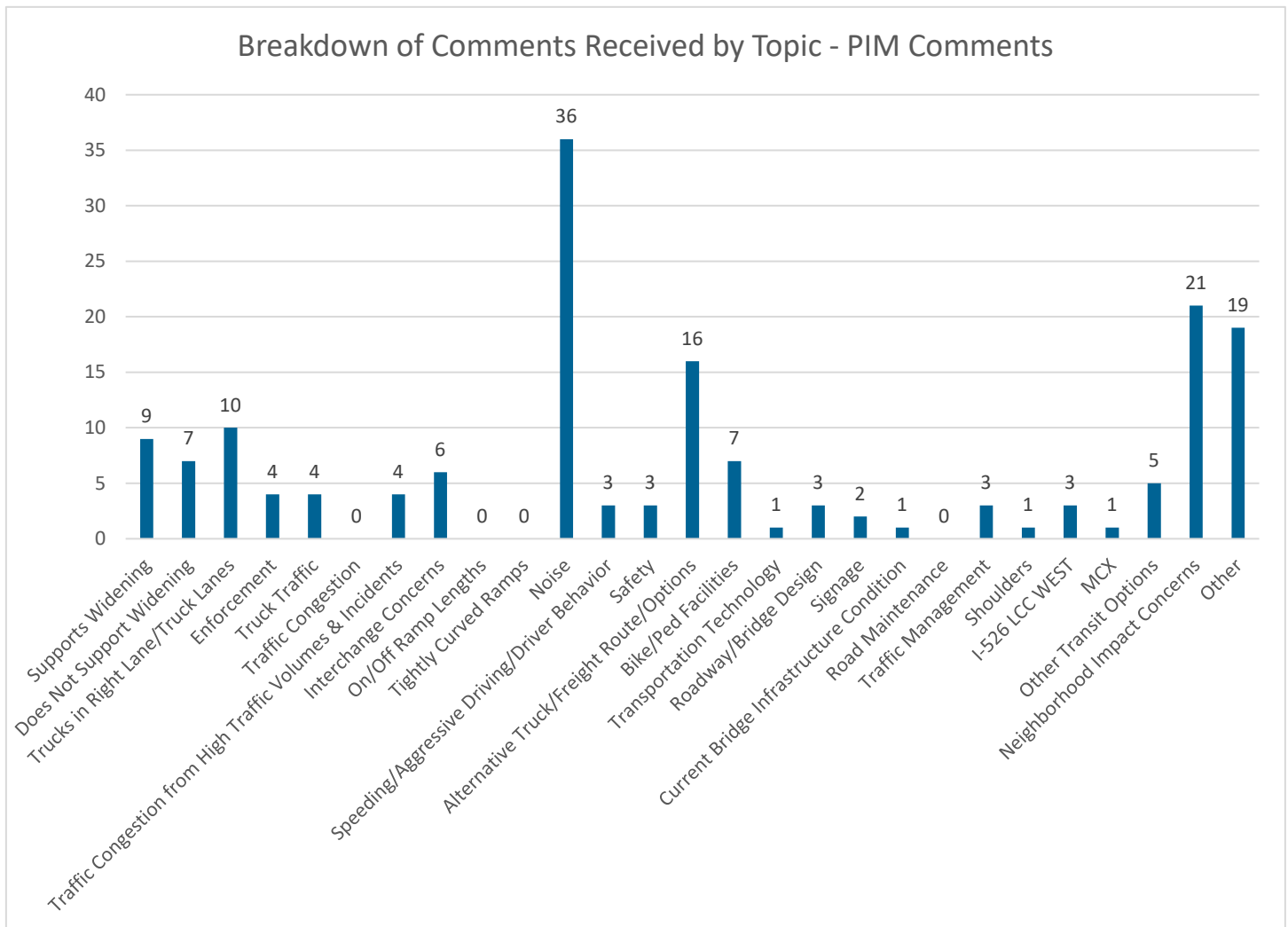
2. Neighborhood impact concerns -12.4percent
3. Alternative truck/freight routes/options - 9.5 percent
4. Trucks in the right lane/truck lanes - 5.9percent
5. Supports -widening - 5.3 percent

Figure 5 PIM Comment Summary



Note: Totals will not equal 84, as one comment could contain multiple suggestions or points. Some comments had suggestions outside of these, but the categories were developed based on recurring themes.

These tallies are representative of general sentiments only. Counts were applied if a specific theme or sentiment was discussed.



The most common comment was related to noise and how the project needs to incorporate noise mitigation. Multiple comments discussed how tree clearing has exacerbated noise in the nearby neighborhoods.

The second most common comment was related to neighborhood impact concerns and how I-526 presently, and with the project (they were likely assuming widening was a given), will impact their neighborhood. Most comments were related to present and future noise concerns in particular communities adjacent to the I-526 corridor in Mount Pleasant and Daniel Island. This also included comments related to property values.

The third most common comment topic was related to alternative truck or freight routes or other trucking options. This includes designating truck routes, alternative methods of moving freight to the port, such as rail or ferry, or creating a specific exit for the port. This also includes different truck delivery and pickup times. Another suggestion was to relocate the port. In general, the idea of alternative truck/freight routes/options encompasses methods of getting truck traffic off the I-526 Lowcountry EAST corridor.

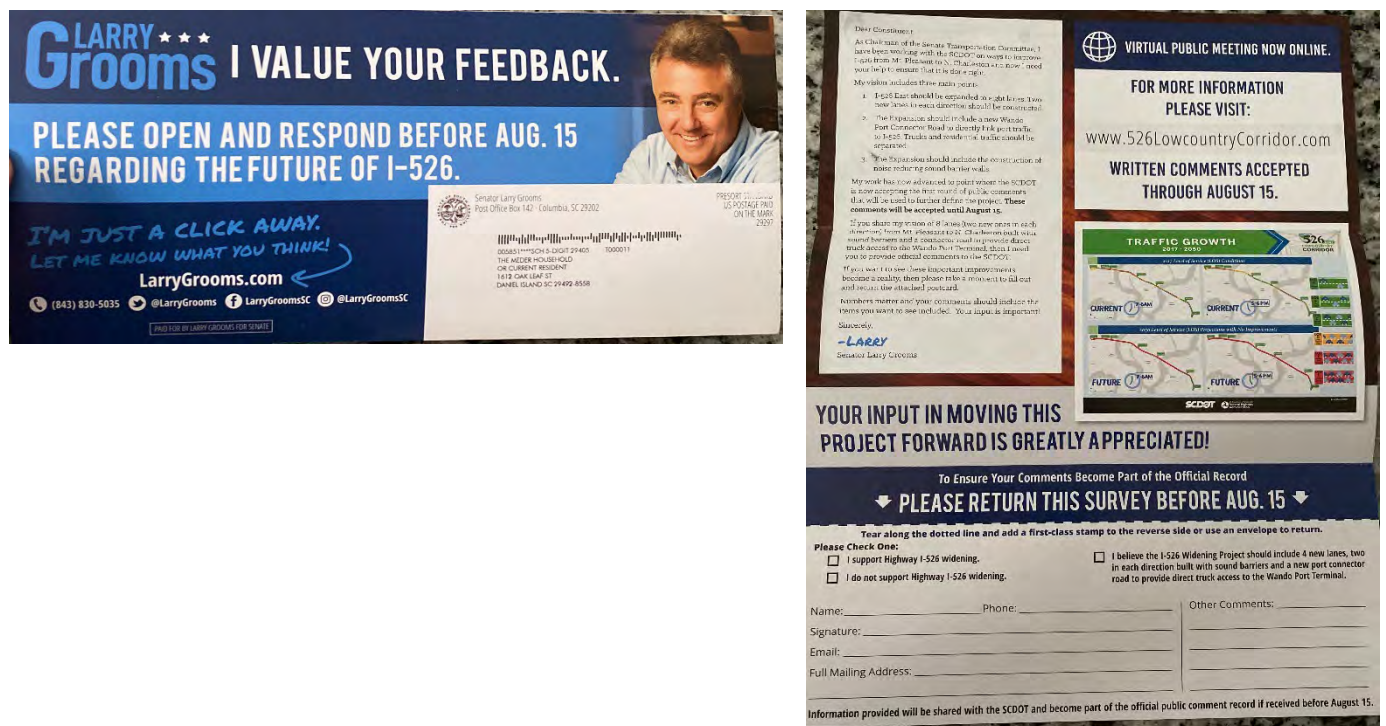
The fourth most common comment topic was related to trucks needing to stay in the right lane or designated truck-only lanes. Many comments discussed that trucks will travel in the left lanes and slow traffic.

The fifth most common topic was related to supporting additional lanes or widening.

1.1.4 Additional Comments

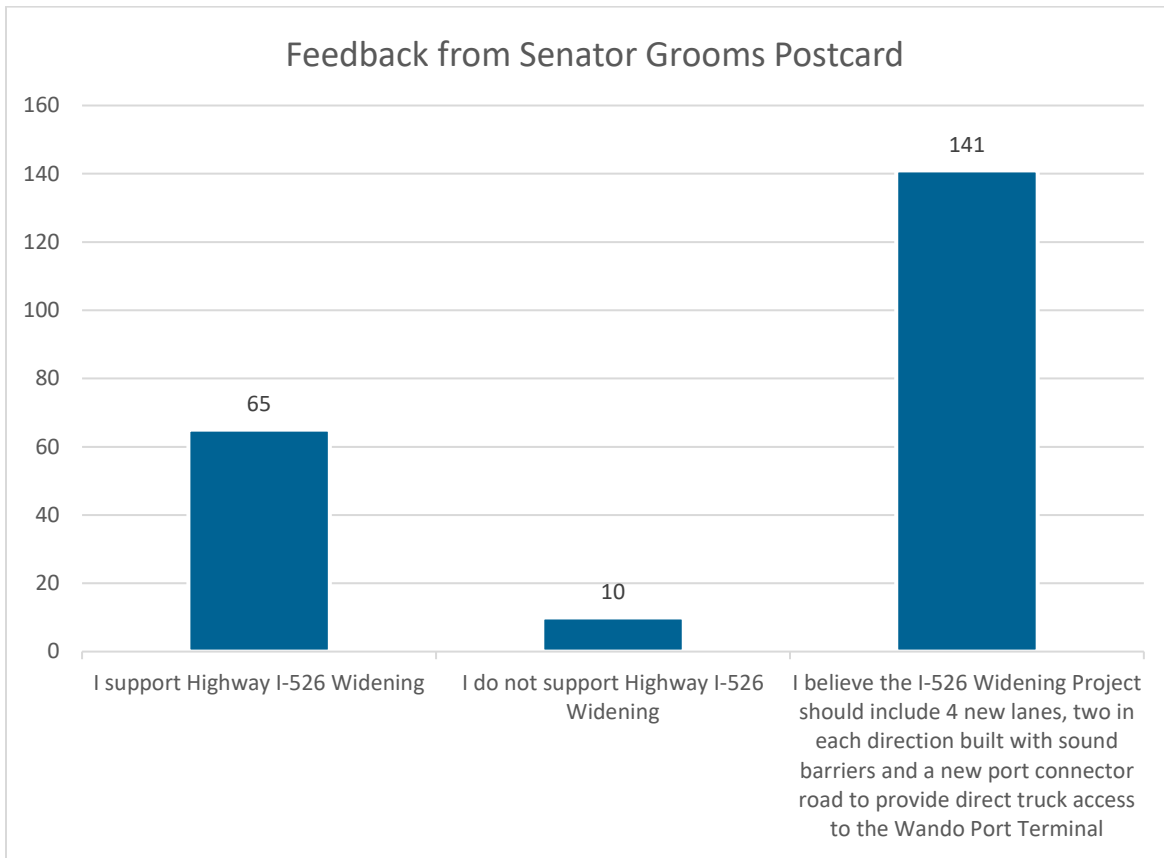
During the formal comment period for the PIM, the project team was alerted to a postcard mailing from State Senator Larry Grooms to his constituency (adjacent or within the study area). The postcard requested individuals to share whether they support or do not support the widening of I-526 and to add any comments. A total of 167 postcards were received by Senator Grooms office and were then submitted to SCDOT. The SCDOT emailed PDF scans of the postcards to the project team on August 25, 2020 following the public comment period. The postcards are included as an attachment and have been summarized as part of the public comment record per request by the SCDOT.

Figure 6 Senator Grooms Postcard Mailer

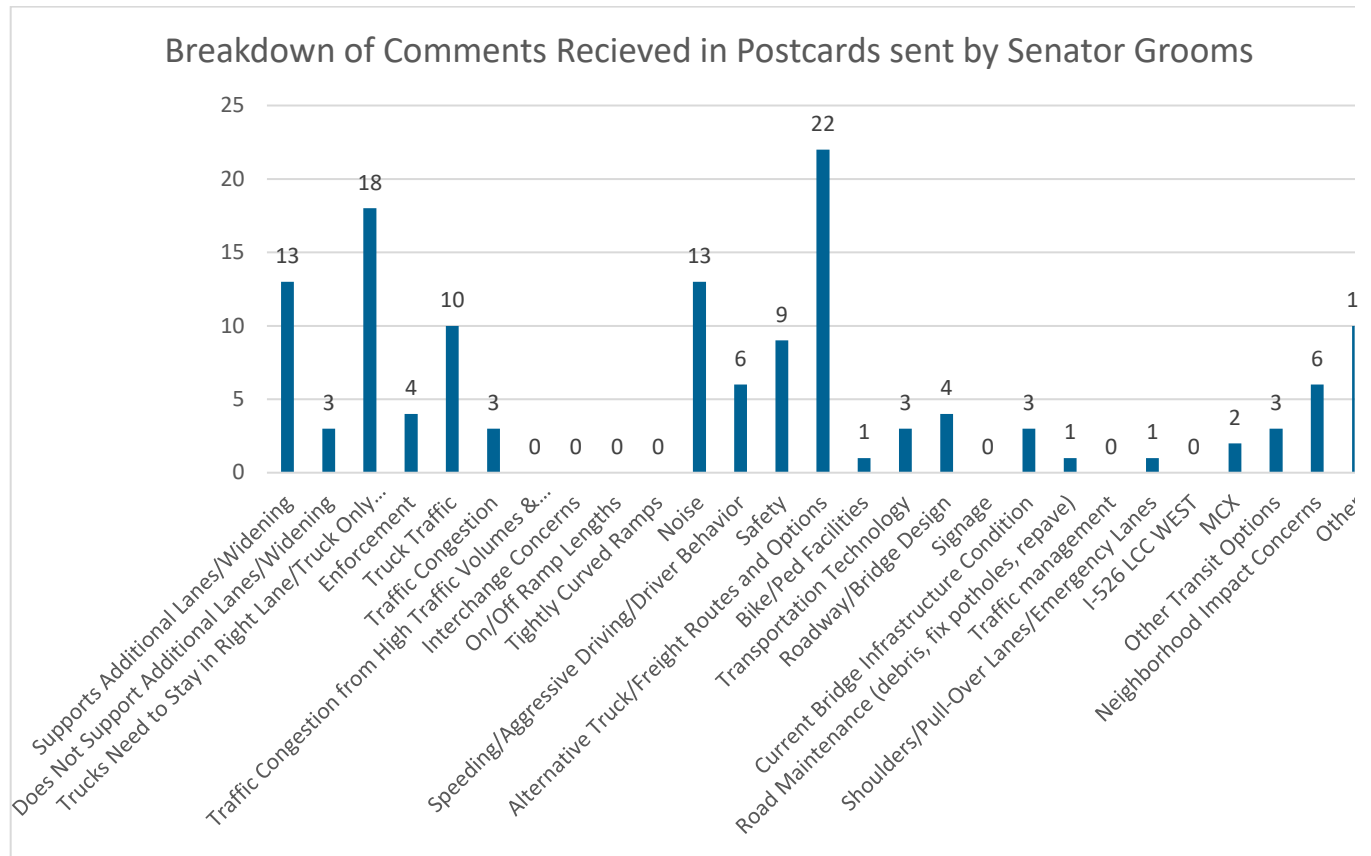


Of the 167 comments, respondents were asked to check one of the following:

- I support Highway I-526 Widening,
- I do not support Highway I-526 Widening, or
- I believe the I-526 Widening Project should include 4 new lanes, two in each direction built with sound barriers and a new port connector road to provide direct truck access to the Wando Port Terminal



Additional comments on the postcards were analyzed in the same format as the PIM comments. A breakdown of general sentiments in the additional comments is below. Overall, constituents were most concerned about truck traffic and alternative routes, truck-only lanes, and noise.



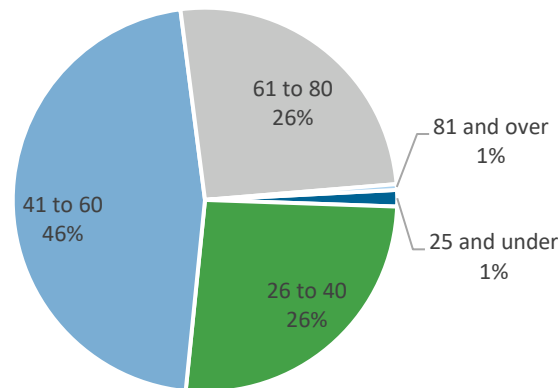
1.2 METROQUEST SURVEY

An online MetroQuest survey was released to the public ahead of the PIM on May 14, 2020 to begin gathering the public’s feedback. The survey was designed to better identify and refine the purpose and need of future improvements and the suggested range of alternatives that should be explored. A total of 3,103 responses were received.

1.2.1 MetroQuest Survey Demographics

While a total of 3,103 people took the MetroQuest survey, not all participants of the survey opted to provide their demographic information. Many provided some answers but did not answer all asked questions.

MetroQuest Age Distribution

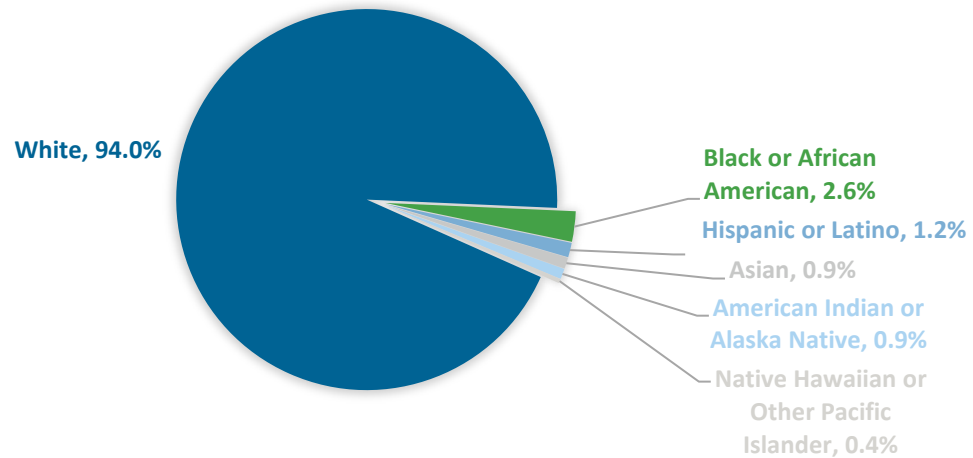


There were 1,877 people who provided their age. Of this group who self-identified, the largest number of participants came from the 41 to 60 age range (46.4%), followed by those 26 to 40 (26.1%), and then the 61 to 80 (25.7%). The 25 and under and 81 and over age cohorts combined comprise less than 2% of respondents of the survey. This distribution is similar to other surveys within the region.

There were only 1,708 people who responded to the ethnicity demographic question. There was not a diverse ethnic distribution among survey respondents, with the majority of respondents being white (94%) followed by Black or African American (2.6%) and Hispanic or Latino (1.2%). The ethnic distribution is displayed in the chart below.

To increase overall minority participation, Facebook boosted posts were launched to specifically target the geographic areas identified in the EPA's EJ Screening map as higher-density minority areas surrounding the project zone, pulling funding from those targeting the full region. These areas overlap with those identified as having a greater number of Hispanic residents: Snowden in Mount Pleasant (off Long Point Road), the area next to the base of the bridge in North Charleston (between VA avenue and Rivers), and along Clements Ferry and 6 Mile in Mount Pleasant. Additionally, emails were sent to the minority community leaders project email list regarding the surveys' availability.

MetroQuest Ethnic Distribution



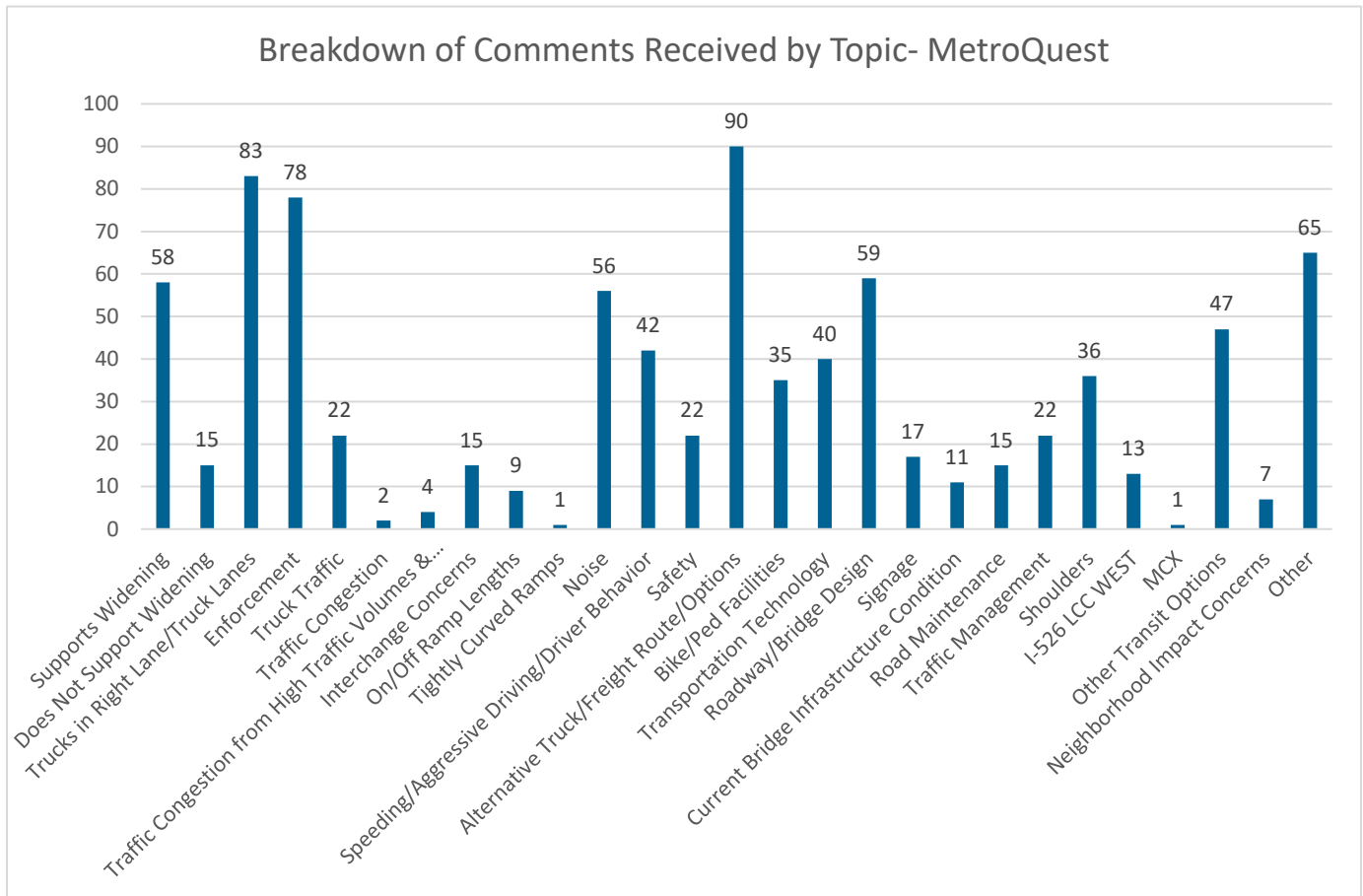
As a comparison, the 2013-2017 American Community Survey (ACS) estimates that in terms of Hispanic population, Daniel Island has a low percentage. Block groups adjacent to the I-526 LCC corridor have a percent Hispanic population ranging from 0.22 percent to 4.67 percent. Mount Pleasant has a slightly higher Hispanic population, with block groups adjacent to the corridor ranging from 0.83 percent to 7.6 percent.

In terms of African American population, Daniel Island has a fairly significant population. Block groups adjacent to the I-526 LCC EAST range from 0 percent to 38.26 percent. Mount Pleasant has a lower percent African American population, with block groups adjacent to the corridor ranging from 0.79 percent to 9.28 percent.

1.2.2 MetroQuest Comments by Topic

Participants had the ability to write-in comments in the “Prioritize Solutions” slide of the survey. The chart below categorizes the comments similarly to the above charts, “Breakdown of Comments Received by Topic - PIM Comments” and “Breakdown of Comments Received in Postcards Sent by Senator Grooms.”

Results from tallying the write-in comments indicate that the majority of people are most concerned with alternative truck/freight route options, truck-only lanes/trucks staying in the right lane, and enforcement of trucks staying in the right lane, speeding, and other negative driver behaviors.



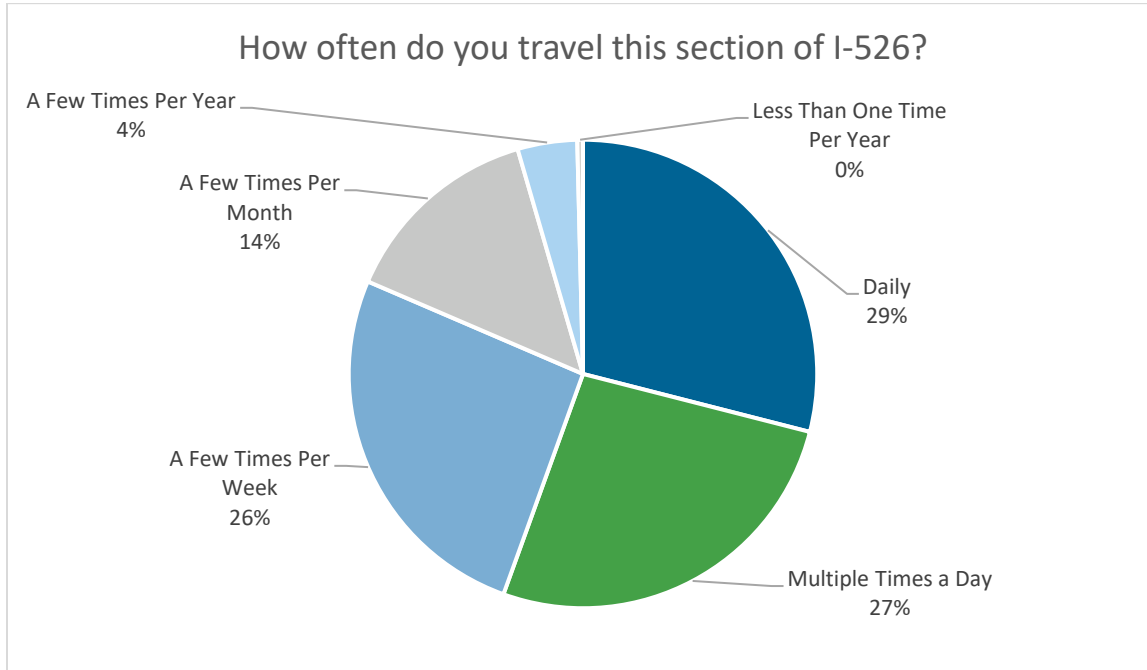
1.2.3 Traveler Survey Results

Overall, the results of the survey indicate that the majority of people who took the survey are using I-526 LCC EAST daily for their commutes and experience congestion during that time. Travelers are most concerned with congestion and safety issues due to truck traffic and would like to see truck lanes or alternative routes for trucks/freight and safety enforced. A deeper dive into the results of each survey question is below.

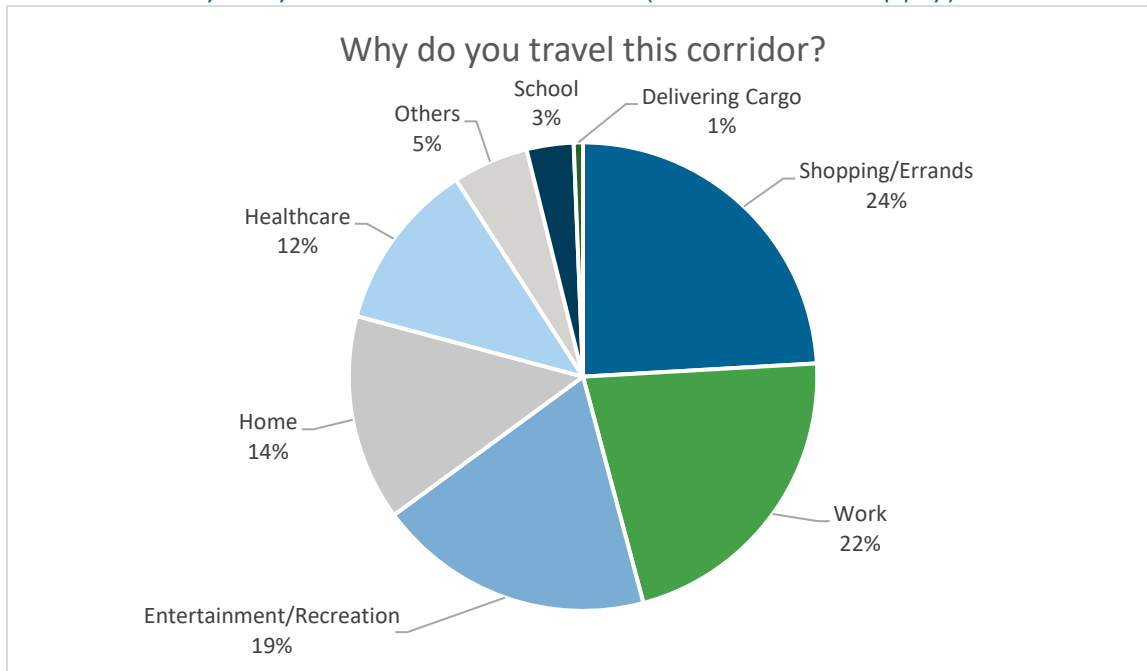
Figure 7 MetroQuest Survey Summary



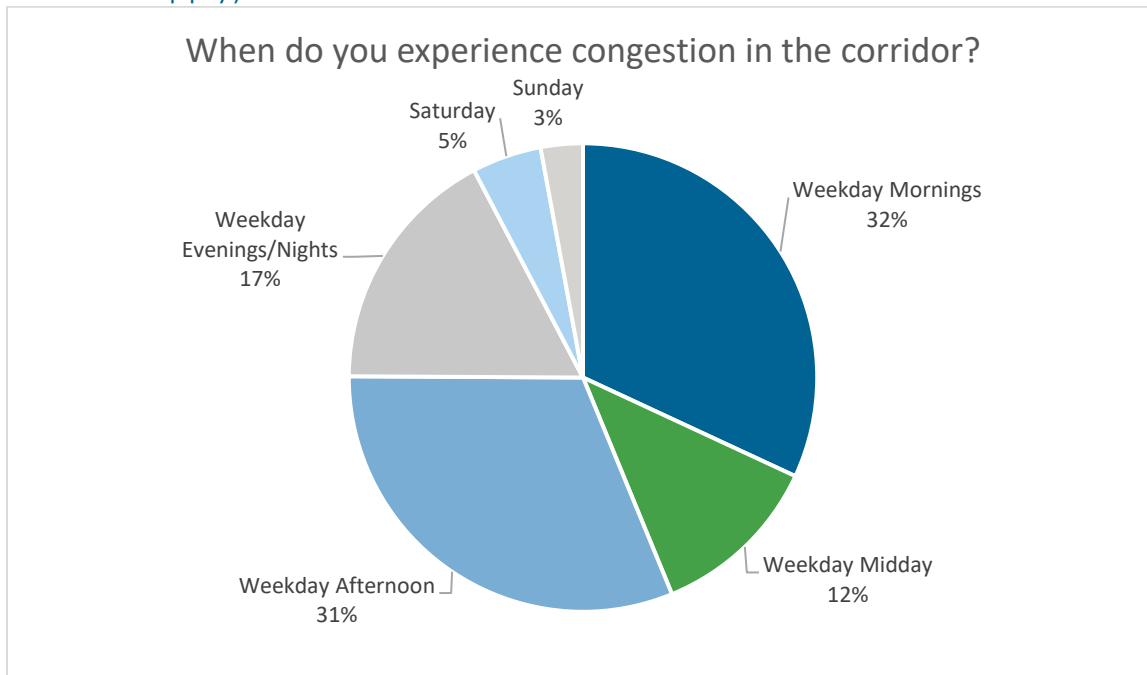
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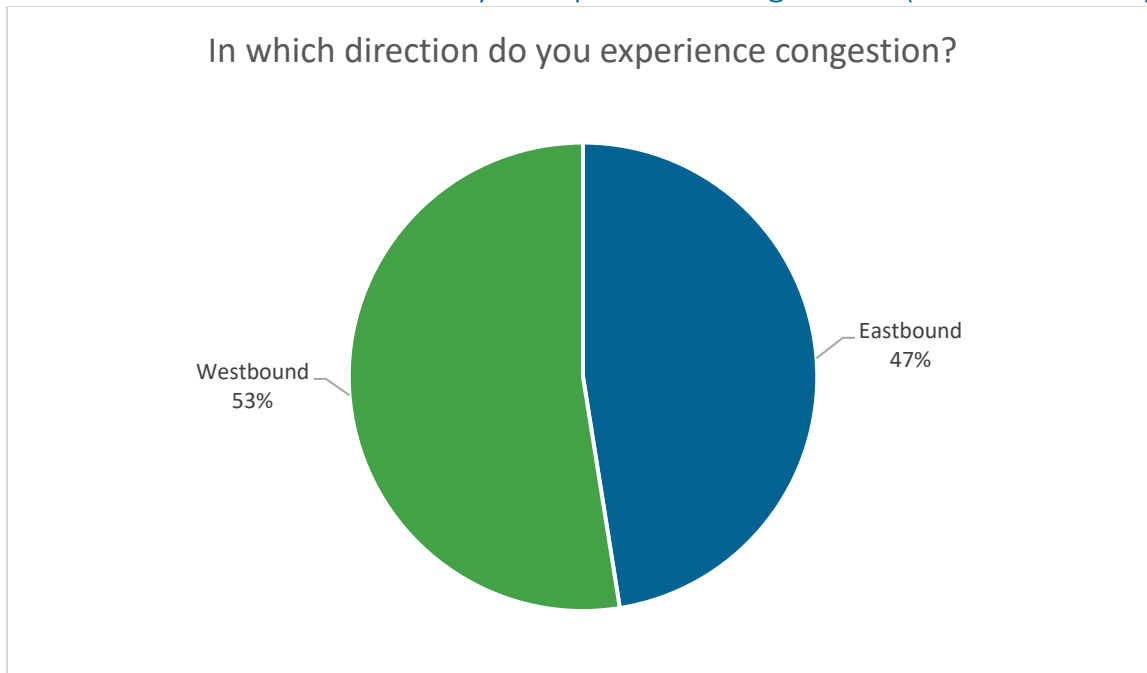
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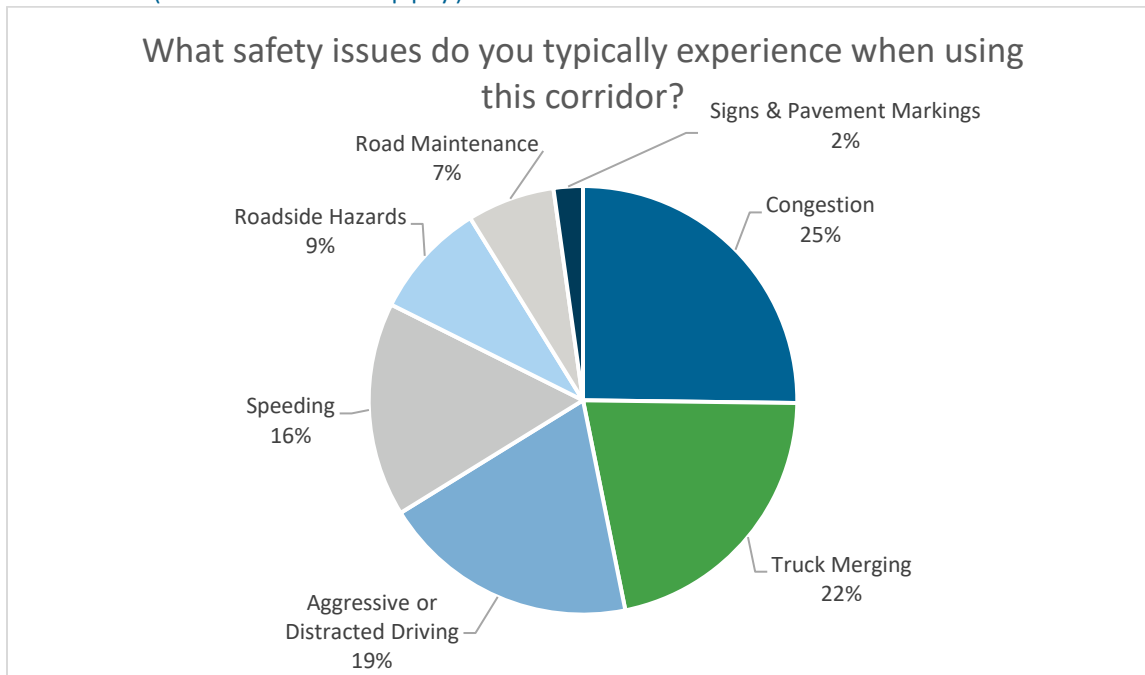
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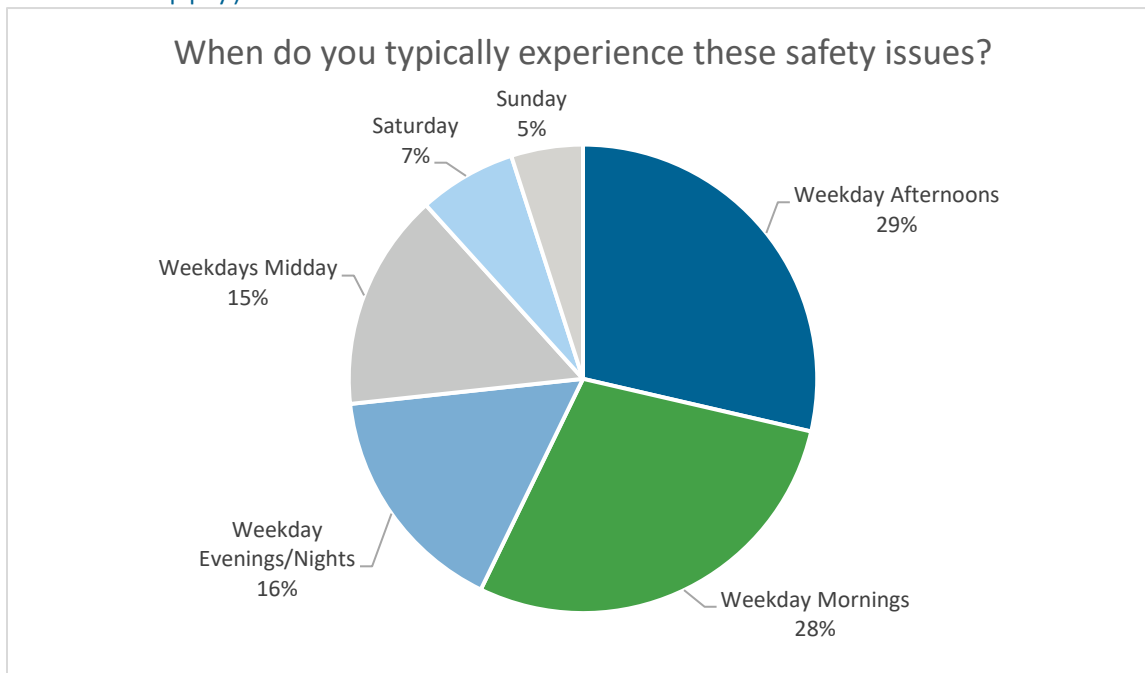
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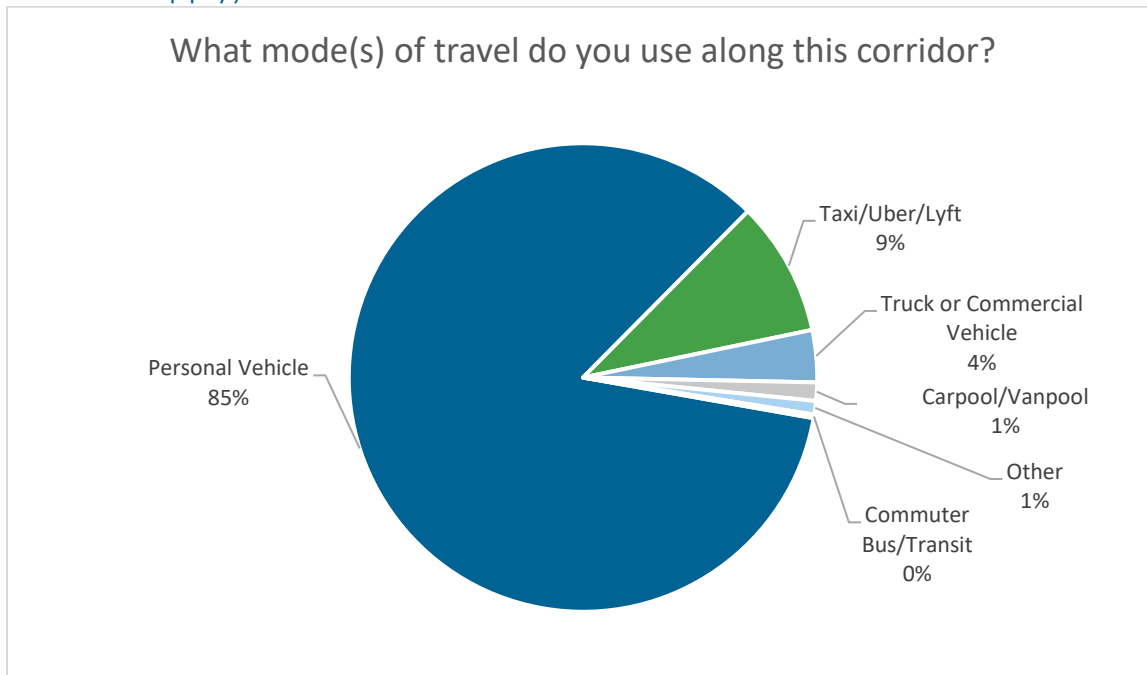
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(Check all that apply)



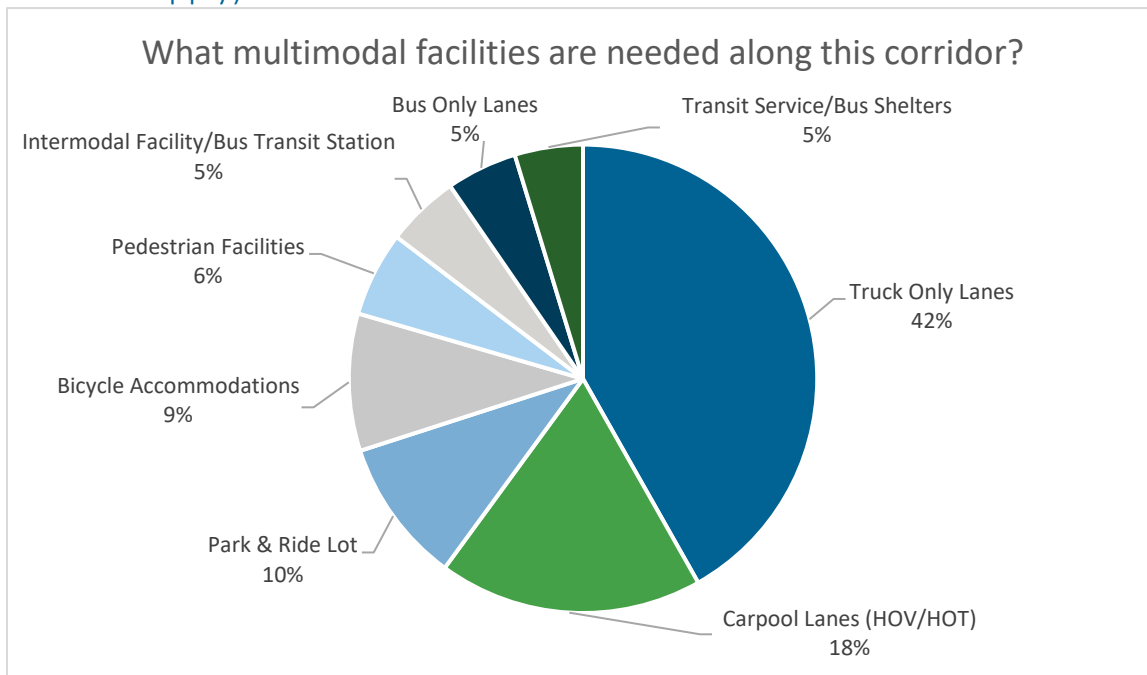
1.2.3.6 When do you typically experience these safety issues? (Check all that apply)



1.2.3.7 What mode(s) of travel do you use along this corridor? (Check all that apply)



1.2.3.8 What multimodal facilities are needed along this corridor? (Check all that apply)

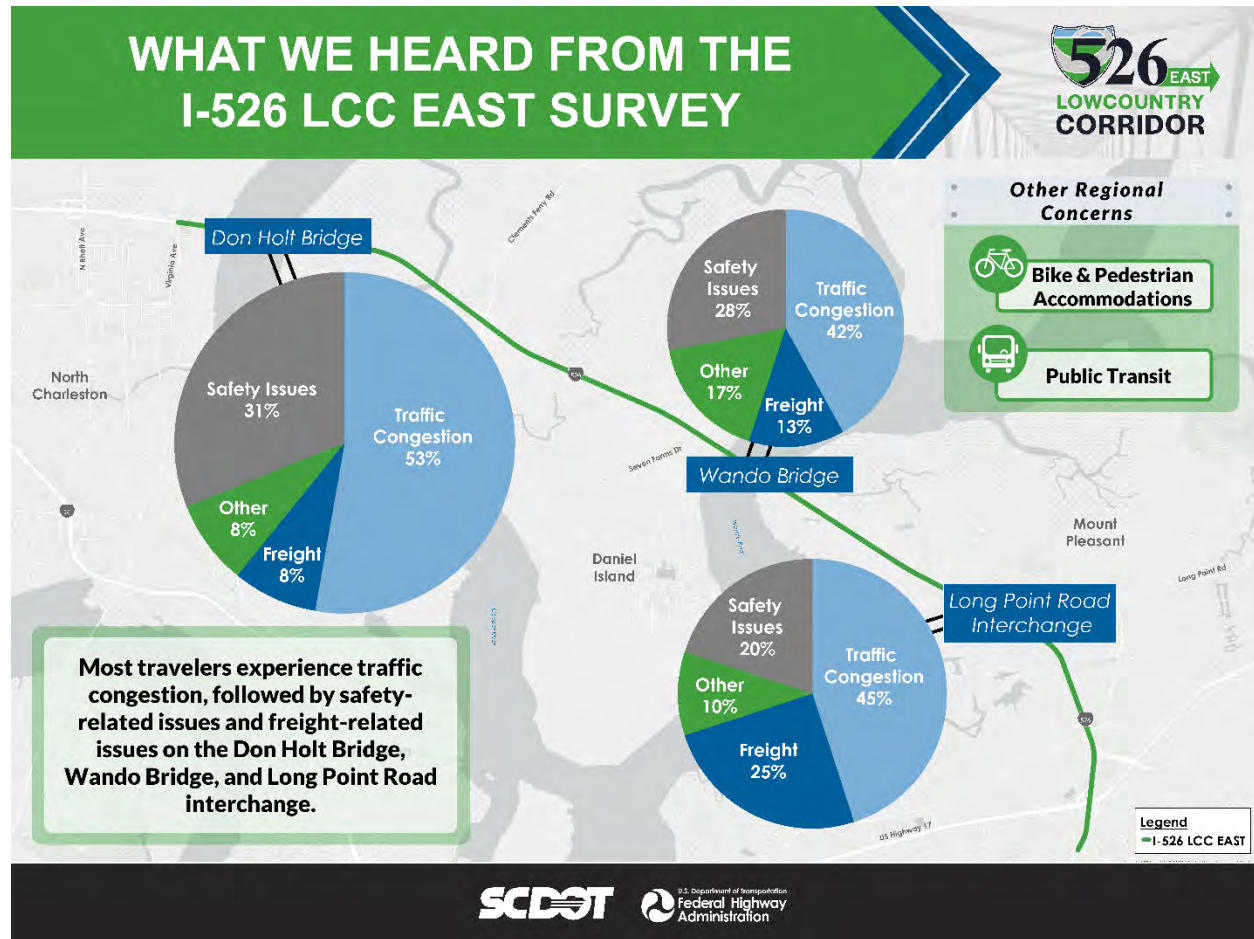


1.2.4 Mapping Concerns

The image below represents the hot spot areas on the I-526 LCC East corridor as identified by participants. The three main hotspots on the corridor included the Don Holt Bridge, the Wando Bridge,

and the Long Point Road interchange. The mapped concerns were quantified to determine what issues were most prevalent for that hotspot.

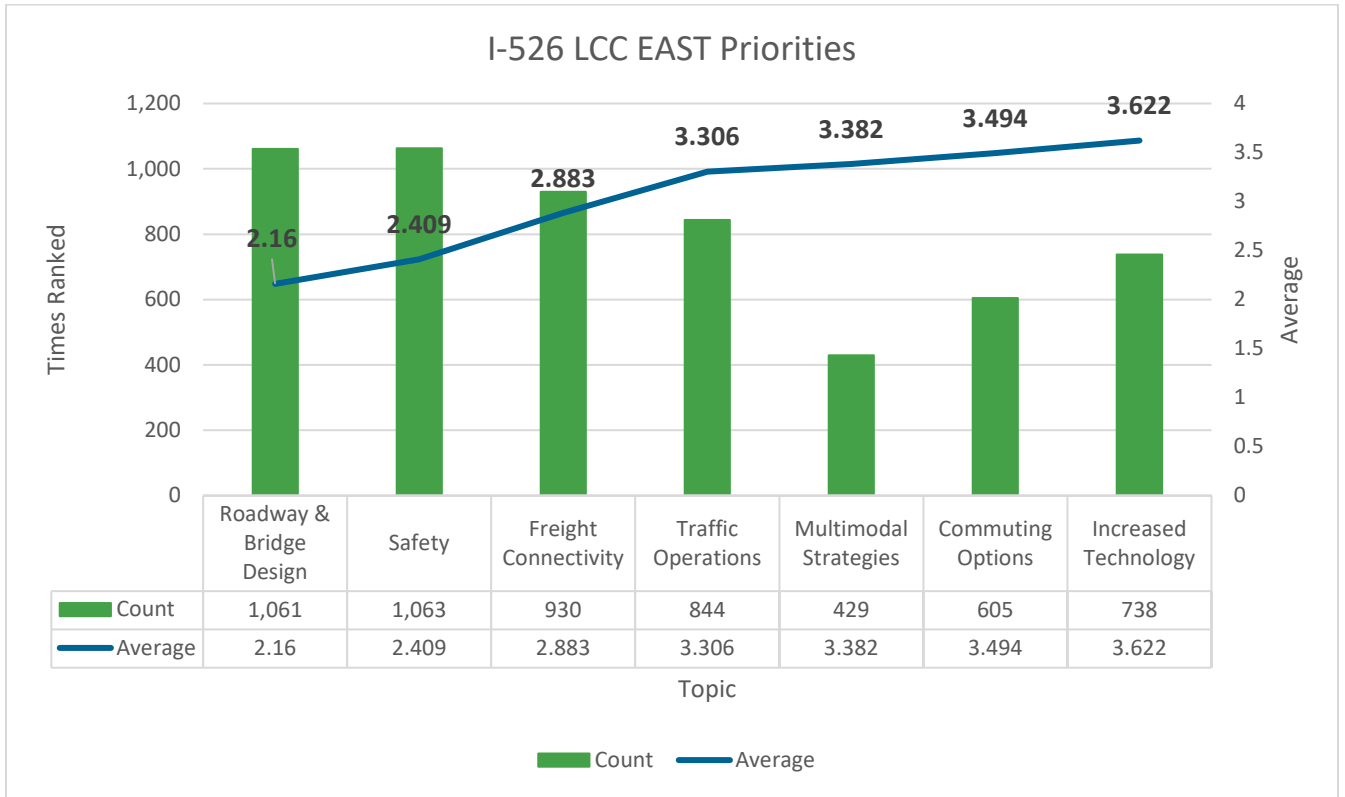
Figure 8 Geographical Comment Analysis



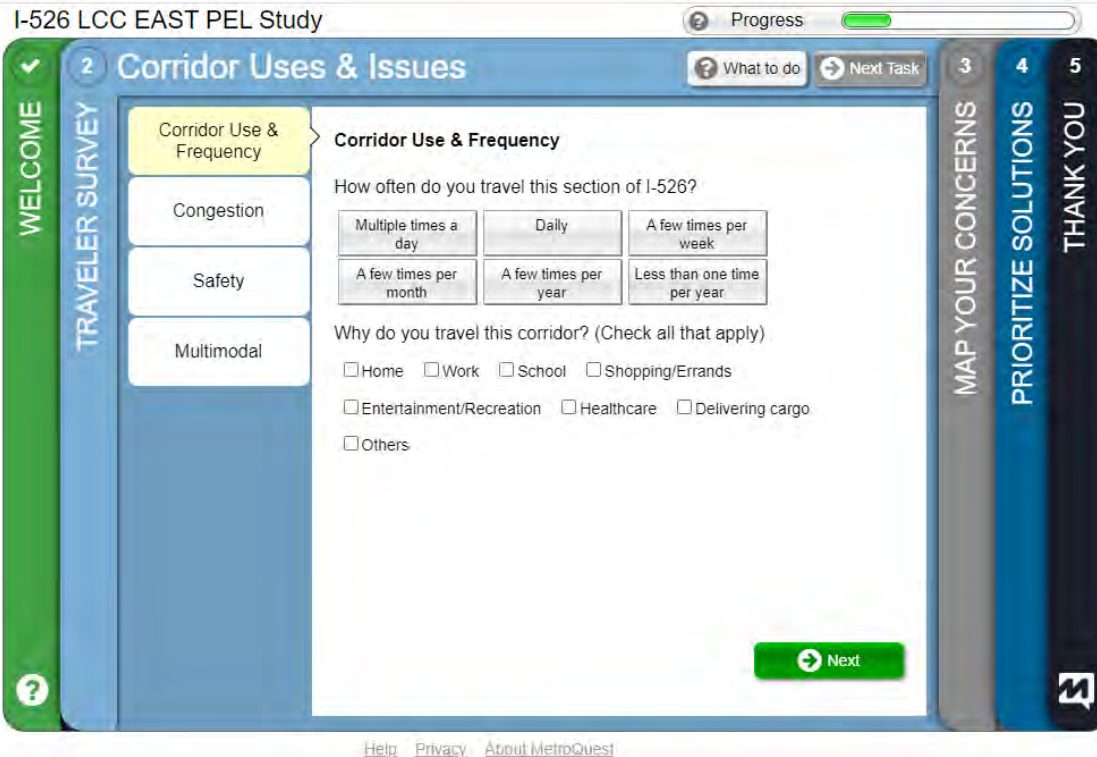
1.2.5 Prioritize Solutions

The “Solutions & Strategies” slide asked respondents to select and order their Top Five items. The table below shows the count (the green bars) which represents how many times that topic was in their Top Five. The table also shows the average ranking of that topic when selected in the Top Five. The lower the average, the higher order that topic was placed (or the higher priority).

In summary, Roadway & Bridge Design was ranked as the highest priority item as it was ranked in the Top Five 1,061 times and received an average ranking of 2.16. Safety was the second highest priority as it was ranked in the Top Five 1,063 times and received an average ranking of 2.41. Freight Connectivity was the third highest priority as it ranked in the Top Five 930 times and received an average ranking of 2.88. Traffic Operations was the fourth highest priority as it ranked in the Top Five 844 times and received an average ranking of 3.31. The fifth highest priority was Multimodal Strategies as it ranked in the Top Five 429 times and received an average ranking of 3.38.



APPENDIX: SCREENSHOT OF METROQUEST SURVEY



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TRAVELER SURVEY

MAP YOUR CONCERNS

PRIORITIZE SOLUTIONS

THANK YOU

3 Transportation Concerns

What to do Next Task

Please drag and drop at least 3 markers on the map.

Congestion

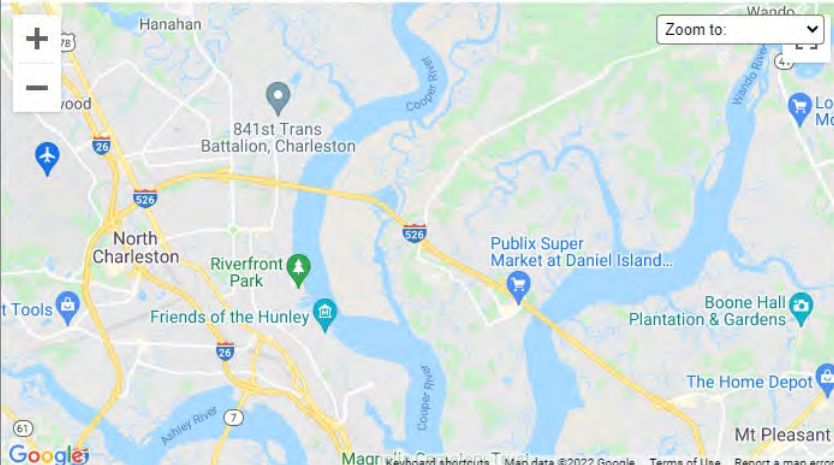
Public Transit

Bike/Ped

Freight

Safety Issues

Other



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THANK YOU

4 Solutions & Strategies

Order your top 5 items above this line

- Multimodal Strategies
- Increased Technology
- Traffic Operations
- Freight Connectivity
- Roadway & Bridge Design
- Safety
- Commuting Options

Suggest answer

Solutions & Strategies

What to do

Help us prioritize the range of solutions that may address the transportation needs and/or problems for the I-526 LCC EAST corridor. Click on an item in the list to see the definition.

Please drag 5 of the items above the line in your preferred order.

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Solutions & Strategies


Order your top 5 items above this line

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Demographic Information

Final Questions (Optional)

Zip Code

Select Age

Enter your email to receive study updates



Select Gender

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More Information

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Meeting Purpose

- Explain Planning & Environmental Linkages studies
- Provide information on existing conditions
- Receive comments on the draft Purpose & Need
- Gather information on historic or cultural resources

Tuesday, March 24, 5-7 PM
R. L. Jones Center
391 Egypt Road, Mount Pleasant, SC

Thursday, March 26, 5-7 PM
Felix C. Davis Community Center
4800 Park Circle, North Charleston, SC
CARTA Routes 13 & 14



Study Overview

SCDOT is conducting a Planning & Environmental Linkages (PEL) Study for the I-526 LCC EAST, which extends along I-526 from Virginia Avenue in North Charleston to approximately US 17 in Mount Pleasant. The PEL study will identify existing and projected transportation issues within the corridor through public and stakeholder engagement. The results of the study will be used to establish a vision for the corridor that will guide future transportation improvement projects. This resulting information of the PEL study will be carried forward into the next phase of the project development process, the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process. After the needs are better understood in this corridor, and potential improvements identified, the next steps, including potential phasing and project opportunities, may be developed.



Did you know over 65% of I-526 LCC EAST is elevated roadway & bridges??



Draft Purpose & Need

Draft Purpose

The purpose for transportation improvements along this corridor is to **improve travel time reliability & reduce congestion** along I-526 from Virginia Avenue in North Charleston to US 17 in Mount Pleasant

Draft Considerations

- Coordinate with local plans & projects
- Accommodate increased traffic volumes
- Enhance mobility for people & goods

Draft Need

	Roadway Deficiencies	Mobility
	Over Capacity	 Traffic congestion from high traffic volumes & incidents
	Shoulder Widths	
	Tightly Curved Ramps	
	On & Off Ramp Lengths	

- Improve seismic resilience
- Accommodate future transportation technologies
- Improve connections with area ports & transit



PEL Study Process & Schedule

Draft Purpose & Need

Winter 2020



Identify Transportation Needs

Fall 2019



Develop Performance Measures

Spring 2020



Public Information Meeting
Spring 2020



We are here!



Develop & Screen Alternatives

Summer 2020



Identify Reasonable Alternatives

Spring 2021



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Spring 2021



Final PEL Study

Summer 2021



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Entry Date	First Name	Last Name	Comment	Response	Response Format	Date of Response
7/15/2020 12:06	Robin	Windham	We need to know how this would directly affect our homes along I-526-my home backs up to I-526 as does many in our Neighborhood and more along on 526	Good Morning Ms. Windham –Thank you for participating in the I-526 EAST virtual public meeting. We are currently in the early stages of this project and are seeking input on what improvements the public would like to see on this corridor through this meeting. We anticipate coming back to the public next year with some preliminary improvement alternatives which will introduce the potential scale of impacts from potential future projects. Please stay in touch with our project team by following us on facebook or twitter for the latest updates. https://www.facebook.com/526Corridor/ https://twitter.com/526Corridor Joy Riley, PE, PMP, CPM, DBIA	Email	10/15/2020
7/15/2020 14:27	John	Mitchum	1) How will this project be funded? 2) Will any 1/2 cent sales tax funds be used? 3) Will the agency's funding the project commit to their initial statement that no local 1/2 cent sales tax revenue would be used to fund i526.	Good Morning Mr. Mitchum –Thank you for participating in the I-526 EAST virtual public meeting. We are currently conducting a Planning & Environmental Linkages (PEL) study on this corridor in order to identify the scope and costs of potential improvements projects needed on the existing I-526 corridor between Virginia Ave and Mount Pleasant. Thus, the only project at this time is the "study". Funding has not been fully identified for any potential construction projects that may be recommended from the PEL study. These projects would likely be funded with federal interstate funds primarily since this is an existing interstate corridor. There are currently no commitments by local entities at this time to contribute local sales tax funds to any future projects on the I-526 EAST corridor. SCDOT does not have any control over the decisions by local governments concerning local sales tax funds, those decisions would be made solely by your local governments. If you are really interested in the Mark Clark Extension project which is a project sponsored by your local government and being managed by SCDOT on their behalf, please contact that project team at this website https://www.scdotmarkclark.com/ . Please stay in touch with our I-526 Lowcountry Corridor project team by following us on facebook or twitter for the latest updates on projects located on the existing I-526 corridor. https://www.facebook.com/526Corridor/ https://twitter.com/526Corridor Joy Riley, PE, PMP, CPM, DBIA	Email	7/15/2020
7/15/2020 15:26	Mark	Gabriel	I heard about this survey from the local newspaper. There should be tighter restrictions on how fast vehicles are allowed to travel on this stretch of highway. The best solution to the congestion is more alternate routes if possible. Considering all the waterways this can be difficult. But any type of alternate route over the Cooper river between the Cainhoy area and Goose Creek/Summerville/airport area would alleviate much of the traffic on the Don Holt bridge. North US17 population is increasing rapidly and the most direct way to get to the airport/North Charleston is 526. This backs up Clements Ferry and Long Point which are overloaded and way behind on development. If there is an accident on the Don Holt it affects almost all of the greater Charleston area.	Received General Comment Response Letter and FAQ Document	Email	10/15/2020
7/15/2020 15:45	Tim	Uttormark	You don't seem to be considering adding a bike lane to the Don Holt and James Edwards bridges, but this project will be the last chance for at least a generation to connect Daniel Island with North Charleston and Mt. Pleasant via bike. If you don't do it now, it will never happen as it won't be cost-effective to retrofit. Demand for it is likely low currently because it is now impossible, but demand for bike commuting and recreation will both increase significantly if it were available. Bike/ped lanes on the bridges would be a small percentage add-on that would significantly future-proof the project.	Received General Comment Response Letter and FAQ Document	Email	10/15/2020
7/15/2020 15:52	Tom	Stickler	Whatever is done, do not continue the mistake of adding lanes for slower traffic on the uphill to the bridges, only to reduce the number of lanes for the downhill. This is the bottleneck presently, especially when drivers in a hurry speed in the "truck lane", then squeeze back in when that lane disappears after the bridge.	Received General Comment Response Letter and FAQ Document	Email	10/15/2020
7/15/2020 16:42	Michael	O'Dell	How will the widening impact the end of Hidden Bridge Drive in Mount Pleasant? Would any houses have to be purchased for imminent domain?	Good Afternoon Mr. O'Dell –Thank you for participating in the I-526 EAST virtual public meeting. We are currently in the early stages of this project and are seeking input on what improvements the public would like to see on this corridor through this meeting. We anticipate coming back to the public next year with some preliminary improvement alternatives which will introduce the potential scale of impacts from potential future projects on this corridor.Please stay in touch with our project team by following us on facebook or twitter for the latest updates. https://www.facebook.com/526Corridor/ https://twitter.com/526Corridor Joy Riley, PE, PMP, CPM, DBIA	Email	7/15/2020
7/15/2020 17:11	Jennifer	Murray	What options are being considered for the homes that currently back up to 526 if the interstate is widened? We will ultimately be affected by increased traffic noise; are sound barriers going to be built?	Good Evening Ms. Murray –Thank you for participating in the I-526 EAST virtual public meeting. We are currently in the early stages of this study and are seeking input on what improvements the public would like to see on this corridor through this meeting. We anticipate coming back to the public next year with some preliminary improvement alternatives which will introduce the potential scale of impacts from potential future projects. Keep in mind that this is a planning study and will give our agency the information they need to understand the scope and costs of potential improvements projects. Noise analysis would not be performed until a project was funded and advanced for environmental approvals.Please stay in touch with our project team by following us on facebook or twitter for the latest updates. https://www.facebook.com/526Corridor/ https://twitter.com/526Corridor Let us know if you have any other questions or concerns.Joy Riley, PE, PMP, CPM, DBIA	Email	7/15/2020
7/15/2020 17:29	GREGORY	WEST		Received General Comment Response Letter and FAQ Document	Email	10/15/2020
7/15/2020 19:00	Anthony	Munoz	Why don't you close the on ramp from highway 52 to 526 now that you can access 26 and 526 from Remount Rd.Also one reason for the congestion is cars and 18 wheelers slow down or stop in the left lane to be able to get to the I26 on ramp. Thank you.	Received General Comment Response Letter and FAQ Document	Email	10/15/2020
7/15/2020 19:26	Paul	Lykins	Please study an interchange and roadway to directly access the Wando Welch Terminal. Request the State Ports Authority to help fund it. Study the need for a multi-use pedestrian facility on this project.	Received General Comment Response Letter and FAQ Document	Email	10/15/2020
7/15/2020 22:52	Keith	Zimmerman	Instead of expanding 526 why not put a new connection from the Huger area off 41 to the Goose Creek area. This would divert significant traffic volume from central Mt Pleasant area	Received General Comment Response Letter and FAQ Document	Email	10/15/2020
7/15/2020 23:36	WOODROW	BLIZZARD	SCDOT need to address another Mt Pleasant/ North Charleston access, another connection bridge up i-26 toward Goose Creek, allowing traffic to bypass i-526. more growth is inevitable for this area and the proposed 526 expansion will not solve the problem. Remember Northbridge ,then i-526 and now we need to add another access/exit toward Summerville.we can only grow up i-26. Also the Leatherman terminal will soon open and that traffic will add to the congestion on i-26 and i-526. Spend the money on a solution not a band aid.	Received General Comment Response Letter and FAQ Document	Email	10/15/2020

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7/16/2020 0:16	Mark	Fox	I thing the 526 East project should be prioritize over the West because of the SPA Wando and new North Charleston terminals. Additionally improvements on the Long Point Rd to 526 on ramps could be optimized to increase traffic flow and reduce pollution and fuel cost. Making a dedicated 526 on ramp that would service both East and West Bound 526 traffic. The ramp would need to be segregated from the Long Point Road traffic with a barrier. This would allow Trucks to bypass the off ramp traffic light and save fuel by removing the second traffic light for truck traffic. Only traffic continuing on Long Point Road would have the traffic light from the East Bound off ramp.	Received General Comment Response Letter and FAQ Document	Email	10/15/2020
7/16/2020 17:54	Matthew	Gill	I am not sure why it isnt feasible to just add another lane. If you ignore the current lane markings for a inute and just look at the amount of space from shoulder to shoulder, there is room to make three lanes without a shoulder. Sure a shoulder is nice to have, but it is not a necessity at all points. You could make these changes in a weekend for just the cost of lane markings! It seems there is always this huge project involved and the construction drags on forever! Go look at the available room and you'll see that by shrinking the left shoulder and increasing the right shoulder, you have room for three lanes.That works for most of this stretch of road. Thanks, Matt Gill	Mr. Gill –Thank you for participating in our I-526 EAST virtual meeting. SCDOT did perform an extensive investigation into restriping the I-526 section between I-26 and Clements Ferry Road to provide 3 travel lanes in each direction with loss of shoulder. In the required Highway Safety Analysis we performed this indicated a significant safety risk and predicted increased crashes with this sceanrio. Due to the high risks of serious injury and fatal crashes with this configuration, the alternative was eliminated as not feasible. Inadequate sight distances and the inability of the existing infrastructure to support installation of overhead land signals along this corridor were also part of this decision.Let me know if you have any other questions or concerns.Joy Riley, PE, PMP, CPM, DBIA	Email	7/16/2020
7/17/2020 0:23	Jeremy	Bollington	What is the plan to reduce noise pollution - its bad now in our neighborhood.. will become much worse with the predicted growth. Is there a plan to install some form of sound barrier ?	Good Morning Mr. Bollington-Thank you for participating in the I-526 EAST virtual public meeting. We are currently in the early stages of this project and are seeking input on what improvements the public would like to see on this corridor through this meeting. We anticipate coming back to the public next year with some preliminary improvement alternatives which will introduce the potential scale of impacts from potential future projects on this corridor. Any noise analysis would be performed in the future during final environmental document approvals once projects are funded as a result of this planning study. The Planning & Environmental Linkages Study (PEL) allows us to better understand the potential project scope and costs as we also get credit for environmental work moving forward prioritizing and funding future project packages.Please stay in touch with our project team by following us on facebook or twitter for the latest updates. https://www.facebook.com/526Corridor / https://twitter.com/526Corridor Joy Riley, PE, PMP, CPM, DBIA	Email	7/23/2020
7/17/2020 11:59	Earl	Triplett	TRAFFIC SEEMS BOTH HEAVIER AND FASTER WHICH MULTIPLIES THE NOISE FACTOR. WE HAVE TO KEEP A FAN RUNNING IN OUR BEDROOM YEAR ROUND TO DROWN OUT ROAD NOISE. WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE A SOUND WALL BUILT ON BOTH EAST AND WEST SIDES FROM HOBCAW CREEK TO THE 17 INTERCHANGE	Received General Comment Response Letter and FAQ Document	Email	10/15/2020
7/17/2020 15:28	Cindi	Sanders	I'm interesting in knowing how this project will impact my neighborhood since we are already so close to I526. I live in Marsh Point at Etiwan off Longpoint Road in Mount Pleasant. I'd also like to know if a sound wall will be built in that area? When will that information be available?	Good Morning Mrs. Sanders Thank you for participating in the I-526 EAST virtual public meeting. We are currently in the early stages of this project and are seeking input on what improvements the public would like to see on this corridor through this meeting. We anticipate coming back to the public next year with some preliminary improvement alternatives which will introduce the potential scale of impacts from potential future projects on this corridor. Please stay in touch with our project team by following us on facebook or twitter for the latest updates https://www.facebook.com/526Corridor / https://twitter.com/526Corridor Joy Riley, PE, PMP, CPM, DBIA	Email	7/23/2020
7/17/2020 21:12	David	Ruef	Wife and I agree with Charleston Moves' position that there needs to be public transit, bike and ped options in DEIS and that local neighborhood impacts need to be considered more highly -- they have suffered enough and while I of course drive my car, I will take the inconvenience of traffic congestion (i know, pollution is negative) in order to be more environmentally just. Thank you.	Received General Comment Response Letter and FAQ Document	Email	10/15/2020
7/18/2020 15:25	Darrell	Downs	We live in the Etiwan neighborhood and have recently negatively impacted by the noise from the 526 after the clear-cutting and brush cleaning along the corridor. As a community we are now taxed with finding solutions to not only the added noise but headlights shining in our homes. When homebuyers come to view a property for sale, the 526 noise is always a concern and often a deterrent to potential home buyers. Added noise is going to be a major concern for our community and many others if the 526 is widened. Consideration for our property values and quality of living are necessary. Responsibility and solutions to protect the impacted neighborhoods need to be included in the budget and planning of this project. Solutions such as a sound barrier wall, plantings, or other proven remediations that will provide protection to the neighborhoods must be a part of the plan.	Received General Comment Response Letter and FAQ Document	Email	10/15/2020
7/18/2020 17:58	n»icialis	n»icialis	Venta De Finasteride Comprar Propecia jaddentede https://acialisd.com/# - cialis without a doctor's prescription upsema Comprar Cialis Rosario LoxLurgy Cialis joyhocuous Purchasing Zentel	Received General Comment Response Letter and FAQ Document	Email	10/15/2020
7/20/2020 16:31	Mark	Todd	Need an expressway from Jedburg to Mt Pleasant and to Hollywood. Greatly reduce truck traffic at the interchange and on the Don Holt and Wando bridges. Trucks have to slow down to make the on ramp to Mt. P - backs up regular traffic which can move through and merge at greater speeds. Too many cars arriving at that spot - bottleneck isn't the word for it. You have got to get the trucks away from it to get anything to work. Your current plan addresses needs now but doesn't look at 2030 which is when most likely everything will get close to being done.	Received General Comment Response Letter and FAQ Document	Email	10/15/2020
7/25/2020 19:26	Eddie	Bostic	The hwy creates many issues worthy of discussion but the two primary issues are 1.Please address the concerns for noise control for the residents along the Hobcaw creek area. We have tried masking noise technology, vegetation, but the noise level is so high that having a conversation in my yard is not possible. 2. Growing numbers of trucks threatens these residential traffic. The port is the largest contributor whose influence creates an environment of a commercial industrial site and the two are risky for residents. Means to separate these two logistically via separate exit and merging ramps would help.	Received General Comment Response Letter and FAQ Document	Email	10/15/2020
7/27/2020 16:18	Amy	Giove	Increased traffic over the years has resulted in excessive noise and congestion. Would recommend sound barriers along 526W at Daniel Island - they're really needed. Also need solutions for increased truck traffic due to the Long Point port. That's the main source of congestion on 526E. On 526W the North Rhett exit needs to be improved so traffic doesn't back up on the highway. Trucks need to be required to actually use truck lanes.	Received General Comment Response Letter and FAQ Document	Email	10/15/2020
7/28/2020 12:41	Janie	Borden	My number one concern is that consideration will be given to balancing the needs of both motorist safety as well as the livability of the surrounding neighborhoods that wrap around this corridor. It would be greatly appreciated if any expansion would also include the installation of sound barriers or noise dampening walls.	Received General Comment Response Letter and FAQ Document	Email	10/15/2020
7/28/2020 20:47	Doug	Surrett	Road noise from 526 is an issue today and getting worse with the increase in vehicular volume. Sound barriers and sound dampening road surfaces need to be part of the improvements.	Received General Comment Response Letter and FAQ Document	Email	10/15/2020

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7/28/2020 22:35	Patricia	Stuckey	I never receive notices concerning meetings. I own 2156, 2162 an Buren St and 2203 and 2205 Margaret St email stuckeypat389@gmail.com 843-270-5541	Received General Comment Response Letter and FAQ Document	Email	10/15/2020
7/28/2020 23:14	Anne	Surrett	While 526 needs major design improvements, I want to make sure Road Noise is addressed in any solution. Additionally trucks should be required to stay in a designated lane.	Received General Comment Response Letter and FAQ Document	Email	10/15/2020
7/29/2020 0:31	Lisa	Lehman	ALL trucks traveling to and from the port on 526 MUST remain in the furthest right lane from the I-26 and 526 split to Long Point Rd. It can be done with electronic signs at regular intervals with the message that hefty fines (\$) will be imposed with the tickets. And then the State must enforce it with a heavy presence of police officers along 526. This can be a "work around" until extra lanes are added!! Plus, a concrete barrier needs to be installed on Clements Ferry road for approximately a 1/2 mile from the exit ramp going onto 526 West. This will ensure that drivers will not be able jump into the front of the line (at the traffic light) by cutting off a line of cars entering the ramp to 526. This situation causes many accidents on this spot at 526 and subsequent back ups!!	Received General Comment Response Letter and FAQ Document	Email	10/15/2020
7/29/2020 16:13	Brad	Brooks	It appears to be clear from the 2050 projections we need additional lanes. But before this happens, my biggest concern is safety. Moving from Pennsylvania our insurance premiums have risen by \$200/year, simply because people do not know how to drive safely regardless of race, gender, or age. Drove by an accident on 526E where the car was on fire, and lanes on 526W were at a stop due to rubberneckers and people literally getting out of their cars to take video instead of assist with the accident (and emergency vehicles were delayed getting to the scene due to rubberneckers). Another accident killed a tow truck driver and critically injured a deputy, all because a driver in a POV was driving in the truck lane instead of one of the left two lanes. As far as I know the driver hasn't even been charged with anything, this is unbelievably reckless. It needs to be clear that the truck lane is for trucks only, and trucks need to utilize this lane (when it's not congested) instead of taking up the left two lanes. Install video cameras along the corridor to start mailing tickets to bad drivers, these tickets will pay for the cameras in no time and there will be additional money to fund other projects. Or else there will be no tickets but safety will be enhanced and who is not okay with that? I am not concerned about the noise level near Daniel Island, and the drivers on Daniel Island are just as bad as those on 526.	Thank you for your comments. I did want to note that SCDOT is not authorized with the responsibility or powers for traffic enforcement, that falls under the control of the Department of Public Safety. One other item to note is that video enforcement and ticketing is not currently allowed in SC, and legislative action would be required to allow this tool to be utilized. These are all valid concerns, and I would encourage you to contact your local legislative representative on these issues. Just wanted to make sure you were aware that most of these concerns are not within the Power of SCDOT to control or change. Our purpose is to provide safe and efficient roads and improvements that reduce congestion will reduce the number of crashes and hopefully also reduce the frustration that sometimes leads drivers to make bad decisions or errors contributing to crashes. I will add one note of positive feedback, in the I-526 WEST project which extends to Virginia Avenue (and is funded for construction), we are currently proposing to connect the widening to the existing truck lanes. Thus where the truck lanes start now travelling WEST, would be the widening out to 3 lanes in each direction and then the corridor will widen out even further to 4 lanes in each direction at North Rhett. We are also proposing to modify the North Rhett interchange. These changes will convert the truck climbing lanes into connected general purpose travel lanes and should provide a significant improvement in operations on the EAST corridor while these future projects are funded and constructed. Please let me know if you have any other questions or concerns. Joy Riley, PE, PMP, CPM, DBIA	Email	7/29/2020
7/30/2020 16:35	James	Morrill	I have been through the website and I don't see where the traffic noise is being addressed. Where does this occur? As you know, we have several hundred people who signed a petition to be sure sound barriers and quiet concrete are used on I-526 when it passes Daniel Island. I have many questions and would like to know what is the best way to submit them. thanks Jim Morrill	Good Afternoon Mr. Morrill –Thank you for participating in the I-526 EAST virtual public meeting. We are currently in the early stages of this planning study and are seeking input on what improvements the public would like to see on this corridor through this meeting. We anticipate coming back to the public next year with some preliminary improvement alternatives which will introduce the potential scale of impacts from potential future projects on this corridor. Any noise analysis would be performed in the future during final environmental document approvals once projects are funded as a result of this planning study. The Planning & Environmental Linkages Study (PEL) allows us to better understand the potential project scope and costs as we also get credit for environmental work moving forward prioritizing and funding future project packages. Please stay in touch with our project team by following us on facebook or twitter for the latest updates. https://www.facebook.com/526Corridor/ https://twitter.com/526Corridor if you have other questions please feel free to email me directly. Thanks. Joy Riley, PE, PMP, CPM, DBIA	Email	7/30/2020
7/30/2020 18:05	CP	Chappell	I support Sen. Larry Grooms proposal to widen to 4 lanes (2 in each direction) and add the new port connector road.	Received General Comment Response Letter and FAQ Document	Email	10/15/2020
7/31/2020 16:55	James	Hemphill	Please, please, please include bicycle and pedestrian facilities into the roadway improvements for this project. People die every year just because they don't have the privilege of owning a car. Building these facilities improves property values, has positive health benefits, and better connects people to their communities. You all are transportation planners and traffic engineers, you know we can't widen our way out of the traffic problems in our area. We need more mode shift. Prioritizing safe bike and ped facilities can change the lives of people in our community!	Received General Comment Response Letter and FAQ Document	Email	10/15/2020
8/1/2020 16:06	Chris	Hayes	Insanity is defined as doing the same thing and expecting different results. While there are definitely short term improvements that can be made in this area, the idea of a major project to "widen" this section over the next few years will only perpetuate the problem - see history of I405 through LA! Better that we try something different like spreading traffic across the 24 hours in a day. How about the Port going to a 7PM to 7AM schedule? Paying workers a shift differential would be a lot cheaper than the billions involved in widening! This would get congestion inducing trucks off the road during peak times. How about incenting local employers to go to staggered shifts? and / or work from home ? In the meantime, folks like me will try to avoid periods of heaviest congestion.	Received General Comment Response Letter and FAQ Document	Email	10/15/2020
8/1/2020 19:06	Aaron	Holladay	I would like to see noise barriers along 526. Particularly in the vicinity of long point road. Increasing truck traffic has made noise unbearable at all hours of day. Any improvement plan should include this.	Received General Comment Response Letter and FAQ Document	Email	10/15/2020
8/2/2020 12:30	Philip	Cavatoni	Having participated in some reviews and completed the on-line survey. Would like to submit the following comments. Two big issues on 526 that need shorter-term addressing are the speeding/reckless driving that is rampant and the quality of the interchanges (particularly I26). Our plan moving forward will hopefully address these two issues and would like to understand further what the plan is for those two issues. I have not followed as closely as I should have the work to date, and will do so going forward and appreciate the opportunity to provide feedback through the survey and the this questionnaire. Thanks,	Received General Comment Response Letter and FAQ Document	Email	10/15/2020
8/2/2020 18:45	Ben	Whatley	My main concern is the large amount of noise from traffic. The noise is already extremely loud, and widening will only increase the noise by making it louder and also noise for longer periods. There must be a sound barrier installed in order to mitigate the noise	Received General Comment Response Letter and FAQ Document	Email	10/15/2020

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8/4/2020 0:04	Denise	Bethea		Received General Comment Response Letter and FAQ Document	Email	10/15/2020
8/4/2020 0:26	Jackman	Frailey	I hope this project moves forward to widen the highways in both directions and solve issues with trucking and the bridges. However, if there is no sound wall put in place I am totally against the project. The sound wall is crucial not only to property values, but also to maintain the majesty of the lowcountry. Fewer people will want to travel or live here if you can hear the highway for miles in any direction. The sound wall is an absolute must.	Received General Comment Response Letter and FAQ Document	Email	10/15/2020
8/4/2020 15:15	Patrick	Snodgrass	Please consider sound barriers from Long Point up the Wando Bridge until over water.	Received General Comment Response Letter and FAQ Document	Email	10/15/2020
8/4/2020 15:44	George	Maynard	To answer the question (How did you hear about this meeting) Studying SC History. Planning of the freeway dates back to the 1960s. I retired to SC 1974 there has been a lot of ideas bounced around by the media and only slow or no progress in the right direction. Politically controlled progress operation as Presidential Election nears. Have to make people believe we are doing our job while traffic is usually at a standstill or moving slowly.	Received General Comment Response Letter and FAQ Document	Email	10/15/2020
8/4/2020 15:50	Hartley	Hartman	I live in Etiwan Pointe and the highway noise is already extremely loud as we are very near 526. The constant rumbling of the cargo trucks shakes our house at all hours of the day. I strongly encourage that if the highway is to be expanded that there be some sort of noise barriers put into place to reduce some of the noise. I cannot imagine what the sound would be like if the expansion goes through. Thanks.	Received General Comment Response Letter and FAQ Document	Email	10/15/2020
8/4/2020 16:21	Elizabeth	O'Boyle	This stretch of highway is already very noisy and intrusive to many communities nearby. If it were to be expanded, the noise levels would be even more disturbing and decrease the quality of living in so many neighborhoods as well as decrease the property value. If expansion is necessary, then sound barriers should be installed to protect surrounding neighborhoods.	Received General Comment Response Letter and FAQ Document	Email	10/15/2020
8/4/2020 18:24	Eric	Lehman	Permanent Truck lanes needed on Don Holt. Also, cameras to catch speeders and reckless drivers	Received General Comment Response Letter and FAQ Document	Email	10/15/2020
8/5/2020 2:13	Harriette	Buckenham	The currently existing I-526 needs repairing, particularly the bridges, and expanding. It is no longer serving the needs of the public. These repairs and improvements should be done before adding additional traffic by expanding the problems already existing. One of the most effective improvements would be to slam the brakes on the developers and builders! Get rid of greedy politicians pocketing money for land sales and approval of building permits: shameful. The rate of growth and the clearing of our forest.....the destruction of marsh areas.....disgusting and tragic. Once they are gone.....they are gone forever. The developers could not care less. They pocket their money, head out of SC and never look back.	Received General Comment Response Letter and FAQ Document	Email	10/15/2020
8/5/2020 16:04	Hilton	Caston	My MD is on Long Point Road. The trucks are ruining the area. The road will shred into pieces and more wrecks will occur. I suggest building an elevated semi trucks only ramp to connect to 526.	Received General Comment Response Letter and FAQ Document	Email	10/15/2020
8/5/2020 16:36	Jim	Slonecki	Two comments: 1) Eliminating, minimizing, or moving the port truck traffic to and from Wando terminal would improve I526 and Long Point Road (Use a Rail connection, add new entrance to I526, or use barges to move containers to new North Charleston terminal for rail to upstate etc.) 2. Widen I 526 (adding 2 more lanes to a total of 6 from Hwy 17 to I 26 interchange would eliminate improve flow at minimum cost (bridges are already set up for 6). Stopping any improvement at Virginia Ave is short sighted and would just add a new bottleneck. There are several projects currently underway regarding Long Point Road that could be avoided if these other options are considered, plus funding these options should fall mainly on the SC Port Authority, since they create most of the dangerous traffic conditions.	Received General Comment Response Letter and FAQ Document	Email	10/15/2020
8/5/2020 21:26	Gene	Grygielko	Merging onto 526 from DI some people get up to 526 and just stop instead of keep moving to merge in. I was up in Vancouver Canada. They had signs on highway before on coming traffic and signs coming into highway showing a zipper and how cars should merge.taking turns. May not seem like a big move but the traffic did not back up getting on and the traffic moved more smoothly On the highway	Received General Comment Response Letter and FAQ Document	Email	10/15/2020
8/5/2020 22:55	Nelson	Winter	We frequently travel the I-77 corridor through Charlotte, NC. For years we experienced construction delays as two new lanes were added in each direction through Charlotte metro. We took this in good humor with the expectation that the additional lanes would ease congestion in future travel. When the new lanes were finally opened, our reaction was anger and dismay at the unbelievable stupidity of the solution. Instead of 5 lanes of traffic in each direction as we had anticipated, there are the same three congested lanes as before alongside two new virtually empty express lanes for millionaires. In other words, years of construction and millions of dollars were totally wasted for an idiotic non-solution that could only appeal to a Washington bureaucrat. Reading the panel on your site entitled "What are we hearing from the I-526 LCC EAST survey", I was shocked to see that you believe your survey so far indicates that "High Occupancy Toll (HOT)" is a so-called "improvement" that most people want to see along the corridor. That is absolutely false. You never in your survey use the term "High Occupancy Toll." You ask people to rank items, one of which is "HOV/HOT." People know what HOV is. They may even see it as a valid solution for the I-526 corridor. However, the way your question is constructed, there is no way a respondent can endorse HOV without also apparently endorsing HOT. That probably doesn't trouble many people, as it does me, because they have no idea what HOT is. I do know what HOT is. I've seen it do nothing to solve Charlotte's problem, and I am confident it will do nothing to solve the problems of I-526. If you are determined to bring it here, there is probably nothing the public can do to stop the lunacy. However, don't believe for a moment that you can get away with citing your survey as an endorsement of HOT. To get that honestly, you would first have to clearly explain what the acronym HOT is, and then ask people directly if they really would like express lanes limited to those who can afford to pay. Further, you would have to provide HOV as a separate option and not merely a hidden Trojan Horse for those wishing to endorse HOV.	Received General Comment Response Letter and FAQ Document	Email	10/15/2020
8/6/2020 14:32	Marilyn Bache	Sonnenberg	While I think Senator Larry Grooms proposal is the best of options offered, I personally think it is too late and does not take into account the impact on Mt Pleasant or any of our coastal cities. Instead I urge consideration of a new outer belt line (1726 or 1826) which could connect to the ports along the Cooper River and both the northern and southern coastal cities. As it is now commuters are clogging 526 at rush hour to access developing coastal communities (see Larry Grooms Mail out) both along Hwy 17 to the north and south of Charleston. Commuters are cutting through established communities and along scenic highways, forcing the widening of Hwy 17, and tourists are overwhelming our beach communities. Interstates can be constructed across the wetlands with no access in protected areas and still get trucks to North Charleston terminals, rural (still) coastal communities and developing areas.	Received General Comment Response Letter and FAQ Document	Email	10/15/2020
8/6/2020 15:43	James	Atkins	Current traffic on 526 requires that a sound barrier wall be erected btw the roadway and Hobcaw Creek Plantation subdivision. Widening to 8 lanes will only increase the noise and the need for a sound barrier wall.	Received General Comment Response Letter and FAQ Document	Email	10/15/2020
8/6/2020 17:48	shane	sandusky	all of the property owners south of I 526 on St. Thomas Island would be agreeable with providing 50 ROW to continue Clements ferry to the Daniel island bridge with a junction on the southern tip of DI (SPA controlled). Call me to discuss. 8434379310 Shane	Received General Comment Response Letter and FAQ Document	Email	10/15/2020

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8/7/2020 1:13	JEFF	GRAY	Expansion of roadways and traffic volume especially freight traffic MUST include road noise mitigation for neighborhoods adjacent to I-526 to maintain property values and quality of life.	Received General Comment Response Letter and FAQ Document	Email	10/15/2020
8/7/2020 16:42	richard	ulstad	<p>This is "the greatest expansion...that the SCDOT has ever attempted" and it will require the longest range planning that they have ever made. We need to recognize that roads don't just move traffic, they more importantly determine future growth. The communities that must not be overlooked, most importantly for the long range, are those that will actually benefit from the growth that this "greatest expansion" can create. The other communities that will see a reduction in traffic pain are significant, but not as important as the longer range consequences of investments in growth. We must consider our "greatest expansion" as the "Oregon Trail" of Charleston's development. Our first responsibility is to add the developmental needs as our primary objectives and then review the new PEL study. Although it is simple to just "double what we have" it would be negligent to ignore the potential of adding to our new "Oregon Trail" while rebalancing ports and growing neighborhoods. 75 years from now there may be a second larger beltway around Charleston in addition to the existing I-526. The point is we don't need a 'greater project', we need and I support a better directed project for the long range development of all of metropolitan Charleston.</p> <p>I am AGAINST (do not support) plane old widening of I-526. I do support investment in our contribution to Charleston's Oregon Trail!</p>	Received General Comment Response Letter and FAQ Document	Email	10/15/2020
8/8/2020 19:45	Mark	Lowman	From my point of view there are at least three issues of concern. First, the truck traffic is heavy and will continue to increase. Second, the amount of noise generated by the LCC is an impact on several residential areas. Third, and most important, the number of accidents on the LCC is much higher than it should be. All three issues should be addressed by any plans to improve the LCC. The safety issue is only going to become more pronounced with the increase in traffic at the Wando Welch terminal. The ideal solution would be to create truck only lanes in both directions between I-26 and Long Point Road on the LCC and prohibit vehicles with more than three axles from the lanes closest to the center of the highway. Having a dedicated exit lane for trucks exiting the eastbound lanes of the LCC at Long Point Road would also improve the flow of traffic and safety. Even with three lanes in each direction, the enforcement of lane usage is an important factor in reducing traffic accidents. Current traffic patterns encourage vehicle operators to misuse climbing lanes and there is frequently truck traffic in the center lanes that can lead to unsafe differences in vehicle speeds between Rivers Avenue and Clements Ferry Road. Finally, the noise of the LCC is an issue for all residential areas between I-26 and US 17 in Mount Pleasant. The clearing of trees and brush along the LCC in the clear zones, especially between the James B. Edwards Bridge and Long Point Road, has worsened conditions for property owners nearby. Widening the LCC without mitigating the noise will impact quality of life and property values. Reasonable measure to reduce noise impacts should be taken immediately. In the longer term, any new construction should include noise barriers and other reasonable measures to reduce noise impacts.	Received General Comment Response Letter and FAQ Document	Email	10/15/2020
8/9/2020 15:02	Joseph	Thomas	I live at 19 Dalton Street. The vehicle noise from I-526 is unbearable throughout the day, and especially in the morning. I cannot enjoy the routine activity of sitting outside on my porch. The loud, sharp noise from freight trucks traveling westbound is especially alarming as they traverse what sounds like expansion joints located at the bridge at Beresford Creek. When sleeping, I have to turn on a noise machine, which is a safety issue for my family since it could "mask" other sounds that might be life-threatening events. As I travel across the country, it amazes and frustrates me that SCDOT has not constructed vertical noise barriers as other states have done along Interstate roads where dense neighborhoods are close by.	Received General Comment Response Letter and FAQ Document	Email	10/15/2020
8/9/2020 16:18	Chris	Blundy	New road will need noise mitigation and sound barriers	Received General Comment Response Letter and FAQ Document	Email	10/15/2020
8/9/2020 17:07	Dena	Johnson	the need for road noise mitigation, sound barriers and quiet pavement	Received General Comment Response Letter and FAQ Document	Email	10/15/2020
8/10/2020 17:09	Christopher	Alex	We are very concerned with noise mitigation. Adding a lane to 526 along with tree removal for development has increased road noise impacting quality of life.	Received General Comment Response Letter and FAQ Document	Email	10/15/2020
8/10/2020 20:59	Gloria	Grimsley	Do not need widening in Mount Pleasant, there is no room and there would be many lawsuits and much pain.	Received General Comment Response Letter and FAQ Document	Email	10/15/2020
8/10/2020 21:41	Kris	De Welde	Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on this important project. While I am supportive of improvements to our infrastructure, and particularly those that will encourage bicycling and use of (also improved) public transportation, I want to express concern for the ways in which the project will differentially impact minority and poor communities along the corridor. Displacement and negative environmental impacts must be mitigated in order for this project to be "successful." Equity must be at the center of decision-making for this project or we in the tri-county area will simply perpetuate the decades (centuries!) of violence and looting of Black and other minority communities that is a hallmark of "development" and seen far too often our history in SC. Representatives from the most impacted communities must be part of the conversations in a meaningful and authentic way, not just in a "check the box" sort of way. In this historical moment in particular, such a project must reflect the full inclusion of Black, brown, indigenous and other people of color, and especially women who are often heads of households. Anything less is blatant, willful perpetuation of systemic oppression!	Received General Comment Response Letter and FAQ Document	Email	10/15/2020
8/11/2020 11:11	Kathleen	Gilliland	There are several safety issues that need attention ASAP. The first is speeding ! Cars use the "truck" lane for passing at a high rate of speed - probably at least 80 Mph. This issue should be addressed NOW. The second is there is no where to pull over if you are having car trouble. This is a recipe for disaster - as we have seen recently - especially with cars traveling at excessive speeds. Also, the number of trucks is overwhelming !	Received General Comment Response Letter and FAQ Document	Email	10/15/2020
8/11/2020 19:12	Larry	Grooms	I support the 526 East project and ask that it include; 1. Expansion to 4 lanes in each direction, 2. A dedicated port access road to connect the Wando Terminal directly to 526, 3. And sound barriers and other noise reducing measures.	Received General Comment Response Letter and FAQ Document	Email	10/15/2020
8/12/2020 16:55	Michael	Petrakis	Please provide road noise mitigation, sound barriers and quiet pavement to protect Daniel Island residents impacted by this project.	Received General Comment Response Letter and FAQ Document	Email	10/15/2020

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8/12/2020 19:21	Alan	Townsend	<p>As it pertains to trucks accessing the Wando Welch Terminal, suggest adding a dedicated direct access to the terminal's rear gate (north gate) at the end of Shipping Lane from I-526. The I-526 east bound traffic would exit on a one-way flyover of Wando Park Boulevard in bound to the port and return on a one way out bound flyover of Wando Park Boulevard to west bound I-526. Since it is not a "full" interchange, perhaps the separation requirement from the interchange at Long Point Road would not apply.</p> <p>If it does apply, the in bound traffic to the port could access via this new aforementioned flyover and the outbound continue as it does currently on Long Point Road. Since the predominate truck in-bound movement is east bound on I-526, truck traffic entering the port from west bound I-526; which is less predominant, could continue to enter as it currently does via Long Point Road. This option would help limit the stacking of in bound trucks on Long Point Road.</p>	Received General Comment Response Letter and FAQ Document	Email	10/15/2020
8/12/2020 20:41	Mark	Smith	<p>Please make sure these three elements are included in the plans moving forward to protect the quality of life and safety of all area residents:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sound barrier/noise reduction elements all along the residential area that covers the entire area of Daniel Island located underneath the raised lanes of I-526. 2. A dedicated truck exit and lane for port traffic for the Wando Terminal. 3. A minimal of 8 lanes of open traffic flow for the entire I-526 east area under review. Please also make sure all existing, planned and approved housing units along the Clements Ferry Rd corridor are included for proper level of service for the exit/on ramps, that will allow continuous flow of traffic. 	Received General Comment Response Letter and FAQ Document	Email	10/15/2020
8/13/2020 11:38	Richard	Stuhr	<p>There is an abundance of container trucks that travel 526. Have alternatives been examined for moving these containers between rail and port terminals? What about barges?</p> <p>Also, it is past time to allow for pedestrian paths along ALL roads. I am tired of having to take my life in my hands every time I wish to walk or bike around the Charleston area.</p> <p>Also, a comprehensive ferry service for people could make use of our extensive waterways and be a more enjoyable mode of travel.</p>	Received General Comment Response Letter and FAQ Document	Email	10/15/2020
8/13/2020 12:14	Leslie	Groher	<p>Of the Daniel Island Natural Resource Association recommendations, I support the relocation of the Wando Terminal to the spoils landfill island west of Clouter Creek or to an alternate location in Jasper County AS PREVIOUSLY PROMISED.</p> <p>This will obviate the need to address a reversible lane which will only add to dangerous lane changing and speeding as drivers jockey for position on what is a static size of the existing bridges.</p> <p>Adding new bridges to handle traffic would be unnecessary if the terminal is relocated AS PREVIOUSLY PROMISED. in any case, new bridges would be incredibly costly, money-wise and quality-of-life-wise, to tens of thousands of local home dwellers and businesses which have invested in this area.</p> <p>If any lane expansion is called for, it is to create a trucks only lane between the Wando River bridge and Long Point Road. If that is deemed to be impossible, rework the Long Point Road exit ramp to allow more lanes turning toward the terminal. Of course, this need only be a temporary measure if SCDOT relocates the Wando Terminal AS PREVIOUSLY PROMISED.</p> <p>Since natural sound barriers (ie:trees) along the eastbound and westbound portions of I526 inexplicably have been removed, new sound barriers should be created. A consequential investigation and full public disclosure as to who approved said removal should be made as the removal not only must have significantly impacted the quality of life for residents and businesses immediately adjacent to the scarred areas, the uglified landscape will cost all South Carolina taxpayers to restore.</p> <p>Other than necessary sound barriers' restoration and enhancement, beautification would be nice, but a low priority for expenditure of scarce funds.</p> <p>Lastly, allocation of money to build bicycle and pedestrian bridges or tunnels crossing the Cooper and/or Wando Rivers would be an inefficient expenditure of public money that should be spent to maximum benefit of the current and projected population of Daniel Island, Thomas Island, the Cainhoy area, as well as all travelers in these and surrounding areas.</p>	Received General Comment Response Letter and FAQ Document	Email	10/15/2020

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8/13/2020 20:25	Michael	Lawrie	<p>years. I am very familiar with these roads. Here are my concerns with widening I-526.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There is no room to widen—in a non-disruptive way—I-526 westbound on its north side (i.e. the breakdown lane side) between Long Point Rd and the Wando River. The neighborhoods of Belle Hall and especially Tidal Walk are already right up against I-526, as is Seacoast Parkway, the only access road for Tidal Walk and Grassy Creek neighborhoods. - A large amount of I-526 traffic enters and exits I-526 at Clements Ferry Rd and does not reach Mount Pleasant. So I-526 capacity from Clements Ferry Rd to Hwy 17 should not need to be as large as from Clements Ferry Rd through Virginia Ave. - This is not simply a "widening." Since 65% of the east I-526 corridor is elevated, this will involve building miles of bridges, a massive expense. - Widening I-526 would not appear to alleviate any congestion on I-26 between the I-526 interchange and Ashley Phosphate Rd. There is already an incident on this stretch of I-26 almost daily, which causes massive delays. - Mount Pleasant, especially the southern half of the town, is very close to population capacity. One would not anticipate a large increase of commuters to and from this side of Mount Pleasant in the coming years. An ideal traffic solution would get other commuters to their destinations without needing to traverse this already congested area of Mount Pleasant. - Currently, commutes to North Charleston, Summerville, Goose Creek and surrounding areas from northern Mount Pleasant and Awendaw must utilize the Don Holt Bridge and typically the I-526/I-26 interchange. Widening I-526 will not change that and increases in traffic volume will still be felt on Hwy 17 and Long Point Rd, both of which are significantly congested during rush hour. On the other hand, the extension of Red Bank Rd east over the Cooper River, with a connection to Clements Ferry Rd, Cainhoj Rd or Hwy 41, might provide these same commuters a similar or shorter trip that avoids both the I-526/I-26 interchange and the Don Holt Bridge. This proposed roadway would seem to require less bridge/elevated roadway distance and possibly less height. Additionally, both sides of Red Bank Rd from N. Rhett Ave/Henry E. Brown Jr. Blvd to the Cooper River have wide tracts of unoccupied land. - As someone who lives very close to I-526 in Belle Hall, I do not believe sound barriers are worth the expense or the aesthetic appearance. Many of us are trying to avoid Mount Pleasant looking more "urban," which barrier walls do. My main noise complaint is the very small percentage of port-bound trucks that utilize the engine brake—often between 4am and 6am—when approaching the Long Point Rd off-ramp. This is not necessary since the overwhelming majority of trucks do not do this since there is a merge lane on Long Point Rd so they do not have to stop at the intersection. A more direct connection between I-526 and the port sounds interesting but other than the few early morning engine brakes, would not appear to be worth the expense either. - While not a replacement for infrastructure improvements, it would seem much more could be done about incident management on these roads. At this point, it is a near certainty that a vehicle will become disabled on I-526 or I-26 at some point between Clements Ferry Rd and Ashley Phosphate Rd. What should be minor 	Received General Comment Response Letter and FAQ Document	Email	10/15/2020
8/14/2020 1:46	Alexandro	Dell'Aiera	<p>We really need to finish the 526 project and connect Johns Island to West Ashley and James Island. A perfect example is last year when the Stono Bridge from James to Johns island closed three times in four weeks. Traffic was crippled in the entire metro area. It took everyone hours to get home those days. If 526 was completed, there would have been another way for people to commit to alleviate the strain of traffic that already exists on Savannah highway. This project has needed completion for a long time, and the time is now. Thank you</p>	Received General Comment Response Letter and FAQ Document	Email	10/15/2020
8/14/2020 13:35	Courtney	Morrill	<p>The survey does not address the major concern of residents on Daniel Island. That is road noise. For this project to go forward, it must include measures to block or prevent the noise from interfering with the quality of life on Daniel Island. I don't understand why this item was not included in the survey. With the addition of more traffic lanes and vehicles, the noise will increase from the current unacceptable level. Please address this issue.</p>	Received General Comment Response Letter and FAQ Document	Email	10/15/2020
8/14/2020 17:12	Shawn	Howell	<p>I am a 7.5-acre property owner (TMS #271-00-02-07,131,133) at the corner of Forrest Drive and Hwy 33 (I-526 interchange). I have been told in the past that there will not be a light at this interchange. Currently, there is only a right in and a right out at this site. At a minimum, there should be a left turn into the site and a reasonable distance for a u-turn up Clements Ferry rd to get back to the I-526 on-ramp.</p>	Received General Comment Response Letter and FAQ Document	Email	10/15/2020
8/14/2020 17:41	Matthew	Kendall	<p>Look forward to learning more</p>	Received General Comment Response Letter and FAQ Document	Email	10/15/2020
8/14/2020 18:07	William	Kelley	<p>Something must be done about extreme noise from road and bridge.</p>	Received General Comment Response Letter and FAQ Document	Email	10/15/2020
8/14/2020 19:26	Kimberly	Groher	<p>It is folly to widen the I526 freeway which will continue to feed bridges that cannot be commensurately widened. Have you ever tried to cross one of those bridges at rush hour? Likewise ill-advised is the center median smart lane. The idea of increasing the volume of traffic on more lanes that will squeeze onto the bridges is completely crazy. Limiting the trucks to right lane only would be okay, but it would be better for them if there were a dedicated lane to the port exit, as well. Using Department of Transportation money to build bridges or tunnels for bicycle riders and walkers is not a good use of those many, many dollars. There should be a cost-benefit study identifying the cost per user compared to spending the money to improve roadways for tens of thousands of drivers. The same goes for beautifying the landscape. That should be done only if and after adequate roadways and maintenance of the roads is complete.</p>	Received General Comment Response Letter and FAQ Document	Email	10/15/2020
8/14/2020 22:38	Robin	Schoepfel	<p>I feel the road noise situation needs to be taken care of. The noise from 526 can be very loud and has gotten louder every year. Sound barriers and quiet pavement would help with this.</p>	Received General Comment Response Letter and FAQ Document	Email	10/15/2020
8/16/2020 19:30	Ryan	Kinowski	<p>I would like to know more about how it will impact the neighborhoods adjacent to the corridor.</p> <p>Looking to understand more about what changes are foreseen for the Eastern section</p>	Received General Comment Response Letter and FAQ Document	Email	10/15/2020

Entry Date	Name (First)	Name (Last)	Comments	Response	Response Format	Date of Response
8/15/2020 20:08	Emily	O'Hearn	Please include plans for bikes and pedestrians. We all want to use this bridge! If you're going to make infrastructure improvements, make them for everyone- not just those riding in vehicles. If the infrastructure was available, we would certainly all use it.	Received General Comment Response Letter and FAQ Document	Email	10/15/2020
8/14/2020 14:32	E. Mac	McBride	The widening of 526 East is need, but will increase the noise level for residents'. The road noise is having a negative effect on quality of life issues for Daniel Island residents and I am sure other neighborhoods experience similar problems. Measures must be addressed to mitigate the noise. So called quiet payment and/or sound barriers must be part of the road widening plans.	Received General Comment Response Letter and FAQ Document	Email	10/15/2020
8/12/2020 3:09	Charles	Shuford	Commuter traffic is heavy, but a significant improvement would be the reduction or elimination of truck traffic. Regretfully, a major transportation problem with the East I 526 Corridor is that the Mt. Pleasant port is not connected to the rail system that serves the Greer inland port and other designations. Thus the congestion on I526 from Highway 17 in Mt. Pleasant to Virginia Ave in North Charleston. Moving the port would be a major traffic improvement but likely an impossibility. If expanded or new bridges are necessary along this corridor, a rail line should be included. If a new bridge is considered, think of a railroad bridge from Mt. Pleasant port to North Charleston perhaps using the southern tip of Daniel Island, which is owned by the port authority. Lastly, the survey did not allow me to complain about noise. There should be a noise barrier along I526 from Highway 17 to Cooper River Bridge, not just while the road is at ground level but also along the bridges.	Received General Comment Response Letter and FAQ Document	Email	10/15/2020
8/11/2020 17:59	Freeman	Milligan	Below is a comment submitted to SCDOT for it's Statewide Multimodal Transportation Plan (MTP) update: While future technologies are difficult to predict, they can (and will) have significant impact on transportation as we look forward to 2040. In particular, I hope the impact of moving from gasoline to all-electric vehicles is being thoroughly considered. One emerging technology that SCDOT needs to have on it's radar screen is induction/wireless charging lanes in highways, in which vehicles are charged while in motion. This is being developed in several places around the world, and I would not be surprised to see it available within the next 5-10 years. This would appear to be a win-win for everyone; making EV transportation more practical, reducing the battery storage necessary, powering transportation with clean energy, providing an income stream (from the sale of the electricity to motorists) for the construction and maintenance of the induction facilities (and maybe have \$\$ left over for other highway funding), etc. Web apps could be used for tracking electricity consumption and for billing/payment. The length of charging lanes necessary and their frequency will depend on local traffic patterns/needs and the charging rate that can be achieved. Since we have Volvo at one end of I-26 in South Carolina and BMW at the other, maybe they would be interested in sponsoring an effort to make I-26 one of the first electrified roads in the U.S.! Electrified roads could also be applied to paths for the electric bicycles, golf carts, scooters, etc. which are rapidly increasing in number. This could increase the feasible range of such vehicles, making their use for short commutes more practical, as well as support mass-transit by increasing the potential service area for individual transit stops.	Received General Comment Response Letter and FAQ Document	Email	10/15/2020

Entry Date	Name (First)	Name (Last)	Comments	Response	Response Format	Date of Response
8/10/2020 15:12	Ben	Sands	<p>Hello!</p> <p>First, thank you for your work on this project. It's a major undertaking and is going to add tremendous value to our community.</p> <p>I've completed the survey and would simply like to add a request to keep the noise of 526 in mind in your planning. We live quite close to 526 and would appreciate any efforts you can make to reduce the noise pollution of the roadway. Sound barriers and quiet pavement, in particular, would help to reduce the impact of the increased traffic flow along this important roadway.</p> <p>Many thanks for this, and all you are doing.</p> <p>Ben Sands</p>	Received General Comment Response Letter and FAQ Document	Email	10/15/2020
8/9/2020 18:27	Jann	O'Toole	<p>I took the survey but there were no questions about noise from the proposed expansion to I 526. We live close to an elevated portion of the highway and already have a lot of noise from it which will only increase with additional lanes and bridges. Planting trees won't help us. I hope you will consider this going forward.</p>	Received General Comment Response Letter and FAQ Document	Email	10/15/2020
8/1/2020 22:54	Mary	Eaddy	<p>Joy, I tried to rank noise as the top concern on the survey, but the instrument wouldn't let me. I met this week with a citizen group that will pursue noise abatement issues very soon through governmental and private contracting, public meetings and meetings with fifty public officials from around the state. It would be great if you and the private sector engineer of record could be there. I suggested the chair of the group contact you about this. Thanks so much.</p> <p>Mary</p>	Received General Comment Response Letter and FAQ Document	Email	10/15/2020

I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST PIM1
Email Comments

Entry Date	First Name	Last Name	Comment	Response	Response Format	Date of Response
11/14/2019	Marty	Blanchard	<p>Thank you for the reply. One question. Do you think putting everyone in their own 4000 lb. vehicle the most efficient way to get them from point A to B? If not why is this method encouraged and promoted. I still wonder why real long term solutions can't be supported and funded at the level of the same old short term solution of adding lanes. Real alternatives: I would fully support adding a lane that would be for buses, emergency vehicles and evacuations only. The only way mass transit will be successful is if it is a better option. If driving takes you 45 min. and the bus 15 min. people will use the bus. Move containers by barge inland to an intermodal station perhaps in Bushy park. There are rails there. Keep the trucks and trains out of the city. Work with MARAD. I think this administration offers you the best opportunity for real long term solutions like this. That river is not utilized. Real solutions.</p>	<p>Mr. Blanchard –Please keep in mind that strategies such as managed lanes, active traffic management and other tools that can create reliable travel times for transit and encourage drivers to change behavior do require infrastructure upgrades as well. Currently, the transit system does not have reliable travel times in the Charleston region, which makes this option unattractive to the travelling public. Projects currently underway such as Bus Rapid Transit and upgrading I-526 infrastructure to accommodate a wider range of future operational options are key to reaching a goal of reliable travel times for transit. We are proposing adding additional lanes and shoulder width which would allow flexibility in how SCDOT manages the facility and could allow some of these strategies to be implemented. The current infrastructure with 2 general purpose lanes in each direction and an aging electrical infrastructure would not support these future strategies. I would encourage you to review the I-26 corridor studies currently under development which also include a regional managed lanes study. The infrastructure improvements proposed with the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor project would allow room for these future operational functions as a regional approach (which is key to success). https://www.scdot.org/projects/i26-corridor.aspx Please note that SCDOT also funded several travel demand initiatives after the 2013 I-526 Planning Study was completed, which focuses on changing regional travel choices and providing incentives for other options. The Lowcountry GO project was funded to provide carpooling tools and incentives as well as incentives for businesses to incorporate vanpooling programs. http://www.lowcountrygo.com/. A Park & Ride project is underway to provide park and ride facilities across the region in this same effort. We also funded signal upgrades at all the ramp terminal along the I-526 WEST corridor in order to improve operations as low cost interim improvements on this corridor. https://www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/west/planning-studies/ If you would like a voice in the transportation planning process in SC and in your region, then I would encourage you to get involved through the public involvement processes that accompany these transportation planning processes. I will provide the links below to the CHATS long range plan (which was just updated) as well as SCDOT's planning page. Our State multimodal plan is being updated now. https://bcdog.com/long-range-transportation-plan/ https://www.scdot.org/inside/planning.aspx Have a great day. Joy Riley, PE, PMP, CPM, DBIA</p>	Email	11/15/2019
4/15/2020	Cathy	Sembower	<p>Hope you are well. I'm writing to find out if there are any plans for a sound wall along I526 In Mt Pleasant, SC to go up next to the Tidal Walk and Grassy Creek community. Let me know if anything is in the planning stages.</p>	<p>Good Afternoon Cathy-The segment of I-526 from Cooper River to Mount Pleasant is part of the I-526 EAST project and more information can be found at our project website at www.526lowcountrycorridor.com. The EAST project is only in the Planning stages and we will be performing planning studies over the next 2 years. We would not start any noise analysis or determination of noise barrier locations until the project is fully funded and we enter into the environmental phase. In other words, it will likely be 3-4 years before we get to that stage of analysis on the EAST project and could provide that information. Let me know if you have any other questions or concerns. Joy Riley, PE, PMP, CPM, DBIA</p>	Email	4/15/2020
5/19/2020	Jo	Frkovich	<p>I think the planned bridge expansion of the I 526 is totally unnecessary. The true traffic bottle neck is Ashley River Road. Free up Ashley River Road traffic and I 526 traffic flow will improve dramatically. You let the communities be built, now build expand Ashley River Road to support the development you have allowed.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments. Joy Riley, PE, PMP, CPM, DBIA</p>	Email	5/19/2020
5/27/2020	Susanne	Taylor	<p>Hello, I tried the survey twice and lost it both times so I thought email would be better. The main issue on 526 between Virginia Ave and Mt. Pleasant is congestion and tractor trailers. The traffic is backed up before to even get to North Rhett going towards Mt. P everyday during the lunch hour. Not to mention during rush hours in the morning and evening daily. There are also cars speeding trying to get past the tractor trailers when they move to the truck lane. No one wants to be stuck behind them when they merge back over. The truck lane is ridiculous. You have to deal with them moving back to regular lanes after the bridges and half the time they don't see you or start to move over regardless. That idea was not completely thought out. There should be a dedicated truck lane all the way to Long Point road. Or better yet, start using a barge to transport the cargo from port to port and cut down on the truck traffic. I think that would be the ideal situation. Those are my main concerns. Whatever happens, please do NOT put in a bike lane. Thank you, S Taylor</p>	<p>Thank you for providing your comments. I apologize that you had trouble with the online survey. Joy Riley, PE, PMP, CPM, DBIA</p>	Email	5/29/2020
7/28/2020	James	Horvath	<p>The solution to 526 W and E is to repaint lanes over Don Holt and Wando bridges and highway after them to accommodate 3 (albeit narrow) continuous lanes. There is plenty of room to do this. These corridors should be treated like tunnels in NYC where they know how to manage traffic. These would be narrow lanes where people have to pay attention. Warnings of upcoming narrowing and to GET OFF PHONE AND PAY ATTENTION should be displayed on electronic traffic signs that precede bridges and are essentially not used at all. Additionally, improving traffic flow exiting 526W on to Rhett Ave would prevent exit lane backup on to the highway and subsequent backup toward the Don Holt bridge. Sincerely, James Horvath MDDaniel Island, SC</p>	<p>Thank you for providing your comments on this very important project. SCDOT did investigate restriping this section of I-526 between I-26 and Clements Ferry Road but the safety analysis predicted a significant increase in crashes without the addition of a shoulder. Our electrical system along that section of corridor is in disrepair and needs upgrading before we could add technology such as lane signals that may mitigate for the loss of shoulder. However, we have extended the I-526 WEST project to Virginia Avenue and that project will widen to match with the existing truck lanes. So where the truck lanes begin now heading in the WEST direction would be the start of the 3 lane section and then would widen out further to 4 lanes in each direction through the North Rhett interchange. We are also proposing significant changes to the North Rhett Interchange which will provide some congestion relief to the I-526 EAST segment. Please let me know if you have any other questions or concerns. Joy Riley, PE, PMP, CPM, DBIA</p>	Email	7/29/2020

October 15, 2020

Re: Public Information Meeting for I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST PEL Study
Charleston County and Berkeley County, South Carolina

Greetings,

Thank you for participating in the public comment period for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST (I-526 LCC EAST) Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL) Study public information meeting held from July 15, 2020 to August 15, 2020. We appreciate your interest in this study.

As you know, the South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) is conducting a PEL Study for the I-526 LCC EAST to identify transportation issues and environmental concerns, from Virginia Avenue in North Charleston to approximately US 17 in Mount Pleasant. The purpose of the study is to better define the project need and to identify alternatives that would improve travel time reliability and reduce congestion along the corridor. The PEL study will also look for improvements to address mobility issues and related to roadway deficiencies such as inadequate capacity, shoulder widths, on and off ramp lengths, and tightly curved ramps.

As the I-526 LCC EAST study progresses, we will explore ways to improve the project need, while minimizing any potential impacts on the surrounding community and natural environment. We will continue to encourage community involvement and communication to ensure the successful development of the proposed improvements. The findings of this PEL study will be carried forward into the next phase of the project development process, the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process.

Your interest in the I-526 LCC EAST study is valued, and SCDOT assures you that all suggestions, objections, and concerns are carefully considered. Your comments have been made part of the official record.

As a result of your comment or question, we have compiled a list of Frequently Asked Questions. We encourage you to review the attached document and share these with your friends, neighbors, and colleagues. If you should have any further questions, please contact me directly at info@526LowcountryCorridor.com, call or text the project hotline (843.258.1135), or visit our Community Office (5627 Rivers Avenue, North Charleston – Gas Lite Square; CARTA Route 10). *In response to current public health concerns, the office is operating by appointment only to ensure your safety. We encourage you to call, email, or text to make an appointment.*

To stay engaged, please visit our website at www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east/ to sign up for our newsletter, like us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/526Corridor/, or follow us on Twitter at twitter.com/526corridor.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures: Asked & Answered: Frequently Asked Questions I-526 LCC EAST

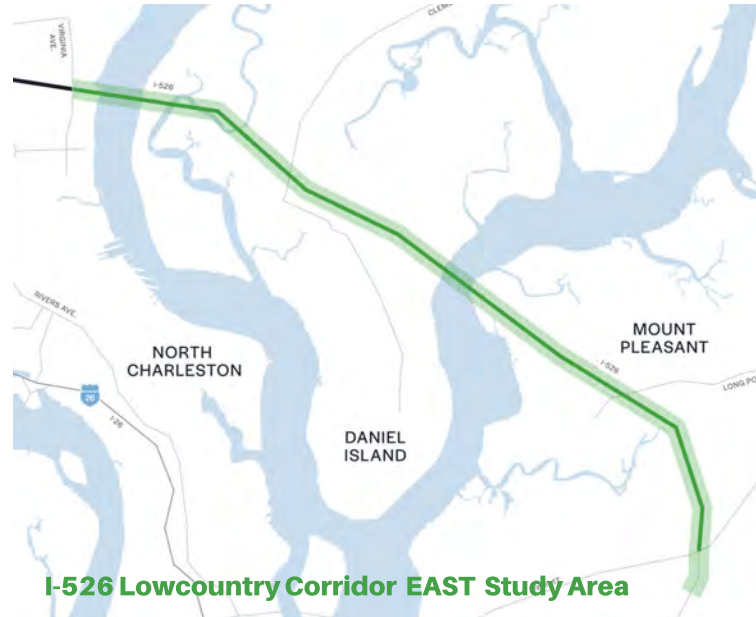


Asked & Answered

We've heard your questions & concerns.
Here are some answers.

▶ What is the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor (I-526 LCC) EAST Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL) study going to accomplish?

The results of the PEL study will help establish a vision for the corridor that will guide future transportation decision-making. Results from the PEL study will be carried into the next phase of project development which is the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process. After the needs are better understood in this corridor, and potential improvements identified, the next steps, including potential phasing and project opportunities, may be developed. To learn more about the I-526 LCC EAST study area and the PEL study process and schedule, view the boards below.



▶ What is a PEL Study?

A Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL) study is a collaborative and integrated approach to transportation decision-making that considers environmental, community, and economic goals early in the transportation planning process, and uses the information, analysis, and products developed during planning to inform the environmental review process. This integrated approach considers environmental, community, and economic goals early in the planning process and uses this information to streamline the transportation project development and environmental review process. The resulting information of a PEL study will be carried forward into the next phase of the project development process, the NEPA process.

What is a PEL?

- 1 Tool for **creating efficiency** in transportation development
- 2 Considers **environment, community & economy**
- 3 **Collaborative & integrated** approach to decision-making

Who Participates?



What is the difference in I-526 LCC EAST, I-526 LCC WEST, and the Mark Clark Extension?

The I-526 Lowcountry Corridor projects focus on improvements to the EXISTING I-526 roadway network, with the EAST study running from approximately US 17 in Mount Pleasant to Virginia Avenue in North Charleston and the WEST project extending from Virginia Avenue to Paul Cantrell Boulevard in West Ashley. The Mark Clark Extension project would pick up at approximately the end of existing I-526 in West Ashley and connect the communities of Johns Island and James Island. For more information on the Mark Clark Extension project, visit www.SCDOTMarkClark.com.

What types of alternatives are being evaluated for the I-526 LCC EAST?

During the PEL Study, conceptual alternatives that have the potential to meet the purpose and need of the proposed project will be developed. Alternatives are not limited to only the widening or replacement of a road. They can also include a wide range of alternatives such as reconfiguration and enhancements of the existing roadway or the exploration of alternate routes. Other potential improvements might include, managed lanes concepts, such as truck-only lanes; traffic operations, such as enhanced signage and incident management; and multi-modal strategies, including the accommodation of freight, transit, and non-motorized travel. These alternatives will then be evaluated through a screening process to identify and refine the improvements that best meet the purpose and need, while avoiding and minimizing impacts to communities and the environment.

How will I know if my house is being impacted by this project? How is this project being funded? When will this project happen?

The I-526 LCC EAST is currently in the beginning stages of a PEL study, a high-level study to identify transportation issues and environmental concerns. This PEL study may result in the identification of multiple potential projects. This will help SCDOT understand the potential number of projects, delivery methods, schedules and costs to complete the improvements. At this time, the project team is taking the community's feedback to develop conceptual alternatives. While more information will be shared at a public information meeting next year, any resulting information of the PEL study would be carried forward in the NEPA process. During the NEPA process, any potential impacts would be quantified in greater detail and a schedule and costs would be defined.

▶ What is SCDOT doing to help reduce noise in the I-526 LCC EAST study area?



The EAST PEL study is a higher-level planning study, and a detailed noise analysis would be done in the next phase of the project development (NEPA). SCDOT understands noise impacts are an important concern for residents and will make it a top concern as the project further develops. SCDOT has policies in place that outline how it implements the Federal Highway Administration noise regulations and standards for federal aid projects and/or projects subject to Federal Highway Administration approval. More information on that noise policy can be found here:

<https://www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east/traffic-noise/>

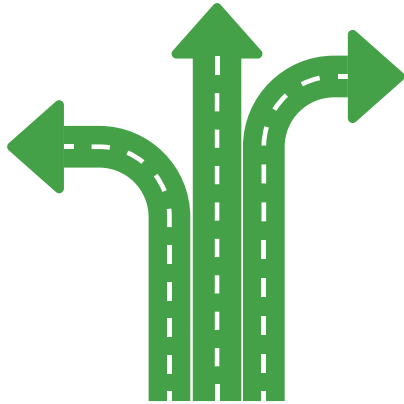
▶ How does SCDOT decide which communities get noise walls and which do not?

Once SCDOT has completed the detailed noise analysis during the NEPA phase of the project, and potential noise impacts are anticipated, the following questions will be considered:

- Will a noise wall reduce the noise enough to justify its construction? Sometimes, a noise wall will not reduce the noise enough to be considered reasonable and/or feasible.
- Is a noise wall technically feasible? Every road is different. Many factors are considered such as topography, safety, drainage, utilities, maintenance of the wall, and whether driveways and side road access will be impacted.
- How many people will hear a difference in the noise? Is that number high enough to justify the cost? Sometimes, the cost is too high to build a wall when compared to the benefits received.
- Does a simple majority of property owners and tenants who receive a predicted noise level reduction due to the construction of a noise wall actually want the wall? Public preference for or against a wall is obtained through a balloting process.



▶ **Can't SCDOT just restripe the lanes over the Don Holt and Wando bridges and mainline to widen to three lanes?**



SCDOT studied restriping the section of I-526 between I-26 and Clements Ferry Road, but the safety analysis predicted a significant increase in crashes without the addition of a shoulder. Why are shoulders important for your safety? Shoulders allow drivers to more safely pull out of the way of traffic after accidents and they also provide an area for drivers to move to avoid crashes or recover control of their vehicle. The electrical system along that section of corridor is in disrepair and would need to be upgraded before SCDOT could add technology, such as lane signals, that might mitigate for the loss of the shoulder.

▶ **What happens next with the I-526 LCC EAST PEL Study?**

The study team is assessing public comments to further define the needs of the project. A range of conceptual alternatives are being developed along with the methodology to assess their performance and potential impacts to the study area. Those alternatives that are identified as having a limited ability to meet the purpose and need of the study, or have higher impacts on the natural and human environment, will be removed from further study and documented as to why they were removed. The resulting information of this PEL study will be carried forward into the next phase of the project development process, the NEPA process.



Still have questions? Come See Us.

Community Office Hours:

Monday - Friday

10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Or by appointment on your schedule!

Subject to Change



843.258.1135 Call or Text!



info@526LowcountryCorridor.com

PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING 2 SUMMARY

The public comment period associated with the second public information meeting for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor (I-526 LCC) EAST Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL) Study located in the Charleston region of South Carolina was open from October 11 to December 1, 2021. Materials were made available to the public in a variety of methods including on the project website, in-person at two public information meetings (one each in Mount Pleasant and North Charleston), and by USPS upon request. Additionally, the public could engage and ask questions of the project team by calling the project hotline (843.258.1135) or emailing the project email address (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com). Between October 11 and December 1, 2021, the landing page for the public information meeting materials had 6,939 views. On October 26, 2021, 201 people attended the in-person public meeting located at the RL Jones Center in Mount Pleasant, and on October 27, 2021, 33 people attended the in-person meeting located at the Felix C. Davis Community Center in North Charleston.

Figure 1 I-526 LCC EAST Study Area



1.0 PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING 2 (PIM2)

Two PIMs for the I-526 LCC EAST PEL Study were held on October 26 and October 27, 2021, in Mount Pleasant and North Charleston, respectively. Additionally, all public information meeting materials were available online at www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/eastvpim2021/.

The purpose of the Public Information Meetings was to explain how public input has been used to inform the concepts development and screening process, ask for public input on the Reasonable Alternatives, and outline the next steps in the project development process.

Additionally, SCDOT wanted to gather information from the public, resource agencies, and project stakeholders on any resources in the study area including historic or cultural resources in the area. The information presented at the PIM2s were available in both English and Spanish.

1.1 IN-PERSON MEETING CONTENT AND FORMAT

Drop-in Public Information Meetings took place partially indoors and partially outdoors. These open-house meetings did not have a formal presentation. Content was designed to educate the public about the potential improvements along this corridor, analysis done to date, and how their previous input had been used. Additionally, the meeting was designed to receive input from the public. Handouts were available in English and Spanish, and translators were available on site at each meeting to help guide Spanish-speakers through the materials. In-person materials included a mixture of static boards and smartboards. The layout was setup with sign-in and safety screening tables outside, static boards arranged under a tent, and smartboards, roll plots and additional static boards set up inside the venues. The boards/stations included:

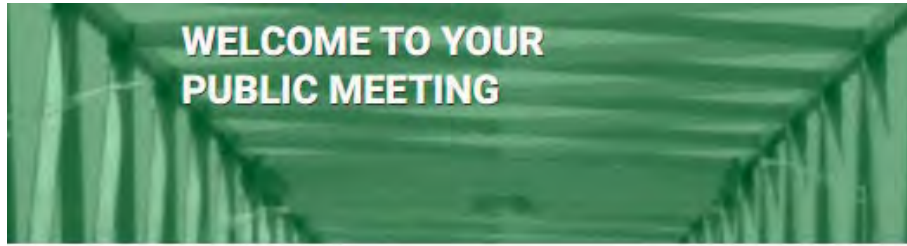
1. Welcome/Sign-in (included a safety screening)
2. Planning & Environmental Linkages (PEL) study
3. Purpose & need
4. What did we hear from the public and how was input used?
5. Traffic growth
6. Travel time reliability
7. Concepts evaluated
8. Transportation Systems Management & Operations (TSMO)
9. Alternatives concepts screening process
10. Wando Bridge/Don Holt Bridge features
11. Design concepts evaluated (smartboards and roll plots)
12. Traffic performance of reasonable alternatives
13. Conceptual options for the Long Point Road/Wando Port Interchange
14. Next Steps

Understanding the current public health concerns, temperature checks were performed, social distancing was encouraged through the use of stanchions, and sanitizer was available throughout at all meetings. Additionally, staff wore masks indoors and outdoors. Masks were required inside the facility in North Charleston per city ordinance and highly encouraged under the tent. Masks were highly encouraged inside and outside in Mount Pleasant as it was not required by the venue or town ordinance.

1.2 ONLINE MEETING CONTENT AND FORMAT

To accompany the in-person meetings, an online public meeting was available throughout the comment period (October 11 – December 1, 2021) and will remain on the project website for the duration of the project development process. The online format allowed the public to view materials and participate on their own schedule. The materials were divided into four main sections: Project Background, Growing Mobility Needs, Concepts Development & Screening Process, and Next Steps & Comments. All materials were available online in both English and Spanish.

Figure 2 I-526 LCC EAST Online Public Meeting



Public Meeting Overview

The I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting ended December 1, 2021. ALL Public Information Meeting materials are still available online below. In-person opportunities to participate were held on:

- Tuesday, October 26, 5-7 PM, R. L. Jones Center (391 Egypt Road, Mount Pleasant, SC)
- Wednesday, October 27, 5-7 PM, Felix C. Davis Community Center (4800 Park Circle, North Charleston, SC – CARTA Routes 13 & 104)

These drop-in Public Information Meetings took place partially indoors and partially outdoors. These open house meetings did not have a formal presentation. The City of North Charleston required masks inside their buildings. Masks were highly encouraged when not required. The COVID-19 conditions were continually monitored. In accordance with current public health guidelines, temperature checks were performed at all meetings. Anyone with a temperature of over 100.4 was not allowed to enter the facility.

The purpose of the Public Information Meeting was to:

- Explain how YOUR input has been used to inform the concepts development and screening process
- Ask for your input on the Reasonable Alternatives
- Outline the next steps in the project development process
- Gather information on historic or cultural resources and any potential impacts

Project Background | Needs | Design Concepts | Handout: ENG | ES

Project Background

SCDOT is conducting a Planning & Environmental Linkages (PEL) Study for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST (I-526 LCC EAST), which extends along I-526 from Virginia Avenue in North Charleston to approximately US 17 in Mount Pleasant. The PEL study examines existing and projected transportation issues within the corridor based on the input YOU provided during the 2020 public information meeting and survey. Your input validated the data we gathered and was used to develop the draft Purpose and Needs.

What is a Planning & Environmental Linkages Study?

[View Here: English | Spanish](#)

What is the Purpose & Need of this Study?

[View Here: English | Spanish](#)

What did we hear & how did we use YOUR input?

2.0 PIM ADVERTISEMENT

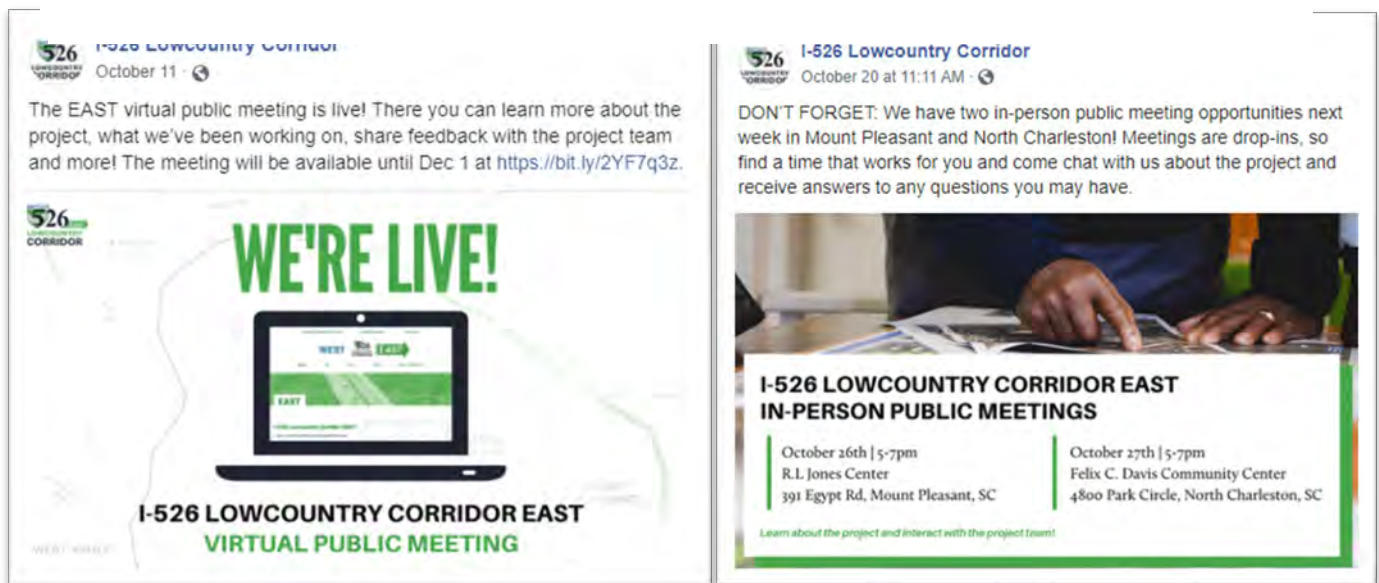
¹ <https://www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/eastvpim2021/> accessed on December 10, 2021.

Multiple types of advertisement, both traditional and non-traditional, were used to publicize the PIMs. These methods are outlined below.

2.1 ADVERTISING METHODS

Paid Social Media

²Paid social media was used to drive traffic to the online meeting. Social media ads were created using the project's Facebook account to reach the target audience of residents, businesses, and commuters using I-526 LCC EAST PEL Study within Facebook. **Figure 3** shows two of the project's paid Facebook advertisements used to drive users to the project website. Additionally, organic posts on both Facebook and Twitter were posted on the project's accounts to encourage participation online and in person on the projects' social media posts.



Eblast

An eblast is an email message that goes out to a group of people in mass, simultaneously. In this case, the I-526 LCC EAST project has a joint mailing list of interested parties with the I-526 LCC WEST project. People can subscribe to receive email updates online for these projects online or in person.

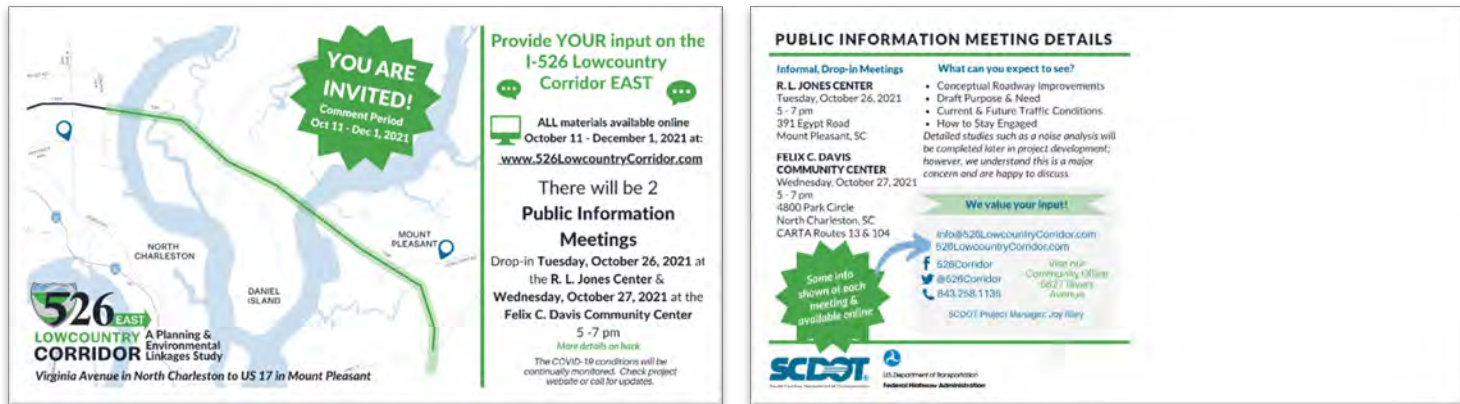
- October 11, 2021: An eblast announcing the PIM2 was live was sent to 1,925 recipients.
- October 25, 2021: An eblast reminding interested parties about the in-person PIMs was sent to 1,936 recipients.
- November 30, 2021: An eblast reminding interested parties about the end of the comment period on December 1, 2021 was sent to 2,205 recipients.

² <https://www.facebook.com/526Corridor> accessed on December 10, 2021

Postcards

Postcards were mailed to all mailboxes within a one-mile buffer of the study area (7,463 mailboxes) on October 8, 2021.

Figure 4 Front and Back of Postcard Mailer



Press Release/Media Day

A press release was distributed by SCDOT's communications office with the launch of the online PIM on October 11, 2021, and a media event was hosted on October 25, 2021 at the I-526 LCC Community Office. The following is a record of media outlets that covered the I-526 LCC EAST project.

Date	Coverage	Outlet Name	Medium
10/11/2021	General Notices - PROPOSED I-526 LOWCOUNTRY CORRIDOR EAST	Post and Courier Online, The	Online
10/12/2021	SCDOT launches online, in-person meetings for I-526 Lowcountry Corridor East study	WCIV2-TV	Online
10/12/2021	SCDOT launches public information meeting for I-526 Lowcountry corridor east study	WCBD-TV	Online
10/12/2021	News 2 Today	WCBD-TV	Broadcast
10/12/2021	SC Transportation Dept. holding meetings on I-526, Highway 17 A	WCSC-TV	Online
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10/24/2021	Widening I-526 from N. Charleston to Mount Pleasant could cost \$4 billion	Post and Courier Online, The	Online
10/24/2021	Live 5 News	WCSC-TV	Broadcast
10/25/2021	SCDOT looks for more comments on I-526 East Lowcountry corridor, project estimated at \$4B	WCIV2-TV	Online
10/26/2021	2 chances to hear about I-526 widening project	Charleston City Paper	Online
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11/3/2021	SCDOT seeks public input concerning I-526 Lowcountry Corridor plans	Daniel Island News, The	Online
11/3/2021	Residents weigh in on I-526 East widening plans	Moultrie News Online	Online
11/26/2021	Public comment period for I-526 project ending Dec. 1	Charleston City Paper	Online

12/1/2021	Public comment period ending on one of the Lowcountry's most congested roads	WCSC-TV	Online
12/1/2021	Public comment period for I-526 east project ends Dec. 1	WTMA-AM	Online
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Newspaper Advertisements

Newspaper advertisements were placed in local area newspapers to notify people about the PIM. Advertisements were placed in the following newspapers:

- *The Post and Courier* on October 11, 2021 (83,483 readers) – traditional public notice in English with accommodations note in Spanish
- *El Informador* on October 13, 2021 (minority-focused newspaper) (32,000 readers) – display advertisement in Spanish
- *The Moultrie News* on October 13, 2021 (35,600 readers) – display advertisement in English

Figure 5 Newspaper Display Advertisement

526 EAST LOWCOUNTRY CORRIDOR

Official Comment Period
October 11 - December 1, 2021

I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST
Public Information Meeting
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3.0 PARTICIPANT DEMOGRAPHICS

3.1 IN-PERSON PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING ATTENDEES

In-person meeting attendee demographics were tracked by female (African American, Caucasian, Hispanic, and other minority) and male (African American, Hispanic, and other minority). Below are the attendee counts at each meeting:

Date/Time: October 26, 2021, 5:00 – 7:00 PM

Location: RL Jones Center (391 Egypt Rd, Mt Pleasant, SC 29464)

Attendees: 201

Demographics:

- African American Female: 1
- African American Male: 2
- Caucasian Female: 81
- Hispanic Female: 0
- Hispanic Male: 0
- Female Other: 0
- Male Other: 0

Date/Time: October 27, 2021, 5:00 – 7:00 PM

Location: Felix C Davis Community Center (4800 Park Cir, North Charleston, SC 29405)

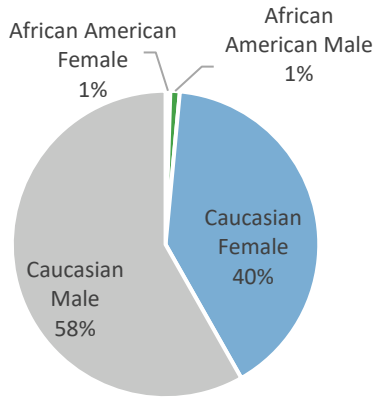
Attendees: 33

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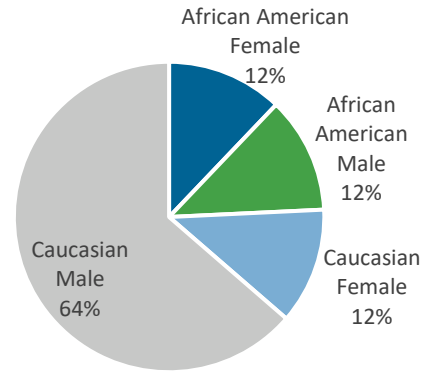
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Figure 6 Demographics of In-person PIM2 Attendees

Demographics of Attendees
October 26, 2021



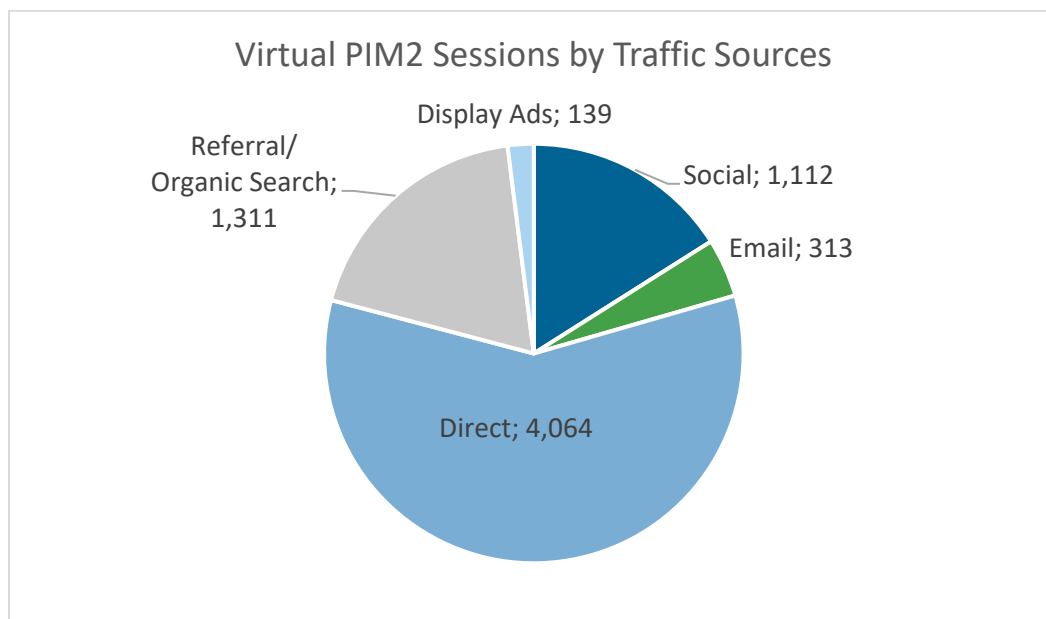
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3.2 WEBSITE ANALYTICS

Website analytics show direct traffic was one of the top drivers to the website, followed by referrals and organic searches, then social media. Direct traffic refers to people who typed in the website address directly to get to the site instead of clicking a link from somewhere else. This data has been derived from Google Analytics, rather than self-selection, meaning people coming to the website did not self-identify how they arrived.

Figure 7 VPIM Traffic Sources

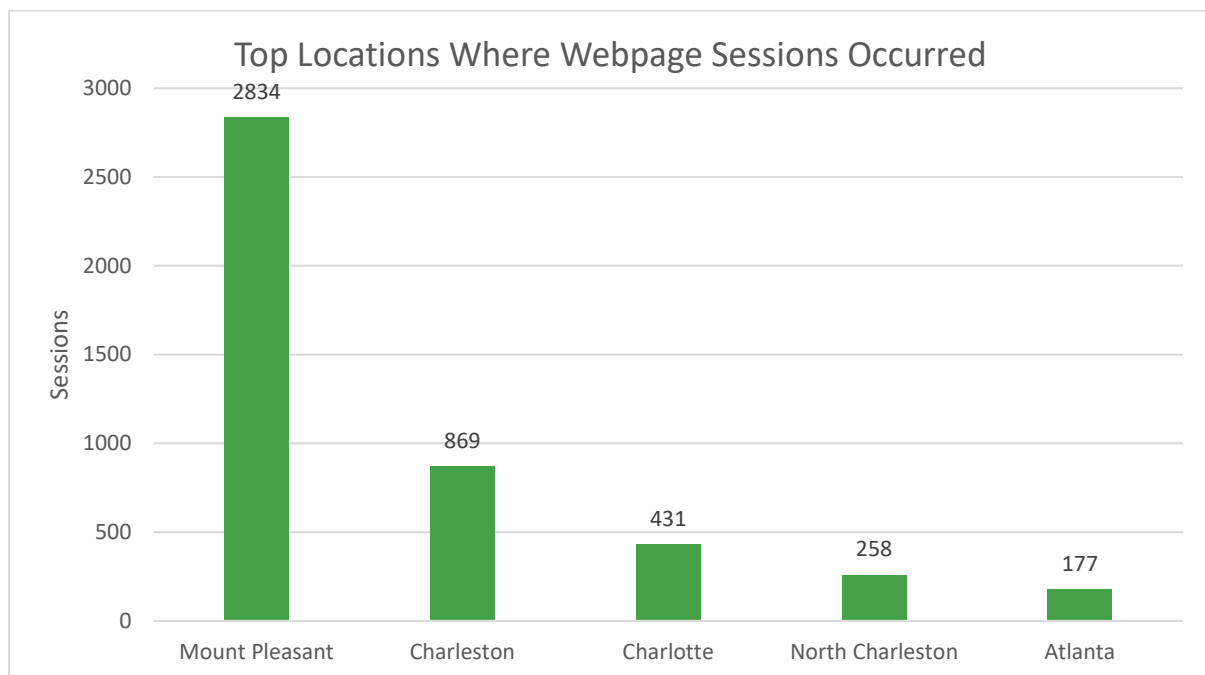


3.2.1 Website Demographics

There were 6,939 sessions on the PIM webpage during the public comment period. The average time spent on the virtual public information meeting was four minutes 35 seconds. Of the age and gender data that was collected from website sessions, the highest participating cohort were males (59%) and people within the 35-44 age range.

Geographically, participants were dispersed across the study area from Mount Pleasant to Charleston (which includes Daniel Island that lies within the study area) and North Charleston. Figure 1 shows a map of the I-526 LCC EAST study area. The Charlotte, North Carolina and Atlanta, Georgia aberrations could be from several factors such as their internet service provider registering them in Charlotte (often is the case in businesses), tourists, or those currently out of the area. Additionally, they could represent property owners whose primary residence is in another area or commercial drivers who do business in this area. With the data available, it is not possible to determine the true nature of these aberrations.

Figure 8 Webpage Sessions by Location



4.0 COMMENTS

A total of 558 comments were received during the formal comment period (October 11 through December 1, 2021). Of those, 32 were duplicate comments. Duplicate comments are comments that were made by the same person at least twice, that are verbatim, or have exactly the same sentiments and themes. Duplicate comments are counted toward the total number of comments made, but their sentiments and themes were only tallied once.

There were multiple ways to submit comments: through the website (VPIM or general contact page), email comments directly to info@526LowcountryCorridor.com, mail to Joy Riley, SC Department of Transportation, Post Office Box 191, 955 Park Street, Room 401, Columbia, SC 29202-0191, or by leaving a voicemail on the I-526 LCC hotline (843.258.1135). Comments received include:

- 377 online comments through the virtual public information meeting webpage
- 27 online comments through the main project contact webpage
- 84 email comments
- 15 hotline comments
- 52 in-person comments
- 3 stakeholder comments

The top six comments or concerns received during the public comment period were:

1. Support for Option 2 for the Long Point Road/Wando Port Interchange (45%)
2. Traffic Concerns (*Inclusive of Truck Traffic Concerns*) (45%)
3. Truck Traffic Concerns (37%)
4. Support for Separate/Dedicated Truck Access to/from Port (23%)
5. Noise Concerns (22%)
6. Safety Concerns (22%)

The most common comment was in support of Option 2 for the Long Point Road/Wando Port interchange.

The second and third most common comments were related to traffic concerns, primarily truck traffic concerns. 23 percent of comments received supported a dedicated truck access to/from the port. Others were related to trucks needing to stay in the right lane or designated truck-only lanes. Many comments discussed that trucks travel in the left lanes and slow traffic.

Noise and safety concerns were both frequently noted (both 22%). Most noise comments were related to present and future noise concerns in communities adjacent to the I-526 corridor in Mount Pleasant and Daniel Island. Comments that expressed concerns about or need for safety were typically related to speeding, trucks in the left-lane, emergency vehicles, or reducing accidents.

Figure 9 Public Information Meeting Comment Summary Infographic

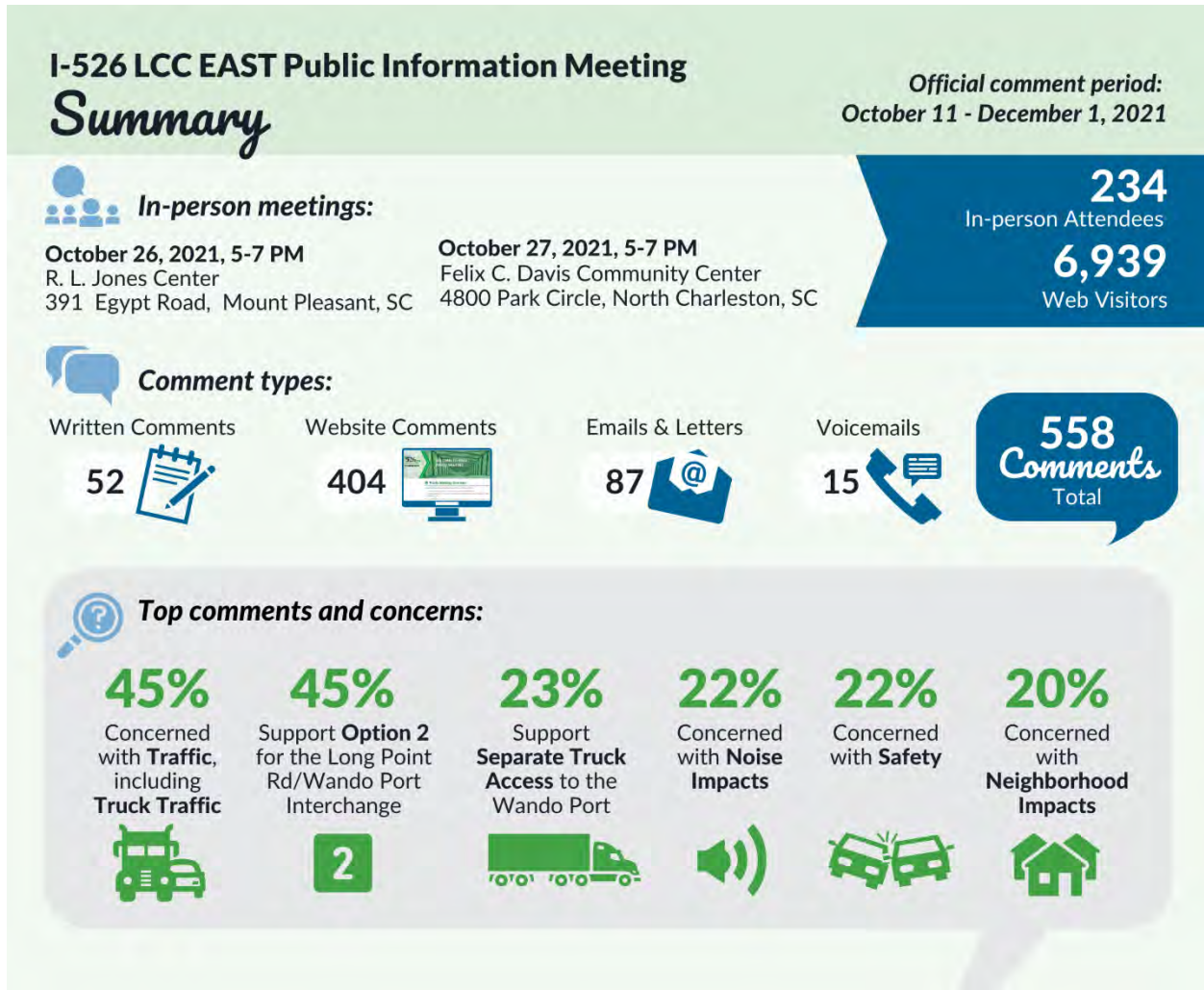
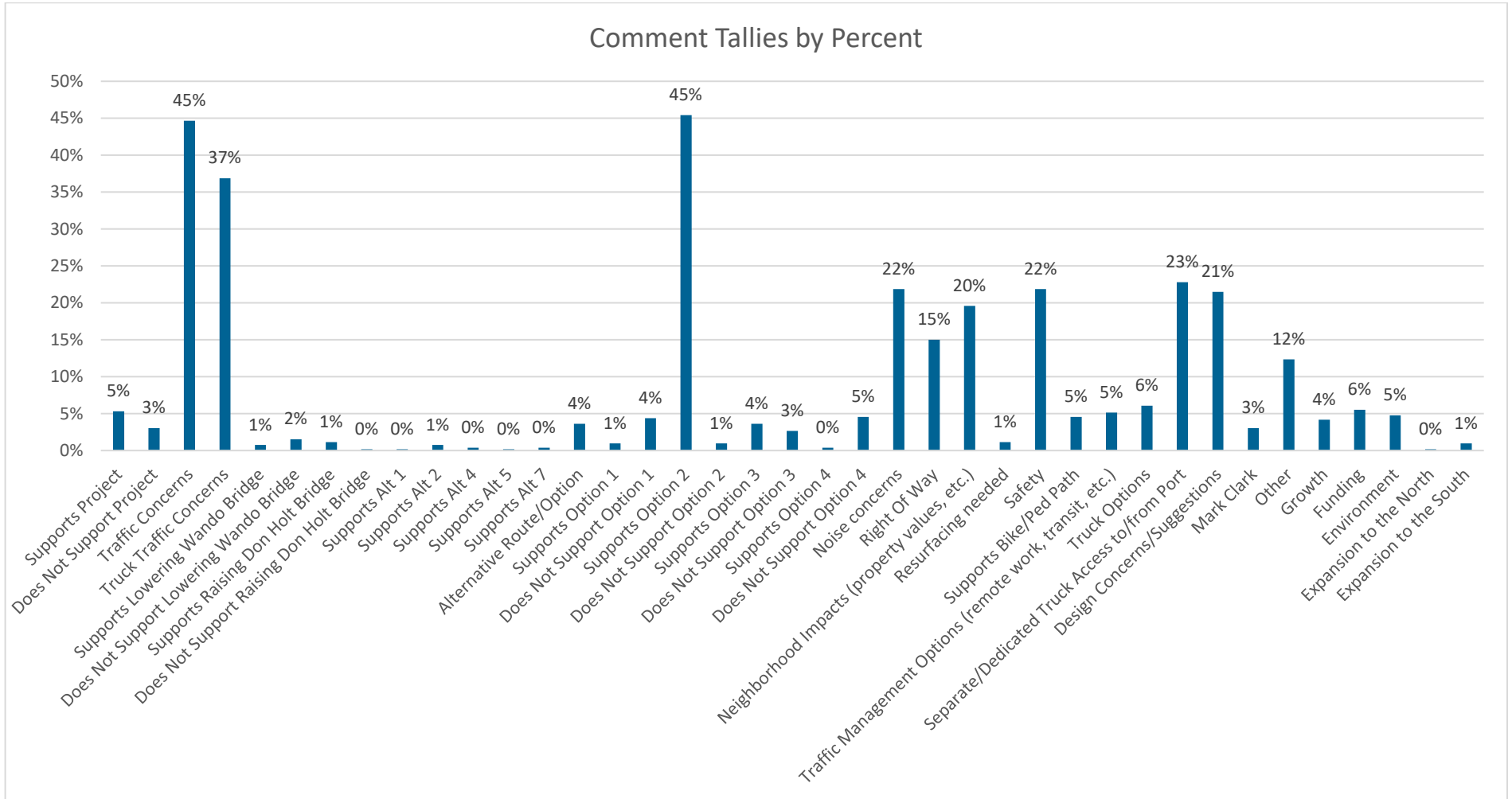
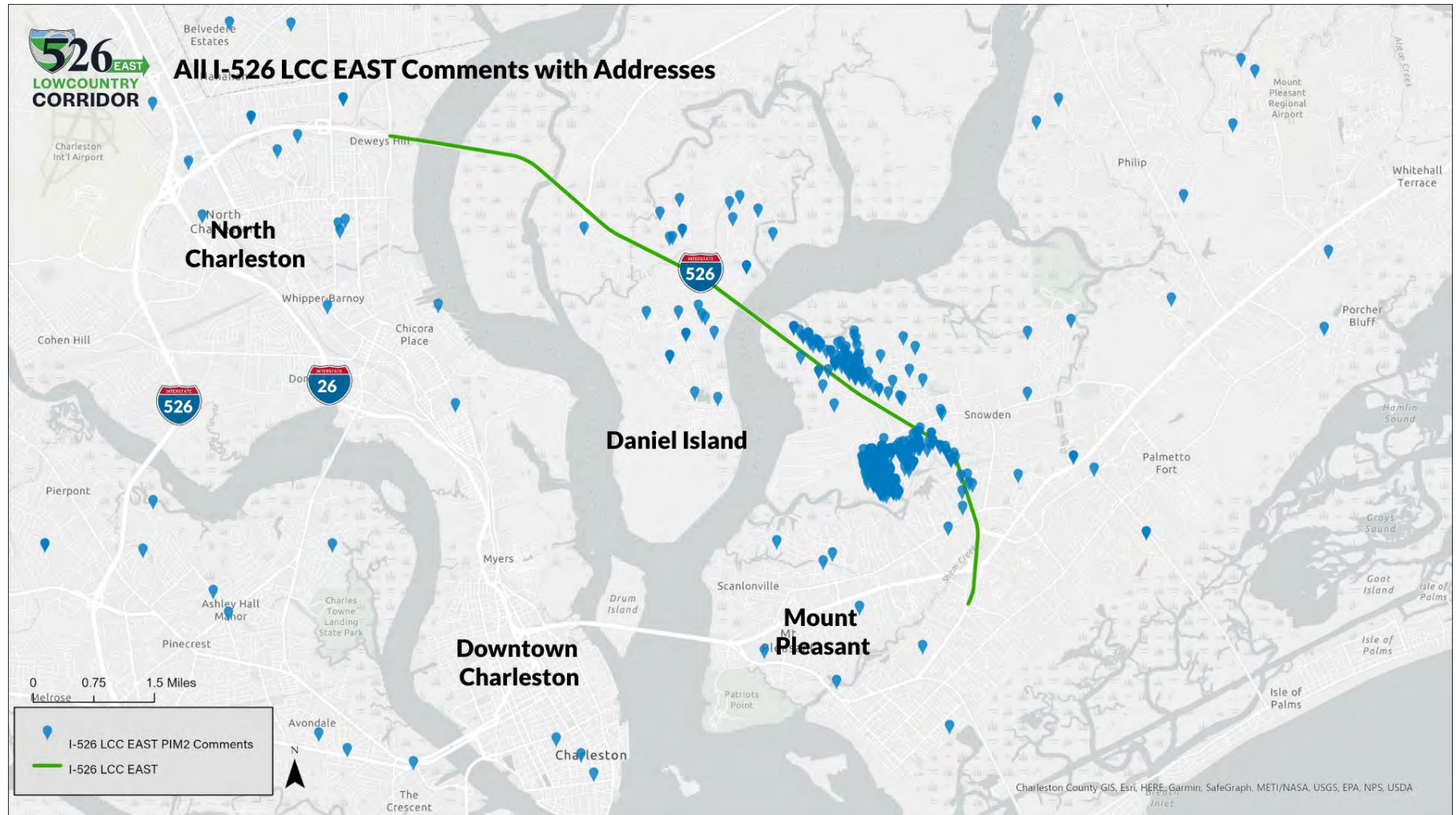


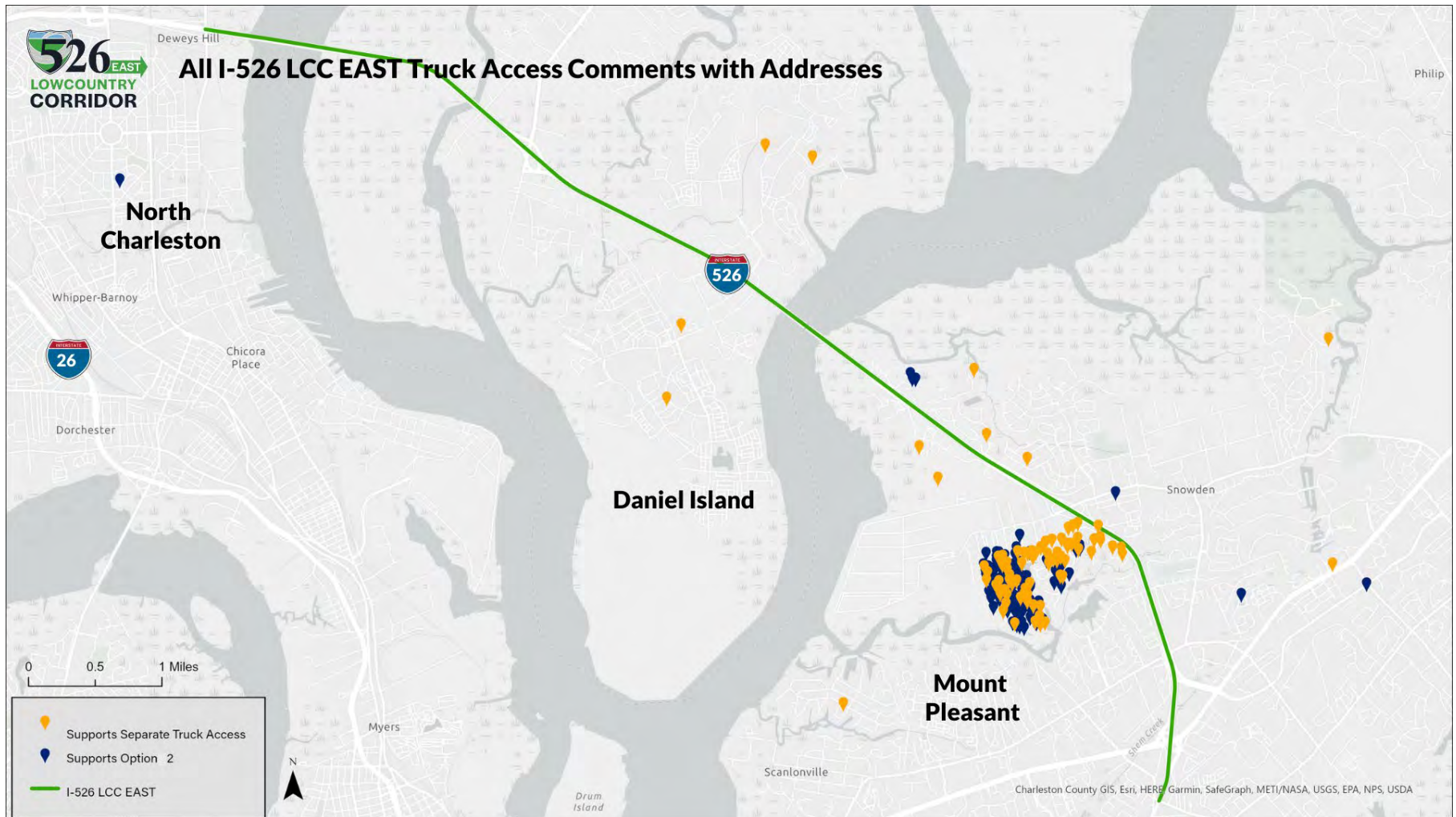
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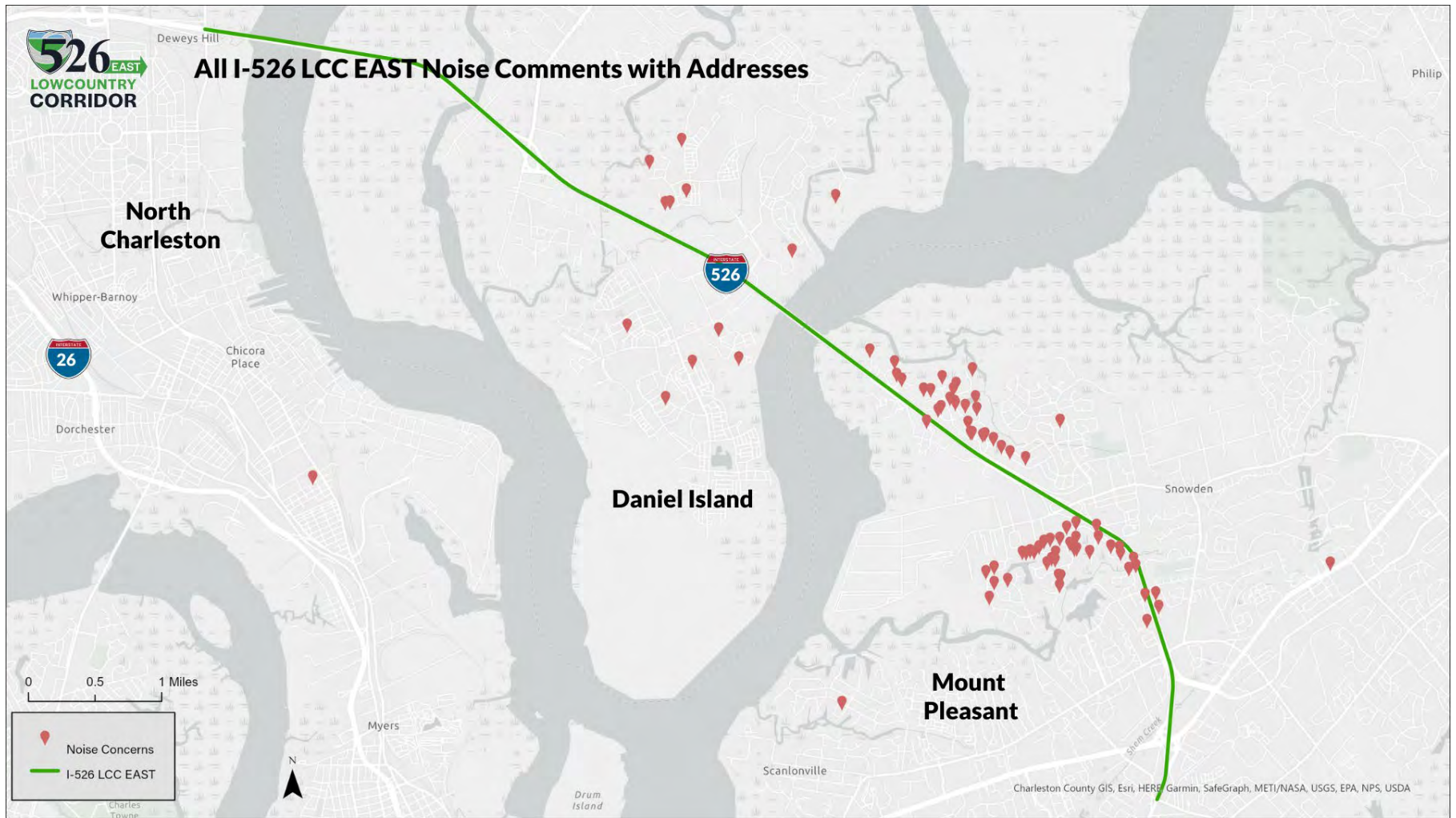


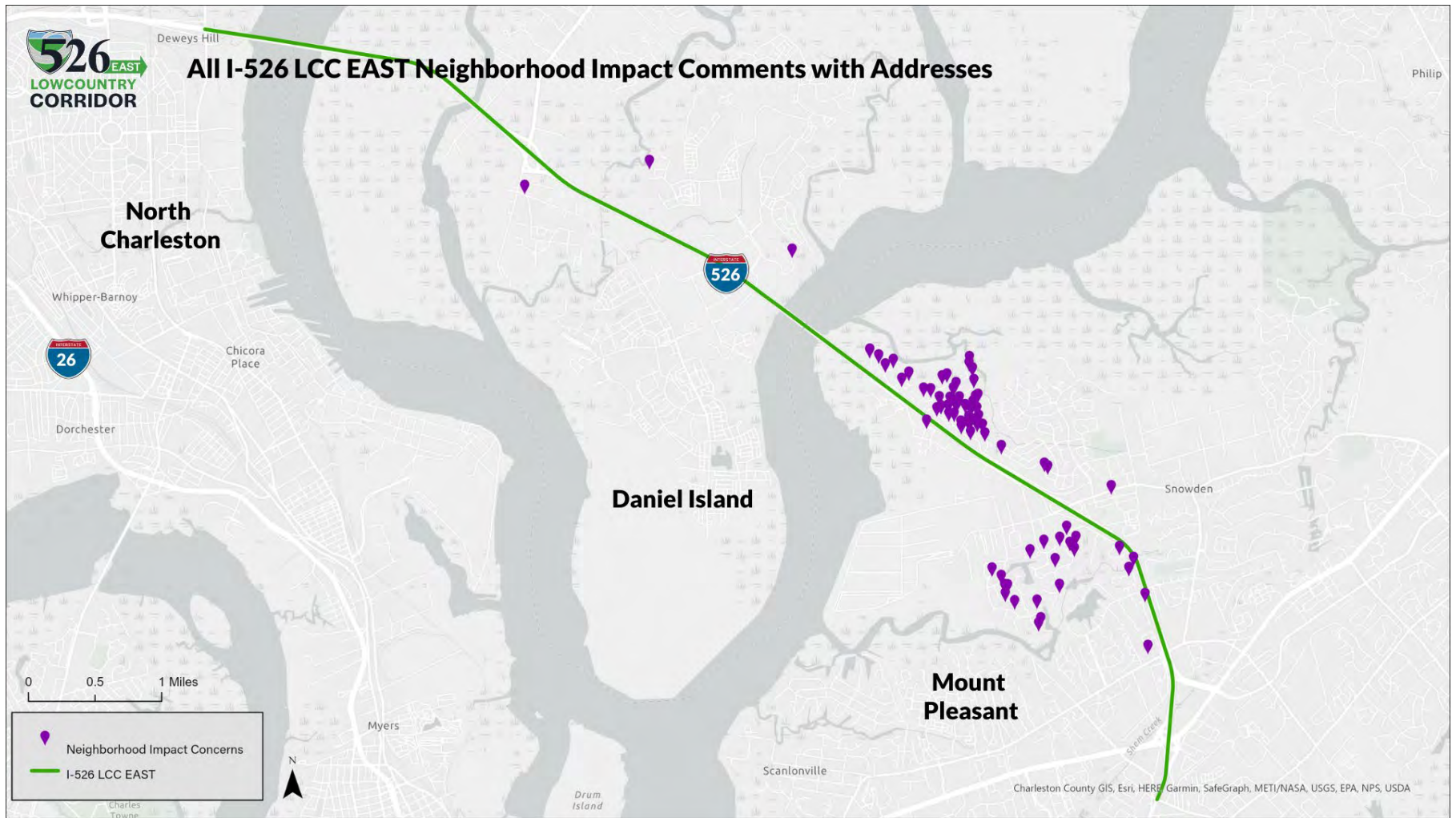
These tallies are representative of general sentiments only. Counts were applied if a specific theme or sentiment was discussed.

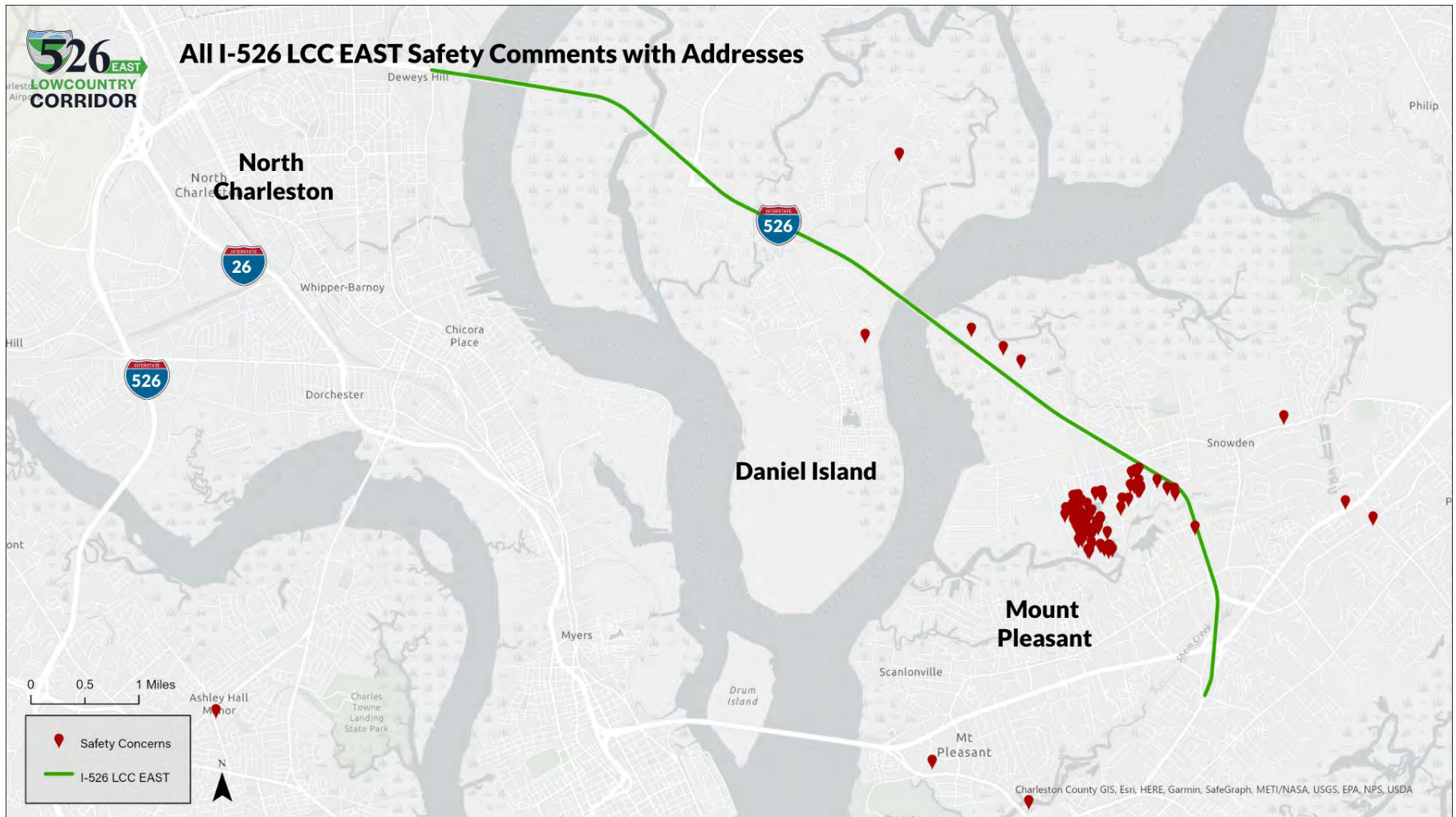
The following images are maps exported from GIS that are representative of comments received. Note, while the majority of comments did include addresses, some comments made, especially using the project email address, did not. Those are not reflected in the maps below. Additionally, a consistent map extent was chosen for each of the maps so they could be better compared. This extent is representative of the majority of comments made that included addresses. It allows enough detail within the study area and surrounding region to have a sense of scale in density of comments. Comments received outside of this map extent were outliers.

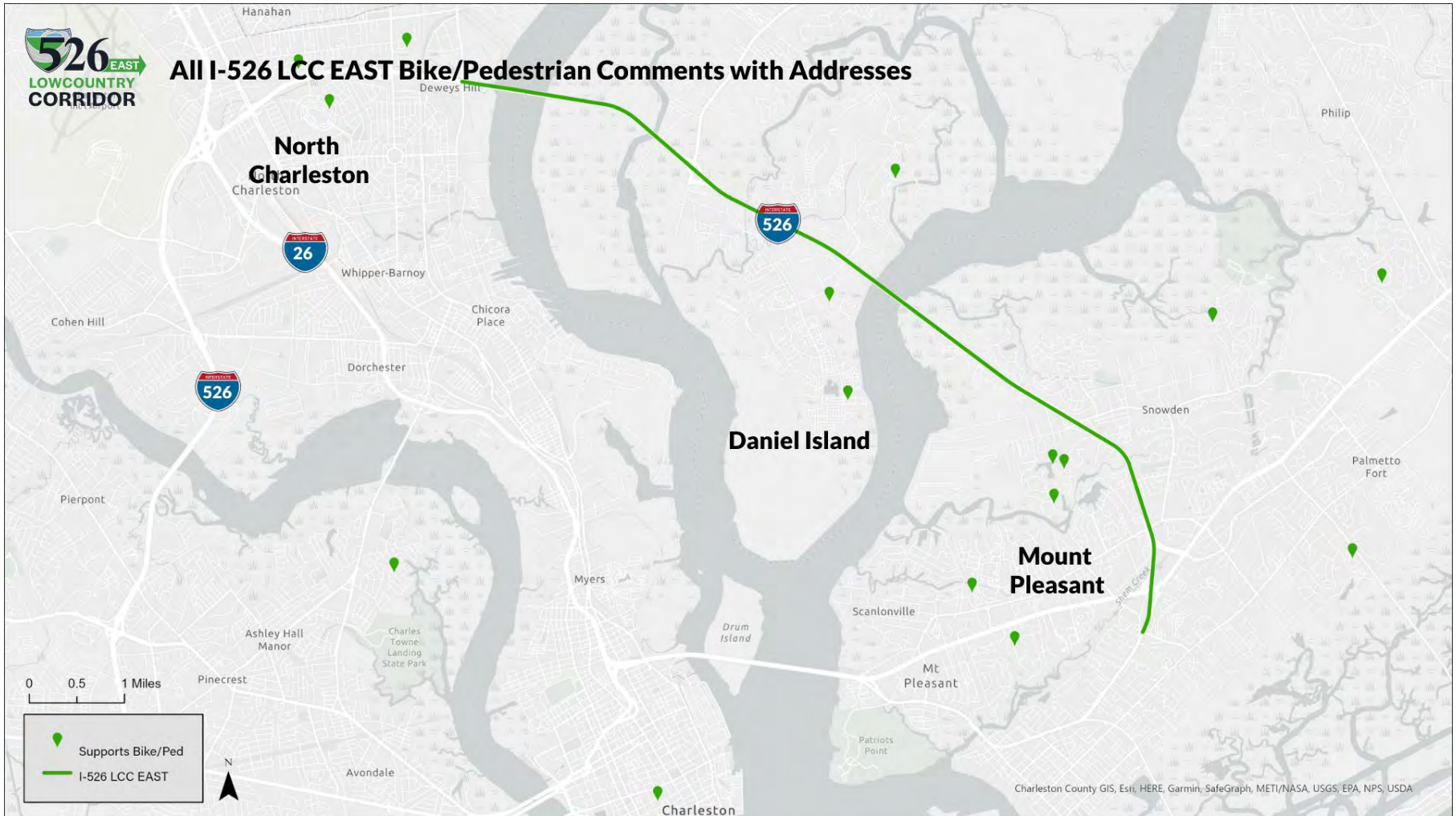












Meeting Purpose

- Explain how YOUR input has been used to inform the concepts development and screening process
- Ask for your input on the Reasonable Alternatives
- Outline the next steps in the project development process
- Gather information on historic or cultural resources and any potential impacts

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Study Overview

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This study will be used to establish a vision for the corridor that will guide future transportation improvement projects. Results of the PEL study will be carried forward into the next phase of the project development process, the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process. After the needs are better understood in this corridor, and potential improvements identified, potential phasing and project opportunities, can be developed.



Project Purpose

The purpose for transportation improvements along this corridor is to **improve travel time reliability & reduce congestion** along I-526 from Virginia Avenue in North Charleston to US 17 in Mount Pleasant.

Identified Needs

Mobility

This is a busy corridor supporting a large number of people, goods, and services. The key issues are:

- Traffic congestion from high traffic volumes & limited capacity
- Over Capacity Roadways
- Unreliable Travel Times
- Congestion-Related Crashes

Roadway Deficiencies

The current roads, bridges, and interchange ramps are not designed to handle the current or future traffic demands. The key issues are:

- Shoulder Widths
- On & Off Ramp Lengths
- Tightly Curved Ramps

How was YOUR input used?

Your feedback is critical to the success of this Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL) Study. Input received during this process is helping to establish the purpose, needs, and priorities for future improvements within this corridor. Insight gained from the online Survey (May - August 2020) and online public information meeting (July through August 2020) was used to:

- To validate the purpose & need for transportation improvements in the corridor**
- To refine project goals**
- To develop alternatives concepts**

Project Goals

A PEL study allows us to think strategically and fold in regional and community considerations. With your input, the following goals have been established. These goals provide additional guidance for creating improvement concepts and the evaluation of those alternatives concepts.

Compatibility: Align with local land use plans & projects

Demand: Accommodate increased numbers of vehicles

Seismic: Design any new roads or bridges with new earthquake standards

Connectivity: Improve connections with local ports, railway facilities, and transit

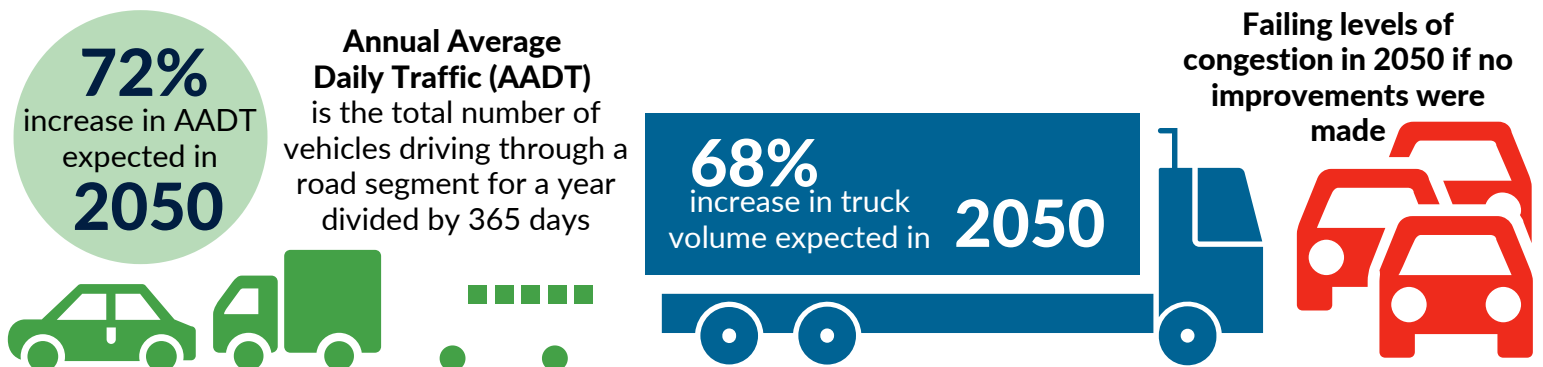
Safety: Reduce traffic-related crashes

Multimodal: Enhance movement through the corridor including through other modes such as carpool, transit, walk, or bike

Technology: Accommodate future transportation technologies for vehicles, system monitoring, driver information, and traffic operations

What did the data say about the need?

The data mirrors your concerns about growing congestion and mobility along the corridor. With the increased number of vehicles anticipated, the current traffic congestion is expected to increase and result in a failing level of service (think bumper-to-bumper traffic) throughout most of the corridor during morning and evening rush hours in 2050 if no improvements are made.



How and why do we measure Travel Time Reliability?

The Travel Time Index represents the additional time required to drive a certain route during rush hour, as opposed to when there is no traffic. Why would we use this measure? If roads have a lot of traffic, a slight disturbance can cause: excessive delays, have a greater impact, and take longer to recover than in a non-congested area.



Travel Time Index (TTI)

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Time it takes to get somewhere
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 How long it would take to get there if you could go the speed limit



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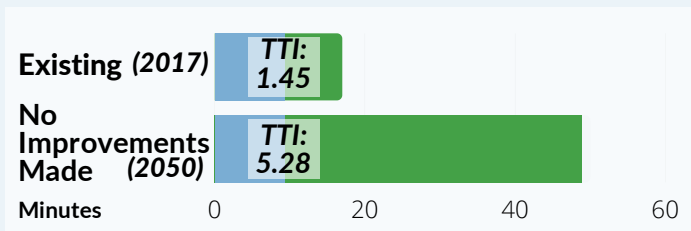
- Excessive Delays,
- Have a Greater Impact, and
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What would this tell me?

How long it would take to go from Virginia Avenue to US 17 in Mount Pleasant in 2050 when there is no traffic (blue) vs rush hour (green)

These graphs explain the Travel Time Index. Blue represents how long it would take to drive the corridor if there were no traffic like in the middle of the night (2050). Green represents the additional time it would take to travel the corridor during rush hour. **The green bars are substantially longer under the no improvement scenario - meaning it would take that much longer to drive the corridor during rush hour in 2050 if no improvements are made during.**

Eastbound - Going to Mount Pleasant



Westbound - Going to North Charleston



What does this mean?



If no improvements were made, travel times are expected to increase in 2050 by:



193% traveling Eastbound Going to Mount Pleasant
104% traveling Westbound Going to North Charleston

Reminder: with increased congestion, a slight disturbance can create unreliable travel times when driving the corridor.

What types of concepts did we look at?

Based on your input, we developed several types of concepts. These range from the "do nothing" or "no build" alternative, to those designed to alleviate the demand on the corridor, to an alternative, parallel route. After those concepts were explored, we also evaluated how many lanes might be needed.

1 The "No Build" Alternative

What would happen if no improvements were made?

Increased travel times and congestion. Additionally, as congestion increases, congestion-related crashes typically increase.

2 Transportation Systems Management & Operations (TSMO)

What other options could help extend the life of I-526 and/or prevent the need for us to build anything?

TSMO strategies are used to extend the life of a highway and avoid or delay the construction of new lanes. Existing infrastructure may not always support these options without additional construction. In this case, TSMO strategies alone would not provide the level of improvement needed. Analyzed strategies are located on the next page.

3 Parallel Route

Why not build a new parallel road reduce traffic?

A new alternative route would only provide minimal improvements in congestion and travel speed. It also would not improve the roadway deficiencies of the existing I-526 corridor.

4 Adding Lanes

If we were to widen the existing road, how many lanes would we need in each direction?

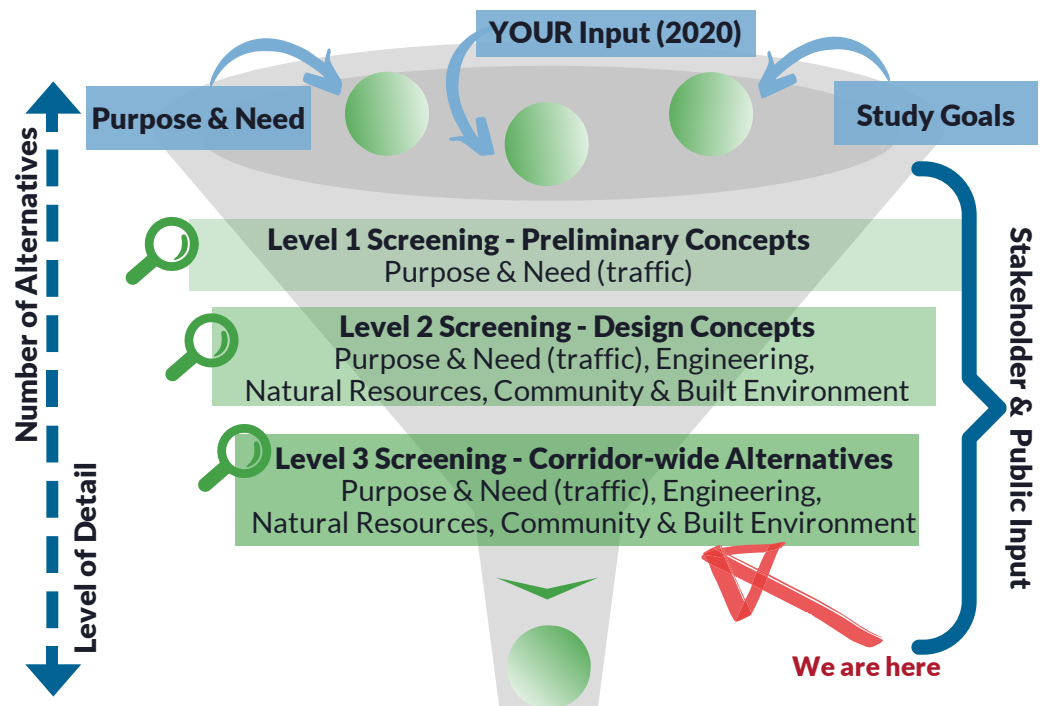
1 lane in each direction would not improve congestion or travel time enough in 2050. Adding 2 lanes in each direction would improve both congestion and the roadway deficiencies on I-526.

How were the alternative concepts evaluated?

The project team evaluated the alternatives through a three-step screening process to identify the reasonable alternatives that are presented today.

Each level of screening included a more detailed analysis of the alternatives. As the process progressed, poorly performing alternatives were removed from further review.

The resulting alternatives are proposed to be carried forward into the NEPA process.



Which TSMO options were analyzed to help prevent the need for construction?

TSMO strategies are designed to extend the performance life of infrastructure and avoid or prevent construction of new capacity. Because of the constraints of the existing bridges, it would not be possible to retrofit the corridor with enough TSMO strategies to fully address the capacity needs of the corridor. However, a planning-level analysis identified which TSMO strategies supported the project's need and should be further evaluated.

Proposed to be carried forward into NEPA



Shoulder Lane Use
i.e. "Bus" or "Car on Shoulder"
Shoulders are used as flexible travel lanes during rush hours



Accommodate Connected & Autonomous Vehicles
Uses technology to improve safety and operations



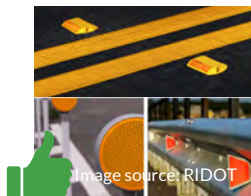
Park and Ride
Provides parking for ride sharing and bus use



Traveler Information
Incident Management
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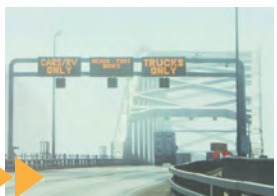
Variable Speed Limit
Speeds adjusted to optimize traffic flow



Enhance Lane Markings
Improves driver experience

Not reasonable for this project

Why not? These managed lanes options do not meet the Purpose & Need of the project without regional implementation. HOWEVER, any project constructed would be done in a manner not to preclude the implementation of a regional plan.



High Occupancy Vehicle Lanes
i.e. Carpool Lanes
High Occupancy Toll Lanes
Lane for vehicles with more than 1 passenger or those willing to pay
Dedicated Truck Lanes
Congestion Pricing
Includes a toll that changes to control the number of vehicles



Ramp Metering
Controls the number and pace of cars entering the freeway



Truck Platooning
Uses technology to allow multiple trucks to travel in a very tight formation

Why not? Some simulation models showed merging issues for general traffic.

How do the reasonable alternatives compare based on the identified criteria?

Below include highlights of the evaluation within the Level 3 Screening of the corridor-wide alternatives. As the project progresses, interchange designs and operations will be further evaluated. As an example, options are being considered to improve truck and automobile mobility through the Long Point Road interchange.

	No Build	Alternative 1	Alternative 2	Alternative 4	Alternative 5	Alternative 7
Replace Don Holt Bridge?	Keep	Keep	Keep	Replace + Raise	Replace + Raise	Replace + Raise
Replace Wando Bridge?	Keep	Replace + Lower	Replace + Lower	Replace + Lower	Replace + Lower	Replace + Lower
Impacts to Aquatic Resources (acres)	0 Acres	179 Acres	177 Acres	167 Acres	174 Acres	178 Acres
Relocations	0 0	48 25	46 27	68 12	49 15	46 26
Impacts to Parks & Recreational Facilities?	None	3 Ralph M. Hendricks Park, Governors Park, Kearns Trail	3 Ralph M. Hendricks Park, Governors Park, Kearns Trail	2 Ralph M. Hendricks Park, Governors Park	3 Ralph M. Hendricks Park, Governors Park, Kearns Trail	3 Ralph M. Hendricks Park, Governors Park, Kearns Trail
Impacts to Threatened & Endangered Species?	No	No	No	No	No	No



Bike & Pedestrian Access

All reasonable alternatives, except the No Build, include a 14 ft. shared-use path along the river crossings to provide access for bicycles and pedestrians. The shared-use path along these river crossings would connect with planned and existing facilities and support regional multi-modal goals.



Costs

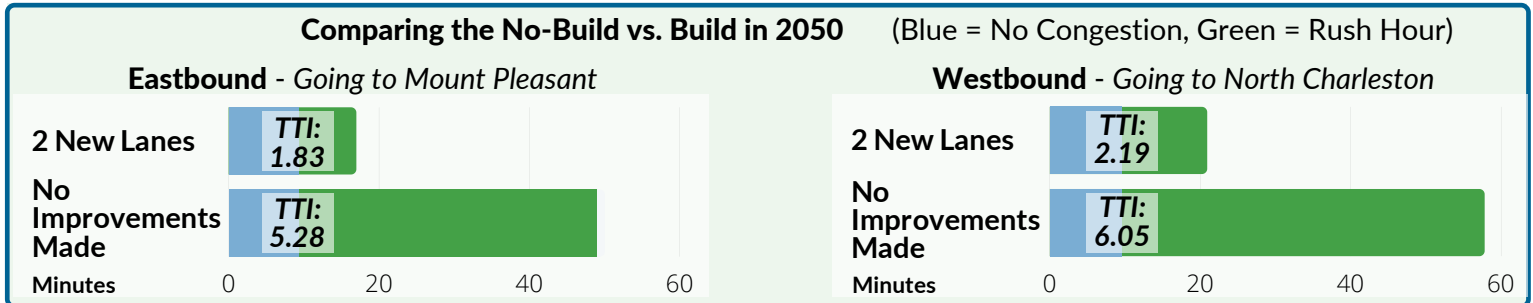
Cost is not a determining factor at this stage. However, variables influencing costs include whether or not a bridge would be replaced, the right-of-way needed, having to move any utilities, and any costs associated with mitigating impacts to the environment or communities.

To see the reasonable alternatives, visit our website at www.526LowcountryCorridor.com/eastvpim2021



How do the reasonable alternatives improve Travel Time Reliability?

Since all reasonable alternatives have the same lane configurations, they would provide similar improvements.



In 2050...

The Travel Time Index indicates it would take less time to drive from North Charleston to Mount Pleasant (and the reverse) if any of the reasonable alternatives were constructed.

Headed eastbound, it would take **49 minutes** to drive the corridor if no improvements were made vs. **17 minutes** if any of the reasonable alternatives were constructed. Similarly, it would take approximately **58 minutes** to drive the corridor to North Charleston if no improvements were made and only **21 minutes** with the proposed improvements.

What happens next?

The PEL study provides SCDOT leadership the estimated project costs to help better plan the schedule for future improvements. Schedules for construction would be established in the next phase, NEPA, and would be based on the priorities, estimated costs, available funding, and design details. A detailed noise analysis would also be completed during this phase when designs are more refined and would allow for a more accurate analysis.

PUBLIC & AGENCY INVOLVEMENT

Planning & Environmental Linkages Study (PEL)

1.5 - 2.5 Years

- Planning studies
- Existing conditions analysis
- Future forecasts
- Study goals
- Purpose & need
- Range of alternatives and screened reasonable alternatives
- Cost estimates and Implementation Plan
- Level of NEPA analysis: Categorical Exclusion, Environmental Assessment, or Environmental Impact Statement

NEPA

1 - 2 Years

- Confirm/refine purpose & need
- Detailed environmental studies & noise analysis
- Refine alternatives
- Explore mitigation & commitments
- Prepare decision document

Project Implementation

- Final design
- Right-of-way acquisition
- Permitting
- Mitigation commitments
- Construction

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- Maintenance of roadway and right-of-way

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MW#1	October 11, 2021 at 3:48 pm	<p>Hello,</p> <p>I am writing as a resident of Hidden Cove (next to the port off Long Point) to comment on the I-526 corridor improvement. I read your recent mailings and have comments on the Long Point Interchange</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Option 1 seems like a non-starter. It seems crazy to invest so much in adding more lanes then doing nothing to improve the Long Point Interchange. - Option 2 IS BY FAR THE BEST as it removes virtually all the truck traffic from Long Point road - Option 3 seems like a bad idea as we would be investing all that money for the truck flyover 526 and yet still not get all the truck traffic off Long Point and Hidden Cove cars and people would still be mixing with trucks at a traffic light which seems like a bad idea safety wise, but also would not help get in and out the neighborhood as much as Option 2. Still much better than Option 1 and 4. - Option 4 is quite confusing -- I am not sure why this is better than what we have today? It also seems like it would have the most impact during construction as all the change are in roads with heavy use. Seems very disruptive and I don't see how it helps at all. 	<p>Good Morning Mr. Mirman –</p> <p>Thank you for participating in our Public Information Meeting and providing comments. The preliminary alternatives presented for the Long Point Interchange have not been modeled fully from a traffic operations perspective, and we anticipate that Option 1 would likely perform very poorly. At this stage of the project, we are informing the public that we have identified a need for interchange improvements at Long Point Road and get comments on the proposed interchange models to be studied in the next phase of that project's development. We are obligated to include improvements at Long Point in the range of alternatives in order to demonstrate the potential need for a partial interchange if the traffic analysis shows that this is the best performing alternative. The 4th option is a diverging diamond interchange model, which is a great interchange model for the large number of left turns we have in this interchange. However, the anticipated impacts on Long Point Road are likely significant with this impact as you have also pointed out in your comments. But it will be studied since we must demonstrate the performance and impacts for comparison to the other options during the environmental evaluations. We anticipate that the Long Point / Wando Interchange project will be the first project funded from the study and so we would likely move into the Environmental documentation phase next year with that interchange project. We would anticipate coming back next year to the public in order to show the traffic performance of the proposed interchange models and the impacts and gather public input on the recommended preferred alternative.</p> <p>Thank you for your input. Please let me know if you have any other questions or concerns.</p>	Email	10/12/2021
MW#2	October 13, 2021 at 1:17 pm	<p>Its the James B. Edwards Bridge, NOT the WANDO BRIDGE...the Wando bridge is the original Wando River bridge up on hwy. 41. Get it together.</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	10/13/2021
MW#3	October 14, 2021 at 10:47 am	<p>--> Why isn't SCDOT using current photographic maps that include current houses/apartments, which could potentially be radically affected by some of the proposed alternatives?</p>	<p>Good morning,</p> <p>Thank you for participating in our Public Information Meeting and for your question. SCDOT's consultant flew the corridor and obtained updated photography and mapping which was then used to develop the design concepts. The GIS tool being used to display the concepts uses the latest publicly available imagery. One of the screens however, was not displaying the latest photography. That has since been corrected. Thank you for calling that to our attention.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any other questions or concerns.</p> <p>- The I-526 LCC EAST Project Team</p>	Email	10/15/2021

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MW#5	October 26, 2021 at 12:21 pm	<p>Is the project still considering a truck-ferry to between the Wando Terminal and I26 to reduce cargo traffic on 526?</p> <p>Thanks</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>The preliminary conceptual alignments and very high level right of way impacts can be viewed in more detail here: https://cdmsmith.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapSeries/index.html?appid=fe86d08aec6948a2a171fd3c6950b413 . We would anticipate that the right of way impacts would be minimized during the design process.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. For more information regarding the Right of Way process, please check out the links below:</p> <p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ISDHJxUqSw</p> <p>https://www.scdot.org/business/pdf/rightofway/HighwaysandYou.pdf</p> <p>Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/8/2021
MW#6	October 26, 2021 at 12:32 pm	<p>What is the anticipated physical impact on Daniel Island of widening the Wando River Bridge?</p> <p>The bridge currently passes between LPT tennis facility and Governor's Park. How will the footprint of the new bridge impact those areas and the related trails?</p> <p>How will expanding bridge capacity effect noise levels on Daniel Island and how will the project mitigate any increase in noise levels?</p> <p>Thanks</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>The preliminary conceptual alignments and very high level right of way impacts can be viewed in more detail here: https://cdmsmith.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapSeries/index.html?appid=fe86d08aec6948a2a171fd3c6950b413 . We would anticipate that the right of way impacts would be minimized during the design process.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. For more information regarding the Right of Way process, please check out the links below:</p> <p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ISDHJxUqSw</p> <p>https://www.scdot.org/business/pdf/rightofway/HighwaysandYou.pdf</p> <p>Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/8/2021
MW#7	October 26, 2021 at 5:58 pm	<p>I have lived on James Island for over 12 years. The traffic on the island is HORRIBLE! Can't even get to the grocery store on weekends! James Island CANNOT handle anymore traffic! Each and every resident on James island will be impacted negatively if 526 is connected to Riverland Rd!!! Our wetlands have been sold for development and now this!?!?</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records. However, it seems like you are concerned about a different project, the Mark Clark Extension. You can find more information at https://www.scdotmarkclark.com/ .</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns on the projects on existing I-526 by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/8/2021

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MW#8	October 26, 2021 at 7:23 pm	Concerning the widening of I-526 in the Mount Pleasant area, I think that any plan that does not include a dedicated port access ramp would be incredibly short sighted give what we are learning about the fragility of the supply chain. Every effort must be made to ensure that containers move continuously and unobstructed from all of our state ports. This project should not go forward without a dedicated access ramp.	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records. You have been added to our mailing list for project updates.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/8/2021
MW#9	October 27, 2021 at 9:35 am	<p>Living off of Long Point Road, there has been a vast increase of thru traffic from 17 to 526. Are considerations being made to control the amount of thru traffic on community roads as we prepare to expand our highways to support the increase in demands?</p> <p>As residential and commercial development continues up 17N, more drivers will seek to use Long Point Rd to get to 526 and vice versa. I would like to know more about these potential impacts and to know if this was included with the study. I would also like to propose reducing thru traffic on Long Point Rd by restricting thru traffic entirely or at least during peak hours.</p> <p>If residents find it easier and faster to cut through the communities on Long Point Rd from 17 to 526 instead of using the hwy system, then there are larger issues with our hwy system that need to be addressed.</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>SCDOT does not typically restrict traffic on public roadways unless the restriction is requested from the local municipality and they can present a valid safety or operational concern that justifies the restriction. Restrictions for commuter traffic on a public arterial route such as Long Point Road would be nearly impossible to enforce.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/8/2021
MW#10	October 27, 2021 at 1:11 pm	<p>Dear SCDOT,</p> <p>Regarding the 526LCCorridor project, wouldn't it be more beneficial in the long run to focus on an outer belt connector to run from Awendaw area, across the marsh to Goose Creek area? This construction would be virtually unimpeded, especially not requiring removal of homes/businesses. Environmental issues are always used to reject such a plan but consider the amount of pollution that will be generated in the longer time it takes to do any of the proposed improvements. If there is a will, there certainly is a way. The Revanell Bridge was done under budget and on time. I encourage you to consider the outer belt alternative.</p> <p>Thank you for your attention.</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>New parallel routes to I-526 were considered in the preliminary regional traffic analysis. However, these routes did not pull enough traffic off of I-526 to relieve the congestion as a standalone regional congestion improvement. The interstate system is our lifeline route for the region and must be managed to operate efficiently and safely.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/8/2021
MW#13	November 10, 2021 at 9:52 am	<p>The Traffic Light from Long Point to 526 E on ramp should be removed to allow free flow of traffic, similar to what was done on the 526 W on ramp.</p> <p>A Separate truck access for the port directly to/from 526 is absolutely the best option</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/10/2021

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MW#14	November 17, 2021 at 1:45 pm	<p>Subject: Long Point Road/Wando Port Interchange</p> <p>I'm writing to give my support on option 2 for the Long Point Road/Wando Port Exchange. It would streamline the traffic on Long Point Road.</p> <p>Although I live in Summerville, I frequently use that exit and the truck traffic has become VERY heavy and will only get worse as the Port continues to grow.</p> <p>Thank you</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/19/2021
MW#16	November 19, 2021 at 9:58 am	<p>Subject: Long Point Road/Wando Port Interchange</p> <p>I'm writing to give my support on option 2 for the Long Point Road/Wando Port Exchange. It would streamline the traffic on Long Point Road.</p> <p>Although I live in Summerville, I frequently use that exit and the truck traffic has become VERY heavy and will only get worse as the Port continues to grow.</p> <p>Thank you</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	44519
MW#17	November 26, 2021 at 11:47 pm	<p>This project is long overdue and much needed to reduce traffic on Highway 17 and to provide an effective evacuation route for the residents of the Sea Islands. Please approve it and move on with it,</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/29/2021

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MW#18	November 30, 2021 at 2:59 pm	<p>My wife and I are long time residents of Mt. Pleasant. As a local business owner we are pro South Carolina, pro business and pro ports.</p> <p>In addition to general increase in traffic we also understand the need for a better highway system to accommodate a higher volume of container trucks entering and departing the Wando Terminal. (Long Point Rd). It appears the bulk of traffic increases are and will be related to higher volume at the Wando Terminal.</p> <p>As a homeowner located in Hobcaw Creek Plantation, for over 27 years, we have seen a significantly higher level of truck traffic effecting Long Point road and our neighborhood. More trucks result in excess traffic, noise, air pollution and dangerous driving conditions. We have experienced much more of these conditions as the port continues to grow.</p> <p>I attended the public information meeting on October 26 at the R.L. Jones Center in Mt. Pleasant. I would like to compliment your department on the meeting format and an innovative approach which made me feel as if I am being heard and my opinion mattered. During this meeting I was able to engage with key segments of the proposed corridor and was focused mostly on the I-526 / I-26 interchange and the Long Point Road / Wando Port Interchange.</p> <p>My recommendations are:</p> <p>A. Long Point Rd / Wando Port Interchange – Option #2 Rather than tying up traffic at an already congested intersection, we strongly support your Option #2 which is to create a dedicated, truck-only interchange further up I-526 entering directly into and out of the port gates. This would allow for dedicated, truck-only traffic direct access to the Port gates without round-about, stop lights and regular car traffic experienced at the current Long Point Road intersection.</p> <p>B. Alternate I-526 Truck Exit/Entrance proposal: See proposed drawing attached Direct truck-only port access road exiting off the base of the Wando Bridge directly into the port This option would allow for all Port-related truck traffic to exit and enter I-516 with no stops or roundabouts. This option will also provide for minimal impact to businesses and residents.</p> <p>C. I-526 Lane Widening – Section 3 (At Long Point Road) I support the I-526 “1-Lane widening to westbound exterior and interior” and “1-lane widening to eastbound exterior and interior”.</p> <p>D. Barrier Sound Walls along Section 3 of I-526 Expansion Due to the current and future noise problems coming from the bridge which crosses Hobcaw Creek, I highly recommend the installation of noise barriers/walls. Due to the extremely close proximity to homes and businesses these sound walls should be installed all along the I-526 corridor in We are long time residents of Mt. Pleasant.</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/30/2021
MW#19	November 30, 2021 at 3:04 pm	<p>In addition to general increase in traffic we also understand the need for a better highway system to accommodate a higher volume of container trucks entering and departing the Wando Terminal. (Long Point Rd). It appears the bulk of traffic increases are and will be related to higher volume at the Wando Terminal.</p> <p>As a homeowner located in Hobcaw Creek Plantation, for over 27 years, we have seen a significantly higher level of truck traffic effecting Long Point road and our neighborhood. More trucks result in excess traffic, noise, air pollution and dangerous driving conditions. We have experienced much more of these conditions as the port continues to grow.</p> <p>My recommendations are:</p> <p>A. Long Point Rd / Wando Port Interchange – Option #2 Rather than tying up traffic at an already congested intersection, we strongly support your Option #2 which is to create a dedicated, truck-only interchange further up I-526 entering directly into and out of the port gates. This would allow for dedicated, truck-only traffic direct access to the Port gates without round-about, stop lights and regular car traffic experienced at the current Long Point Road intersection.</p> <p>B. Alternate I-526 Truck Exit/Entrance proposal: See proposed drawing attached Direct truck-only port access road exiting off the base of the Wando Bridge directly into the port This option would allow for all Port-related truck traffic to exit and enter I-516 with no stops or roundabouts. This option will also provide for minimal impact to businesses and residents.</p> <p>C. I-526 Lane Widening – Section 3 (At Long Point Road) I support the I-526 “1-Lane widening to westbound exterior and interior” and “1-lane widening to eastbound exterior and interior”.</p> <p>D. Barrier Sound Walls along Section 3 of I-526 Expansion Due to the current and future noise problems coming from the bridge which crosses Hobcaw Creek, I highly recommend the installation of noise barriers/walls. Due to the extremely close proximity to homes and businesses these sound walls should be installed all along the I-526 corridor in Section 3, to include the Hobcaw Creek bridge. (Mt. Pleasant).</p> <p>What trucks hate: Stopping Cars darting in and out of their path</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/30/2021

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MW#20	November 30, 2021 at 10:12 pm	<p>Long Point Rd / Wando Port Interchange – Option #2</p> <p>Rather than tying up traffic at an already congested intersection, we strongly support your Option #2 which is to create a dedicated, truck-only interchange further up I-526 entering directly into and out of the port gates. This would allow for dedicated, truck-only traffic direct access to the Port gates without roundabouts, stop lights and regular car traffic experienced at the current Long Point Road intersection.</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	12/1/2021
MW#21	November 30, 2021 at 11:38 pm	<p>I-526 Lowcountry Corridor Recommended Improvements</p> <p>Major Concerns and Ideas:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Overlay I-526 with Hwy 17 from Mt Pleasant to West Ashley (all as I-526 Interstate highway) 2. New Ashley River Bridge (built like Cooper River bridge) 3. Elevate the new 1-526/17 roadway above the highest expected flooding levels 4. More flyover on and off ramps in congested areas (Johns and James Island/Ashley Phosphate) 5. Redo/improve ingress/egress to I-526 connected high volume endpoints (airport) 6. Setup remote bus stops for special events (stations for bus ride to concerts/sports events) 7. Alternative and supporting roadways (Hwy 52, Hwy 78, Hwy 17A, Hwy 61, Berlin G Meyers,...) 8. Address proposed ideas to reduce trash, plans to react to flooding and water runoff quality 9. Identify opportunities for median use to evaluate methods to add value (bioenergy, biocleaning) 10. Consideration of collocated human pathways (walking overpasses, cycling and running paths) <p>My Background: From 1953 to 1969, my family lived in Kingstree SC while my dad built 2 lane paved roads all through the swamps of the lowcountry. In 1969 we moved to Summerville (6 boys playing football for John McKissick) where the family stayed until all the kids graduated college. 5 of 6 boys went to the Citadel where there were two equal time routes (through Ladson to I26 or via 61) from where we lived in Summerville (104 Newington) to the Citadel. After college, I spent 20 years in the DFW area (Dallas, Rowlett, Westlake, Lewisville), 6 years in Arkansas, 8 years in Lane SC, 9 months in Columbus GA, more than a year in Bluffton SC and the rest of my time where I live now in Moncks Corner SC. I mention details about where I have lived to help identify specifics about road designs that I believe represent Best Practices.</p> <p>Examples and Explanations of potential Best Practices that could be used in SC Dallas I-635 circles the city with major tangent lines of other highways (I-30 East-West, plus I-35E, and Hwy 75 North-South). Dallas also has an inner circle (Belt Line Rd) and an outer circle (Hwy 121) as well as a center tangent roadway (Mockingbird Ln). Around 2000, Dallas added road grade rail down the center of the city (This was not a best practice and is less than optimal). First user experience was terrible because they had a strict route schedule which does not work well when the Hockey game goes two overtimes and the rail cars go into their limited night schedule leaving a stadium crowd to wait an extra twenty minutes for a ride part of the way home. They also added special event bus shuttling which I think was a great idea. I picked up my date in the NorthEast corner of Dallas County and proceeded to the Plano Substation; unfortunately, the Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) assigned buses for that substation had filled and left for the stadium. We returned to our car and drove about 15 minutes to the next substation just inside the northeast corner of the I-635 ring. We bought tickets (cost less than parking our car at the stadium) and the bus let us off a short walk from our gate. We were relaxed and enjoyed the Garth</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	12/1/2021
MW#22	December 1, 2021 at 10:33 am	I fully support Option 2. It's a much safer option for everyone involved, Truck Drivers as well as non Truck Drivers.	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	12/1/2021
MW#23	December 1, 2021 at 10:36 am	I am writing to voice my concerns over the project. First, a dedicated off ramp for truckers is needed for Long Point Road to the port for safety and traffic congestion. Also a sound barrier will be needed for the widening project to decrease noise for the neighborhoods adjacent to I 526.	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this</p>	Email	12/1/2021

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MW#24	December 1, 2021 at 10:43 am	I fully support Option 2 - much safer for everyone.	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	12/1/2021
MW#25	December 1, 2021 at 11:13 am	My entire family (5 voters live on Long Point Road near the port) is in favor of option 2 to create a new truck only off ramp to Wando terminal. Even better is the new option to take truck traffic directly to the terminal. Either case will reduce traffic on Longpoint road, improve safety on Longpoint, eliminate the need to move the intersection of Hobcaw Bluff drive and might reduce noise from 526 negating sound barriers. Please choose one of these options	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	44531
MW#26	December 1, 2021 at 3:44 pm	I completely agreement that improvements need to be made to I526 and interchanges. Our input is focused on the dangerous truck traffic on I526, and especially on and off Long Point Road. That intersection is the gateway to Mount Pleasant and there is much traffic getting on and off from Long Point Road. Especially dangerous is the truck traffic leaving from the port and going down Long Point Road to access I526. They run the red light at the entrance to Hobcaw Creek Plantation, block the exit, speed, back up on I526 to exit onto Long Point Road, and they go too fast up the exit ramp to North West I526 (several times truck containers have fallen off the truck, resulting in traffic back up for hour(s), not to mention how dangerous it is to smaller vehicles. Long Point Road is not the best route for these trucks to take, and a direct route from the terminal to I526 needs to be an important focus of the development improvement plan. To not plan to solve this issue now, would only mean addressing it again later...kicking the can down the road. I believe Option #2 is the best option to solve this major problem.	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	12/1/2021
MW#27	December 1, 2021 at 4:19 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Totally opposed to 8 lanes. It will carry huge amounts of traffic on Hwy 17 in major shopping areas to get to areas to the north. Six lanes on I-526 and an alternative route would provide more safety for the citizens of the area. - Noise is major concerns. Property owners in our neighborhood are already seeing impact on property values. Are there reimbursements for damage to property values? - Berms, walls, or densely planted spaces are essential to ALL areas impacted. I see this when traveling in nearby states, why not SC? - Option 2 for port/Long Point Rd interchange is essential for safety to Mt Pleasant motorists. 	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p>	Email	12/1/2021
MW#28	December 1, 2021 at 5:16 pm	Please please provide a dedicated port road to I-526! I live in Hobcaw Creek and witness trucks running the red light on Long Point Road on a daily basis. The police sometimes sit at our intersection, but every single trucker leaving the Port KNOWS that they're there and drive at posted speed. This afternoon, I was waiting to turn left into our neighborhood. The light turned red and, thank goodness, I trusted my instincts and didn't make the turn. After several seconds of the light at full red, a truck coming from the Port barreled through because he had been going TOO fast to stop. Everyone in the neighborhoods that line Long Point Road (and those up Wando Park Blvd.) take our lives into our hands when we leave our streets. We all knew when we purchased our homes that the Port was there. We did not know that the truckers would drive so recklessly as the port grew. Someone IS going to be killed. Getting onto I-526 is almost as dangerous as leaving our neighborhood! Entering an Interstate at 20ish mph after following a line of trucks around an uphill complete circle is highly dangerous too. The planning for the trucks to get to 526 was a mishmash of very poor ideas from the beginning. Please take this new opportunity that you've been given to plan responsibly and provide a dedicated port road to I-526 instead of through our communities entrances. Thank you for accepting input.	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	12/1/2021

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MW#29	December 1, 2021 at 5:32 pm	<p>Hello,</p> <p>In a few word, I would like to bring your attention on 2 matters.</p> <p>1) Noise. Additional lanes on the 526 will increase traffic and therefore sound disturbance. This should definitely be taken into consideration for the well being of the communities.</p> <p>2) Safety, specifically on Long Point Road. The Port generates a lot of truck traffic and some of the trucks often don't stop at red light on Long Point, which makes it very dangerous for cars or even bike to cross. This is a real concern. With that regards, I am supportive of option 2, possibly 3 for the Long Point Road / Wando port interchange, for a direct access Port-526.</p> <p>Thank you for your time and consideration.</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	12/1/2021
MW#30	December 1, 2021 at 9:26 pm	<p>1. We must have a dedicated port access road to and from 526 for trucks, to get them off of Long Point Road</p> <p>2. There must be sound barrier walls from the Wando bridge to Hwy 17 to protect the neighborhoods along 526.</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	12/1/2021
MW#31	December 1, 2021 at 9:26 pm	<p>1. We must have a dedicated port access road to and from 526 for trucks, to get them off of Long Point Road</p> <p>2. There must be sound barrier walls from the Wando bridge to Hwy 17 to protect the neighborhoods along 526.</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	44531

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PIMW#1	October 11, 2021 at 2:28 pm	This improvement is much needed to support regional residential and commercial growth. The 14' wide pedestrian path is a great addition and would be a great benefit to the area. Hopefully, construction starts soon!	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	10/13/2021
PIMW#2	October 11, 2021 at 3:13 pm	My only comments are that the truck traffic and the Don Holt Bridge are terrible. Please hurry and start construction. It would also be beneficial if the existing 526 was repaved. The road surface is very bad as are the potholes. Best of luck.	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	10/13/2021
PIMW#3	October 11, 2021 at 3:53 pm	Lowering the Wando Bridge and raising the Don Holt Bridge makes sense. Because most commercial activity, including restaurants and offices on Daniel Island are on the south side, adjusting bridges to the south might reduce noise to most residential areas, including new apartments on Clements Ferry Road and senior living centers on Daniel Island. Please adjust construction requirements to reduce noise for neighborhoods. Thank you.	<p>Ms. Eaddy –</p> <p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>We will be studying noise abatement along the corridor during the next phase of the project development, during the environmental phase of work for the project.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	10/12/2021

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PIMW#4	October 11, 2021 at 5:33 pm	The alternative that I support for the I-526 LCC East PEL Study is Alternative 4 because Alternative 4 will replace the Don Holt Bridge and the Wando Bridge and will widen I-526 to the inside and outside which will help improve safety and reduce congestion.	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	10/12/2021
PIMW#5	October 11, 2021 at 8:12 pm	<p>The parallel route should've been studied for north of Mt. Pleasant on Hwy 17 all the way to South of West Ashley creating an outer route for those wanting to bypass the city. It would create alternative routes for accidents, evacuations, and make more sense for 2050 considering all the housing development going on further out in all directions!</p> <p>For a better understanding of the subjects for comments you would like to hear about, questions should have been put in the comment section.</p>	<p>Mr. Brown -</p> <p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>As part of the preliminary traffic analysis, we did study the new alignment alternative route presented on this board (https://www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/What-types-of-concepts-did-we-look-at.pdf). This route includes a new alignment loop which connects to SC 41 and US 17. We study the origin and destination travel data in order to model how much traffic an alternative route may pull off of the existing I-526 route. In the case of the alternative route studied, this route did not pull enough traffic off of I-526 to result in a decrease in congestion on I-526. Your local transportation planning organization developed this alternative loop in their long range plans for regional transportation needs (https://www.bcdco.com/). Creating alternative East-West routes to US 17, south of the existing corridor would be extremely challenging and costly considering the density of development in this area. While this may help local traffic operations and improve congestion on US 17, it would not reduce congestion on the segment of I-526 being studied based on the origin/destination data that we have analyzed in our study.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	10/12/2021
PIMW#6	October 12, 2021 at 7:00 am	Te: Long pt road / wando terminal. Option 1 looks very similar to current traffic flow and option 4 looks like a lot of stop and start traffic which is not ideal for tractor trailer trucks. Options 2 and 3 appear to ease congestion at the cloverleaf interchange, which is where current back ups seem to predominate and "spill" onto 526	<p>Mr. Mikola –</p> <p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>The preliminary alternatives presented for the Long Point Interchange have not been fully analyzed from a traffic operations perspective at this time. At this stage of the project, we are informing the public that we have identified a need for interchange improvements at Long Point Road and get comments on the proposed interchange models to be studied in the next phase of that project's development. We are obligated to study interchange improvements at Long Point in the range of alternatives in order to demonstrate the potential need for a partial interchange if the traffic analysis shows that this is the best performing alternative. The 4th option is a diverging diamond interchange model, which is an interchange model designed for heavy left turn volumes in an interchange which we have at Long Point Rd. We anticipate that the Long Point / Wando Interchange project will be the first project funded from the study and so we would likely move into the Environmental documentation phase next year with that interchange project. We would likely come back next year to the public in order to show the traffic performance of the studied interchange models and the associated impacts and gather public input on the recommended preferred alternative.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	10/12/2021

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PIMW#7	October 12, 2021 at 11:33 am	This is a much needed project. SC DOT continues to lead in its performance even when the Legislature removes its funding. The urgency of this project requires the life and safety protocols for the users of the new bridges to be built and planned now. Shifting some of the truck traffic which is expected to dramatically increase in the next 7 years will save lives. I support the tallest bridge proposal over the Wando.	Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records. Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).	Email	10/12/2021
PIMW#8	October 12, 2021 at 4:02 pm	Appreciate all the info. I am in support of the project. I am not concerned with noise and I am not concerned with the height of the bridges. My main concern would be cost-effectiveness, safety and alleviation of congestion.	Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records. Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).	Email	10/13/2021
PIMW#9	October 12, 2021 at 4:31 pm	Would like to see three dedicated lanes that extend beyond just the two bridges (entirety of 526) and prohibit freight traffic /large trucks from the left-most lane. This will help with congestion and safety. Daniel island is isolated from recreation on foot or cycle from leaving the island. Having pedestrian and cycle lanes on the Wando bridge will help give more recreation options and give access via bike and foot to Mount Pleasant. Also consider options to reduce the traffic noise heard on Daniel Island (Water front trail and nearby residences) from the Wando bridge traffic.	Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records. All of the proposed improvement concepts include widening to 8 lanes. With this many lanes, SCDOT will be able to restrict truck traffic on the innermost lane in each direction. Traffic noise will also be studied during the next phase of work on the project, during the environmental phase and these results will be presented in future public meetings as the reasonable alternatives are advanced further in design. Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).	Email	10/13/2021

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PIMW#10	October 12, 2021 at 5:00 pm	A dedicated truck lane and sound walls are desirable. The trucks do not mix well with cars.	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	10/13/2021
PIMW#11	October 12, 2021 at 5:27 pm	It is time to finish it . The new alternative looks great.	<p>Good morning, Craig.</p> <p>We have received your comment but noticed that the comment was to "Finish it." Typically, when we see this comment it is in relation to the Mark Clark Extension project (https://www.scdotmarkclark.com/) which would propose to connect West Ashley, James Island and Johns Island and is a separate and distinct project from the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor which proposes improvements to the existing I-526. The WEST portion is from Paul Cantrell Boulevard in West Ashley to Virginia Avenue in North Charleston and the EAST study is from Virginia Avenue in North Charleston to approximately US 17 in Mount Pleasant.</p> <p>I am copying the Mark Clark Extension project email address here to share your comment as this project is also in a formal comment period through October 15. If you did not intend for it to be for the Mark Clark Extension, please just let us know. Thank you again for your participation and engagement in the process.</p> <p>- The I-526 Lowcountry Corridor Project Team</p>	Email	10/13/2022
PIMW#12	October 12, 2021 at 7:01 pm	Two things to keep in mind: 1) An alternative that utilizes the shoulder as additional lane space during rush hour is a bad idea because all it takes is one wreck with no emergency vehicle access because the shoulders are otherwise occupied and everything gridlocks for hours. 2) The existence, and growth, of East Cooper Baptist Church and Seacoast Church off of Long Point Road make that exit a popular destination on Sundays and Wednesday evenings, particularly during the Wednesday evening rush hour. Of the Long Point options I saw, the ones that sort of reroute truck traffic heading for the port off to the side seem the least messy in regards to vehicular flow during Wednesday evening rush hour. Just my two cents of course.	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>All of the proposed reasonable alternatives include widening to 8 lanes, 4 travel lanes in each direction with 12 foot inside and outside shoulders. If shoulder use during peak travel times is incorporated in order to improve operations and reduce congestion, an active traffic management system would be part of that system. An active traffic management system utilizes overhead signs every half mile in order to alert drivers to lanes which are open or closed for travel and can also regulate speeds and provide other important driver messaging. This video provides some demonstration of this system if you have not driven on a roadway with this type of technology: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xEVSpGFTgzc . The proposed wider footprint with more lanes along with the new technology of smart roads will allow traffic to continue moving without closing all lanes during incidents. The current configuration is narrow and typically does not allow enough room to process serious crashes safely without blocking all lanes.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	10/13/2021

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PIMW#13	October 13, 2021 at 4:21 pm	No build!	Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records. Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).	Email	10/13/2021
PIMW#14	October 13, 2021 at 8:55 pm	I am opposed to the I-526 extension, I support the No Build alternative. We should be focusing our limited transportation resources on smart, equitable, and multimodal solutions that would benefit our entire region.	<p>Good morning, Catherine.</p> <p>We appreciate your comment submission but believe based on your comment it was actually intended for the Mark Clark Extension project. I have included their email address in this message and the website can be found at www.SCDOTMarkClark.com.</p> <p>The I-526 Lowcountry Corridor project proposes improvements to existing I-526, whereas the Mark Clark Extension proposes new roadway to connect West Ashley, Johns Island and James Island.</p> <p>Can you please confirm this is your intent so that the Mark Clark Extension project includes your comment in their records?</p> <p>Thank you - The I-526 Lowcountry Corridor Project Team</p>	Email	10/14/2021
PIMW#15	October 14, 2021 at 2:33 pm	I wanted to voice my opposition to the I-526 extension. Charleston is a great place to live because of its natural beauty. Not only will the extension be an eyesore, it will harm the environment creating more problems than it solves. I agree with those who argue that blindly expanding road infrastructure creates more traffic in the long run even if it relieves traffic in the short run. We'll end up with a giant ugly slab of concrete running across our beautiful marshland that will solve nothing while costing millions of dollars that could of been spent creating bikelanes, expanding public transit, or encouraging development of walkable communities.	<p>Daniel,</p> <p>Good afternoon. We appreciate you submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST. However, based on your comment, it looks like you are trying to comment on the Mark Clark Extension project, a separate and distinct project, which would connect I-526 in West Ashley to James and Johns Island. More information on that project can be found here: www.SCDOTMarkClark.com. I have also Ccd that project's email address to provide it to them. However, please confirm that this is your intent.</p> <p>The I-526 Lowcountry Corridor projects are focused on improvements on existing I-526. The WEST project proposed improvements from Paul Cantrell Boulevard in West Ashley to Virginia Avenue in North Charleston. The EAST study proposes improvements from Virginia Avenue in North Charleston to approximately US 17 in Mount Pleasant.</p> <p>Thank you - The I-526 Lowcountry Corridor Project Team</p>	Email	10/14/2021

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PIMW#16	October 14, 2021 at 4:51 pm	<p>Dear LowCountry Corridor :10/14/2021</p> <p>These are My Points: 1. There is a Major Design Failure on I-526: Between Rivers to Mt Pleasant: if all lanes of either East or West bound are totally blocked due an Accident-Traffic can not be Re-Routed to opposite Lanes. 2. Traffic Gridlock could be immediately Reduced Now if We look at My suggestions made on 1/4/2021</p> <p>A. Encouraging Work at Home B. Flexible Work Hours- According to the Council of Government 2040 Traffic Plan If there is a 11% switching from Driving from Peak to Non-Peak Times, there would be No Gridlock C Encourage Car-pooling by using App " LowCountry Go" D. Recognizing Companies and Organizations that Reduce Traffic Gridlock just as Adopt-A-Highway is For Instance, Verizon Closed Their Call Center but their Employees work At Home Recognize Verizon for Doing This. E. Encourage Leaders of Companies And Organizations to Encourage Their Associates to Reduce Traffic Gridlock by Suggestions 2A- 2E</p> <p>I am available to Discuss in More Detail My Suggestions</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	10/21/2021
PIMW#17	October 16, 2021 at 7:50 am	<p>I want to know more details about the relocation of homes. I live on Chimney Bluff Drive and any of these plans will impact my home. If relocation is done, how are home owners compensated? What's the time line.</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information being presented at this meeting is for a planning study and no actual projects have yet to be funded. Thus there are no schedules associated with these future improvements yet. More information will be available in the future regarding projects that may potentially be funded. We would anticipate that there may be an interchange improvement at Long Point Road / Wando funded first, but other widening projects would be prioritized after the improvements being developed at the I-26 / I-526 interchange which would not be completed until 2032.</p> <p>Your location appears to be at the Long Point Interchange. The interchange models being analyzed at this time are outlined here: https://www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/Long-Point-Road-and-Wando-Port-Interchange.pdf. Once an actual project is funded, we will develop more detailed design concepts and bring these back out to the public for comments.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	10/21/2021
PIMW#18	October 16, 2021 at 2:52 pm	<p>Regarding the Longpoint rd interchange option two seems best for my neighborhood (hidden cove). Having the trucks avoid all of the neighborhoods and commercial and retail businesses by routing them parallel to Longpoint seems best. Then cars and trucks would not need to interact until 526</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>We will be advancing additional traffic analysis on the Long Point / Wando Interchange alternatives over the next year and will be coming back to the public for comments once the project is initiated in the environmental phase</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	10/21/2021

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PIMW#19	October 18, 2021 at 8:25 pm	<p>On the subject of reflective lane markers I would like some information on the true cost of these markers to the tax payer and the environment.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> In the past 6 months I have collected a large bag of loose markers from the bike lane on my 10 mile commute to work. No fun to hit them as it can result in a pinch flat or a fall. I will bring the bag to the public information session. I have heard estimates of 1 million of these being placed on SC roads every year. Please provide an accurate number of how many have been purchased over the past five years and the total cost of the product and installation. I estimate there are roughly 6000 of these markers between Virginia Ave and Clements Ferry. By counting the left over epoxy where previous reflectors once were you can see they have been replaced about six times. Most of these dislodged reflectors end up in the Cooper River. 4oz of plastic, each equivalent to 100 single use bags. This is plain and simple littering by SC law. We can do better. On I95 there are a different type of marker, not held by adhesive, they seem to stay put. <p>Please provide comments and accurate figures if my estimates are incorrect. Thank you</p>	<p>Good Afternoon Mr. Blanchard -</p> <p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Our Traffic Engineering Department manages the reflective raised marker program, so I have reached out and secured the following additional information for you in order to answer your questions:</p> <p>Raised markers are systematically replaced on South Carolina roads under two programs, one for interstate routes and one for higher volume primary and secondary routes. On the interstate routes, raised markers are replaced on an annual basis. On the higher volume primary and secondary routes, they are replaced about every 3 years with approximately 1/3 of the markers replaced each year by annual contracts. The cost of a raised marker installed averages about \$3.00 each. It is typically a little higher for interstate routes due to the increased exposure risk to the contractor. That includes removal and disposal of the existing markers and placement of the new markers. The same markers, adhesives and placement methods are specified on all the contracts, although the quality of the installation can vary with contractor and the condition of the road surface.</p> <p>Following is some general information about each program:</p> <p>Interstate Routes Replacement cycle: Annually Mileage: 850 miles (average – varies with construction activities) Number of markers placed: Approximately 200,000 Average cost per marker: \$3.25 installed</p> <p>Higher Volume Primary and Secondary Routes Replacement cycle: Every 3 years with markers on 1/3 of the qualifying route replaced each year Mileage: 5700 miles (average) Number of markers placed: Approximately 700,000 Average cost per marker: \$2.75 installed</p> <p>Surface mounted raised markers represent the most cost effective traffic control devices at our disposal. The average cost to install yellow bi-directions markers on a two lane road (80' centerline spacing) is around \$200. Of</p>	Email	10/22/2021
PIMW#20	October 19, 2021 at 7:49 am	<p>I have some comments and would like some information on the reflective lane markers that are placed on the roadway with adhesive. To help the public understand the true financial and environmental costs of these markers.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Please provide the total number of these plastic reflectors that have been purchased by the state in the past five years along with the total cost of contracts to place them. In just the last 6 months I have collected a large bag of these reflectors from the bike lanes on my 10 mile commute to work. They are a hazard that can result in a pinch flat or fall if your hit them on a bicycle with narrow high pressure tires. I will be bringing this bag of markers to the public information session. I estimate there are 6000 of these markers on 526 between Virginia ave and Clements Ferry rd. Looking at the circles of adhesive left from markers that have come lose you can see most them have been replaced 5 -6 times. Most of these markers end up in the Cooper River. Each marker is 4 oz of plastic, equal to 100 single use bags. This is plain and simply littering by SC law. Even the markers that don't directly fall in the water will eventually break down and end up there in the form of micro-plastics. On I95 the markers are a different design that seem to stay attached. Why are these not used on all roads rather the markers that keep coming lose? 	<p>Good Afternoon Mr. Blanchard -</p> <p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Our Traffic Engineering Department manages the reflective raised marker program, so I have reached out and secured the following additional information for you in order to answer your questions:</p> <p>Raised markers are systematically replaced on South Carolina roads under two programs, one for interstate routes and one for higher volume primary and secondary routes. On the interstate routes, raised markers are replaced on an annual basis. On the higher volume primary and secondary routes, they are replaced about every 3 years with approximately 1/3 of the markers replaced each year by annual contracts. The cost of a raised marker installed averages about \$3.00 each. It is typically a little higher for interstate routes due to the increased exposure risk to the contractor. That includes removal and disposal of the existing markers and placement of the new markers. The same markers, adhesives and placement methods are specified on all the contracts, although the quality of the installation can vary with contractor and the condition of the road surface.</p> <p>Following is some general information about each program:</p> <p>Interstate Routes Replacement cycle: Annually Mileage: 850 miles (average – varies with construction activities) Number of markers placed: Approximately 200,000 Average cost per marker: \$3.25 installed</p>	Email	10/22/2021
PIMW#21	October 19, 2021 at 11:40 am	<p>As a resident in the Belle Hall neighborhood whose house is on Historic Dr, we have followed this project closely. Our biggest concern from the beginning is "What will be done about the noise?" The surging levels of traffic and trucks to the port terminal have created such a detriment to the quality of life for residents along this portion of 526, and it will only get worse. From the houses shaking when trucks blow tires coming off the down slope of the bridge to the motorcycles that love to race up the bridge late at night, all this leads to a horrible situation for homeowners in this neighborhood.</p> <p>While the material above says that NOISE was the #1 complaint heard from residents during the survey period, there isn't any information contained above that tells what is going to be done about it. Please communicate this!</p> <p>Thank you!</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>The information being presented at this stage is a planning study to identify the traffic issues on the corridor and evaluate which improvements may improve the traffic operations on the corridor. The planning study will recommend potential projects with cost estimates that may be funded out of this study. We do not know when projects will be funded yet. Once the projects are funded, then the Environmental phase of work will initiate which will further detail designs and include a noise study at that time. The design being presented now are conceptual level designs and we would have to have more detailed design in order to conduct the noise study.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	10/21/2021

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PIMW#22	October 20, 2021 at 5:06 pm	<p>It appears that Option 1 would be the least disruptive to private property and Homes... I'm not in favor of Option 2,3 or4 as this would seem to disrupt neighborhoods, homes and add tremendous noise and disruption of current neighborhoods.</p> <p>Also, please include details about a NOISE WALL along 526 as you increase the number of lanes or choose to implement one of these options... please consider a Noise wall all along the section of 526 and Seacoast Parkway if you plan to do any of these options ...</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>We will be studying noise abatement along the corridor during the next phase of the project development, during the environmental phase of work for the project. In future public meetings we will present this information for public comment.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	10/21/2021
PIMW#23	October 24, 2021	<p>As a commuter who uses 526 to travel from West Ashley to Daniel Island, this is a welcome change that is needed. However, I would like you to consider adding a bike/walk/alternate transportation path as part of the Don Holt replacement. Once (if) the Northbridge is replaced and if there is a bike access across the Cooper River, then West Ashley to Daniel Island would be connected for bicyclists.</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>All of the preliminary alternatives being considered in the I-526 LCC East study include a 14 foot wide shared use pathway across the major rivers. For the Cooper River/Don Holt, the pathway would start at the North Rhett interchange and be connected to the pathways under construction on Clements Ferry Road. This pathway is also included across the Wando River on the John Edwards Bridge making connections between existing pathways in Daniel Island and Mount Pleasant.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	10/25/2021
PIMW#24	October 24, 2021 at 10:43 am	<p>Is induced demand not considered?</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Regional traffic models, as well as rush-hour observations, indicate that because of congestion, commute times have increased. The primary result of adding more lanes would be reduced travel times for those currently using I-526. Those currently using other, longer routes for their commutes, because of the congestion and frequency of crashes on I-526, may choose to use I-526 in the future. This hidden or built up traffic demand consists of trips that are not new, but will be attracted to I-526 with added capacity. This is accounted for in the project's future traffic forecasts.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	10/25/2021

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PIMW#25	October 24, 2021 at 8:09 pm	The property values have already been negatively impacted due to the wooded buffers being cut down between 526 and the flanking neighborhoods. The traffic noise has always been a problem and has recently increased greatly. Any plans to move the roadway closer to our neighborhoods would surely tank our property values.	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>We will be studying noise abatement along the corridor during the next phase of the project development, during the environmental phase of work for the project. In future public meetings we will present this information for public comment.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	10/25/2021
PIMW#26	October 24, 2021 at 8:10 pm	The property values have already been negatively impacted due to the wooded buffers being cut down between 526 and the flanking neighborhoods. The traffic noise has always been a problem and has recently increased greatly. Any plans to move the roadway closer to our neighborhoods would surely tank our property values.	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>We will be studying noise abatement along the corridor during the next phase of the project development, during the environmental phase of work for the project. In future public meetings we will present this information for public comment.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	10/25/2021
PIMW#27	October 25, 2021 at 8:38 am	Traffic on Long Point Road due to the terminal is already a problem for those of us who live in the neighborhoods on that side of 526 (Hobcaw Creek and Hidden Cove). I think a dedicated port access road for port traffic, as shown in option 2 for the Long Point/Wando Port Interchange is the best option for both the residence in the area and the port traffic which will have an easier time getting in and out of the port.	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	10/25/2021

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PIMW#28	October 25, 2021 at 9:22 am	Since I live inside Hobcaw Creek Plantation, I vote for option 2 for the Longpoint Road/Wando Terminal interchange. To have a dedicated ramp just for trucks coming and leaving the Terminal will alleviate the congestion at the traffic signal at the entrance to Hobcaw Creek/Wando Park Blvd. and Longpoint Road. I hope you will consider and implement Option 2.	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>We do believe that the options that create a new partial interchange at Long Point (such as option 2) will perform the best once we do more detailed traffic modeling in the next phase of work. We are required to study a range of alternatives (some that just improve the existing Long Point Interchange) in order to provide a comparison of alternatives to demonstrate which one operates best while balancing the local impacts.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	10/25/2021
PIMW#29	October 25, 2021 at 10:38 am	<p>Highly in favor of Option#2 for Longpoint intersection. We need dedicated truck access to the port that does not impact neighborhoods built over 2 decades ago when the port was much smaller.</p> <p>Noise:</p> <p>a) Need a sound barrier on the South side in Mount Pleasant to protect neighborhoods of Hobcaw and Wacendaw</p> <p>b) Propose that the town of Mount Pleasant ban the use of air brakes / Jack brakes to further reduce noise impacts.</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting last fall. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>The Long Point Road / Wando Port Interchange project has been recently funded to become the first project to be developed out of the I-526 East Study. We will have additional public information meetings to show more details on the reasonable improvement alternatives later this year.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	10/17/2022
PIMW#30	October 25, 2021 at 11:12 am	<p>I am in favor of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Long Point Road / Wando Port Interchange - Option 2 which is a truck bypass lane from the Port to 526, which will dramatically reduce the truck traffic on Long Point Road * A sound barrier wall along 526 where the highway is adjacent to neighboring sub-divisions. 	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>We will be studying noise abatement along the corridor during the next phase of the project development, during the environmental phase of work for the project. In future public meetings we will present this information for public comment.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	10/25/2021

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PIMW#31	October 25, 2021 at 12:22 pm	Option 2 is clearly the best choice. Also, if you cancel the modification of the Hobcaw Bluff drive entrance lanes, you save lots of \$\$. Nobody wants or needs that mod except the port. It the truck traffic to and from I526 is pushed closed to the port on Long Point Road, there is no longer a need to modify the Hobcaw Bluff lanes or signalling. Saves money and makes residents happy a win win. Our entire family lives in the affected neighborhoods and share the same opinion. That is 6 adult votes in favor of the option 2 and the cancellation of Hobcaw Bluff Drive modification. PLEASE Listen to the residents. Minimizing truck traffic on Long Point is a priority and OPTION 2 is the obvious safer and cheaper alternative.	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>SCDOT did a study in 2019 on restriping the interstate to 3 lanes on the Don Holt to the I-26 interchange and/or the N Rhett Interchange. The safety analysis indicated an increase in serious crashes due to the loss of shoulder in this area so this interim improvement option was eliminated. With coordination with the SC Ports Authority, there are no plans to significantly decrease truck traffic from the Wando Port to the new ports. The new ports are to expand the ports container capacity in the state.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	10/28/2021
PIMW#32	October 25, 2021 at 5:05 pm	Truck traffic from SC's busiest port (Wando) seems to be the driving factor behind many design decisions. Truck is one of the most inefficient ways to transport containers. Has rail access to the Wando Terminal been examined? It would seem incredibly shortsighted to leave the most efficient means of moving goods on land out of the conversation.	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>SCDOT conducts ongoing coordination with the SC Ports Authority and your local transportation planning organization in order to ensure that these projects will work towards a larger regional transportation plan. https://www.bcdco.com/ . Port improvements including rail access improvements and/or inland ports are not typically funded through SCDOT. The legislature provides funding for improvements directly to the SC Ports Authority. We will look into additional modeling and coordination on this effort as a result of these comments in order to provide a more detailed response to this question as we move forward in this study.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	email	11/8/2021
PIMW#33	October 25, 2021 at 5:25 pm	1.) For Section 2 there is no description as to why adding a new 4 lane bridge (North or South) along with the existing bridge (which is 6 lanes) does not handle as much traffic as 2 new 4 lane bridges. 2.) In Section 3 why move the East bound exit lanes to Long Point Road and increase the radius of the East bound on ramp from Long Point South bound? I understand the increasing the radius will allow faster traffic flow, but that ramp is rarely used by Tractor Trailers which would be the primary beneficiary of the increased radius.	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Additional traffic studies will be performed in the next phase of work. The I-526 Bridge over the Wando River was evaluated during the planning study based on whether widening of the structure was feasible and whether there was enough remaining useful life to utilize the existing bridge into the future alongside a new structure. The results of that evaluation indicated that the most feasible option, given the potential timelines for project completion in the future, would be to replace the I-526 Bridge over Wando in all alternatives. The Long Point Road interchange was identified as an interchange on the corridor that needs operational improvements. A number of improvement alternatives would be studied as a part of that future project. We are required to study a range of alternatives including making improvements to the current interchange model to meet today's standards. More detailed traffic analysis to evaluate and compare the alternatives would be part of the future project development. More information will be shown to the public for comment in future public information meetings as the details are developed.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/8/2021
PIMW#34	October 25, 2021 at 5:29 pm	It is desperately important that the Mark Clark be completed! There are only TWO ways out. (it is hardly believable that this is so!) We have Johns Island, Kiawah Island, Seabrook Island, and Rockville all the same two inadequate routes. In the event of a forced evacuation from the coastal areas of the state, there will be a disaster on hand. Many will be caught in their cars on the inadequate roads out of these areas. Along with the Mark Clark completion, the Cross Island road must also be completed. Don't let anyone say that completing these will cause more growth. The growth is already there.	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>The Mark Clark Extension project is a locally funded project that SCDOT is assisting with the project development. SCDOT does not currently have any funding in the Mark Clark Extension project and does not have a funding source currently for new roadways. For more information on this project visit: https://www.scdotmarkclark.com/</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/8/2021

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PIMW#35	October 25, 2021 at 5:45 pm	I think both need work on them but I don't see how lowering the Wando is helpful for future development that may happen past that bridge. If anything maybe lower to 100 feet high but not the bare minimum of 65 feet.	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>When bridges are replaced, widened or altered in a project over a navigable waterway, then a navigational study is performed as a part of the project development. This study helps to identify the navigational uses and needs of the region in this particular waterway. Once a project is funded for this bridge, then the study will be performed and provided to the US Coast Guard for review. We will coordinate with the US Coast Guard to determine the minimum bridge height requirements for this waterway. Additional information will be presented to the public on this proposed height during future public information meetings.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/8/2021
PIMW#36	October 25, 2021 at 7:18 pm	I think a parallel route along with 1-2 additional lanes to each direction of 526 should be seriously considered.	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>New parallel routes to I-526 were considered in the preliminary regional traffic analysis. However, these routes did not pull enough traffic off of I-526 to relieve the congestion as a standalone regional congestion improvement. The interstate system is our lifeline route for the region and must be managed to operate efficiently and safely.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/8/2021
PIMW#37	October 26, 2021 at 12:25 am	Can these changes include moving the N Rhett on-ramp to 526 east to the opposite side of N Rhett from where it is now? Having eastbound and westbound on ramps on the same side of N Rhett is a nightmare every morning. People race up on the middle lane and expect to be let in by the people that legally got in the correct lane. Please consider this change. Thank you!	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>The I-526 Lowcountry Corridor WEST Project includes interchange modifications at the North Rhett Interchange which is in the project development phase for construction in 2027. For more details on the proposed improvements at this interchange visit: https://www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/west/#Alternatives</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/8/2021

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PIMW#38	October 26, 2021 at 6:22 am	<p>Once again using huge amounts of taxpayers money for a temporary fix. By the time it's finished it would be inadequate.</p> <p>Deal with the REAL problem, container trucks and 18 wheelers. Build a highway in and out of town (allowing trucks access to I26 well out past Summerville. Take the trucks off off 526 and I 26 close in</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Planning for the future is a part of the process with any highway project. For more information on how this fits within the planning process, please check out our educational video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hCCi3xquf-o&t=6s. The existing I-526 infrastructure does not currently support enhancements such as bus lanes or other strategies which would enhance transit in the region. However, all of the proposed alternatives would be planned with the future of Traffic Systems Management & Operations in mind. For some of the preliminary strategies evaluated in this planning that will carry forward if projects are funded are available here: https://www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/Transportation-Systems-Management-and-Operations-Options-2.pdf. In order to create a better public transportation system, many of our roadways will need some improvements in order to support these accommodations. The proposed Lowcountry Rapid Transit project is a key first step toward this plan: https://lowcountryrapidtransit.com/. SCDOT will continue to coordinate with your local transportation planning organization in order to ensure that these projects will work towards a larger regional public transportation plan. https://www.bdcog.com/</p>	Email	11/8/2021
PIMW#39	October 26, 2021 at 6:33 am	<p>None of these plans address the problem of trucks from the port traveling on 526. The port is responsible for much of the congestion in 526 and the damage to the roads. We must get the trucks off this road!! The trucks also need their own entrance/exit to the port and this needs to be paid by the port.</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records. You have been added to our mailing list for project updates.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/8/2021
PIMW#41	October 26, 2021 at 7:31 am	<p>Why would you not complete the 526 over into Johns Island first? Savannah Hwy from West Ashley to Main Road is a nightmare constantly. All the traffic getting onto Main Road daily ties up Savannah Hwy for miles and miles, which is a nightmare for all the residential areas on Savannah Hwy, not to mention the horrific pain it is to travel north and south on Savannah Hwy (one of the main arteries) with this constant traffic and grows daily from all the new comers moving into the area. This was to be done years ago and our funds raised for it was not utilized for the project! Johns Island will continue to grow regardless of what you think, so it's time to have a better infrastructure to accommodate all the traffic problems</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>The Mark Clark Extension project is a locally funded project that SCDOT is assisting with the project development. SCDOT does not currently have any funding in the Mark Clark Extension project and does not have a funding source currently for new roadways. For more information on this project visit: https://www.scdotmarkclark.com/</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/8/2021

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PIMW#42	October 26, 2021 at 7:49 am	I believe this is a waste of money. We don't need wider roads, we need better public transportation. Instead of spending \$4B on widening this road that will eventually be out dated and an issue in the future. I believe to sustain the growth for the future we need things like light rail systems, rapid transit, and better bus system that runs later into the night so that it's access to all people. Please don't widen a road just for the sake of spending money on an interstate that isn't complete and has been a source of many arguments throughout my life. I cannot stress enough how much this project doesn't meet needs now and will not meet needs in the future.	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Planning for the future is a part of the process with any highway project. For more information on how this fits within the planning process, please check out our educational video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hCCI3xqf-o&t=6s. The existing I-526 infrastructure does not currently support enhancements such as bus lanes or other strategies which would enhance transit in the region. However, all of the proposed alternatives would be planned with the future of Traffic Systems Management & Operations in mind. For some of the preliminary strategies evaluated in this planning that will carry forward if projects are funded are available here: https://www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/Transportation-Systems-Management-and-Operations-Options-2.pdf. In order to create a better public transportation system, many of our roadways will need some improvements in order to support these accommodations. The proposed Lowcountry Rapid Transit project is a key first step toward this plan: https://lowcountryrapidtransit.com/. SCDOT will continue to coordinate with your local transportation planning organization in order to ensure that these projects will work towards a larger regional public transportation plan. https://www.bdcog.com/</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/8/2021
PIMW#43	October 26, 2021 at 7:49 am	I believe this is a waste of money. We don't need wider roads, we need better public transportation. Instead of spending \$4B on widening this road that will eventually be out dated and an issue in the future. I believe to sustain the growth for the future we need things like light rail systems, rapid transit, and better bus system that runs later into the night so that it's access to all people. Please don't widen a road just for the sake of spending money on an interstate that isn't complete and has been a source of many arguments throughout my life. I cannot stress enough how much this project doesn't meet needs now and will not meet needs in the future.	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Planning for the future is a part of the process with any highway project. For more information on how this fits within the planning process, please check out our educational video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hCCI3xqf-o&t=6s. The existing I-526 infrastructure does not currently support enhancements such as bus lanes or other strategies which would enhance transit in the region. However, all of the proposed alternatives would be planned with the future of Traffic Systems Management & Operations in mind. For some of the preliminary strategies evaluated in this planning that will carry forward if projects are funded are available here: https://www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/Transportation-Systems-Management-and-Operations-Options-2.pdf. In order to create a better public transportation system, many of our roadways will need some improvements in order to support these accommodations. The proposed Lowcountry Rapid Transit project is a key first step toward this plan: https://lowcountryrapidtransit.com/. SCDOT will continue to coordinate with your local transportation planning organization in order to ensure that these projects will work towards a larger regional public transportation plan. https://www.bdcog.com/</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/8/2021
PIMW#44	October 26, 2021 at 8:08 am	I 100% agree highway 526 needs to be expanded and both bridges need to be replaced. My biggest concern is the Long Point Rd. / Wando Terminal Interchange, it's hard to determine which alternative will reduce the backup caused by trucks exiting today. I've spent a lot of time at that exit when 526 has only 1 lane available because all the trucks are backed up onto 526 trying to exit. It appears to me like option 2 for that interchange may help the most, but can a study be done to see at peak truck exit times to see how each option performs?	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records. You have been added to our mailing list for project updates.</p> <p>The information being presented in this meeting is part of a planning study and the recommended projects are not yet funded. Once the projects are funded, then additional traffic analysis and design will be performed to compare the alternatives in more detail. That information will be presented in future project information meetings.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/8/2021

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PIMW#45	October 26, 2021 at 8:12 am	This will be a much needed improvement to traffic control through this corridor. If 3 lanes are being proposed, then I hope there would be a mandatory requirement that all multi-axel trucks must stay in the far right lane only. Enforce with camera generated fines if necessary. Fire and medical rescue can be highly impacted by clogged lanes generated by slow moving trucks using all lanes as they currently do. This contributes to the accidents that shut down the current road and poses risks to all citizens.	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>If the corridor is widened in the future, then trucks may be restricted from the inside lanes. Camera enforcement is not currently legal in SC and would require a legislative change before any could be considered on SC Roadways.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/8/2021
PIMW#46	October 26, 2021 at 8:16 am	I am very much favor of the overall project. However I am concerned About pack on Daniel Island since the Wando bridge cuts right through the middle of the island. Great Care must be taken to ensure that the visual and ongoing road noise impacts on Daniel Island communities are minimized as much as possible. Thank you	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>SCDOT understands that Noise is the #1 concern of the community. Noise will be studied in detail in the next phase of work for the projects. When we move to the Environmental phase of work, the designs are developed further and will be presented to the public for comments. These more developed designs will include more detail on impacts including noise.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	10/26/2021
PIMW#47	October 26, 2021 at 8:29 am	I hope reducing the road noise is considered. I purchased a very expensive home on the water in Daniel Island Park. I used to not hear any road noise and not can be deafening. The increasing traffic and the development (cutting of trees) it has exacerbated issue. It would be nice if there is road noise reduction tactics in play.	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>SCDOT understands that Noise is the #1 concern of the community. Noise will be studied in detail in the next phase of work for the projects. When we move to the Environmental phase of work, the designs are developed further and will be presented to the public for comments. These more developed designs will include more detail on impacts including noise.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	10/26/2021

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PIMW#48	October 26, 2021 at 8:33 am	<p>Good Morning, I think updaeing this section of 526 is a wonderful idea and encourage the team to embrace the many ideas that i am sure are to come. Two things I would like for the team to discuss are: 1. walking and biking lane access and expansion 2. include discussion for future options like light rail, bus lanes, carpool lanes, and the such. Imagion being able to park in Mt. Pleasant and hop on a bus to daniel Island or even to the airport becасue you knew there were dedicated effcient public transportation!</p> <p>GOD SPEED</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>A shared use pathway is included in the scope of the project which will provide connections across the Cooper River and the Wando River to local bike and pedestrian facilities. In addition, we anticipate that Transportation System Management & Operational strategies would be included in any future projects on this corridor. Once the projects are funded from this planning study, then additional traffic analysis would be performed to determine the best options for future congestion management. For more information about this strategies:</p> <p>https://www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/Transportation-Systems-Management-and-Operations-Options-2.pdf</p> <p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hCCi3xqf-o&t=6s</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/8/2021
PIMW#49	October 26, 2021 at 8:46 am	<p>My family just moved to Daniel Island in early August 2021 and when we found our home back in May the noise didn't seem too bad but since we moved in it is so loud and disrupting to our daily lives. I have to play music and use a water fountain to drown out the noise from 526 to be able to sit in my screened porch and even those things don't drown out the noise. I am so disappointed and frustrated by the noise level of 526.</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>SCDOT understands that Noise is the #1 concern of the community. Noise will be studied in detail in the next phase of work for the projects. When we move to the Environmental phase of work, the designs are developed further and will be presented to the public for comments. These more developed designs will include more detail on impacts including noise.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	10/26/2021
PIMW#50	October 26, 2021 at 8:52 am	<p>I don't disagree this project is needed, but once again what Mt. Pleasant wants and needs, Mt. Pleasant gets, even at a \$4,000,000,000 price tag. In the meantime, James and Johns Island continue to suffer through traffic nightmares (as we have for the last 30 years) and can't get a road built. Finish I-526 first before even considering this \$4 bil project!</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>The Mark Clark Extension Project is a locally funded project and is not an SCDOT funded project. SCDOT is assisting Charleston County in the development of the project but SCDOT does not currently have any funding sources for new roadways.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/8/2021

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PIMW#51	October 26, 2021 at 9:14 am	<p>Though this section of road is a terrible chokepoint for all drivers, we need to extend the 526 on to Johns island before upgrading the current roads! That debacle is more than 20 years in the making as it and needs to be finished first! I do agree that merging the 526 from 3 lanes to two lanes on the don holt bridge is a major bottleneck just before the papermill. Merging trucks and increased port traffic will only make matters worse. Is there an opportunity to have containers loaded on to rail cars and then sent to a distribution center outside of Charleston? perhaps Orangeburg, an area 60 miles to the west. Barely any trucks are leaving our port and heading north on hwy 17; I'd bet that 90% head up I26 to inland locations.</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>The Mark Clark Extension is a locally funded roadway, SCDOT does not have funding for new alignment roadways currently. SCDOT and your local Transportation Planning organization conducts ongoing coordination with the Ports Authority to identify alternative transportation plans for freight movement in the state of SC including inland ports and rail. Funding for port improvements, such as inland ports, do not typically flow through SCDOT but flow from the legislature directly to the SC Ports Authority.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/8/2021
PIMW#52	October 26, 2021 at 9:31 am	<p>We need two things on 526: resurfacing and more police/patrol presence to slow down speeders. We need these two things desperately.</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>SCDOT is managing the pavements with consideration of the future widening projects. If you can provide more information about the sections of the roadway that you are concerned are in need of some repairs, then I can check with maintenance and let you know if we have planned improvements. We typically would implement short term improvements at this time, while planning for larger reconstruction of the pavements in the widening project.</p> <p>SCDOT does not have authority over the highway patrol presence on SC roadways. We would encourage you to contact the SC Department of Public Safety with any concerns over patrols.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	10/26/2021
PIMW#53	October 26, 2021 at 9:46 am	<p>I have lived in Hobcaw Creek Plantation off Long Point Road since I was 4 years old. A location that is near and dear to my heart. I love the area and neighborhood so much that my husband and I decided to buy our own home in the neighborhood to raise our 3 children. I am now almost 37 years old so I have been a first-hand witness to the growth of the area around 526 and the Port. While I understand the economic importance of the Port, there has to be a harmonious relationship. The sheer volume and throughput of the Wando Port has grown by leaps and bounds and continues to. Long Point Road was not built to withstand this. The neighborhoods West of 526 at Long Point Road have to deal with day in and day out the dangerous and downright infuriating actions of the truckers leaving the Wando Port. The high rate of speeds and disregard of basic traffic laws seen from these truckers is a blatant disrespect to the surrounding neighborhoods and frankly a disregard for human life. It is an ABSOLUTE miracle that someone has not been killed at one of the neighborhood entrance intersections because of this. And sadly I feel it is only a matter of time before a serious accident involving one of these truckers occurs.</p> <p>It is my wish and request that a dedicated exit or access to the Wando Port be created to let these maniacs (truckers) play "chicken" with each other and not the lives of our families, children and neighbors. Option 2 for Long Point Road/Wando Port Interchange appears to be the best option giving the Port an exit dedicated to them diverting the masses away from the residential areas.</p> <p>A noise barrier is also much needed to dampen the sounds created from the mass of trucks and vehicles converging on the Long Point Road/526 corridor area. There are only so many plants, trees and fences with makeshift sound absorbing materials that can be put up before enough is enough.</p> <p>I appreciate your time and consideration in helping make this project as meaningful and impactful as possible. Thank you!</p> <p>A Concerned Resident, Charlotte Campbell</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>The interchange improvements at Long Point Road / Wando Port Interchange are anticipated to be one of the early projects to be funded out of the I-526 EAST Corridor study. This interchange improvement would provide some operational improvements and could be constructed prior to the future widening. The widening projects are dependent on the completion of the I-526 WEST Project in order to move forward.</p> <p>We understand that Noise is the #1 concern of the community and Noise will be studied in detail in the next phase of work for the projects. When we move to the Environmental phase of work, the designs are developed further and will be presented to the public for comments. These more developed designs will include more detail on impacts including noise.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	10/26/2021

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PIMW#54	October 26, 2021 at 10:08 am	All the proposals call for lowering the Wando River bridge. Lowering the bridge would increase noise levels to nearby properties and disturb the views of properties along the river. Was an option considered that maintains the current height of the bridge? If not, would you consider an option like that.	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Bridge height is something that is determined in coordination with the US Coast Guard based on navigational River uses and needs in the region. The Wando bridge height will not be determined until additional navigational studies are performed in the next phase of work. The results of those studies will be provided to the US Coast Guard for a determination of the bridge height. Noise studies will also be conducted in the next phase of work which will provide a measuring the noise levels on the current corridor (and associated bridge height) as well as modeling how those noise levels may be impacted by the new roadway and bridge construction and travel patterns. The results of all of these studies will be presented to the public for public input at that time. If the noise levels are undesirable, then a range of noise mitigation options would be explored and modeled to determine which is the best option.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	10/26/2021
PIMW#55	October 26, 2021 at 10:09 am	A Cheap easy way to make short term improvements is to get rid of the 3rd lane on the 526 bridge over the cooper river. The use of it by trucks going slower is negligible compared to people trying to go faster. The back up from merging from 3 lanes back to 2 lanes causes a delay every day.	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>SCDOT performed a safety and operational analysis for implementing interim improvements on the I-526 EAST corridor in 2019 which did include an option for removing the truck lane over the Cooper River. All of the interim improvement options resulted in a decrease in safety and operations on the corridor so these options were not pursued by SCDOT. The I-526 WEST Project which will go to construction in 2027, does include improvements at the North Rhett interchange which will include connecting the truck lanes to the widening associated with the I-526 WEST Project. While it will take some time to get this project open to traffic, it should provide some incremental improvement in operations on the EAST corridor.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	10/26/2021
PIMW#56	October 26, 2021 at 10:10 am	Thank you for this information. I fully support replacing both bridges as recommended. I would however suggest trying to limit the impact of the longpoint road interchange changes, particularly avoiding needing to relocate homes. In particular, Option 4 should be set aside as impractical in my opinion. No one in that area is going to want the highway or ramps closer to their homes, but that appears to have the most impact. Thank you for your hard work on this - I am glad to see this project hopefully move forward.	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>The interchange alternatives for Long Point Road are preliminary alternatives and in the next phase of work will be further developed and traffic performance and impacts analyzed. We must include alternatives for improvements at the actual Long Point interchange in order to provide a comparison to the creation of a new adjacent partial interchange (options 2 and 3). In the next phase of work, we will be able to show comparisons of the performance and impacts of each alternative in more detail for alternatives analysis.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	10/26/2021

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PIMW#57	October 26, 2021 at 10:13 am	I see better infrastructure and JOBS! I am a local Realtor and traffic is a big issue. This looks as though it would add value to our thriving community.	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	10/26/2021
PIMW#58	October 26, 2021 at 11:16 am	Before fixing Longpoint/526 interchange, there needs to be improvements at North Rhett exit. The exit backs up onto the interstate daily going west. There are a minimum of 2 schools with students from around the tricounty area descending on this exit, along with trucks. Because there are two lanes off the exit, both lanes accomodate left turns, leaving cars who need to go right to school, on the interstate. It is a mess daily and there is no comparison to this exit and Longpoint Road. I take Longpoint daily and it is not an issue. But North Rhett is a daily mess.	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Improvements at the North Rhett Interchange are included in the I-526 WEST Project which will go to construction prior to the I-526 EAST projects. The North Rhett interchange is connected to the elevated section of interstate connected to the I-526 and I-26 interchange so it will take some time to complete the construction on this section of roadway. The WEST project will go to construction in 2027. We do anticipate that the Long Point Interchange would be the first project funded out of the EAST project, since it is a project that could provide some operational improvements before the widening can be implemented. The widening on the EAST segment would not be able to go to construction until the widening on I-526 between I-26 and Virginia avenue is completed on the WEST project.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	10/26/2021
PIMW#59	October 26, 2021 at 1:47 pm	From the get-go, I want to emphasize that I stand firmly opposed to this project in its current form. Anyone with a web browser could easily learn that building urban highways does but destroy homes and businesses, divide communities, and create greater volumes of traffic over time. Yet, this department runs gleefully towards any proposal that sees miles of asphalt as the solution to our problems. I want to live in a community where cars are not the only feasible way to travel. I want a metro area where walking, biking, and transit are considered the default modes of transportation. Why should we spend what essentially amounts to the cost of the ENTIRE Lowcountry Rapid Transit project per MILE when we know that widening highways will only commit us further to a broken system? Keep the bike/ped bridges and build a rapid transit line along the route. Save our money and fix our traffic; that's what you're here for.	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>With the growth and future travel demands in this region, SCDOT knows that simply adding capacity is not going to be the sole, long-term solution for congestion in this corridor. However, there are many basic infrastructure needs that must be addressed in order to implement new technologies known as "Active Traffic Management" and other technologies which enhance transit and alternative travel choices. These strategies, such as variable speed limits, ramp metering, managed lanes, bus lanes, and opening up shoulders during peak times, not only require additional lane capacity, but also other new infrastructure such as upgraded electrical systems and internet capabilities. The current alternatives presented "pave the way," quite literally, for these types of future alternative traffic management strategies.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	10/26/2021

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PIMW#60	October 26, 2021 at 2:30 pm	<p>The problem is not the size of the roads, it's the trucks from the Wando terminal. The Leatherman port was made intelligently - with rail and I-26 access.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) TODAY Restrict truck traffic to the outside lanes only. 2) Restripe and widen the route to 3 lanes each direction. Both bridges are already sized for 3 lanes. 3) Enlarge 526 from Cooper river to I-26. 4) Move the port to the Cooper River with access to I-26. 5) Build a 4 mile tunnel from the Wando terminal due west under both rivers to I-26. That is only \$300M/mile and no disruptions. 	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Truck traffic cannot be restricted on a facility with only 2 travel lanes in each direction, as this would limit passing operations for these vehicles. In the proposed improvements, the additional lanes would allow more operational flexibility and trucks would be restricted on the inside lanes of the interstate. An interim improvements study was performed in 2019 to determine whether a restriping of I-526 between I-26 and Clements Ferry Road was feasible. The safety analysis indicated that this proposed change would result in an increase number of serious crashes on this roadway, and thus this proposed improvement was eliminated as an option. The I-526 Lowcountry Corridor WEST Project is underdevelopment currently and proposes to widen I-526 from the Virginia Avenue interchange to Paul Cantrell Blvd, including interchange improvements at the I-526 & I-26 interchange and North Rhett Interchange. For more information on this project: https://www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/west/#Alternatives</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/8/2021
PIMW#61	October 26, 2021 at 4:41 pm	<p>Unfortunately, I have to miss the in person meeting on 10/26/21. As a homeowner and resident of Etiwan Pointe off of Wando Park Blvd., the alternatives for Lowcountry Corridor East are not favorable. Aside from cutting off parts of the neighborhood and certain homes, what would be left is too close to the homes that would remain and would most likely significantly diminish property values and re-sale in the future. I know these are concepts and this is only if funding happens one day. Regardless, if some homes are bought for the project, why not all? What you would leave people with would not be useful. Thank you and I look forward to future meetings.</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting last fall. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>The Long Point Road / Wando Port Interchange project has been recently funded to become the first project to be developed out of the I-526 East Study. We will have additional public information meetings to show more details on the reasonable improvement alternatives later this year.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	3/17/2022
PIMW#62	October 26, 2021 at 7:14 pm	<p>I fully support a dedicated port access road for trucks. (Option 2) I have young children who are on bikes and soon to be behind the wheel. The truck traffic on Long Point Rd has grown exponentially over the years and I fear for the residents safety. A dedicated access road would help the port with turn around times and ensure the safety of local residents. Thank you for your consideration.</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records. You have been added to our mailing list for project updates.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/8/2021

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PIMW#63	October 26, 2021 at 7:14 pm	I fully support a dedicated port access road for trucks. (Option 2) I have young children who are on bikes and soon to be behind the wheel. The truck traffic on Long Point Rd has grown exponentially over the years and I fear for the residents safety. A dedicated access road would help the port with turn around times and ensure the safety of local residents. Thank you for your consideration.	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records. You have been added to our mailing list for project updates.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/8/2021
PIMW#64	October 26, 2021 at 7:15 pm	I fully support a dedicated port access road for trucks. (Option 2) I have young children who are on bikes and soon to be behind the wheel. The truck traffic on Long Point Rd has grown exponentially over the years and I fear for the residents safety. A dedicated access road would help the port with turn around times and ensure the safety of local residents. Thank you for your consideration.	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records. You have been added to our mailing list for project updates.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/8/2021
PIMW#65	October 26, 2021 at 8:07 pm	For the Long Point Road/Wando Port: Option 2 (with option 3 as a secondary alternative) would significantly improve the safety, traffic flow, and commute for mount pleasant residents who live in neighborhoods off of long point road (Hidden Cove, Oak Park, Hobcaw Creek Plantation, and Belle Hall, etc)	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records. You have been added to our mailing list for project updates.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/8/2021

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PIMW#66	October 26, 2021 at 10:49 pm	My family moved to Mt. Pleasant in 2019. Due to the pandemic, we are just beginning to make friends in our neighborhood and feel at home. This community has now helped us through the birth of our second child, the death of a loved one, and the young growth of my 3 year old son. This sentimental value, coupled with the sharp increase in property values in our area leaves us with the belief that if we are relocated we might have to leave Mt. Pleasant altogether. How do those behind this project plan to mitigate this tragic situation for my family? Comparable homes in the area may be close to 1M\$. What can be done here?	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. For more information regarding the Right of Way process, please check out the links below:</p> <p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ISDHjxUqSw</p> <p>https://www.scdot.org/business/pdf/rightofway/HighwaysandYou.pdf</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	10/28/2021
PIMW#67	October 27, 2021 at 8:35 am	It is important to see the ROW lines for the Long Point/526 Interchange. Please update and provide more information on interchange height, acceleration lanes, lane sizes, land use and ROW impact for each option. Feel free to email me directly or post. This is as important and possibly an even bigger impact to our communities than the lane expansions.	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. For more information regarding the Right of Way process, please check out the links below:</p> <p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ISDHjxUqSw</p> <p>https://www.scdot.org/business/pdf/rightofway/HighwaysandYou.pdf</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	10/28/2021
PIMW#68	October 27, 2021 at 8:58 am	Please take into account the number of families affected if homes are eliminated and people are forced to move in the Belle Hall, Grassy Creek, and Tidal Walk neighborhoods. Certainly the best options are the ones that do not destroy people's homes.	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. For more information regarding the Right of Way process, please check out the links below:</p> <p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ISDHjxUqSw</p> <p>https://www.scdot.org/business/pdf/rightofway/HighwaysandYou.pdf</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	10/28/2021

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PIMW#69	October 27, 2021 at 12:27 pm	Bridges need to be widened going into Mt. Pleasant exit. Make an Airport exit 16 specific lane. Remove back up to I26 corridors. Need to grade rifas to drain water to median and/or green areas to avoid flooding slow lanes during periods of rain.	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed.</p> <p>A detailed drainage study will be developed during the design phase for any funded projects from this planning study. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development. Improvements are proposed a the Airport interchange in the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor WEST Project. More information on the proposed designs can be viewed here for that location: https://www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/west/#Alternatives.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/8/2021
PIMW#70	October 27, 2021 at 1:59 pm	<p>Long Point Road/Wanda Port Interchange: Option 2 is the clear winner. Option 2 is the most efficient plan for getting trucks in and out of the Wando Terminal. It would streamline truckers in both directions between The Terminal and 526, relieving the congestion on Long Point Road.</p> <p>Options 1 and 4 would not solve the issue of the bottlenecks coming in and out of the terminal. Hence I am voting against these two options.</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	10/28/2021
PIMW#71	October 27, 2021 at 2:00 pm	<p>Long Point Road/Wanda Port Interchange: Option 2 is the clear winner. Option 2 is the most efficient plan for getting trucks in and out of the Wando Terminal. It would streamline truckers in both directions between The Terminal and 526, relieving the congestion on Long Point Road.</p> <p>Options 1 and 4 would not solve the issue of the bottlenecks coming in and out of the terminal. Hence I am voting against these two options.</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	10/28/2021

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PIMW#72	October 27, 2021 at 2:42 pm	<p>Option 2 for Long Point Rd/Wanda Interchange is the best option for all parties. Option 2, with the dedicated on/off ramp for trucks onto I526, would decrease the bottleneck of car/truck traffic on Long Point Rd., as well as address the safety hazards and quality of life issues for SPA neighbors along this route.</p> <p>The SCSPA accounts for about 10% of SC's economy, providing 1 in 10 jobs and 1.1 billion in tax revenue and is slated to increase these totals as more/larger container ships arrive with the deepening of the harbor.</p> <p>Option 2 allows easier access to the Wando Welch Terminal for movement of containers, but also gives the option of using Long Point Road if necessary. I am opposed to Options 1 and 4 as these 2 options would not alleviate the gridlock or give SCSPA the extra option for container movement.</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	10/28/2021
PIMW#73	October 27, 2021 at 3:02 pm	<p>Not a specific comment, but will there be a communication to the affected properties which may become part of the eminent domain/condemnation process, description of the steps and time involved?</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. For more information regarding the Right of Way process, please check out the links below:</p> <p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ISDHjxUqSw</p> <p>https://www.scdot.org/business/pdf/rightofway/HighwaysandYou.pdf</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	10/28/2021
PIMW#74	October 27, 2021 at 4:03 pm	<p>As a Charleston native, parent, homeowner and business owner in the Belle Hall/ Seacoast Parkway area of Mount Pleasant - residing here since 1997 after graduating College of Charleston - I specifically chose to live in South Mount Pleasant (as it's now referred) for a plethora of reasons including the days when rent for a two-bedroom townhouse off Chuck Dawley went for \$695.00 per month. We (my family) have experienced concerns, changes and adjustments while living close to 526 and the port which include but aren't limited to:</p> <p>Traffic disasters over periods when the port transferred over to a new computer system, leaving 18-wheelers backed up for miles which not only affected I-526 traffic, it affected all inbound roads to Mount Pleasant such as the Ravenel Bridge... making all routes clogged. Overwhelming flooding in the area of Tidal Walk/Belle Hall when SCDOT clears the brush/tree lined area against 526W—as a former Belle Hall Plantation resident, when clearing happened, flooding increased there as well. A trickle down effect in its full definition. When the trees/buffer/shrubs are removed, the wildlife that is "evicted" begin showing up in more populated areas; causing dangerous driving conditions as these animals live a true-life game of FROGGER - often injuring drivers and sadly, resulting in a roadkill animal cafe. Let's not forget all the trash that floats to the top and eventually into our rivers. During the construction and road closures of the Ravenel Bridge, Mount Pleasant residents & those traveling to East of the Cooper only had one option to go back and forth --- 526 to I-26. A commute that still resonates with residents even to this day and proof it was a spawn of poor infrastructure and planning. Even back then, when our population was half of what it is today, this detour caused huge traffic issues for the interstate and I-26/526 interchange giving residents only one way around — adding to the commute at all times. Not to mention all the broken down vehicles strewn along 526 near the Don Holt. Makes you wonder if all the stress put on that one artery of 526 contributed to the current structural problems that plague the Wando Bridge today. Extensive building in North Mount Pleasant has resulted in additional 30+ minutes to commutes just to get to 526 from N. Mount Pleasant - making it impossible for some children to get to schools in other parts of the Lowcountry on time...and it's not just school... kids who are in need of specialized healthcare (both mentally and physically) and those who participate in activities such as sports, band, music, the arts and more.</p> <p>The proposed routes for a new Wando Bridge on ramp/causeway have many tentacles and concerns that will affect families and businesses that hug it. With the recent renderings showing options of demolishing homes or creating a new causeway that will practically run into a neighbor's back door, these points should be taken into consideration:</p> <p>Many of our neighbors use 526 daily to travel to work. For example, those in the Armed Forces as we have several neighbors that pilot C-17s out of the Air Force Base and more. These families chose the area of Tidal Walk and Belle Hall area because of the schools, neighborhoods and ease of getting on and off to work. Additional employers of our friends and neighbors include commercial airlines, FedEx/UPS, government and cybersecurity workers, essential workers and more... lifelines to the inner workings and safety to the Lowcountry. When many of the residents bought the homes in the proposed area of Tidal Walk and Belle Hall, it was not disclosed that their homes could be demolished in the future. Property values were not sky high in 2017 when we bought our home, and we knew it would be our forever home. Now, even if we sold our home today, we would not be able to afford or even find a home for our child in this area because property values are through the roof— pricing people out of being homeowners... and now plans are released to demolish homes to turn "paradise into a parking lot." How do you explain to those near the proposed area to try to sell their home today only to disclose that it's an undetermined time they could live in the house? How does this affect the children? The list is long and deserves more investigation/research.</p> <p>It's reported the Ravenel Bridge took almost 20 years to raise financial support for its creation. This "sloper sewing pattern" mentality isn't like a pair of jeans coming back into style, these are families, businesses and homes. One size doesn't fit all. I've studied the graphic created "What did we hear & how did we use your input?" The dates were conducted from May-August 2020 - the same time our country was impacted by a pandemic, children were learning virtually, people lost jobs and people they loved due to COVID - truly making this study null and void as nothing in life was "normal" at that time.</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. 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For more information regarding the Right of Way process, please check out the links below:</p> <p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ISDHjxUqSw</p> <p>https://www.scdot.org/business/pdf/rightofway/HighwaysandYou.pdf</p> <p>During project development a drainage study will be conducted to upgrade the drainage along the corridor within the new designs for improvements. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). 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PIMW#75	October 27, 2021 at 6:58 pm	<p>Just a couple comments based on my experience driving on I526 East between Daniel Island and Mount Pleasant and other local roadways:</p> <p>1) Is it possible to create a separate off ramp for semi traffic exiting I526 East onto Long Point Rd? (I couldn't tell from the diagrams if that was an option being considered.)</p> <p>2) I like the diagrams of the proposed new Wando bridges, one in each direction. Please be sure to include a lane for disabled vehicles to be able to pull off the road; this is missing on the Ravenel Bridge.</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Two of the Long Point Interchange alternatives include 2 alternatives which include a new partial interchange flyover ramp which would create access to the Wando Port and the Western end of Long Point Road prior to the Long Point Interchange. All of the widening and bridge alternatives include 12 foot inside and outside shoulders which are required for the heavy truck volumes on this corridor.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	10/28/2021
PIMW#76	October 28, 2021 at 10:06 am	<p>I support full bridge replacement, adding 2 lanes each way to I-526 and redesign of the Long Point interchange. However, I also believe that a quick feasibility assessment of bringing rail to the Wando Port should be conducted. It would require a separate bridge across the upper Wando or it could be integrated into the I-526 design. This would take the truck pressure from I-526 and provide much greater container transport capability than the use of trucks. Adding rail would also decrease pollution and congestion by getting trucks off the road (although using electric powered trucks would also help).</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>SCDOT will further coordinate with the SC Ports Authority as the projects move forward to determine the feasibility of shifting some container traffic to rail and how this would potentially impact the truck volumes on the corridor.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	10/28/2021
PIMW#77	October 28, 2021 at 12:40 pm	<p>The Don Holt and Wando bridges are already 6 lane. By adjusting the lane striping on the approaches and adding a center lane into the median where necessary there would be an immediate improvement in traffic by eliminating the bottleneck areas. This could be done immediately and for a much smaller price tag. The larger expansion might be postponed or eliminated with this improvement, especially if the Wando Terminal shifts truck traffic to Leatherman or Jasper terminals on the west side of the Cooper and Wando rivers.</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>SCDOT did a study in 2019 on restriping the interstate to 3 lanes on the Don Holt to the I-26 interchange and/or the N Rhett Interchange. The safety analysis indicated an increase in serious crashes due to the loss of shoulder in this area so this interim improvement option was eliminated. With coordination with the SC Ports Authority, there are no plans to significantly decrease truck traffic from the Wando Port to the new ports. The new ports are to expand the ports container capacity in the state.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	10/28/2021

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PIMW#78	October 28, 2021 at 2:40 pm	<p>Im strongly supportive of this plan to rebuild a new Don Holt (best change the name too) and Wando bridges with more east and westbound lanes. Probably like the Ravenel Bridge as it was much needed with more lanes when built those years back to replace the narrow Cooper River Bridge to accommodate the increased traffic flow. By doing so, this will prevent traffic delays from disabled vehicles and so many daily wrecks on Don Holt. Now Wando dosen't have many wrecks as Don Holt to say the least, but Don Holt bridge is undoubtedly cursed in my opinion with constant traffic tie-ups from blocked lanes anytime during the day.</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	10/28/2021
PIMW#79	October 28, 2021 at 5:15 pm	<p>Would like to learn more about the No Build Alternative and what the specific congestion and congestion-related crashes would be in comparison to the proposed alternatives.</p> <p>Was a multi-modal transportation alternatives were considered? If so, what were the results? If not, why?</p> <p>Is there an alternative that creates a dedicated, divided lane (and possibly a bridge span) each way (with safety shoulder) dedicated ONLY to trucks going to and from the port? If this two-lane dedicated road is built it would relieve congestion on I-526 and eliminate the need to build an additional 2 new bridge spans.</p> <p>Has a dedicated rail system been considered strictly for moving containers from the Port to an off-on loading facility near River Road, removing port trucks entirely from I-526? This would substantially increase the capacity and longevity of the existing bridges and highway?</p> <p>Is there an alternative that keeps both bridges and builds only one additional span (rather than two new ones), turning the existing bridges into one-way and the new spans into the other direction?</p> <p>What are the specific wetland and forest impacts. Which alternative minimizes these impacts?</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Once the projects are funded and enter the project development phase, additional more detailed traffic studies will be performed including Safety Analysis which would provide more information about the safety or crash related projections for each alternative including the no build. Lane assignments for better management of specific traffic volumes (such as trucks, buses or High Occupancy Vehicles) would be studied further in the next phase of work on the project. The initial traffic analysis shows that there is a need for additional lanes, and further analysis and modeling of various lane usages would be considered in the next phase of work in order to maximize the congestion relief. Any truck lanes would be integral to the interstate facility and barrier separated on the same structures to minimize impacts in the navigable waterway. The ports are working to maximize and expand rail service to the ports in cooperation with inland port transfer facilities. There is one in the project development phase in Dorchester County for this purpose. SCDOT will continue to coordinate with the Ports on these options. However, the ports are also expanding operations continuously so these changes do help offset some of these expansion numbers but will not completely remove trucks from the highway at this time.</p> <p>In the conceptual alternatives development for this study, we evaluated the bridges to determine the feasibility of widening and the length of remaining useful life. A determination was made that the I-526 bridge over the Wando River was not suitable for widening and was likely going to be nearing the end of its useful life by the time this project is open to traffic. Thus all the reasonable alternatives include replacing the I-526 Bridge over the Wando River. There are several reasonable alternatives for the Don Holt Bridge over the Cooper River which include building additional capacity on a parallel structure. The costs of widening the Don Holt Bridge were prohibitive relative to new adjacent structures and would not create a critical access pathway with added resilience, meeting today's seismic standards. However, we must also consider the navigational needs in the Cooper River when evaluating alternatives. Early coordination with the Ports reveal that additional vertical heights for navigation are necessary under the Don Holt Bridge. Once the projects are funded, a navigational study will be conducted to identify all the navigational uses in the river, and these results will be coordinated with the US Coast Guard to establish the required navigational clearances for this waterway. These results will be weighed as a consideration in the alternatives analysis during the environmental documentation for the future project.</p> <p>Again, these conceptual alternatives being presented are planning concepts and have not been designed to detail the proposed impacts to wetlands and forest. As we move into project development, we will advance the concepts into more designed detail which would allow us to analyze the alternatives with more detailed information on potential impacts with each alternative. These more detailed design and impacts will be presented to the public for comments in future public information meetings.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/8/2021
PIMW#80	October 28, 2021 at 9:58 pm	<p>I support a dedicated access road to the port from 526 and option 2.</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	10/29/2021

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PIMW#81	October 29, 2021 at 5:21 pm	<p>Good day,</p> <p>Although I can acknowledge the need for improvement of the Lowcountry corridor, widening or adding lanes to absorb the increasing traffic will inevitably increase NOISE pollution. What is considered to minimize the impact? There needs to be some solutions implemented to preserve the quietness of the surrounding residential areas (Noise barrier walls, low-noise road surface or even lowering speed...).</p> <p>Please seriously take that aspect into consideration.</p> <p>Regarding the long Point / Wando Port interchange, with no doubt, the container traffic will keep growing, and LongPoint road is already close to saturation. Option 1 is unlikely to be sufficient and will keep adding traffic, option 4 would just add more traffic and nuisance to the neighborhoods. Option 2 represents the best option and the most efficient solution as it would allow the trucks to have direct access to the Wando terminal from 526, while preserving the neighborhoods on Long Point.</p> <p>Thank you for giving the opportunity to give my input.</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed.</p> <p>Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/8/2021
PIMW#82	October 31, 2021 at 4:10 pm	<p>Option 2 for the Long Point/Wanda interchange looks like the best option. Directing the truck traffic off before the normal long point exit around residential areas would seem to help both the shipping companies as well as residents like my self.</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records. You have been added to our mailing list for project updates.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/8/2021
PIMW#83	October 31, 2021 at 7:58 pm	<p>I think option 2 is the best option for port traffic that will impact less communities along the long point area.</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records. You have been added to our mailing list for project updates.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/8/2021

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PIMW#84	October 31, 2021 at 8:26 pm	<p>We think alternative 2 makes the most sense for the long point road interchange and is a great option.</p> <p>Also very supportive of the shared use pedestrian paths on both bridges and think they will get lots of use! Thank you for including those!</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records. You have been added to our mailing list for project updates.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/8/2021
PIMW#85	October 31, 2021 at 9:51 pm	<p>We greatly prefer option 2. A dedicated on/off ramp that doesn't dump off right in front of a neighborhood seems like the safest and best route. Thank you!!</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records. You have been added to our mailing list for project updates.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/8/2021
PIMW#86	November 1, 2021 at 7:16 am	<p>Will any of this 526 work impact my neighborhood</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed.</p> <p>Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>We do not anticipate any Right of Way impacts on St Thomas Island Drive with the conceptual alternatives that were developed as part of this planning study.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/8/2021

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PIMW#87	November 1, 2021 at 7:23 am	<p>Funding. Politicians are trying to determine how to pay for this. User fees are appropriate but SHOULD NOT CONSIDER PRIVATE TOLL ROADS. If tolls are to be considered, they should be state tolls. Preferred option is to pass a large part of the cost to the port traffic. That traffic is a major part of the congestion and wear and tear.</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records. You have been added to our mailing list for project updates.</p> <p>The information presented in this meeting is part of a planning study and the recommended projects have not yet been funded. Once the projects are funded there will be additional project information meetings to present this information to the public for further comment.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/8/2021
PIMW#88	November 1, 2021 at 1:47 pm	<p>The where, when and how of the project for I-526 is not my knowledge level. But the NOISE has got to be controlled! Whether it is 1 lane added or 4 lanes added noise levels are going to increase. Currently, the noise levels during normal work hours and work days in the Cameron Terrace area is unbelievably loud! There is nothing to mitigate current noise. A few oak trees and scrub brush. But mostly weeds that die off in colder weather allows more noise to filter out into the neighborhoods. So a concrete sound barrier/deflector is severely needed now and in the future of this highway. At nightfall traffic thins down and the noise level decreases to a more livable level until the next work day.</p> <p>I will say that who ever left the vacancy sign out had to be playing a joke! There is no vacancy in the metropolitan Charleston area!</p> <p>Thank you for allowing me to comment.</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts, including noise and noise mitigation, would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time.</p> <p>Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/8/2021
PIMW#89	November 1, 2021 at 10:51 pm	<p>Long point/ Wando port interchange.</p> <p>As of current resident of Hidden Cove neighborhood that is located next to Wando port, I really want to see Option 2 coming. Option 2 is the best option that will help with the very heavy trucks traffic and loud noises. Also, as a mom of teenager and future driver, I am very concerned about the safety of the long point road because of trucks spending going to or coming from Wando port.</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records. You have been added to our mailing list for project updates.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/8/2021

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PIMW#90	November 3, 2021 at 7:40 am	Option 2 is the best thank you.	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records. You have been added to our mailing list for project updates.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/8/2021
PIMW#91	November 3, 2021 at 7:55 am	Option 2 is the only choice that makes sense for the Ling Point Road area. I was hit by a truck on Linda Point Rd and am constantly driving in fear as trucks race from the port to 526. They need their own dedicated entrance and exits.	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records. You have been added to our mailing list for project updates.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/8/2021
PIMW#92	November 3, 2021 at 7:58 am	Voting for option 2 long point road port solution	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records. You have been added to our mailing list for project updates.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/8/2021

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PIMW#93	November 3, 2021 at 7:59 am	I vote for option 2 . Option 2 is the only feasible option for neighborhoods near the port entrance.	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records. You have been added to our mailing list for project updates.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/8/2021
PIMW#94	November 3, 2021 at 8:57 am	I vote for option 2 as a resident of Mount pleasant Neighborhoods and truck traffic need to remain separate as it creates traffic congestion and safety concerns	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records. You have been added to our mailing list for project updates.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/8/2021
PIMW#95	November 3, 2021 at 9:06 am	Option 2 is best long term option for the community. There is already too much traffic on Long Point and the increase volume will choke both the port and the communities surrounding it. If not improved, this will continually degrade quality of life and worsen traffic safety from port traffic.	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records. You have been added to our mailing list for project updates.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/8/2021

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PIMW#96	November 3, 2021 at 9:08 am	<p>I vote for option 2 in the Longpoint road improvements. I have commented before and voted for the wrong option. Option 2 would be best for our hidden cove neighborhood. Those trucks currently come flying out of the port with no regard for speed and it is so dangerous and scary. Let them have their own road so they never have to interact with cars or neighborhoods. So much safer</p> <p>Thank you</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records. You have been added to our mailing list for project updates.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/8/2021
PIMW#97	November 3, 2021 at 9:28 am	<p>Option 2 seems to be the only option that would allow for the increase in traffic from the port. Option 1 is what we have today and clearly does not work, option 4 yes is a high flow intersection but it does not work with slow heavy trucks to that need time to get up to speed. Option 3 just compounds the issues with long point today and creates and even more bottle neck into wando park drive.</p> <p>The port needs direct access to the port just like they did in north Charleston at Hugh Leatherman port. Keep our roads safe.</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records. You have been added to our mailing list for project updates.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/8/2021
PIMW#98	November 3, 2021 at 9:51 am	<p>After studying the options, my preferences are listed below:</p> <p>526E Sec 1 - Option 1-H or 1-I Sec 2 - 2-J Sec 3 - 3-A</p> <p>Long-Point Interchange - Option 2 is clearly superior to other options. It is the only option that decompresses the dangerous mixture of personal vehicle and truck traffic</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records. You have been added to our mailing list for project updates.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/8/2021

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PIMW#99	November 3, 2021 at 9:57 am	As a resident of Mount Pleasant, the importance of the port goes without saying. That being said, minimizing the impact the port has on the city and surrounding neighborhoods is paramount. If done incorrectly, the new long point exit/interchange could have a serious negative impact on local businesses and property values. Option 2 is the only logical option as truck traffic will only increase with the continually evolving digital economy.	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records. You have been added to our mailing list for project updates.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/8/2021
PIMW#100	November 3, 2021 at 10:42 am	Option 2 is the SAFEST option. Plus our neighborhood already backs up to the port and deals with noise pollution issues. I drive 526 everyday to N Chas for work. The trucks need more space designated/enforced. Will not only change Long Pt. But 526 E so much safer.	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records. You have been added to our mailing list for project updates.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/8/2021
PIMW#101	November 3, 2021 at 10:42 am	Option 2 is the SAFEST option. Plus our neighborhood already backs up to the port and deals with noise pollution issues. I drive 526 everyday to N Chas for work. The trucks need more space designated/enforced. Will not only change Long Pt. But 526 E so much safer.	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records. You have been added to our mailing list for project updates.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/8/2021

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PIMW#102	November 3, 2021 at 11:54 am	I vote for option 2.	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records. You have been added to our mailing list for project updates.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/8/2021
PIMW#103	November 3, 2021 at 11:55 am	Option 2	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records. You have been added to our mailing list for project updates.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/8/2021
PIMW#104	November 3, 2021 at 12:30 pm	<p>Option 2 seems to be the best option of those given.</p> <p>1&4 I hope will never be seriously considered for obvious reasons.</p> <p>Thank you,</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records. You have been added to our mailing list for project updates.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/8/2021

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PIMW#105	November 3, 2021 at 4:07 pm	I live on Long Point Rd. and the traffic is already horrific. By expanding I526 it will only increase the number of cars and large trucks that travel on Long Point Rd. We that live on Long Point Road are dealing with trucks coming through our community creating concerns and safety for our children.	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records. You have been added to our mailing list for project updates.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/8/2021
PIMW#106	November 3, 2021 at 5:17 pm	Option 2	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records. You have been added to our mailing list for project updates.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/8/2021
PIMW#107	November 3, 2021 at 5:24 pm	In regards to the Long Point Road/ Wando Port Interchange, Option 2 is the best option. The truck traffic increases every year, and is expected to continue increasing. The port needs a dedicated on/off ramp. The other options would just be bandaids and not provide a long term solution.	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting last fall. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>The Long Point Road / Wando Port Interchange project has been recently funded to become the first project to be developed out of the I-526 East Study. We will have additional public information meetings to show more details on the reasonable improvement alternatives later this year.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	3/17/2022

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PIMW#108	November 3, 2021 at 6:29 pm	I have reviewed all options and believe for the Long Point Interchange Option 2 is the best option to decrease truck traffic and increase the safety of the families and children that live on Long Point Road.	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records. You have been added to our mailing list for project updates.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/8/2021
PIMW#109	November 3, 2021 at 7:33 pm	My opinion is that option 2 would be the best Option for Hidden Cove. Option 1and 4 would be unacceptable.	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records. You have been added to our mailing list for project updates.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/8/2021
PIMW#110	November 3, 2021 at 8:31 pm	As a resident of Hidden Cove for over twenty years I feel that our neighborhood should be given the courtesy of diverting the truck traffic off of Long Point Road. I vote for Option 2.	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records. You have been added to our mailing list for project updates.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/8/2021

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PIMW#111	November 4, 2021 at 1:49 pm	Please use option 2 for the 526 - Longpoint Road interchange. Thanks	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records. You have been added to our mailing list for project updates.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/8/2021
PIMW#112	November 4, 2021 at 2:14 pm	I live in Hidden Cove and vote for Option 2. It is very dangerous as it is coming out of our neighborhood the way these trucks fly past our entrance.	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records. You have been added to our mailing list for project updates.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/8/2021
PIMW#113	November 5, 2021 at 10:27 pm	I like in the Hidden Cove neighborhood near the port on Long Point. Truck traffic is quite significant at current levels. Merging, acceleration, and braking of trucks at the front of our neighborhood is dangerous already, and will only get worse with more containers coming and going in the future. I would prefer option 2 for the Long Point Road/Wando Port Interchange	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting last fall. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>The Long Point Road / Wando Port Interchange project has been recently funded to become the first project to be developed out of the I-526 East Study. We will have additional public information meetings to show more details on the reasonable improvement alternatives later this year.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	3/17/2022

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PIMW#114	November 8, 2021 at 3:59 pm	<p>I'm particularly concerned with the options for the Long Point Road interchange. All of them would greatly impact our area roads in/around Tidal Walk and Belle Hall, increase noise, and likely require homes to be removed. Noise levels are already above healthy levels in the Tidal Walk neighborhood, with afternoon noise levels typically above 90dB. Has there been any consideration for a rail option from Wando Port? This would dramatically cut down on truck traffic, which accounts for at least 30-40% of the daytime traffic, as well as noise. It seems this option would also mean a much less aggressive plan to increase lanes, raise bridges, etc. Also, I know it was mentioned on this web page, but I would like to see a much more aggressive public transportation option/plan. I know I would gladly take a bus to work, if I could. In the end, we will never be able to keep up with the increase in population by increasing road size. Just look at every other major city in the U.S. that has 8 lanes. They now just have 8 lanes of clogged traffic! More lanes will likely encourage faster growth, more people to drive, leading to more congestion. Thanks for the opportunity to provide feedback.</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records. You have been added to our mailing list for project updates.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/9/2021
PIMW#115	November 8, 2021 at 8:35 pm	<p>Resident Request for: 1) Option #2: Dedicated roads for Port Transportation off of 526 & off of Long Point Road 2) Noise Barrier for Hobcaw Creek Plantation As a Resident (for the past 11+ years) of one of the neighborhoods directly off Long Point Road in the line of Port Traffic (Hobcaw Creek Plantation) it is imperative that Port Traffic has their own exit and entrance off 526 to the Port off Long Point Road. Thank you for your consideration!</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/9/2021
PIMW#116	November 9, 2021 at 8:44 am	<p>Dear SCDOT, I am directly impacted by the proposed changes and the current situation on Long Point Rd. I have lived in my Hobcaw Creek Plantation home for over 22 years. I love the location, however the trucks can be overwhelming. I would like to see option 2 to be build over the next several years. Having the trucks off Long Point in residential areas would help the traffic along Long Point and a designated off ramp would be ideal for the port. It seems to be a win win for this area. Please consider some option like #2, that involves a separate off ramp that takes the trucks right to the port. Thanks, Brenda</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/9/2021

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PIMW#117	November 9, 2021 at 5:05 pm	Was any consideration given to building a dedicated "trucks only" lane on I-526 East from I-26 to Hwy 17 in Mt. Pleasant? Trucks would have their own entry and exit ramps at Long Pt. Rd., both toward and away from the Wando Terminal. Trucks would be required to use only this lane except in police designated emergencies. This would open up the existing lanes to cars and smaller trucks only. More policing of the Wando Bridge to require trucks to use the truck lanes would also be helpful.	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>The preliminary traffic studies indicate a need for at least 2 additional travel lanes in each direction. Further traffic studies will be performed once the projects are funded to determine the lane usage that provides the greatest operational benefits. Truck lanes would be one potential lane usage that may be explored in these more in depth studies. We collect origin destination data that would help us better understand the traffic movements in the region. However, there are also heavy truck volumes that travel to the North Rhett & Virginia Interchanges as well as the Long Point Interchange. So a direct truck lane from I-26 to the Port would not remove all trucks from the interstate highway. We would be able to better manage truck traffic with 4 travel lanes in each direction and wide 12 foot inside and outside shoulders. The trucks using the facility would be restricted from the inside lane and operations would be greatly improved with wider shoulders and advanced technology for active traffic management.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/10/2021
PIMW#118	November 10, 2021 at 9:27 am	I strongly support Option #2!	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/10/2021
PIMW#119	November 10, 2021 at 9:29 am	Please count my vote for Option #2	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/10/2021

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PIMW#120	November 10, 2021 at 9:33 am	I favor Option 2 because it gives trucks more direct access to the port and cuts back on traffic along Long Point Road near residential and commercial areas. Thanks!	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/10/2021
PIMW#121	November 10, 2021 at 9:41 am	Option 2 for truck route is needed badly. I understand the importance of the trucks/ports, and I knew it could get messy on Long Point when I moved to the area, but it can be greatly improved. The congestion, paired with drivers' impatience and lack of awareness, creates a very dangerous, and sometimes stressful, area at the end of Long Point. Nothing can be done to fix the attitudes of some drivers but the truck route can be fixed. The intersection at Hidden Blvd. and Long Point, with Shipping Lane adding heavy congestion at certain times during the day, is a complete mess.	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/10/2021
PIMW#122	November 10, 2021 at 9:56 am	I am in favor of option 2. I live by the port entrance. The truck traffic has increased dramatically over the past few years. Some days I can't even get out of my neighborhood without dangerously avoiding trucks. Please build them their own exit from 526	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/10/2021

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PIMW#123	November 10, 2021 at 10:01 am	I vote for option 2 for the longpoint interchange. Truck traffic gets worse every day and turning in and out of our neighborhood is difficult. It would also help to alleviate issues on 526.	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/10/2021
PIMW#124	November 10, 2021 at 10:12 am	<p>Long Point rd. / Wando Port Interchange.</p> <p>I would like to vote for option 2. Please keep the truck away from Long Point, it's really a huge safety concern for our new and older drivers. The traffic is insane and very dangerous</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/10/2021
PIMW#125	November 10, 2021 at 10:18 am	<p>As a Hidden Cove neighborhood resident, I support Option 2 for the Long Point interchange.</p> <p>I do have some concerns. It was not clear the planned use for trucking or industrial aspects of Shipping Lane and estimated continued trucking use of Long Point Rd following this intensive infrastructure investment. These aspects need to be clarified for public comment, understanding and buy-in.</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/10/2021

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PIMW#126	November 10, 2021 at 10:48 am	option 2 is clearly the best solution for congestion and overall traffic flow on long point road.	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/10/2021
PIMW#127	November 10, 2021 at 10:53 am	<p>I prefer option #2.</p> <p>Thanks you for the comprehensive review package.</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/10/2021
PIMW#128	November 10, 2021 at 11:17 am	Please go with Alternative 2 for Port access from I-526	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/10/2021

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PIMW#129	November 10, 2021 at 11:18 am	How do i vote for option 2	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/10/2021
PIMW#130	November 10, 2021 at 11:38 am	Option 2 will be the best option for the truckers and the neighborhoods surrounding. Gives the trucks direct access to the interstate and keeps them off of long point road by the subdivisions. Please go with OPTION 2!	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/10/2021
PIMW#131	November 10, 2021 at 12:44 pm	Hello, I think that option #2 for Long Point Rd would be the best alternative for the communities that are along Long Point (I live in Hidden Cove). We all understand that the port will continue to grow and increased truck traffic is a safety concern for neighbors. This alternative appears to be also beneficial for truckers themselves. I would also be interested to see more details on how option #3 would be completed. Thank you.	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/10/2021

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PIMW#132	November 10, 2021 at 1:00 pm	I would like to strongly endorse Option Two for the Long Point Road Port Access Road. The other proposed "solutions" would either do nothing to reduce or eliminate the truck traffic hasard — or even could make it worse. Option Two will have the least effect on the residential enclaves nearby and will significantly improve quality of life.	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/10/2021
PIMW#133	November 10, 2021 at 1:38 pm	The option 2 on long point road will be the most convenient for our community	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/10/2021
PIMW#134	November 10, 2021 at 1:46 pm	<p>Hello, With the ever increasing truck traffic from the Wando Port, the road noise has become unacceptable for the homes located near I-526 in Mt Pleasant. This problem will only get worse as more and more trucks and cars travel along I-526. There needs to be a sound barrier built along the interstate to reduce road noise coming into nearby homes. This will greatly increase property values, and therefore tax revenue generated by these homes, as well as improve the quality of life near the interstate.</p> <p>Thank you! v/r, Henry Delay</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/10/2021

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PIMW#135	November 10, 2021 at 6:01 pm	I vote for option 2 Longpoint Road interchange	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/15/2021
PIMW#136	November 10, 2021 at 9:13 pm	I vote for option 2, I live in Hidden Cove neighborhood. The truck traffic is heavy and dangerous for both cars and cyclists. It's challenging to get in and out of both residential and commercial businesses with the amount of semi traffic.	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/15/2021
PIMW#137	November 10, 2021 at 9:17 pm	Option 2	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/15/2021

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PIMW#138	November 10, 2021 at 9:20 pm	I think option 2 is a good idea. I have live at my current address 30 years. When 526 was built my husband argued for the port to have its own exit. This improves safety and efficiency. Also a direct way to rail would be of value as we now see on the west coast. I hope you are really considering community input and not just box checking.	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/15/2021
PIMW#139	November 10, 2021 at 9:40 pm	Would prefer option 2	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/15/2021
PIMW#140	November 10, 2021 at 10:10 pm	I vote strongly for option 2 as it protects the neighborhoods and businesses on Long Point Road. There should be no other consideration.	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/15/2021

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PIMW#141	November 10, 2021 at 10:54 pm	I vote for option 2	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/15/2021
PIMW#142	November 10, 2021 at 11:37 pm	I vote on option 2	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/15/2021
PIMW#143	November 11, 2021 at 12:04 pm	Option 2 for LONGPOINT ROAD 526 Project	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/15/2021

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PIMW#144	November 11, 2021 at 1:58 pm	Option 2 is my vote	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/15/2021
PIMW#145	November 11, 2021 at 7:16 pm	I vote option two	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/15/2021
PIMW#146	November 11, 2021 at 8:01 pm	Option 2 appears to be most beneficial to all parties- port, businesses and neighborhoods.	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/15/2021

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PIMW#147	November 11, 2021 at 8:09 pm	I'm a resident of Hidden Cove Subdivision and support Option 2 with a dedicated industrial/Trucking access to the port. As part of the continued study, I would like to see the expected truck traffic on Long Point after this new access as well as planned truck usage of Shipping Lane.	Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records. Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).	Email	11/15/2021
PIMW#148	November 11, 2021 at 8:18 pm	I would like to vote for proposed option 2.	Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records. Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).	Email	11/15/2021
PIMW#149	November 11, 2021 at 11:13 pm	I vote for option 2. We live in Hidden Cove subdivision and would love to see the trucks have a dedicated on/off ramp to 526 and not utilize Longpoint rd. Thank you!	Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records. Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).	Email	11/15/2021

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PIMW#150	November 13, 2021 at 10:53 am	The PEL has proceeded beyond Step 3 with insufficient public outreach. The process was initiated with less than 90 comments received from a metro population of over 800,000 people (0.001% participation). The PEL process should consider the comments received from the OCT 2021 meeting as the starting point for the level 1 processes. The current alternatives were developed and alternatives discarded without sufficient public input.	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Thank you for providing more information about the conservation easement. We will look into this protected area and ensure it is documented in the planning study. If any potential projects are funded from this study, this will be evaluated in more detail during the environmental phase of work for the projects.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/15/2021
PIMW#151	November 13, 2021 at 4:41 pm	Option 2 for Long Point Rd/526 alt route.	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/15/2021
PIMW#152	November 13, 2021 at 4:41 pm	Option 2 for Long Point Rd/526 alt route.	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/15/2021

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PIMW#153	November 14, 2021 at 9:59 am	The alternative to build a replacement Wando Bridge on the south side of the existing bridge was capriciously discarded. The replacement bridge could be constructed with open spans over any grave sites without disturbing them. Memorial parks honoring the cultural and historical significance of graveyards could be constructed in a similar manner to the Memorial Waterfront Park under the Ravenel Bridge. Construction on the south side would greatly reduce adverse impact to residential areas as it would eliminate the need to demolish dozens of owner occupied homes in Mount Pleasant and would greatly mitigate noise pollution to remaining homes in Etiwan Point, Marsh Walk and Belle Hall subdivisions. Also, it should be noted that graves were relocated to accommodate the construction of the exiting bridge. Eliminating alternatives due to existence of graves would be hypocrisy on the part of the State.	Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records. Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).	Email	11/15/2021
PIMW#154	November 14, 2021 at 10:26 am	The Rathall Creek Saltmarshes in Mount Pleasant on the north side of the existing Wando bridge are protected by a private conservation easement held by the National Wildlife Federation, South Carolina Wildlife Federation, Sierra Club, National Audubon Society, Charleston Natural History Society and Save the Wando Association. The PEL does not address impacts to this conservation easement for any construction alternatives on the north side of the existing bridge.	Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records. Thank you for providing more information about the conservation easement. We will look into this protected area and ensure it is documented in the planning study. If any potential projects are funded from this study, this will be evaluated in more detail during the environmental phase of work for the projects. Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).	Email	11/15/2021
PIMW#155	November 15, 2021 at 3:59 pm	I live off of Long Point Rd and constantly have to deal with the port traffic coming into and leaving the neighborhood. I'm in favor of Option 2 where there is a more direct path for the port traffic instead of funneling it past neighborhoods and businesses off of Long Point Rd. I see on a regular basis very aggressive driving behaviors on Long Point Rd as people are turning onto and off of it. Depending on the time of day, there could be long lines of trucks resulting in people waiting for a while to make their turn. So when they see a small opportunity, they are likely to go for it and zoom in front of trucks and other cars in a very risky way and causing people to slam on their brakes at times. Option 2 would help alleviate a lot of this concern since the port traffic would circumnavigate all of this.	Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records. Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).	Email	11/16/2021

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PIMW#156	November 15, 2021 at 4:24 pm	<p>Hello, I would like to offer my vote for option 2 on the Long Point Road/Waldo Port Interchange. This option would allow truck traffic to avoid the stoplights and car traffic on Long Point Road. This would get trucks in and out of the Port more efficiently.</p> <p>Also, I would like to vote against options 1 and 4. Thank you</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/15/2021
PIMW#157	November 15, 2021 at 5:31 pm	I vote for option #2	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/16/2021
PIMW#158	November 15, 2021 at 5:35 pm	I vote for option 2.	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/16/2021

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PIMW#159	November 15, 2021 at 6:21 pm	<p>Good day, Due to the increased container truck traffic on both 526 and Long Point Road, I support Option 2 to provide an alternate access for Wando traffic so that Long Point Road primarily handles residential and small business traffic.</p> <p>Cordially, XXXX Hidden Cove</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/16/2021
PIMW#160	November 15, 2021 at 6:38 pm	<p>I vote for option 2 on the Long Point Road/Wando terminal interchange. I believe this option would best improve safety for everyone, and efficiency for the truck drivers.</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/16/2021
PIMW#161	November 15, 2021 at 7:30 pm	<p>I vote for option 2</p> <p>Thanks</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/16/2021

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PIMW#162	November 15, 2021 at 8:36 pm	<p>I live in Hidden Cove and must carefully leave and enter my subdivision with great care because of all the truck traffic hazards on Long Point Rd. I often have to take chances around blind spots created by truck traffic, trucks parked in turn lanes, and trucks pushing through stop lights. Its also dangerous for foot traffic. I walk to/from my doctor, dermatologist, breweries, and eateries. Besides traffic dangers, there is also fine dust particles that infiltrates our house, cars and bodies. The only acceptable option for me would be one that minimizes the number of trucks on Longpoint Road. Therefore, option number two is my preference.</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/16/2021
PIMW#163	November 15, 2021 at 10:34 pm	<p>Option #2 is the safest option for all those traveling in and among the truck congestion at 526 and Longpoint and Longpoint rd. The infrastructure can no longer safely support the volume (and potential volume) without catastrophic consequences. This is a major opportunity to support the port with direct— to and from—accesses.</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/16/2021
PIMW#164	November 16, 2021 at 6:40 am	<p>I support Reasonable Alternative #2.</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/16/2021

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PIMW#165	November 16, 2021 at 6:44 am	I support Reasonable Alternative 2. Thank you.	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/16/2021
PIMW#166	November 16, 2021 at 10:31 am	For the Longpoint Rd & I-526 and Wando Port interchange we prefer option 2 with the new overpasses to reduce the # of trucks on Longpoint Rd in front of our Hidden Cove subdivision.	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/16/2021
PIMW#167	November 16, 2021 at 1:05 pm	One issue that may be able to resolve on the I526 East Corridor without any spending would be the traffic signal at N Rhett Ave and Remount Rd. This traffic signal does not appear to stay green for N Rhett long enough to clear traffic from N Rhett Ave going towards Goose Creek during the hours of 4pm to 7pm Mon-Fri. Due to this traffic signal not allowing enough traffic to flow on N Rhett Ave, traffic backs up on the ramp from I526 to N Rhett West bound and spills on to I526 backing up traffic all the way to Mt Pleasant. If this signal at N Rhett Ave and Remount Rd could be better timed to allow traffic to flow on N Rhett Ave many delays on I526 West Bound during "rush hour" would be resolved.	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/17/2021

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PIMW#168	November 16, 2021 at 3:57 pm	<p>Option 2 for The Long Point/Wando Welch Interchange is the best option for all parties. Option 2, with the dedicated on/off ramp for trucks onto I526, would decrease the bottleneck of car/truck traffic on Long Point Rd., as well as address the safety hazards and quality of life issues for SPA neighbors along this route.</p> <p>The SCSPA accounts for about 10% of SC's economy, providing 1 in 10 jobs and 1.1 billion in tax revenue and is slated to increase these totals as more/larger container ships arrive with the deepening of the harbor. If Volvo warrants its own interchange, certainly the SPA does, too.</p> <p>Option 2 allows easier access to the Wando Welch Terminal for movement of containers, but also gives the option of using Long Point Road if necessary. I am opposed to Options 1 and 4 as these 2 options would not alleviate the gridlock or give SCSPA the extra option for container movement.</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/17/2021
PIMW#169	November 16, 2021 at 4:18 pm	<p>Hello,</p> <p>I would like to give my support to Option 2 of Long Point Road and 526 interchange. We need to get those trucks in and out of the port. And along with the future improvement of 526, it should get traffic flowing freely again.</p> <p>Thank you!</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/17/2021
PIMW#170	November 16, 2021 at 8:15 pm	<p>I support Option 2 on Long Point Rd Interchange.</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/17/2021

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PIMW#171	November 17, 2021 at 10:53 am	We vote for option 2.	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/17/2021
PIMW#172	November 17, 2021 at 12:06 pm	Please choose Option #2! This will clearly be the best option to direct trucks better to bthe port.	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/17/2021
PIMW#173	November 17, 2021 at 7:58 pm	<p>As a Mt Pleasant parent and homeowner and in the Belle Hall/ Seacoast Parkway area of Mount Pleasant - residing here since the creation of Tidal Walk neighborhood and previously off the Longpoint corridor, I specifically chose to live in South Mount Pleasant to align children to Belle Hall schools and to have property in a convenient quiet area of Tidal Walk.</p> <p>We (my family) have endured changes and adjustments while living close to 526 and the port which include but aren't limited to: Traffic disasters over periods when the port transferred over to a new computer system; flooding in the area of Tidal Walk/Belle Hall when SCDOT clears the brush/tree lined area against 526W; construction and road closures of the Ravenel Bridge, Mount Pleasant residents & those traveling to East of the Cooper only had one option to go back and forth --- 526 to I-26. A commute that still resonates with residents even to this day, yet I love the area I live, and continue to be very happy with the amenities and home life the neighborhood and surrounding area provide as well as the increased property values we expect in Mt Pleasant. We were the first residents to design a home in Tidal Walk. We chose this area just 6 years ago because of all of the education, convenience, and area considerations which are now being jeopardized.</p> <p>The proposed routes for a new Wando Bridge on ramp/causeway have many adverse ramifications and concerns that will affect families and businesses that are within the immediate area. With the recent renderings showing options of demolishing homes or creating a new causeway that will run into my neighborhood, these points should be taken into consideration:</p> <p>Many of our neighbors use 526 daily to travel to work. These families chose the area of Tidal Walk and Belle Hall area because of the schools, neighborhoods and ease of getting on and off to work. When many of the residents bought the homes in the proposed area of Tidal Walk and Belle Hall, it was not disclosed that their homes could be demolished in the future. Property values of the homes that are not purchased and/or demolished would suffer extreme resale issues and losses. The devastation of losing substantial money, driving the residents that specifically purchased homes in this area to be a part of Belle Hall greater area would be driven out and treated like garbage. We should have a say. We should be able to effectively voice our concerns, and I know we will seek counsel when the time comes to make our stand where it counts - courts and proceedings...we WILL have our voices heard before you go too far down the wrong road.</p> <p>The only good solution is to leave the neighborhood areas alone, untouched. If expansion is needed, why not expand 526West towards the middle. Traffic isn't a concern for residents until the wando. Expanding at that point will not disturb existing neighborhoods. Keeps everyone in their desirable homes, keeps their children in schools with their friends and even family members that all live in this area with us. Why treat hard working DOD and Government workers like myself and wife as second class citizens?! Thanks.</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/18/2021

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PIMW#174	November 18, 2021 at 3:04 pm	Option 2 is ideal. Thank you.	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/18/2021
PIMW#175	November 18, 2021 at 3:12 pm	OPTION 2 is the only option that alleviates safety hazards that we in communities off long point road regularly face by taking a large percentage of truck traffic off of Long Point Rd by giving the Port direct access to I-526 without using Long Point Rd	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/18/2021
PIMW#176	November 18, 2021 at 3:15 pm	I live in Hidden Cove which is off Long Point Road down toward the port. I support option 2 to help alleviate traffic and safety concerns.	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/18/2021

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PIMW#177	November 18, 2021 at 3:17 pm	Option 2, clearly. The trucks are a massive safety hazard and most of the drivers have zero regard for the passenger vehicles sharing Long Point Road with them. Hidden Cove subdivision residents, especially, are forced to deal with speeding, carless driving truckers on the way into and out of the neighborhood. Please move forward with Option 2.	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/18/2021
PIMW#178	November 18, 2021 at 3:23 pm	I support option 2 for the Long Point Road/Wando Terminal Interchange Thanks	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/18/2021
PIMW#179	November 18, 2021 at 3:34 pm	I believe option 2 is the best solution for residents and the port.	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/18/2021

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PIMW#180	November 18, 2021 at 3:35 pm	<p>Long Point Road/Wando Port Interchange OPTION 2</p> <p>None of the other options are safe for those who live on this part of Long Point road.</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/18/2021
PIMW#181	November 18, 2021 at 3:36 pm	<p>Long Point Rd Option 2 is the only viable solution that addresses the ever increasing danger of having more and more trucks driving through our neighborhoods. Sometimes we can't even get in or out of Hidden Cove because of the trucks either at a standstill blocking the entrance, or speeding one after the other. It is not safe, especially for our kids and young drivers.</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/18/2021
PIMW#182	November 18, 2021 at 3:52 pm	<p>I vote for Option 2. I live and work off Longpoint Road. While I just go from Hidden Cove to Wando Park Boulevard every day, you never know what to expect. It is dangerous at times to try and turn left onto Wando Park in the mornings and feels equally as dangerous coming from lunch and trying to fight to get in the right turn lane with the trucks getting off 526 merging on to Longpoint. There is no way to expand Longpoint Road in the future, although it needs it now at times and repave it with concrete like we did in the past with everyone sharing half of Longpoint Road. I had to go home and meet someone at my house around 10 and there was no problem. Leaving 35 minutes later it was crazy backed up to the port. Please build Option 2 and please do something soon! Thanks</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/18/2021

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PIMW#183	November 18, 2021 at 3:59 pm	I am in favor of Long Point Road/Wando Port Interchange OPTION 2!	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/18/2021
PIMW#184	November 18, 2021 at 4:18 pm	I am in favor of proposed option #2 for the Longpoint Rd. This option moves the semi-truck traffic away from most of the common traffic which seems to be the safest option for all.	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/18/2021
PIMW#185	November 18, 2021 at 4:19 pm	I am in favor of proposed option #2 for the Longpoint Rd. This option moves the semi-truck traffic away from most of the common traffic which seems to be the safest option for all.	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/18/2021

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PIMW#186	November 18, 2021 at 4:52 pm	<p>As a resident in the Hidden Cove neighborhood, I strongly support the Long Point Road/Wando Port Interchange OPTION 2. As an original Charlestonian and long time resident of Hidden Cove, the truck traffic was not much of an issue in the past but it has now come to be not only a major issue but a legitimate concern. The Port is a vital operation for our area so it goes without saying that resolution for the Port and the residents on the Southern stretch of Long Point Road is critical. There is only one blatantly clear resolution which is getting the trucks off Long Point Road. It has reached a point where safety, tempers and traffic levels have reached their breaking point. Any option other than Option 2 is a waste of time and money which would be extremely frustrating to see that happen. Easier access for the trucks with reduced traffic stress on long point would be enjoyed not only by the truck divers/shipping and logistic companies but also by the residents and businesses in the Southern Stretch of Long Point Road. Thank you for the strong consideration and hopeful implementation of Option 2 for this much needed improvement.</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/19/2021
PIMW#187	November 18, 2021 at 4:59 pm	<p>It is clear that option 2 provides the least disruption for residents on Longpoint Road south. It will also assist businesses along longpoint road before the spa wando direct access. I would like to see planned ramp elevations for options 2 and 3. I would laso like to see estimated \$ and what current sites / buildings would have to be relocated to complete 2 and 3. Estimated truck noise should be taken into account on elevations of plans. 2 and 3 would give options on widening long point road to 17.</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/19/2021
PIMW#188	November 18, 2021 at 5:23 pm	<p>Option 2 is a win- win- win for everyone involved. The SC port is the biggest money maker for the state. Surely they can afford to help the trucks roll faster to I-526 using the option 2 design.</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/19/2021

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PIMW#189	November 18, 2021 at 8:07 pm	I have lived in Hidden Cove Subdivision for over 21 years, and throughout that time I have witnessed many dangerous situations involving the interaction between trucks going to the port and car traffic on Longpoint Road. It has worsened every year. Just this morning, when on my way to a dental appointment I was almost rear-ended by a tractor-trailer when I stopped for a red light (not a sudden stop). Fortunately, the truck swerved around me (thereby running the red light). It was also fortunate that no one was in the next lane. On the way back from my appointment, truck traffic was backed up in both lanes, which caused vehicles travelling in both directions to use the median to get around the truck traffic, creating a dangerous situation. Option 2 is the only alternative that would eliminate these dangerous conditions, and would likely create a more efficient entry to the port for the important truck traffic.	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/19/2021
PIMW#190	November 18, 2021 at 10:27 pm	We support Option 2. Also, our number one concern is traffic noise. We live in Hobcaw Creek and since the buffer was taken down it has gotten very loud.	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/19/2021
PIMW#191	November 19, 2021 at 8:23 am	I live in Hidden Cove, so I am well acquainted with the very heavy container truck traffic on Longpoint Rd. I have reviewed the options presented above and am strongly in favor of Option 2. I believe Option 2 will best accomplish the goals of this important project. Crossing Longpoint Rd. from Hidden Blvd./Shipping Lane is very difficult, and therefore, an Option that utilizes Shipping Lane for truck traffic access to the Port does not seem like a good solution to me. Thank you for your work on this important project that has the potential to improve this situation for both the residents of this area and the truck drivers if Option 2 is selected.	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/19/2021

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PIMW#192	November 19, 2021 at 9:18 am	I believe Option 2 would be best to move the trucks in & out of the port	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/19/2021
PIMW#193	November 19, 2021 at 10:08 am	The truck traffic is extremely dangerous to pedestrians and little kids who ride their bikes from Hidden Cove neighborhood to the Belle Hall shopping center. Option 2 is in the best interest of our community.	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/19/2021
PIMW#194	November 19, 2021 at 10:22 am	I strongly support Option #2.	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/19/2021

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PIMW#195	November 19, 2021 at 1:17 pm	<p>Long Point Road/526 Interchange</p> <p>I would like to throw my support behind option 2 of the Long Point Road/Wando Port Interchange. Option 2 would give truckers their own route to get in and out of the port.</p> <p>Also, please take options 1 and 4 off the table; Those options do not seem to be viable solutions to the traffic problems.</p> <p>Thank you</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/19/2021
PIMW#196	November 19, 2021 at 1:41 pm	<p>Please consider completing on land projects first-such as connecting across James Island to Riverland Drive . This will alleviate some crowding and many accidents on Folly Road as it will end a left turn across dual lanes . It will also help traffic on Camp Road beside the new middle school as many who do not want to make the left turn across Folly Rd without a light now take the round-about at Riverland and Camp and proceed to the turn @ Camp and Folly. Such a short distance and such impact should be done first</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/19/2021
PIMW#197	November 19, 2021 at 5:01 pm	<p>I think option 2 is the best option to keep the nearby neighborhoods safe for both family vehicle and pedestrian traffic. Fortunately, there is the perfect space for a new road, close to the shipping terminal to put a separate 526 access for the truck traffic. Thanks!</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/22/2021

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PIMW#198	November 19, 2021 at 9:35 pm	Hello, I vote OPTION 2. I live in Hidden Cove subdivision and I want to ensure safe driving by routing trucks off of long point road.	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/22/2021
PIMW#199	November 20, 2021 at 9:47 am	Despite expense and hurdles, I think option 2 for the Longpoint Wando terminal is the alternative that will provide lo term benefits. As a Mt P resident working in Goose Creek I am directly impacted by these changes. I have family and friends who live in Hidden Cove, right near the port. It is extremely difficult and dangerous at times to maneuver turns and general driving into the neighborhood. Thank you for this platform to respond.	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/22/2021
PIMW#200	November 21, 2021 at 3:05 pm	Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed improvements to the I-526 east corridor. Regarding the Long Point Rd/Wando Terminal (Port) Interchange: I believe Option 2, a dedicated Port access/egress road, is by far the best option for all users of the west end of Long Point Rd, including the truck drivers; the business owners, their employees and their customers; and the local residents). The Port is continuously upgrading their facilities to accommodate more, and larger, ships, which equates to moving more containers and putting more trucks on Long Point Rd. Unfortunately, the infrastructure (road system) is lagging behind, and safety along the west end of Long Point Rd is now a major concern due to the truck congestion. Now is the time to correct this deficiency by building a dedicated road to and from the Port.	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/22/2021

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PIMW#201	November 21, 2021 at 4:51 pm	I feel Option 2 is, by far, the most favorable option for relocating the truck traffic coming into and egressing Wando Terminal. The truck traffic has increased to the point of becoming a serious safety issue. Option 2 appears to be the least intrusive option for all concerned. It would also speed up the arrival / departure times of truck traffic therefore increasing productivity for the terminal.	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/22/2021
PIMW#202	November 21, 2021 at 5:06 pm	After carefully reviewing the various options I am in favor of option 2. There are no easy solutions but it makes the most sense and also would provide more safety for surrounding neighbors and a direct shot for trucks without having to stop for two traffic lights. OPTION 2	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/22/2021
PIMW#203	November 21, 2021 at 9:25 pm	All of the proposals for section 2 that are still under consideration either add 4 lanes on only one side of the existing 526 footprint, or expand the footprint symmetrically by adding 2 lanes to each side. I'm wondering whether expanding the footprint asymmetrically by adding 1 lane to one side and 3 lanes to the other side could reduce the number of residences along this section that the other proposals put at risk of demolition.	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/22/2021

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PIMW#204	November 22, 2021 at 10:14 am	I would like to voice my support for option 2. Traffic continues to back up In Front of Hidden Cove. It is difficult to get in and out of our neighborhood when traffic backs up. If traffic increases this will get worse. Option 2 would alleviate a lot of traffic in front of the neighborhoods and businesses.	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/22/2021
PIMW#205	November 22, 2021 at 12:05 pm	Please put me down for Option 2 of the Long Point Road/Wando Port Interchange. Option 2 is the best option for all parties involved. (Also, I would like to vote against options 1 and 4.) Thank you!	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/22/2021
PIMW#206	November 22, 2021 at 1:10 pm	OPTION 2- we have lived off of Longpoint road for 21 years. The trucks are flying down a very busy road where several neighborhoods are. It is very dangerous! Longpoint wasn't designed to handle the amount of traffic it now gets from a growing Port. Please help keep our Mt Pleasant residents safe by voting for OPTION 2!	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/22/2021

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PIMW#207	November 22, 2021 at 2:01 pm	For the Long Point Road/Wando Port Interchange, OPTION 2 is the safest option. Have the transport trucks on their own road to prevent slow down and lack of visibility.	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/22/2021
PIMW#208	November 22, 2021 at 2:16 pm	I would vote for Alternate #2 since the container and other truck traffic on Long Point Road is at a very dangerous state especially with trucks lined up on the exits to Long Point Road which sometimes ends up with truck and other traffic backing up onto I-526. The traffic conditions on Long Point Road are bad enough now creating significant safety issues. An exit off of I-526 which bypasses the exit ramp for Long Point Road and is only used by the trucks going to the container terminals would alleviate a great of this problem. This needs to happen sooner than later especially with the Port expanding and handling larger and larger container ships. This bypass should have taken place probably 5 years ago at least.	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/22/2021
PIMW#209	November 22, 2021 at 2:19 pm	I am writing in support of the Long Point Road / Wando Port Interchange, OPTION 2, to alleviate truck traffic along the main Long Point Road corridor.	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/22/2021

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PIMW#210	November 23, 2021 at 9:55 am	My family and I strongly believe option 2 is the safest and best option.	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/23/2021
PIMW#211	November 23, 2021 at 2:52 pm	<p>Hi! As a resident of Park Circle in North Charleston who frequently shops and recreates in Mount Pleasant, I understand the traffic concerns. However, given the resulting induced demand this will generate, I encourage you to pursue a no-build option with increased funding and support for buses and multimodal options in place of widening the I-526 corridor. For the Longpoint interchange, option 3 could potentially alleviate the congestion and conflicts that occur with the current interchange by allowing trucks to bypass the current exchange and get up to speed before merging with Northbound traffic.</p> <p>Please stop subsidizing single-occupant vehicle traffic by spending billions widening lanes. We both know these additional lanes will only drive more development that further encourage more single-occupant driving. It is a losing recursive downward spiral.</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/23/2021
PIMW#212	November 23, 2021 at 3:41 pm	<p>I believe the most pragmatic approach is a combination of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -investing in "robust express bus service" and park-and-rides for Corridor G, as recommended by the BCDCOG's Regional Transit Framework Plan; -investing in bike/ped linkages to facilitate safe connections to destinations (employment hubs, retail centers and neighborhoods) from the 526 corridor; -incorporating Transit Systems Management and Operations (TSMO) options including managed lanes, enhanced lane markings and traveler information postings, and reserving shoulders for buses-only during rush hour; -and retaining SCDOT's commitment to provide a multi-use path over all river crossings in this project. 	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/23/2021

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PIMW#213	November 23, 2021 at 3:51 pm	I support the widening east bound on 526 off Daniel Island...I specifically support a bike lane so that there is a way to bike to Mount Pleasant either than Clements Ferry Road	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/23/2021
PIMW#214	November 23, 2021 at 4:00 pm	<p>I believe the most pragmatic approach is a combination of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -investing in "robust express bus service" and park-and-rides for Corridor G, as recommended by the BCDCOG's Regional Transit Framework Plan; -investing in bike/ped linkages to facilitate safe connections to destinations (employment hubs, retail centers and neighborhoods) from the 526 corridor; -incorporating Transit Systems Management and Operations (TSMO) options including managed lanes, enhanced lane markings and traveler information postings, and reserving shoulders for buses-only during rush hour; -and retaining SCDOT's commitment to provide a multi-use path over all river crossings in this project. 	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/23/2021
PIMW#215	November 23, 2021 at 8:37 pm	I think widening 526 is only postponing the problem, not solving it. I think we need more public transportation and more bike and walking paths connecting places (dedicated paths, not just lines on the road). Thank you!	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/23/2021

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PIMW#217	November 24, 2021 at 3:10 pm	HOT, congestion pricing, and other managed lane solutions are possible. \$3b is a ridiculous waste of money. Try again with the study. Active transportation, transit, and TDM should be a funded part of the solution. This study does not meet the federal requirements for a CMP.	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/29/2021
PIMW#218	November 24, 2021 at 6:11 pm	Every day I risk my life trying to get out of and back into my neighborhood, hidden cove. Trucks use the straight away coming out of the port to ramp up speed, making a left turn into the neighborhood very dangerous. Mersk employees will drive on the wrong side of the road to get into center lane, again dangerous. I support and endorse Option 2.	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/29/2021

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PIMW#219	November 26, 2021 at 9:40 am	<p>Dear sir or madame,</p> <p>As a resident in of Turnstone street in the Tidal Walk neighborhood my home and property are sure to be affected by the expansion of I-526. We understand the need for the expansion due to the congestion on the roadway due to population increases and the growth of the Long Point port terminal.</p> <p>We feel very strongly that the SCDOT should select reasonable alternatives that do not result in loss of residences. Valuable community members such as nurses, construction workers, and financial service providers could lose their homes and would likely be unable to remain in Mount Pleasant due to the scarcity and dramatic rise of the cost of housing.</p> <p>We strongly advocate for Option 2-1 for section 2 of the expansion of I-526 and for Option 1 for the redesign of the Long Point road interchange of I-526.</p> <p>We appreciate your consideration of our comments and concerns and their incorporation into the planning of the expansion of I-526.</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/29/2021
PIMW#220	November 27, 2021 at 7:14 am	<p>Adding lanes to existing roadways does not mitigate long-term traffic issues. Lane additions always take years longer and billions of dollars more than anticipated which only breeds hostility among residents. Making public transportation a legitimate option in this city is a reasonable solution that would likely cost less and cause fewer headaches in the long run. Connecting West Ashley with Mount Pleasant via safe, quick, and affordable public transit would be an effort we would all benefit from!</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>The existing I-526 corridor will eventually require updating in order to support advanced technologies to manage congestion and allow efficient operations. The current configuration limits SCDOT's ability to effectively manage traffic operations and would limit the facility's use for enhanced transit operations without significant upgrades.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/29/2021
PIMW#221	November 27, 2021 at 11:51 am	<p>Option 2 is the only viable option for neighborhoods that are close to the port. Every day we have to deal with the congested truck traffic on Longpoint Road and there have been a few close calls almost getting hit by one the many trucks when pulling in and out of our neighborhood Hidden Cove. The big trucks are scary, loud and fast moving and often completely block both lanes of the road while trying to drive our son to Belle Halle Elementary School in the morning. My children are often worried calling out the bad or aggressive truck drivers. Our kids (9 and 12) are scared to ride their bikes on the Longpoint Road sidewalk to friends in the close by neighborhoods (Hobcaw Plantation). The port absolutely needs to have a separate access point off I-526! The truck traffic cannot solely rely on the Longpoint Road port entry. Thanks!</p> <p>Thank you for considering our comment.</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>The existing I-526 corridor will eventually require updating in order to support advanced technologies to manage congestion and allow efficient operations. The current configuration limits SCDOT's ability to effectively manage traffic operations and would limit the facility's use for enhanced transit operations without significant upgrades.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/29/2021

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PIMW#222	November 27, 2021 at 5:46 pm	<p>and the Transportation Investment</p> <p>The Post and Courier article, New study shows Charleston businesses' frustrations over yearly hurricane disruptions, (December 9, 2019) develops important considerations for all of us, not just the business community. I write to raise the interacting issues of flooding and transportation investment that calls for greater leadership should you choose. Our economic resilience is conditioned on the volume and intensity of a high-water inundation that lacks any metrics in this evaluation to judge the veracity of our nonexistent flood plans and responses. SC DOT repeats the highway outline adding errors to the regional design that is knowable in this planning.</p> <p>Do Nothing About Flooding</p> <p>It is obvious we have done too little to address the flood risks in our region despite the foreseeable risks. Clearly the do-nothing choice is not our preferred option. Doing nothing will also be the costliest one. I encourage you to take up this question by requesting our county and local flood strategy of our municipal and county officials. Likewise, the developed flood control plans now lacking funding. The economy cannot grow if accommodations are not made to store the excess water.</p> <p>Impact Scenarios</p> <p>Quantifying climate risks under different scenarios is an essential yet challenging part of understanding our vulnerabilities and preparing adaptations for the physical climate risks locally; principally flooding. Physical climate impacts such as sea level rise, tidal flooding and increased downpours are locked in for the coming decades awaiting expression. Developing flood risk scenarios addressing future uncertainty in the coming decades are a necessary step for holders of risky assets, including our local municipal entities supporting governmental services through real estate taxes. This has not been done but should be. The SC DOT failure to use NOAA models</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records. Please note that dropbox is a restricted platform for accepting document downloads by state government. We are glad to receive a hard copy of the report at the address below or another web based link if the report is available through a web browser.</p> <p>I-526 Lowcountry Corridor Project 5627 Rivers Ave. North Charleston, SC 29406</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/29/2021
PIMW#223	November 27, 2021 at 6:41 pm	<p>Hello, I went to the in-person meeting for this project at Park Circle back in October. I usually don't go beyond North Rhett when on 526, but I know the corridor well enough to want to give some input.</p> <p>For one, this is a large project. It's massive, and that's reflected in the price tag, which is expected to reach into the billions of dollars. I'd love to see serious consideration put into tolling this segment of the highway, so as to communicate to the public the sheer cost of this project as well as to pay off that cost more quickly via the people who use that road. You might look at that idea as being too bold and too complicated, but don't forget that the 526 East project is already pretty ambitious, so I hope that doesn't deter the project from considering the idea.</p> <p>Second, when I was at the in-person meeting in October, I noticed a lot of the focus was on the bridges and the sheer number of lanes. That's obviously important and I respect the focus given to that, but we have to make sure the interchanges that just as much attention. The road is only as good as its choke points, especially at rush hour. When they showed the rush hour LOS visuals for 2017, the traffic mostly seemed to emanate from interchanges. As this is a project meant to reduce congestion, it should give a special amount of focus to these very interchanges which often are a source of congestion, yet the only interchange given special focus was the one at Long Point Rd.</p> <p>Building off of that, I don't want to see these interchanges become all complicated and confusing. When I saw the visual for the North Rhett-Virginia interchange, I thought it was a joke because of just how convoluted it was. We have to remember that South Carolina has a lot of bad drivers, and those numbers are reflected in our road statistics compared to the rest of the nation (e.g. higher than average road fatality rate). Putting some focus on simpler roadways will help to reduce confusion at the roadways (especially for people unfamiliar with the area e.g. truck drivers going to the port), make it less a mental burden to navigate an already high-capacity road, and possibly even reduce accidents.</p> <p>I also want to say that I really support the multi-use path being added on the side. This is a great step forward as it offers the first proper bike/ped connection to Daniel Island. Adding a connection now also gets around the problem we're now seeing at the Ashley River bridges and the Northbridge, where now there's talk of building entirely separate bike/ped bridges. Wonders Way on the Ravenel bridge is quite popular, so I hope we see similar results with this new multi-use path.</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. 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Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>The existing I-526 corridor will eventually require updating in order to support advanced technologies to manage congestion and allow efficient operations. The current configuration limits SCDOT's ability to effectively manage traffic operations and would limit the facility's use for enhanced transit operations without significant upgrades. A regional interstate congestion management plan was conducted and indicated that a managed lane system could be implemented in the future if incorporated on I-26 in the first segment. All of the projects being developed on I-526 will take into consideration the integration of a future managed lane system (which is one reason you will notice that we have proposed 12 ft inside and outside shoulders throughout). A toll lane would require a legislative action in order to allow tolling on an interstate in SC. All of the interchanges on the I-526 corridor were evaluated as part of the planning study. Long Point Road was the only interchange in the EAST segment that was identified as needing major improvements due to operational issues. All the other interchanges may need some minor modifications in order to accommodate the widening but did not need wholesale rebuilds in order to address operational issues.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/29/2021
PIMW#224	November 28, 2021 at 12:22 pm	<p>The PEL Needs Analysis does not appear to take into consideration any of the dramatic changes expected within transportation industry by 2050. The study does not explicitly address the impacts of game changers such as zero carbon emissions, self-driving vehicles, automated freight transport, hyperloops, and increasing remote work scenarios. The analysis appears to be a straight line extrapolation of the last few years. Furthermore it does it take into consideration the possibility that the Charleston area growth may significantly slow or reverse due to factors such as global warming, economic downturns, and ability to work remotely. The PEL needs to be revised to provide alternative traffic projections based on possible scenarios driven by technological, environmental, economic and workforce commuter changes.</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>The basis for any traffic modeling include the regional travel demand model which takes into account local land uses, growth projections and any anticipated major changes in travel demand. This model is built and maintained by the Berkeley-Charleston-Dorchester Council of Governments or BCDCOG. This planning organization also develops the regional long range transportation plan which looks at potential alternative parallel routes in the area and models these proposed routes to evaluate their effectiveness in reducing congestion on the region's existing primary routes. If you would like to get more involved in your area's regional transportation planning efforts, then visit https://www.bcdco.com/ and get more involved in this process. All of the preliminary traffic analysis for this project utilizes the regional travel model and local planning recommendations as the foundation for a project's traffic analysis.</p> <p>All of the existing bridges on the I-526 corridor were evaluated during the planning process and evaluations were made concerning the alternatives to widen and/or replace the bridges. The full PEL report will include more information regarding this technical evaluation. Again, this is a planning study and SCDOT must account for potential future timelines of projects and remaining useful life of the structures using a cost-benefit analysis. The existing bridges must remain in use until the new bridges are fully reconstructed and opened to traffic. This timeline will likely be between 15-20 years based on other project schedules for the I-526 WEST project construction packages. The original bridges were built in 1992 and 1989 and likely would have a useful life between 50-75 years depending on the structure type (average life for Charleston region bridges is 62 years). Both bridges would be nearing the end of their useful lives or need major rehabilitation work if these projects are not completed until around 2040. Another consideration is the seismic resilience of the existing structures which do not currently meet today's standards. Widening or adding new structure to older structures will prolong the life of the overall bridge, but may not perform in the event of natural disasters which seem to be occurring more frequently and with greater impacts. All of these factors play into the development of reasonable alternatives. However, since these are not funded projects yet, these are all things that would be re-evaluated if projects got funded sooner or some of the factors considered in the planning study changed which might allow us to shift our approach at that time when we refine the reasonable alternatives in more detail.</p>	Email	11/29/2021

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PIMW#225	November 28, 2021 at 12:25 pm	The current 526 East bridges were designed to provide service until at least year 2065. Prior demolition would represent government waste. The current bridges could be widened to three lanes and bike/pedestrian lanes added underneath. However, major sources of congestion will remain at the chokepoints of Hwy 17N, Longpoint Road, Clements Ferry Road, Virginia Avenue and I-26. Doubling the capacity of the existing bridges by replacing them will only further overload the limited number of exit/entrance routes available. SCDOT should give significantly more consideration to building alternate routes rather than relying on a single east/west mega-expressway for a metro population that may soon exceed one million.	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>The basis for any traffic modeling include the regional travel demand model which takes into account local land uses, growth projections and any anticipated major changes in travel demand. This model is built and maintained by the Berkeley-Charleston-Dorchester Council of Governments or BCDCOG. This planning organization also develops the regional long range transportation plan which looks at potential alternative parallel routes in the area and models these proposed routes to evaluate their effectiveness in reducing congestion on the region's existing primary routes. If you would like to get more involved in your area's regional transportation planning efforts, then visit https://www.bcdco.com/ and get more involved in this process. All of the preliminary traffic analysis for this project utilizes the regional travel model and local planning recommendations as the foundation for a project's traffic analysis.</p> <p>All of the existing bridges on the I-526 corridor were evaluated during the planning process and evaluations were made concerning the alternatives to widen and/or replace the bridges. The full PEL report will include more information regarding this technical evaluation. Again, this is a planning study and SCDOT must account for potential future timelines of projects and remaining useful life of the structures using a cost-benefit analysis. The existing bridges must remain in use until the new bridges are fully reconstructed and opened to traffic. This timeline will likely be between 15-20 years based on other project schedules for the I-526 WEST project construction packages. The original bridges were built in 1992 and 1989 and likely would have a useful life between 50-75 years depending on the structure type (average life for Charleston region bridges is 62 years). Both bridges would be nearing the end of their useful lives or need major rehabilitation work if these projects are not completed until around 2040. Another consideration is the seismic resilience of the existing structures which do not currently meet today's standards. Widening or adding new structure to older structures will prolong the life of the overall bridge, but may not perform in the event of natural disasters which seem to be occurring more frequently and with greater impacts. All of these factors play into the development of reasonable alternatives. However, since these are not funded projects yet, these are all things that would be re-evaluated if projects got funded sooner or some of the factors considered in the planning study changed which might allow us to shift our approach at that time when we refine the reasonable alternatives in more detail.</p>	Email	11/29/2021
PIMW#226	November 28, 2021 at 12:28 pm	SCDOT should conduct more in-depth studies to develop alternate expressways such as an intermodal connector (bridge or tunnel) from the Wando Welch Terminal to the Hugh Leatherman Terminal which would provide significant relief from congestion on the current 526N expressway and provide a much more efficient means to safely evacuate the Wando Terminal during hurricane evacuations.	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>The basis for any traffic modeling include the regional travel demand model which takes into account local land uses, growth projections and any anticipated major changes in travel demand. This model is built and maintained by the Berkeley-Charleston-Dorchester Council of Governments or BCDCOG. This planning organization also develops the regional long range transportation plan which looks at potential alternative parallel routes in the area and models these proposed routes to evaluate their effectiveness in reducing congestion on the region's existing primary routes. If you would like to get more involved in your area's regional transportation planning efforts, then visit https://www.bcdco.com/ and get more involved in this process. All of the preliminary traffic analysis for this project utilizes the regional travel model and local planning recommendations as the foundation for a project's traffic analysis.</p> <p>All of the existing bridges on the I-526 corridor were evaluated during the planning process and evaluations were made concerning the alternatives to widen and/or replace the bridges. The full PEL report will include more information regarding this technical evaluation. Again, this is a planning study and SCDOT must account for potential future timelines of projects and remaining useful life of the structures using a cost-benefit analysis. The existing bridges must remain in use until the new bridges are fully reconstructed and opened to traffic. This timeline will likely be between 15-20 years based on other project schedules for the I-526 WEST project construction packages. The original bridges were built in 1992 and 1989 and likely would have a useful life between 50-75 years depending on the structure type (average life for Charleston region bridges is 62 years). Both bridges would be nearing the end of their useful lives or need major rehabilitation work if these projects are not completed until around 2040. Another consideration is the seismic resilience of the existing structures which do not currently meet today's standards. Widening or adding new structure to older structures will prolong the life of the overall bridge, but may not perform in the event of natural disasters which seem to be occurring more frequently and with greater impacts. All of these factors play into the development of reasonable alternatives. However, since these are not funded projects yet, these are all things that would be re-evaluated if projects got funded sooner or some of the factors considered in the planning study changed which might allow us to shift our approach at that time when we refine the reasonable alternatives in more detail.</p>	Email	11/29/2021
PIMW#227	November 28, 2021 at 12:29 pm	SCDOT should conduct more in-depth studies to develop alternate expressways such as the Hwy 41 bypass currently being advocated by the 7 mile community. Such an expressway should extend to Hwy 52 in Moncks Corner which would provide relief from congestion on the current 526N expressway and provide a significantly more efficient means of evacuating Mount Pleasant and barrier island residents during hurricane evacuations.	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>The basis for any traffic modeling include the regional travel demand model which takes into account local land uses, growth projections and any anticipated major changes in travel demand. This model is built and maintained by the Berkeley-Charleston-Dorchester Council of Governments or BCDCOG. This planning organization also develops the regional long range transportation plan which looks at potential alternative parallel routes in the area and models these proposed routes to evaluate their effectiveness in reducing congestion on the region's existing primary routes. If you would like to get more involved in your area's regional transportation planning efforts, then visit https://www.bcdco.com/ and get more involved in this process. All of the preliminary traffic analysis for this project utilizes the regional travel model and local planning recommendations as the foundation for a project's traffic analysis.</p> <p>All of the existing bridges on the I-526 corridor were evaluated during the planning process and evaluations were made concerning the alternatives to widen and/or replace the bridges. The full PEL report will include more information regarding this technical evaluation. Again, this is a planning study and SCDOT must account for potential future timelines of projects and remaining useful life of the structures using a cost-benefit analysis. The existing bridges must remain in use until the new bridges are fully reconstructed and opened to traffic. This timeline will likely be between 15-20 years based on other project schedules for the I-526 WEST project construction packages. The original bridges were built in 1992 and 1989 and likely would have a useful life between 50-75 years depending on the structure type (average life for Charleston region bridges is 62 years). Both bridges would be nearing the end of their useful lives or need major rehabilitation work if these projects are not completed until around 2040. Another consideration is the seismic resilience of the existing structures which do not currently meet today's standards. Widening or adding new structure to older structures will prolong the life of the overall bridge, but may not perform in the event of natural disasters which seem to be occurring more frequently and with greater impacts. All of these factors play into the development of reasonable alternatives. However, since these are not funded projects yet, these are all things that would be re-evaluated if projects got funded sooner or some of the factors considered in the planning study changed which might allow us to shift our approach at that time when we refine the reasonable alternatives in more detail.</p>	Email	11/29/2021

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PIMW#228	November 28, 2021 at 6:47 pm	My parents have lived in Hidden Cover subdivision for almost 30 years, with port traffic increasing greatly over time. I believe Option 2 will help alleviate safety hazards that we regularly face by taking a large percentage of truck traffic off of Long Point Rd by giving the Port direct access to I-526 without using Long Point Rd.	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/29/2021
PIMW#229	November 28, 2021 at 8:54 pm	Option 2 for the Long Point Rd Wando Port interchange would be great. It keeps cars, bikes and pedestrians separate from the big trucks. Then lower the speed limit on Long Point so that golf carts can use it.	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/29/2021
PIMW#230	November 28, 2021 at 9:30 pm	I think it's great that the 526 corridor will potentially be expanded. It will hopefully cut down on traffic, allow traffic to flow if there is an accident/lane closure. I live near the Wando bridge section (at the new Waterfront development) and wonder: if the newer bridge is built lower, will it be noisier on the island? Right now, I don't really hear the traffic on the bridge from my home but if the span over the water is lower, how much louder will it be? I do need to mention that I play tennis at LTP and it is already quite loud when playing tennis on the courts that are closest to the current bridge. (courts 1-4). if the bridge is lowered, it is going to be more difficult to play. We can barely hear each other yell out the scores when playing a game now.	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/29/2021

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PIMW#231	November 29, 2021 at 7:02 am	Much needed. Keep up the good work.	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/29/2021
PIMW#232	November 29, 2021 at 8:36 am	<p>There seems to be a lot of information missing that is important for this decision. What is the age and the state of the current don holt bridge. Should it be updated or rebuilt? Cost is important and there is NO cost information provided. With that said, I do not think the bridge should be lowered. Keep it so that maritime commerce is not impacted. Keep it at current level or higher. I hope that walking and bike lanes are added to the design as well.</p> <p>Why are only north charleston and Mt P areas being considered for improvement? West Ashley has considerable congestion and traffic issues. I-26 also needs to be expanded to deal with the volume of traffic both daily and for emergency evacuations.</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development. The cost estimates and more detailed information on the EAST corridor will be included in the final study and will be available on the website.</p> <p>There is another project on I-526 which is referred to as the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor WEST and is further along in development, we are currently finalizing the Environmental Phase of work. More information on the WEST project which extends from North Rhett Avenue to Paul Cantrell Blvd in West Ashley is available here: https://www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/west/. The information presented here in the EAST is only the PLANNING phase of development so more details would be available in the next phase of work when actual projects are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/29/2021
PIMW#233	November 29, 2021 at 10:19 am	<p>For the past ten years nearly every road enhancement or improvement has taken place in an effort to improve the quality of life for the residents of the Mount Pleasant and Daniel Island areas at the sacrifice of all other Charleston areas. It is time for SCDOT to face the fact that there are other areas that are growing and expanding in the region that equally deserve the attention and development. The supposed repaving of 17A and US52 both were no more than slurry coats that were no more than 1/2 inch and both of which are already peeling from the undercoat.</p> <p>It may be true that the wealth resides in the Mount Pleasant area but the majority of the workforce resides on the other side of the Cooper and Ashley Rivers. It is time that you do your due diligence and serve the entire area not just the areas represented by money and political power.</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>For information about all the SCDOT projects under development in the region, please utilize the Project viewer to see other projects under development. SCDOT is mandated by legislation to select projects for funding utilizing Act 114 that ensures public funds are obligated to projects with the greatest need from a pavement quality and traffic performance standards. https://scdot.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapSeries/index.html?appid=ca1cd69fc88945f4bb465e16765d761c</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/29/2021

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PIMW#234	November 29,	<p>Thank you so much for considering improvements to the 526 corridor. Your designs have definitely addressed the common trouble spots. I love the replacement design of the Wando Bridge. I assume the existing bridges would be kept in place during construction. I especially like the lower bridge height, 4 lanes, full size emergency lanes on each side, and the separate pedestrian lane. I also like how the Don Holt replacement has similar features of 4 lanes, emergency lanes on each side, and the pedestrian path. Bridges can be a wonderful, iconic design element for any city. I might suggest that instead of the outdated, trestle style bridge we have now, perhaps a more sculptural design could be considered? The Ravenel Bridge is a wonderful example of form and function at it's best. Cable structures can span long distances, as needed to replace the Don Holt, while also being a beautiful asset to our city. Of course, the Don Holt replacement needs an incredible amount of structural redundancy, as the cargo ships pass beneath it. One note on the higher steeper bridges, is that they can slow down the semi truck traffic. The sight lines should also be considered on the bridges, as both the current Don Holt and Wando bridges are so steep at the highest peak, that a driver cannot see what traffic is just ahead on the downhill side of the bridge. More gradual inclines might help with the sight lines to prevent accidents. All bridges should have nice, high guardrails (higher than now). Thank you also for addressing the Long Point interchange! A port should really have it's own dedicated exit. Long Point options 2 and 3 do a wonderful job of separating truck traffic from car traffic. I realize these options are more invasive to the neighboring homes and businesses, but a dedicated exit and truck friendly on-ramp are critical for a successful port and the safety of other drivers. I also like how option 4 removes the current cloverleaf on and off ramps. The existing tight uphill curves make it hard to get up to speed when entering the freeway. The gradual on and off ramps in option 4 provide a safer streamlined design. Thank you for considering my comments, I truly appreciate your work!</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Additional details such as proposed grades for bridge approaches, barrier details and aesthetic designs for the major bridges would be part of the future public involvement as the projects are funded and move into the Environmental phase of work.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/29/2021
PIMW#235	November 29, 2021 at 3:04 pm	<p>Truck traffic on Long Point Road is heavy and will be getting worse as container volume increases at the Port. OPTION 2 of the "Long Point Road/Wando Port Interchange" is the best option to address this. (I would also like to vote against the other three options) Thank you!</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/29/2021
PIMW#236	November 30, 2021 at 7:59 am	<p>Long Point Road/Wando Port Interchange OPTION 2</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/29/2021

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PIMW#237	November 30, 2021 at 9:26 am	<p>We are paying for the road. We should not be held back by truckers blocking the road going to and from the port. They really do that, I don't use 526 because of them. The truckers are using every available route to get into and out of the port, which clogs the roads going into and out of the ports. If there was a road tax collected coming out of the port which would go to making new roads and fixing the existing one, adding lanes. That might help. For sure the truckers are not from SC for the most part. They pay no road tax to SC 9 of every 10 trucks have out of state tags. I have to give up my right to drive because of the truck traffic while I am paying the taxes that built the road.</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please note that the majority of funding for transportation projects in SC comes from a combination of state and federal gas taxes which are taxed on every gallon of gas purchased at SC based gas stations. Thus, all users of the roadway in SC, including those licensed out of state, are paying towards transportation projects for SC roads.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/30/2021
PIMW#238	November 30, 2021 at 9:38 am	<p>I am concerned about the impact on the environment and believe the most pragmatic approach is a combination of: investing in "robust express bus service" and park-and-rides for Corridor G, as recommended by the BCDCOG's Regional Transit Framework Plan; investing in bike/ped linkages to facilitate safe connections to destinations (employment hubs, retail centers and neighborhoods) from the 526 corridor; incorporating Transit Systems Management and Operations (TSMO) options including managed lanes, enhanced lane markings and traveler information postings, and reserving shoulders for buses-only during rush hour; Please ensure that there is also a commitment to provide a multi-use path over all river crossings in this project.</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/30/2021
PIMW#239	November 30, 2021 at 10:12 am	<p>Ultimately I do not believe widening the East segment of I-526 is an affordable or viable long-term solution, since it will induce more demand and eventually put us back where we started but \$48 more in debt. However, I do appreciate the addition of multi-use paths on all the bridges; that will be a big benefit for multi-modal connectivity. I tend to support the recommendations outlined by Charleston Moves, who state that the most pragmatic approach is a combination of: (1.) investing in "robust express bus service" and park-and-rides for Corridor G, as recommended by the BCDCOG's Regional Transit Framework Plan; (2.) investing in bike/ped linkages to facilitate safe connections to destinations (employment hubs, retail centers and neighborhoods) from the 526 corridor; (3.) incorporating Transit Systems Management and Operations (TSMO) options including managed lanes, enhanced lane markings and traveler information postings, and reserving shoulders for buses-only during rush hour; and (4.) retaining SCDOT's commitment to provide a multi-use path over all river crossings in this project.</p> <p>Thanks for listening.</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/30/2021

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PIMW#240	November 30, 2021 at 10:21 am	I strongly encourage you to give priority to any plan that minimizes impact to existing property owners and communities and includes efforts to mitigate impacts (sound walls, landscaping, etc.). This project will affect the single biggest investment most individuals make - their homes. Please make every effort to minimize the need to acquire property and alter existing neighborhoods.	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/30/2021
PIMW#241	November 30, 2021 at 10:30 am	First it is important to note the cause for the I526 back ups. 1. The westbound is caused by the entrance to I 26 from 526. It goes down and back up making trucks slow. Then the merge problem. The ramp needs to be elevated for the merge so the trucks do not slow down and can maintain speed. The problem with the don holt is the third lane. Modifying the donholt without adding lanes on both ends goes no where. Again, the problem is the merging back in of the third lane. Restrict all truck traffic to right lane only like they do in Germany. They can do the same on longpoint road. The new proposed access for trucks to 526 is great, and will flow traffic in and out of the port better. Close the extra truck lanes on the wando and don holt, no real gain, make all trucks use right lane only. Do this act before you add anything. Adding more flow on 526 will do nothing if the improvements on getting onto I 26 are not made, that is the real bottleneck. The rest is southern politeness drivers that cause traffic havoc by stopping on the Don holt to let trucks merge back in!	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/30/2021
PIMW#242	November 30, 2021 at 10:38 am	Thank you for your work on this project of regional significance. Please include ITS infrastructure to accommodate future advances in technology - dynamic traffic management, autonomous vehicles, Connected Vehicle Roadside Equipment, Infrastructure Monitoring, Dynamic Lane Management and Shoulder Use, and any other applications out there. Thank you	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/30/2021

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PIMW#243	November 30, 2021 at 11:00 am	The SC DOT staff with special emphasis on Joy Riley have done a great job on this long needed project. The plans and explanations are detailed and address the many concerns raised publicly about the impacts. I support the project and urge the decision makers to move this forward.	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p> <p>Thank you for your kind words, we don't get many thanks as public servants so when we do it means a lot!</p>	Email	11/30/2021
PIMW#244	November 30, 2021 at 11:08 am	I would like to express my 'vote' for The Long Point/Wando interchange, Option 2. This dedicated truck ramp off of 526, would help alleviate traffic and safety issues on Long Point Rd. It would give the trucks quicker access to and exit from the Terminal. Options 1 and 4 do nothing to help this very real problem. Option 2 is the best for all parties. Thank you.	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/30/2021
PIMW#245	November 30, 2021 at 11:42 am	There needs to be a significant improvement in the design or phasing of the new interstate to better utilize the existing right of way. Taking additional right of way on either side of the existing 526 ROW corridor, especially in Mt Pleasant, is overly burdensome on the existing homeowners and should be avoided at all costs. There is plenty of land available in the existing ROW for additional lanes of traffic, including a large grassed median. Using the existing median to add lanes would be more effective and less detrimental to our community. Our neighborhood, Grassy Creek, is vehemently opposed to the condemnation of any home, HOA property or street that provides access to our subdivision. We are also strongly opposed to any fly over bridge for port traffic that would be outside the existing ROW. We absolutely do not want port traffic being rerouted so that it merges onto the interstate directly outside of our neighborhood and encroaches into our community.	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/30/2021

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PIMW#247	November 30, 2021 at 11:50 am	In my experience adding lanes to a beltway does not improve the traffic flow and is a waste of taxpayer money. Spend it on improving the real problem locations that have been identified for years and remain unimproved.	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/30/2021
PIMW#248	November 30, 2021 at 12:02 pm	<p>*Best for my Marsh Pointe and Etiwan Point neighborhoods: 2D, 2G, 2I; (clean and simple, least destructive of homes). Worst 2A, 2B, 2C, 2E, 2F, 2H, 2J. (destroys part of Etiwan Point subdivision and Marsh Pointe subdivision--selling currently \$400,000+)</p> <p>*2C shared path from DI to Etiwan Pointe. Why? Where is parking at either end? What is the purpose?</p> <p>*Exactly which homes will be destroyed? Addresses?</p> <p>*SOUND BARRIERS NEEDED for Etiwan Pointe and Marsh Pointe, no matter which plan is OKed.</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/30/2021
PIMW#249	November 30, 2021 at 12:05 pm	I live in Hobcaw Creek Plantation and am very concerned with the lack of safe bicycle access/lanes from my neighborhood down along Longpoint to the shopping center. There are bike lanes starting at the shopping center, which can safely get me to the senior center and other areas around town. But it is dangerous riding to the other neighborhoods (Hidden Cove and Oak Park), the apartment complexes along Wando Way and to the shopping centers and Bell Hall neighborhoods. Neighborhoods and The Port should coexist and it would be awesome to have bike lanes on the upper Longpoint road, traffic lights that recognize when a bicycle is waiting for the light to turn, and a bike lane along Wando Way. Thank you.	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/30/2021

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PIMW#250	November 30, 2021 at 12:06 pm	<p>As a homeowner and resident of Grassy Creek, all of the proposed options would have negative impact on our community by routing trucking near our entrance and commandeering Grassy Creek property for such purpose.</p> <p>I am opposed to any such action as there is already ample ROW land and medians that can be used even if it requires a bit more time for construction.</p> <p>Thank you</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/30/2021
PIMW#251	November 30, 2021 at 12:24 pm	<p>Our neighborhood, Grassy Creek, is vehemently opposed to the condemnation of any home, HOA property or street that provides access to our subdivision. We are also strongly opposed to any fly-over bridge for port traffic that would be outside the existing ROW. We absolutely do not want port traffic being rerouted so that it merges onto the interstate directly outside of our neighborhood and encroaches into our community.</p> <p>There needs to be a significant improvement in the design or phasing of the new interstate project. Taking additional right of way on either side of the existing 526 ROW corridor, especially in Mt Pleasant, is overly burdensome on the existing homeowners and should be avoided at all costs. There is plenty of land available in the existing ROW for additional lanes of traffic, including a large grassed median. Using the existing median to add lanes would be more effective and less detrimental to our community, even if that means phasing the project for a longer construction period."</p> <p>The current project designs significantly impact our home values, right of way and neighborhood.</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/30/2021
PIMW#252	November 30, 2021 at 12:56 pm	<p>Our neighborhood, Grassy Creek, is vehemently opposed to the condemnation of any home, HOA property or street that provides access to our subdivision. We are also strongly opposed to any fly-over bridge for port traffic that would be outside the existing ROW. We absolutely do not want port traffic being rerouted so that it merges onto the interstate directly outside of our neighborhood and encroaches into our community.</p> <p>There needs to be a significant improvement in the design or phasing of the new interstate project. Taking additional right of way on either side of the existing 526 ROW corridor, especially in Mt Pleasant, is overly burdensome on the existing homeowners and should be avoided at all costs. There is plenty of land available in the existing ROW for additional lanes of traffic, including a large grassed median. Using the existing median to add lanes would be more effective and less detrimental to our community, even if that means phasing the project for a longer construction period."</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/30/2021

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PIMW#253	November 30, 2021 at 1:03 pm	The on-ramp to I-526 to Mt. Pleasant on N. Rhett Ave. should be on the opposite side of N. Rhett Ave than the westbound on-ramp. There are huge issues every day with traffic trying to merge into that short, single lane to enter I-526 east. Until a fix can be made, this area should be monitored by police as people continuously change lanes illegally and cut off other people who are in the correct lane already. Please consider addressing this issue. Thank you	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/30/2021
PIMW#254	November 30, 2021 at 1:37 pm	<p>Our neighborhood, Grassy Creek, is vehemently opposed to the condemnation of any home, HOA property or street that provides access to our subdivision. We are also strongly opposed to any fly-over bridge for port traffic that would be outside the existing ROW. We absolutely do not want port traffic being rerouted so that it merges onto the interstate directly outside of our neighborhood and encroaches into our community.</p> <p>There needs to be a significant improvement in the design or phasing of the new interstate project. Taking additional right of way on either side of the existing 526 ROW corridor, especially in Mt Pleasant, is overly burdensome on the existing homeowners and should be avoided at all costs. It also affects our property values greatly some of which are values in the millions and have only recently been built. There is plenty of land available in the existing ROW for additional lanes of traffic, including a large grassed median. Using the existing median to add lanes would be more effective and less detrimental to our community, even if that means phasing the project for a longer construction period. Please consider the lives, livelihoods, children of the people who live in this community!!!!</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/30/2021
PIMW#255	November 30, 2021 at 1:45 pm	<p>Our neighborhood, Grassy Creek, is vehemently opposed to the condemnation of any home, HOA property or street that provides access to our subdivision. We are also strongly opposed to any fly-over bridge for port traffic that would be outside the existing ROW. We absolutely do not want port traffic being rerouted so that it merges onto the interstate directly outside of our neighborhood and encroaches into our community.</p> <p>There needs to be a significant improvement in the design or phasing of the new interstate project. Taking additional right of way on either side of the existing 526 ROW corridor, especially in Mt Pleasant, is overly burdensome on the existing homeowners and should be avoided at all costs. There is plenty of land available in the existing ROW for additional lanes of traffic, including a large grassed median. Using the existing median to add lanes would be more effective and less detrimental to our community, even if that means phasing the project for a longer construction period.</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/30/2021

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PIMW#256	November 30, 2021 at 1:45 pm	I live in Grassy Creek, and feel that several of the Long Point road interchanges significantly alter the character of our neighborhood. We recently purchased our home in Grassh Creek largely due to the family friendly nature of the neighborhood. Several of the proposed changes significantly affect the safety of children in our community as routing truck traffic directly at our neighborhood entrance would be dangerous. I am opposed to the condemnation of HOA property or street that provides access to our subdivision, and to any fly-over bridge for port traffic. Rerouting port traffic to merge directly at our community entrance creates a noise burden, a safety burden, and a decrease in property value as it negatively impacts the neighborhood environment. There needs to be a significant improvement in the design or phasing of the new interstate project. Taking additional right of way on either side of the existing 526 ROW corridor, especially in Mt Pleasant, is overly burdensome on the existing homeowners and should be avoided at all costs. There is plenty of land available in the existing ROW for additional lanes of traffic, including a large grassed median. Using the existing median to add lanes would be more effective and less detrimental to our community, even if that means phasing the project for a longer construction period.	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/30/2021
PIMW#258	November 30, 2021 at 2:04 pm	The expansion of the port and proposed rerouting of 526 will negatively impact our property, Hoa space along with neighboring communities. In addition to traffic impacts but also noise increase from traffic. We are opposed to the proposed traffic patterns.	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/30/2021
PIMW#259	November 30, 2021 at 2:15 pm	No matter how many new major roads are built, the area will continue to sprawl and all the new capacity will be eaten up by more car travel. We should be making real progress on our Rapid Transit Line which has been cut back and delayed, again and again. In the end this road construction won't contribute to our quality of life. It will be just more people stuck in more traffic for longer periods of time. We are squandering the chance to build transit enabled community in Ladson with a compromised project that won't serve the needs of Charleston and Summerville. I understand that more roads will be built, but they'll just make things worse.	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/30/2021

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PIMW#260	November 30, 2021 at 2:29 pm	<p>Thank you for the opportunity to provide input on the proposed project. I have provided my thoughts on preferred alternatives below.</p> <p>Long Point Rd / Wando Port Interchange – Option #2 Rather than tying up traffic at an already congested intersection, we strongly support your Option #2 which is to create a dedicated, truck-only interchange further up I-526 entering directly into and out of the port gates. This would allow for dedicated, truck-only traffic direct access to the Port gates without round-about, stop lights and regular car traffic experienced at the current Long Point Road intersection.</p> <p>I-526 Lane Widening – Section 3 (At Long Point Road) I support the I-526 “1-Lane widening to westbound exterior and interior” and “1-lane widening to eastbound exterior and interior”.</p> <p>Barrier Sound Walls along Section 3 of I-526 Expansion Due to the current and future noise problems coming from the bridge which crosses Hobcaw Creek, I highly recommend the installation of noise barriers/walls. Due to the extremely close proximity to homes and businesses these sound walls should be installed all along the I-526 corridor in Section 3, to include the Hobcaw Creek bridge. (Mt. Pleasant).</p> <p>I-526 Lane Widening – Section 2 I prefer Option 2J as it appears to have the least amount of impact on the existing businesses and residences along this section of the project. However it seems that the multi-use path connection on the southwest side of the bridges (eastbound I-526) would be preferred given the opportunity for viewshed corridors of the port, Ravenel bridge, and downtown as well as being able to more easily tie-in to the commercial business district on Daniel Island.</p> <p>I-526 Lane Widening – Section 1 I believe the Don Holt will ultimately need to be replaced to allow for the higher clearance access to the port terminal. Maybe there is an option to phase the bridge construction to do a new 4 lane bridge at the higher elevation and then replace the Don Holt with a higher bridge sometime later on when more funding becomes available (and its closer to its life expectancy) as there will likely be some time before the port needs the added clearance from a capacity stand point with the new Leatherman terminal coming online recently. I guess would be closest to Option 1E.</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/30/2021
PIMW#261	November 30, 2021 at 2:30 pm	<p>It appears that the current plan is extremely detailed. I am interested as to what kinds of consideration the leadership of this project has given the population that lives along I-526 that will reduce disruption and displacement. Both my Grassy Creek neighborhood as well as the Tidal Walk subdivision stand to sacrifice much in the plan's implementation. I am unclear as to why, for an example, the center median where the highway passes these communities could not be utilized for additional lanes. At the very minimum, that would reduce the spread of the highway into these neighborhoods.</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/30/2021
PIMW#262	November 30, 2021 at 2:33 pm	<p>I-526 needs dedicated lane(s) for the port. The trucks create a major bottleneck around the Long Point Rd Exit.</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/30/2021

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PIMW#263	November 30, 2021 at 2:37 pm	As a resident off Longpoint Road I would very much like to see the trucks have their own entrance and exit off 526. This is a safety issue as the trucks speed on Longpoint Road past the entrance to our residential neighborhood and run lights constantly in order to make time. It is only a matter of time with the continually increasing volume through the port that a deadly accident could occur. Also the noise from the traffic is very high and again has only increased due to population growth and port business. Our neighborhood has been in place since before 526 was built and I strongly request that with this extension sound walls are erected to minimize the noise level impacts to residential homes.	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/30/2021
PIMW#264	November 30, 2021 at 2:43 pm	Option 2 is the safest, most obvious long-term solution to traffic on this stretch of Long Point Road	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/30/2021
PIMW#265	November 30, 2021 at 2:45 pm	Thank you for all the research and work on this project so far. As a Mt. Pleasant resident and daily commuter on this route I believe that 526 should have a dedicated port access road, sound wall, and truck lane restrictions. I'm in favor of expansion even if it causes relocations.	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/30/2021

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PIMW#266	November 30, 2021 at 2:47 pm	As a resident of the Hidden Cove neighborhood on Long Point Road, I believe that Option 2 for the Long Point/Wando Port Interchange is the only viable option to alleviate the congestion between commercial truck traffic coming in and out of the port and residential/business traffic by the rest of the residents and businesses in Mt. Pleasant. The Port has shown time and again that they have no desire to work with the community to address and alleviate traffic concerns, so Option 2 gives them their own dedicated route from I526 to the Port.	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/30/2021
PIMW#267	November 30, 2021 at 2:48 pm	When will we ever get ahead of the road problems? We have known that 526 was obsolete from he day it opened. Think ahead now there is an idea.	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/30/2021
PIMW#268	November 30, 2021 at 2:52 pm	<p>Recommendations Long Point Rd / Wando Port Interchange – Option #2 Rather than tying up traffic at an already congested intersection, I strongly support your Option #2 which is to create a dedicated, truck-only interchange further up I-526 entering directly into and out of the port gates. This would allow for dedicated, truck-only traffic direct access to the Port gates without roundabouts, stop lights and regular car traffic experienced at the current Long Point Road intersection.</p> <p>Alternate I-526 Truck Exit/Entrance proposal: Direct truck-only port access road exiting off the base of the Wando Bridge directly into the port This option would allow for all Port-related truck traffic to exit and enter I-526 with no stops or roundabouts. This option will also provide for minimal impact to businesses and residents.</p> <p>I-526 Lane Widening – Section 3 (At Long Point Road) I support the I-526 “1-lane widening to westbound exterior and interior” and “1-lane widening to eastbound exterior and interior”.</p> <p>Barrier Sound Walls along Section 3 of I-526 Expansion Due to the current and future noise problems coming from the bridge which crosses Hobcaw Creek, I highly recommend the installation of noise barriers/walls. Due to the extremely close proximity to homes and businesses these sound walls should be installed all along the I-526 corridor in Section 3, to include the Hobcaw Creek bridge. (Mt. Pleasant).</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/30/2021

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PIMW#269	November 30, 2021 at 2:59 pm	<p>I strongly favor Long Point Road/Wando Port Interchange Option 2.</p> <p>As a 31 year resident of Hidden Cove I have experienced the traffic and congestion issues as they have increased dramatically. Option 2 is the right solution today. It should have been implemented many years ago and I strongly urge that it be done now to improve the safety and livability of our area.</p> <p>Thank you</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/30/2021
PIMW#270	November 30, 2021 at 2:59 pm	<p>Are the traffic congestion projections updated to reflect the current growth and development restrictions of the Town of Mount Pleasant? Option 2-I is the least impactful to residential communities and should be strongly considered.</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/30/2021
PIMW#271	November 30, 2021 at 3:02 pm	<p>Please design a separate exit for the port traffic removing it from long point road.</p> <p>Also include a sound wall adjacent to hobcaw creek plantation along I526</p> <p>The project is very important and badly needed.</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/30/2021

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PIMW#272	November 30, 2021 at 3:07 pm	<p>Long Point Road/Wando Port Interchange OPTION 2</p> <p>This option is needed to keep truck traffic off of Long Point Rd. and to keep Long Point Rd. safe for those living in neighborhoods right off of Long Point Rd. near the port.</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/30/2021
PIMW#273	November 30, 2021 at 3:10 pm	<p>For the Longpoint Road/526 interchange, we strongly prefer options 2 and 3. Options 1 & 4 do not address the very dangerous intersection at Longpoint and Wando Park Boulevard. The port truck traffic (going both ways) creates a very dangerous situation at this intersection, with trucks consistently speeding and running the red light as they enter and exit the interstate.</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/30/2021
PIMW#274	November 30, 2021 at 3:12 pm	<p>526 needs a dedication port road and sound proofing walls for impacted neighborhoods.</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/30/2021

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PIMW#275	November 30, 2021 at 3:24 pm	<p>After attending the in-person meeting and reviewing the various alternatives with DOT officials, we were very frustrated to see option 2-G tabled and would like to see it reconsidered. We are very sensitive to the cultural issues related to the African American cemetery and went out to see the area. We were able to find two graves, both from the 20th century. They are in the woods and clearly not visited by anyone. While we understand the sensitivities around moving these graves, we feel that must be balanced with moving up to 24 families in our neighborhood (Etiwan Pointe), destroying their homes, and affecting the overall liveability in a neighborhood with 150 homes. Option 2-G causes the least impact to existing homes. All of the other alternatives have a significant impact on homes and quality of life in Etiwan Pointe. Why not carefully move the graves and create a nice monument? Is that not preferable to uprooting 24 families and affecting the property values for many more? There has to be a balance in there.</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/30/2021
PIMW#276	November 30, 2021 at 3:23 pm	<p>As a resident of Hidden Cove I drive daily on Longpoint road . The truck traffic is very heavy and increases the danger to residents living in Mount Pleasant. I vote for option 2 to improve our current situation.</p> <p>Thank you for your time</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/30/2021
PIMW#277	November 30, 2021 at 3:29 pm	<p>I want to strongly support Option 2 that alleviates safety hazards that we regularly face by taking a large percentage of truck traffic off of Long point Rd by giving the Port direct access to I-526 without using Long Point Rd</p> <p>Thank you</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/30/2021

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PIMW#278	November 30, 2021 at 3:32 pm	<p>Our neighborhood, Grassy Creek, is vehemently opposed to the condemnation of any home, HOA property or street that provides access to our subdivision. We are also strongly opposed to any fly-over bridge for port traffic that would be outside the existing ROW. We absolutely do not want port traffic being rerouted so that it merges onto the interstate directly outside of our neighborhood and encroaches into our community.</p> <p>There needs to be a significant improvement in the design or phasing of the new interstate project. Taking additional right of way on either side of the existing 526 ROW corridor, especially in Mt Pleasant, is overly burdensome on the existing homeowners and should be avoided at all costs. There is plenty of land available in the existing ROW for additional lanes of traffic, including a large grassed median. Using the existing median to add lanes would be more effective and less detrimental to our community, even if that means phasing the project for a longer construction period.</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/30/2021
PIMW#279	November 30, 2021 at 3:38 pm	<p>I would like for option 2-G from the second level options to be included and considered in the list of level three reasonable alternatives. This option has the least impact on existing neighborhoods. Thanks for considering this option.</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/30/2021
PIMW#280	November 30, 2021 at 3:42 pm	<p>I would like for option 2-G from the second level options to be included and considered in the list of level three reasonable alternatives. This option has the least impact on existing neighborhoods. This will require the moving of a cemetery. While a sensitive item, this can be managed. Thanks for considering this option.</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/30/2021

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PIMW#281	November 30, 2021 at 3:43 pm	<p>Our neighborhood, Grassy Creek, is vehemently opposed to the condemnation of any home, HOA property or street that provides access to our subdivision. We are also strongly opposed to any fly-over bridge for port traffic that would be outside the existing ROW. We absolutely do not want port traffic being rerouted so that it merges onto the interstate directly outside of our neighborhood and encroaches into our community.</p> <p>There needs to be a significant improvement in the design or phasing of the new interstate project. Taking additional right of way on either side of the existing 526 ROW corridor, especially in Mt Pleasant, is overly burdensome on the existing homeowners and should be avoided at all costs.</p> <p>There is plenty of land available in the existing ROW for additional lanes of traffic, including a large grassed median. Using the existing median to add lanes would be more effective and less detrimental to our community, even if that means phasing the project for a longer construction period.</p> <p>Grassy Creek is a community much loved by its residents, who will work hard to protect it.</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/30/2021
PIMW#282	November 30, 2021 at 4:04 pm	<p>I would like to express my support for Option 2.</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/30/2021
PIMW#283	November 30, 2021 at 4:09 pm	<p>I'd like to voice my support for Option 2 - Long Point Road/Wando Port Interchange.</p> <p>When can it be done! :)</p> <p>Thank you,</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/30/2021

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PIMW#284	November 30, 2021 at 4:24 pm	Please include the port access road and the sound wall in the project. Thanks	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/30/2021
PIMW#285	November 30, 2021 at 4:29 pm	<p>I am in favor of widening 526 by two lanes in each direction.</p> <p>The truck traffic has significantly increased on Long Point road and an option 2 which provides an alternative exit/entrance near the base of the Wando bridge should be strongly considered. This would give trucks direct access to the port and keep the local traffic separate from all the trucks. This could also allow the trucks to move without dealing with stop lights.</p> <p>With the widening of 526 and the thinning of the trees along the highway, a sound barrier wall needs to be part of the solution up to and beyond the Hobcaw bridge to the hwy 17 exit.</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/30/2021
PIMW#286	November 30, 2021 at 4:36 pm	<p>Much discussion about 526 overall for years and years - especially extending it to Johns Island. I think the overall track has been woefully neglected as far as road surfaces are involved. Anyone who drives 526 (and pays attention!) will see how the road surface itself is delaminating and falling apart. Any plans to improve intersections and/or extend the roadway should first include steps to repair the presently pitiful condition of the hardtop - especially at the intersections of bridges/under/overpasses and the road surface. I see no justification to extending to Johns Island if we can't maintain what's there already. Disagree? Go ride the road! Thank you.</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	12/1/2021

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PIMW#287	November 30, 2021 at 4:38 pm	<p>Conceptual options for the Long Point Road/Wando Port Interchange: We believe that the only option that does not negatively impact ourselves and our neighborhood is option number 2. All others will place additional port traffic on Long Point Road as the port grows in capacity.</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	12/1/2021
PIMW#288	November 30, 2021 at 4:38 pm	<p>Need a dedicated port access road or lane and sound wall.</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	12/1/2021
PIMW#289	November 30, 2021 at 4:39 pm	<p>Conceptual options for the Long Point Road/Wando Port Interchange: We believe that the only option that does not negatively impact ourselves and our neighborhood is option number 2. All others will place additional port traffic on Long Point Road as the port grows in capacity.</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	12/1/2021

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PIMW#290	November 30, 2021 at 4:47 pm	Please make plans to include a dedicated Port access road and sound wall in this project, as this will be of ultimate importance in getting to and from the port without creating blockages. Thanks!	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	12/1/2021
PIMW#291	November 30, 2021 at 4:59 pm	Option 2 is my preference. I live in Hidden Cove. Even now- exiting and entering the neighborhood is treacherous. Most truckers are not obeying the speed limit. In the interim- a stoplight would be reasonable and save lives.	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	12/1/2021
PIMW#292	November 30, 2021 at 5:14 pm	My home is not affected by the 526 extension except for the changes at LongPoint Road in Mount Pleasant. However, I travel to West Ashley and Hwy 17 South on a regular basis. I think 526 should be completed, and as soon as possible.	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	12/1/2021

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PIMW#294	November 30, 2021 at 5:29 pm	<p>I am writing to express my support for OPTION 2 (and only that option) for the Long Point Road and Wando Port Interchange. I have lived with my family in the Hidden Cove neighborhood (entrance across from Shipping Lane on Long Point) for 13 years now. Over that time I've observed the tremendous increase in port traffic along Long Point Road between 526 and the port, to levels that can now be fairly described as unreasonable and dangerous, with significant negative impacts to the hundreds of homes and businesses along that stretch of Long Point Road. Simply entering and exiting the neighborhood is generally a hazardous situation, and left-hand turns in and out of neighborhoods and businesses in the area are particularly dangerous. When port operational failures create a backup along Long Point Road, it's total gridlock for extended periods of time. Even when things are running "normally", trucks regularly park in the center turn lane and I have never observed any traffic enforcement or ticketing of those vehicles.</p> <p>Removing as much port traffic as possible from Long Point Road is the only long term solution to the problem. Residents and business owners should not have to live with the unreasonable impact that ever increasing port traffic has imposed on them, now or in the future.</p> <p>Sincerely</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	12/1/2021
PIMW#295	November 30, 2021 at 5:39 pm	<p>Please complete I-526. I am now in my 60's. This has been talked about since I was 14 years old.</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	12/1/2021

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PIMW#296	November 30, 2021 at 5:43 pm	Highly support Option 2	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	12/1/2021
PIMW#297	November 30, 2021 at 5:43 pm	I am in favor of option #2 for the Long Point road/ Wando port interchange. Removing the 12,000+ trucks everyday on long point road would make for a safer environment for the residents and small businesses on Long Point Rd.	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	12/1/2021
PIMW#298	November 30, 2021 at 5:57 pm	Option 2 is the best plan for Long point Road.	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	12/1/2021

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PIMW#300	November 30, 2021 at 6:06 pm	We vote for option 2 for the truck traffic please.	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	12/1/2021
PIMW#301	November 30, 2021 at 6:22 pm	As residents of the Grassy Creek neighborhood, we are 100% opposed to the condemnation of any home, HOA property or street that provides access to our subdivision. We are also strongly opposed to any fly over bridge for port traffic that would be outside of the existing ROW. There should be a significant improvement in the design or phasing of the new interstate project without being overly burdensome on the existing homeowners in the path. Please reconsider this project as it currently stands.	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	12/1/2021

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PIMW#302	November 30, 2021 at 6:25 pm	Build it! We need to improve the traffic flow and make life easier for our working commuters.	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	12/1/2021
PIMW#303	November 30, 2021 at 6:51 pm	Long Point Road/Wando Port Interchange I vote for Option 2. Please keep the super heavy and dangerous port traffic off of Long Point road.	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	12/1/2021
PIMW#304	November 30, 2021 at 6:55 pm	I support Option 2. Thank you.	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	12/1/2021

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PIMW#305	November 30, 2021 at 6:55 pm	It is of utmost importance that the 526 project should include a port access road/lane and a sound wall. Thank you.	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	12/1/2021
PIMW#306	November 30, 2021 at 6:56 pm	I agree we need to make improvements.	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	12/1/2021
PIMW#307	November 30, 2021 at 7:05 pm	I strongly support Option 2. It is badly needed. Thank you	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	12/1/2021

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PIMW#308	November 30, 2021 at 7:28 pm	I am in support of the No Build plan. We need to move away from expanding roadways only to bring more traffic. If we are looking to the future, we need to plan for public transportation options that would meet transportation need such that they do in larger cities. I would love to see us move away from private vehicles to reduce our carbon footprint. We need think of a future with more options for biking and other methods of transportation that are sustainable.	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	12/1/2021
PIMW#309	November 30, 2021 at 7:28 pm	As a resident of Hidden Cove for over 23 years I have witnessed the huge changes of Longpoint Rd. I really think option 2 would be the best option for all parties involved. Shifting heavy port traffic away from residential neighborhoods is a win win for both the truckers and local residents. I also think adding at least 1 lane to both sides of I-526 Wando bridge and adjoining highways is an absolute must. The sooner the better. Thank you.	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	12/1/2021
PIMW#310	November 30, 2021 at 7:30 pm	We have personally struggled with a truck traffic accident, resulting in serious injury, including the total destruction of our car and Sally requiring surgery and being bedridden for 3 months (Dec. 2020 to Feb. 2021) and requiring Physical Therapy for 15 months. The truck traffic will only increase and negatively impact the quality of life in Hidden Cove	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	12/1/2021

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PIMW#311	November 30, 2021 at 7:34 pm	We support option number 2 for the new interchange. The current traffic at the Entrance to Hidden Cove is both unsafe and inefficient. Many idling trucks and exhaust emissions. This would be best mitigated in Option No. 2.	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	12/1/2021
PIMW#312	November 30, 2021 at 8:08 pm	OPTION 2	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	12/1/2021
PIMW#313	November 30, 2021 at 8:21 pm	Option 2 please	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	12/1/2021

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PIMW#315	November 30, 2021 at 8:22 pm	Option 2 looks best for all parties concerned	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	12/1/2021
PIMW#316	November 30, 2021 at 8:30 pm	<p>I'm a current home owner in Grassy Creek and am very concerned about the current proposals. I'm strongly opposed to the creation of flyover bridges or removal of homes/access to our community.</p> <p>I'd like to see expansion into the median rather than out and extending beyond the current footprint. I also would like to see sound barriers included in the planning.</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	12/1/2021

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PIMW#318	November 30, 2021 at 8:32 pm	I am a resident of Grassy Creek neighborhood. I have lived here for 16 years and raised my children here. We are so upset to hear that our neighborhood and community are being threatened by the new interstate project. We strongly stand against the destruction of any homes, properties, or streets which would, in turn, provide areas of access to our subdivision. We do not want any bridges for port traffic that would be outside the existing ROW and rerouted from directly outside of our neighborhood. This would be devastating to our children, properties, and subdivision as a whole. There needs to be more time spent trying to find ways to improve the design and/or phasing of these proposals. The land is there and needs to be used without affecting the current communities and natural resources that are already present. Please help us protect our neighborhood, homes, families, wildlife, and ocean rivers.	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	12/1/2021
PIMW#319	November 30, 2021 at 8:35 pm	The only option that will solve all of the issues is option #2 The only way to relieve the truck pressure on LongPoint Road is to redirect that traffic away from the 526/ LongPoint intersection.	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	12/1/2021

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PIMW#320	November 30, 2021 at 8:35 pm	<p>I have reviewed the project documents and recommend the following:</p> <p>1) Lower the Wando Bridge to 65 feet; the excessive height is not warranted;</p> <p>2) Add a dedicated access road for the SPA terminal to accommodate the heavy truck traffic and include a sound barrier wall;</p> <p>3) Although it's not included in this project, I strongly support the completion of I-526 to link with the James Island Expressway (30). It should have been completed years ago, and it is now needed more than ever.</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	12/1/2021
PIMW#321	November 30, 2021 at 8:36 pm	<p>All of the options are good. Do something soon. Unfortunately, some people own property too close to 526 but most those folks in Moun Pleasant bought after 526 was already constructed. Buyer Beware!!!</p> <p>The I-26 and I-526 interchange is deadly and should be fixed first. The SPA needs to do their part to get the trucks off the roads and get rail constructed. What is Palmetto Rail doing about that?</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	12/1/2021
PIMW#322	November 30, 2021 at 8:38 pm	<p>Option #2 makes the most sense!!!</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	12/1/2021

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PIMW#323	November 30, 2021 at 8:38 pm	I vote for Option 2!	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	12/1/2021
PIMW#324	November 30, 2021 at 8:38 pm	Option #2 makes the most sense!!!	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	12/1/2021
PIMW#325	November 30, 2021 at 8:42 pm	We need a dedicated truck lane on both sides of the bridge as well as other lanes continuing if the state can afford it.. we continue to dump more people and more trucks on 526. We also need a sound barrier.	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	12/1/2021

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PIMW#327	November 30, 2021 at 8:55 pm	<p>I want to strongly support Option 2 that alleviates safety hazards that we regularly face by taking a large percentage of truck traffic off of Long point Rd by giving the Port direct access to I-526 without using Long Point</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	12/1/2021
PIMW#328	November 30, 2021 at 9:01 pm	<p>I vote option 2</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	12/1/2021

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PIMW#329	November 30, 2021 at 9:22 pm	Option 2 is the only option that will alleviate the traffic issues and dangers for my neighborhood. Hidden Cove (Indy neighborhood) is a dream come true for kids to grow up. Kids bike to each others houses and it reminds me of the neighborhood I grew up in. The one scary challenge that I dread is my kids learning to drive with all of the big trucks on longpoint. There is no room for error. As a parent and experienced driver I've had close calls with fast trucks changing lanes. I'm terrified for the kids of our neighborhood to have to learn driving with these huge trucks dominating our neighborhood entrance. Option 2 for longpoint and port development would be the only option to provide safe passage for our future drivers.	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	12/1/2021
PIMW#330	November 30, 2021 at 9:29 pm	My support for Long Point Road/Wando Port Interchange is OPTION 2. Dedicated port trucking route not worsening the road traffic congestion offered in other options shown. Currently this traffic is heavy around our surrounding homes and degrading our living quality.	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	12/1/2021
PIMW#331	November 30, 2021 at 9:36 pm	Please put my vote into option 2, this seems to be a very clear choice that works for all	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	12/1/2021

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PIMW#332	November 30, 2021 at 9:44 pm	Please take action on improving the safety of Longpoint Road. As a neighbor of the port, I routinely witness trucks running traffic lights, speeding and erratic driving which places our families at risk. A dedicated entrance with direct port access is the best option (option 2) for all parties resulting in safer roads and less traffic congestion for all. Additionally, we request a sound barrier wall be constructed to diminish noise between 526 and the Hobcaw Creek neighborhood.	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	12/1/2021
PIMW#333	November 30, 2021 at 9:46 pm	<p>I live in Grassy Creek and would advise that our neighborhood is vehemently opposed to the plans for the 526 Long Point exit which seems totally focused on expanding port capacity. We are particularly concerned about condemnation of any home, HOA property or street that provides access to our subdivision. We are also strongly opposed to any fly-over bridge for port traffic that would be outside the existing ROW. We absolutely do not want port traffic being rerouted so that it merges onto the interstate directly outside of our neighborhood and encroaches into our community. Even today, noise levels from accelerating trucks can be loud and disruptive - this would only worsen if the fly over option proceeds.</p> <p>Taking additional right of way on either side of the existing 526 ROW corridor, especially in Mt Pleasant, is overly burdensome on the existing homeowners and should be avoided at all costs. There is plenty of land available in the existing ROW for additional lanes of traffic, including a large grassed median. Using the existing median to add lanes would be more effective and less detrimental to our community, even if that means phasing the project for a longer construction period.</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	12/1/2021
PIMW#334	November 30, 2021 at 9:49 pm	<p>My subdivision, Grassy Creek, is vehemently opposed to the condemnation of any home, HOA property or street that provides access to our subdivision. We are also strongly opposed to any fly-over bridge for port traffic that would be outside the existing ROW. We absolutely do not want port traffic being rerouted so that it merges onto the interstate directly outside of our neighborhood and encroaches into our community. We are impacted by significant noise from existing traffic which is throughout day and evening hours.</p> <p>There needs to be a significant improvement in the design or phasing of the new interstate project. Taking additional right of way on either side of the existing 526 ROW corridor, especially in Mt Pleasant, is overly burdensome on the existing homeowners and should be avoided at all costs. There is plenty of land available in the existing ROW for additional lanes of traffic, including a large grassed median. Using the existing median to add lanes would be more effective and less detrimental to our community, even if that means phasing the project for a longer construction period. We ask you to reconsider and respect home owners in the areas.</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	12/1/2021

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PIMW#335	November 30, 2021 at 9:49 pm	<p>I believe I commented, but in case it didn't go through, I wanted to Support Option #2.</p> <p>I believe that is the only option that will allow the port to continue to operate at the capacity it is set up for now much less continue to grow. There is no way to widen Longpoint Road with the amount of traffic and it would be much safer for all. Thank you!</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	12/1/2021
PIMW#336	November 30, 2021 at 10:51 pm	<p>Develop travel time savings calculation for residents traveling south to north from the Union Heights/Windsor/Chicora neighborhoods. Ambient noise impacts. Maintenance of construction traffic in the event of an accident - assessment of rerouting impacts/travel delays. Stormwater runoff/flooding impacts. Preference of construction jobs for residents living within a 5 mile radius of the project.</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	12/1/2021
PIMW#337	November 30, 2021 at 10:53 pm	<p>I am a resident of Hobcaw Creek Plantation located off Long Point Road adjacent to the Wando Welch Terminal as well as an owner in a business (Compass Aesthetics + Wellness) located on Wando Park Boulevard also adjacent to the Wando Welch Terminal.</p> <p>LONG POINT ROAD/WANDO WELCH INTERCHANGE With regards to the Long Point Road and Wando Welch Terminal Interchange, I strongly support Option #2 creating a dedicated, truck-only interchange onto I-526. This would allow for dedicated, truck-only traffic direct access to the Port and I-526. Furthermore, it would significantly reduce traffic risk currently present on Long Point Road and result in less impact to private residents and business owners, of which I am both. It would also avoid the previous proposed alternative of routing tractor trailer traffic onto Wando Park Boulevard which would significantly impact commercial businesses located on this road such as my own.</p> <p>On countless occasions I have personally observed numerous tractor trailers driving in an unsafe manner on Long Point Road going to and from the Wando Welch Terminal. This includes speeding and disobeying the stop light at the intersection of Hobcaw Bluff Drive and Long Point Road. The Town of Mt. Pleasant has previously placed officers to monitor this intersection which apparently resulted in officers issuing more traffic tickets to personal automobile drivers rather than tractor trailer drivers. What appears to have been missed in the observations is the fact that tractor trailer drivers have access to citizen band (CB) radios to inform each other of the existence of police patrols in such instances, when personal automobile drivers do not. Accordingly, in instances when officers are stationed at the intersection, it would be unsurprising to see tractor trailer drivers operating in a more lawful manner versus when no officers are present.</p> <p>LANE WIDENING I support the I-526 "1-lane widening to westbound exterior and interior" and "1-lane widening to eastbound exterior and interior."</p> <p>BARRIER SOUND WALLS - Section 3 of I526 Expansion As a resident of Hobcaw Creek Plantation in a residence that is already in very close proximity to I526, I strongly support the installation of noise/sound barrier walls along I526 in Section 3. As I type this comment within the confines of my home I can hear the road noise of vehicles traveling on I526. Adding an additional lane will only exacerbate the level of noise. Therefore, a noise/sound barrier wall is needed in this area.</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	12/1/2021

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PIMW#339	November 30, 2021 at 11:24 pm	As owners in Grassy Creek, we are strongly opposed to the condemnation of any homes, HOA space or street into the neighborhood as well as the Tidal Walk neighborhood. We are also strongly opposed to a fly-over bridge for port traffic that would encroach. Having port traffic rerouted so that it merges onto the interstate in front of our neighborhood would be extremely unfavorable and affect our community. Being in the real estate and construction industry, I am also worried about how this will affect resale values and use of the frontage road where we ride bikes to school and neighboring communities. Please consider an alternative.	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	12/1/2021
PIMW#340	November 30, 2021 at 11:25 pm	As owners in Grassy Creek, we are strongly opposed to the condemnation of any homes, HOA space or street into the neighborhood as well as the Tidal Walk neighborhood. We are also strongly opposed to a fly-over bridge for port traffic that would encroach. Having port traffic rerouted so that it merges onto the interstate in front of our neighborhood would be extremely unfavorable and affect our community. Being in the real estate and construction industry, I am also worried about how this will affect resale values and use of the frontage road where we ride bikes to school and neighboring communities. Please consider an alternative.	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	12/1/2021

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PIMW#341	November 30, 2021 at 11:55 pm	This project needs a dedicated Port Lane, otherwise we will CONTINUE to have horrible bottleneck traffic! Thank you!	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	12/1/2021
PIMW#342	December 1, 2021 at 12:33 am	As a resident here in tidal walk since 2017 I prefer not to have any changes being made. But if you want me to choose, I would say you can expand the Wando bridge and Long point rd entry to highway which doesn't affect any communities. Otherwise I think there should be more better plan for us to choose. Also put up a wall behind the neighbor would also be great. Thank you	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	12/1/2021
PIMW#343	December 1, 2021 at 12:34 am	As a resident here in tidal walk since 2017 I prefer not to have any changes being made. But if you want me to choose, I would say you can expand the Wando bridge and Long point rd entry to highway which doesn't affect any communities. Otherwise I think there should be more better plan for us to choose. Also put up a wall behind the neighbor would also be great. Thank you	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	12/1/2021

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PIMW#344	December 1, 2021 at 1:27 am	would think that a dedicated access road to the Wando Terminal should be included. I would also think that sound barriers should be viewed as necessary in areas necessary to maintain a quality of life.	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	12/1/2021
PIMW#345	December 1, 2021 at 4:38 am	<p>Option 2 in these scenarios/plans is by far the best to relieve the traffic, trucks, and potential danger from SPA Wando Terminal trucks disobeying the traffic light at Wando Park and Longpoint Road. Direct access to the SPA Wando Terminal would alleviate the back ups on Longpoint West of 526, that occur on a daily basis as well. Longpoint Road was not designed to handle over 100,000 18 wheelers each year. Interaction between businesses, neighborhoods, multiple apartment complexes and truckers West of 526 are an ever increasing issue.</p> <p>Thank you</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	12/1/2021
PIMW#346	December 1, 2021 at 6:06 am	<p>Of the choices given, I strongly support the no build option. Adding this much auto and truck capacity will only further incentivize the very behaviors that increase traffic. These are, sprawl and one person per 4000lb vehicle.</p> <p>Aside from longer commute times, these behaviors have serious economic and environmental impacts.</p> <p>The focus should be on alternatives that will remove cars and trucks from the roads. Barges, buses and bicycles are three of these alternatives. There are many more.</p> <p>Investing an equal amount in these alternatives will set us on a path for long term solutions.</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	12/1/2021

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PIMW#347	December 1, 2021 at 7:42 am	<p>I think road improvements on Johns Island should be investigated first.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) pitchfork when arriving from James Island 2) flyover interchange at Main Road/Hwy 17 3) widening existing roads, e.g. Maybank Hwy, River Road, Main Road/Bohicket Road. It won't matter how fast you get to Johns Island if you can't improve conditions ON Johns Island. 4) Re-stripe the existing bridges to make more lanes. There are no emergency lanes on North Bridge or the Cooper River Bridge, with cars immediately adjacent to the barrier wall, why do the bridges to Johns Island need such large emergency lanes. <p>Between Charleston and Mt. Pleasant there are two bridges, between West Ashley and North Charleston, there are two bridges. Those appear to handle a lot of traffic. Why does Charleston to Johns Island require four? It doesn't, and reinforces the premise that the congestion issue is caused by the roads ON Johns Island, not getting to Johns Island.</p> <p>With the challenges facing the area with flooding and the costs of the Charleston sea wall increasing quickly, I think the money could be more well spent in these endeavors.</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	12/1/2021
PIMW#348	December 1, 2021 at 7:53 am	<p>As a home owner in Grassy Creek and Belle Hall subdivision, I am vehemently opposed to any expansion into the area of Seacoast Parkway for many reasons. In the last ten years it seems to be a constant struggle with building more homes/neighborhoods, having traffic issues, and then encroaching into neighborhoods. It's a circular pattern that I've observed since living here and I have shared my concerns at Town of Mount Pleasant meetings. At some point this pattern has got to discontinue. With the potential condemnation of people's homes, I propose it stops here. There are additional options that do not include encroaching into/over residential areas. Taxpaying residents will leave this area if this pattern continues.</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	12/1/2021
PIMW#349	December 1, 2021 at 8:06 am	<p>Our neighborhoods, Grassy Creek and Belle Hall, are vehemently opposed to the condemnation of any home, HOA property or street that provides access to our subdivision. We are also strongly opposed to any fly-over bridge for port traffic that would be outside the existing ROW. We absolutely do not want port traffic being rerouted so that it merges onto the interstate directly outside of our neighborhood and encroaches into our community.</p> <p>There needs to be a significant improvement in the design or phasing of the new interstate project. Taking additional right of way on either side of the existing 526 ROW corridor, especially in Mt Pleasant, is overly burdensome on the existing homeowners and should be avoided at all costs. There is plenty of land available in the existing ROW for additional lanes of traffic, including a large grassed median. Using the existing median to add lanes would be more effective and less detrimental to our community, even if that means phasing the project for a longer construction period.</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	12/1/2021

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PIMW#350	December 1, 2021 at 8:08 am	<p>I am vehemently opposed to the condemnation of any home, HOA property or street that provides access to the subdivisions. We are also strongly opposed to any fly-over bridge for port traffic that would be outside the existing ROW. We absolutely do not want port traffic being rerouted so that it merges onto the interstate directly outside of our neighborhood and encroaches into our community.</p> <p>There needs to be a significant improvement in the design or phasing of the new interstate project. Taking additional right of way on either side of the existing 526 ROW corridor, especially in Mt Pleasant, is overly burdensome on the existing homeowners and should be avoided at all costs. There is plenty of land available in the existing ROW for additional lanes of traffic, including a large grassed median. Using the existing median to add lanes would be more effective and less detrimental to our community, even if that means phasing the project for a longer construction period."</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	12/1/2021
PIMW#351	December 1, 2021 at 8:09 am	<p>I am vehemently opposed to the condemnation of any home, HOA property or street that provides access to the subdivisions of Grassy Creek, Tidal Walk, and Belle Hall. We are also strongly opposed to any fly-over bridge for port traffic that would be outside the existing ROW. We absolutely do not want port traffic being rerouted so that it merges onto the interstate directly outside of our neighborhood and encroaches into our community.</p> <p>There needs to be a significant improvement in the design or phasing of the new interstate project. Taking additional right of way on either side of the existing 526 ROW corridor, especially in Mt Pleasant, is overly burdensome on the existing homeowners and should be avoided at all costs. There is plenty of land available in the existing ROW for additional lanes of traffic, including a large grassed median. Using the existing median to add lanes would be more effective and less detrimental to our community, even if that means phasing the project for a longer construction period."</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	12/1/2021
PIMW#352	December 1, 2021 at 8:13 am	<p>I am opposed to the condemnation of any home, HOA property or street that provides access to a subdivision. We are also strongly opposed to any fly-over bridge for port traffic that would be outside the existing ROW. We absolutely do not want port traffic being rerouted so that it merges onto the interstate directly outside of our neighborhood and encroaches into our community.</p> <p>There needs to be a significant improvement in the design or phasing of the new interstate project. Taking additional right of way on either side of the existing 526 ROW corridor, especially in Mt Pleasant, is overly burdensome on the existing homeowners and should be avoided at all costs. There is plenty of land available in the existing ROW for additional lanes of traffic, including a large grassed median. Using the existing median to add lanes would be more effective and less detrimental to our community, even if that means phasing the project for a longer construction period.</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	12/1/2021

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PIMW#353	December 1, 2021 at 8:22 am	<p>We desperately need a dedicated truck route directly to the Port to keep the trucks off of Long Point Road. It should have been created originally, but now we have an opportunity to rectify this problem. Long Point Road is about neighborhoods, families, and cars full of children and older drivers, and daily it is a complicated and even dangerous proposition just to get in and out of our neighborhoods while fighting the trucks filling both lanes, speeding, running red lights, etc. This has been well documented and discussed with the port, and the port has made efforts to deal with their drivers, but this has continued to be a problem daily and it will be an issue until there is another route for the trucks. This is the #1 issue for Long Point Road and the port; we are lucky there hasn't been a major wreck with loss of life as of yet. Please make this a part of the 526 renovation/expansion without fail.</p> <p>There seems to be an opportunity to run a dedicated lane immediately off the bridge to the back of the port without much of an issue for businesses and homes. But apparently there are 2 or 3 workable options.</p> <p>Also, when 526 is renovated/widened, please include sound barrier walls on both sides of the highway. These neighborhoods which are immediately next to the highway, like Hobcaw Creek Plantation and Grassy Creek, are exposed and need the protection.</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	12/1/2021
PIMW#354	December 1, 2021 at 9:20 am	<p>As a resident of Belle Hall Plantation neighborhood, I am very much opposed to all designs that encroach on our neighborhoods instead of using current right of ways and medians on 526.</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	12/1/2021
PIMW#355	December 1, 2021 at 9:54 am	<p>Love the idea of the new bridges for the Don Holt and Wando bridges at the higher elevation. The existing bridges should remain for truck traffic to the port. I don't see anything about the I-26 - 526 interchange - what a nightmare!</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>The I-526 Lowcountry Corridor WEST is a proposed project in the final stages of an environmental impact statement which includes interchange improvements at the I-526 / I-26 interchange. For more information about this adjacent project: https://www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/west/.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	12/1/2021

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PIMW#356	December 1, 2021 at 10:10 am	For Long Point Corridor, if any voting please consider option 2 as my recommendation. Thank you for all you do to make this town and community better! Regards	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	12/1/2021
PIMW#357	December 1, 2021 at 10:38 am	Option 2 is, by far, the best option!	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	12/1/2021
PIMW#358	December 1, 2021 at 10:49 am	Option 2, is by far the best alternative.	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	12/1/2021

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PIMW#359	December 1, 2021 at 10:53 am	<p>There absolutely needs to be a DEDICATED PORT ACCESS ROAD OFF 526 TO AND FROM THE WANDO PORT to get the truck traffic off of Long Point Road.</p> <p>Also sound wall barriers need to be constructed to keep the highway noise out of the nearby neighborhoods as much as is possible.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	12/1/2021
PIMW#360	December 1, 2021 at 10:58 am	<p>Option 2 is by far the best alternative to limit congestion accessing the Wando port.</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	12/1/2021
PIMW#361	December 1, 2021 at 11:02 am	<p>I am against any option that encroaches on the neighborhoods of Grassy Creek and Tidal Walk. We will need a sound wall regardless</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	12/1/2021

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PIMW#362	December 1, 2021 at 11:08 am	<p>Please include the following in the plans for 526:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. a dedicated port road to and from 526 to the Wando Port, to keep truck traffic off Long Point Road 2. sound barrier walls to keep noise out of neighborhoods along the 526 corridor in Mount Pleasant, including Hobcaw Creek Plantation, Grassy Creek, etc. <p>Thank you.</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	12/1/2021
PIMW#363	December 1, 2021 at 11:21 am	<p>We strongly support Long Point Road/Wando Port Interchange OPTION 2!</p> <p>This would eliminate the heavy truck traffic along Long Point Road where several neighborhoods exist.</p> <p>Option 1 seems to be what we currently have. Option 3 would hurt the entrance to our neighborhood, Hidden Cove. Option 4 looks like a total mess.</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	12/1/2021
PIMW#364	December 1, 2021 at 11:39 am	<p>526 Bridge over the Wando River need to be at 95' for sailboat access up river. There are several commercial properties up river of the bridge and they would require a large clearance than this current design allows for.</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>The height of the proposed bridges would be established with coordination with the US Coast Guard which includes a navigational study on the channel. If there are users on the waterway with a need for a higher vertical clearance then that will be taken into consideration during the navigational study. The proposed height of 65' is the minimum height proposed, but the actual proposed height that the bridge design is based on will be determined by US Coast Guard once we start design on the actual project in the future. Part of the feedback from the public was to get feedback from those who regularly use the waterway. Additional feedback will be secured in the future from marinas to ascertain a more holistic picture of the actual uses during the navigational study.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	12/1/2021

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PIMW#366	December 1, 2021 at 11:42 am	I'm a resident of Hobcaw Creek Plantation and would highly encourage OPTION 2 for the design of 526 EAST Corridor. This will greatly improve quality of life for residents and small business on or around Long Point Road by alleviating the extremely heavy traffic caused by truck's entering and exiting the port.	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	12/1/2021
PIMW#367	December 1, 2021 at 11:45 am	Construct sound barriers at sections adjoining residential areas. Construct these FIRST to mitigate construction noise. Eliminate "pinch point" on Highway 17 North at the Bowman Road overpass. Maintain three northbound lanes through this area. Provide a way for trucks to get up to full speed before merging onto the highway. Onramp loops slow traffic down and a long merging lane is needed to keep traffic moving.	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	12/1/2021

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PIMW#368	December 1, 2021 at 11:46 am	<p>Regarding Long Point Interchange I prefer option 2 as it will clear a lot of traffic off of Long Point Rd which will be much safer for pedestrians and cars.</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	12/1/2021
PIMW#369	December 1, 2021 at 12:00 pm	<p>As a resident of Hobcaw Creek Plantation for the past 23 years, it is imperative that we have a dedicated port access road to and from 526 for trucks, to get them off of Long Point Road for the safety and protection of our neighborhood and all Mount Pleasant residents.</p> <p>There must be sound barrier walls from the Wando bridge to Hwy 17 to protect the neighborhoods along 526.</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	12/1/2021
PIMW#370	December 1, 2021 at 12:05 pm	<p>Since I live in the Hobcaw Creek Plantation subdivision, I am most interested in the section with SPA and Long Point Road. By constructing a direct truck connection from near the SPA to I526, traffic volumes would decrease at the intersection of Wando Blvd. and Long Point Road. Every day when I wait for a turn light, one or more trucks will drive through the intersection on a red light. It is not unusual to see trucks backed up onto the freeway. This danger would be eliminated with option 2; a direct truck only link to I526. Also, this is better for the trucks since they can move easily onto I526 without passing through the neighborhoods, traffic lights, or making a sharp turn to get onto I 526.</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	12/1/2021

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PIMW#371	December 1, 2021 at 12:07 pm	Option 2	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	12/1/2021
PIMW#372	December 1, 2021 at 12:20 pm	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. We must have a dedicated port access road to and from 526 for trucks, to get them off of Long Point Road 2. There must be sound barrier walls from the Wando bridge to Hwy 17 to protect the neighborhoods along 526. 	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	12/1/2021
PIMW#373	December 1, 2021 at 12:30 pm	<p>I think it's imperative that we go with an option that includes a separate port access lane for truck traffic coming off of 526. The merge on and off of 526 at Longpoint has become dangerous, and also causes traffic to back up down 526 eastbound much of the time. Additionally, the left turns into residential neighborhoods off of Longpoint road nearer to the port are becoming dangerous, with a lot of high-speed truck traffic. Just a week to so ago I narrowly avoided an accident turning into Hobcaw Creek, when a truck blasted through the red light there.</p> <p>I'd also like to see some kind of sound barrier between 526 and the residential neighborhoods along that stretch, where removal/reduction of the existing tree line has led to a huge increase in highway noise.</p> <p>Thank you!</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	12/1/2021

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PIMW#376	December 1, 2021 at 12:40 pm	<p>I do not support widening of I-526. I do support an alternate Truck Exit/Entrance which is Option #2 and NOT rebuilding the Long Point Road Interchange.</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	12/1/2021

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PIMW#377	December 1, 2021 at 12:43 pm	<p>1. We must have a dedicated port access road to and from 526 for trucks, to get them off of Long Point Road</p> <p>2. There must be sound barrier walls from the Wando bridge to Hwy 17 to protect the neighborhoods along 526.</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	12/1/2021
PIMW#378	December 1, 2021 at 12:44 pm	<p>I do NOT support the widening of I-526 East.</p> <p>I support Option #2 for a dedicated interchange for Trucks.</p> <p>I do not support rebuilding the Long Point Road exit.</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting last fall. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>The Long Point Road / Wando Port Interchange project has been recently funded to become the first project to be developed out of the I-526 East Study. We will have additional public information meetings to show more details on the reasonable improvement alternatives later this year.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	3/17/2022
PIMW#379	December 1, 2021 at 1:08 pm	<p>I live in the Tidal Walk subdivision which will likely be in the impacted area of any Long Point Road/I526 interchange upgrades. Having viewed each of the options presented, I simply want to make certain that sound barriers along I526 are included in the construction planning stages. As more property is slated for encroachment of these widening and expansive projects, those of us that border and remain near this busy interstate will definitely need sound barriers to alleviate some of the growing noise. Please make this a priority going forward.</p> <p>Thanks</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	12/1/2021

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PIMW#380	December 1, 2021 at 5:17 pm	<p>We just recently moved from another part of Mt. Pleasant to the Hidden Cove subdivision and have found out that there is an almost constant stream of large tractor trailers and other port support personnel in cars coming and going to the port on Long Point Rd. It is often very congested making it difficult to pull out of or into the subdivision and when you actually get on Long Point Rd, there are long waits while waiting for the large trucks that occupy both lanes on the road. It is nearly impossible to maneuver around them when trying to drive to my son's elementary school or to 526. To say that the traffic on Long Point Rd near 526 is dangerous would be a gross understatement. In my relatively short time in our new house, I have seen three close calls and was cut off by a tractor trailer who pulled into me so he could turn onto 526. Someone is going to be killed with all this truck traffic. It is not if, it is when. Please make the smart and only safe decision and choose option #2. Furthermore, there needs to be a continuation of the sidewalk under 526 to the shopping center so that children and adults can walk or ride their bikes. Right now, I wouldn't even attempt to do so. Thank you for reading this and helping to protect our families!</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	12/1/2021

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PIM1	10/26/2021	<p>Excited to learn our traffic concerns and issues are heard. How this project is executed is critical to quality of life - commerce, safety, liability are paramount. Some consideration to that end: 1) Sound barriers along 526 adjacent MTP Neighborhoods (Hobcaw Creek Plantation in particular), and 2) a dedicated truck lane to the port.</p> <p>Option 2 approximates these features</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting last fall. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>The Long Point Road / Wando Port Interchange project has been recently funded to become the first project to be developed out of the I-526 East Study. We will have additional public information meetings to show more details on the reasonable improvement alternatives later this year.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	3/17/2022
PIM2	10/26/2021	<p>I have a strong preference for Option 2 for the Long Point Rd. interchange to reduce port traffic mixing dangerously with neighborhood traffic. Option 3 would be my second choice.</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting last fall. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>The Long Point Road / Wando Port Interchange project has been recently funded to become the first project to be developed out of the I-526 East Study. We will have additional public information meetings to show more details on the reasonable improvement alternatives later this year.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	3/17/2022

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PIM3	10/26/2021	<p>Trucks are a major reason for the need. Is the port contributing to the cost? Who determines market value if your house is taken? How much time are you given to move? Option 1 for Long Point Road exit is the only one for Mount Pleasant residents. All other only benefit the port. Wando Bridge should be lowered Alternate routes to North Mount Pleasant need to be addressed. Long Point and Hwy 17 cannot meet the need. Don Holt does not need to be raised Take into consideration the development of North Mount Pleasant and Awendaw. This is temporary fix.</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting last fall. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>The Long Point Road / Wando Port Interchange project has been recently funded to become the first project to be developed out of the I-526 East Study. We will have additional public information meetings to show more details on the reasonable improvement alternatives later this year.</p> <p>As SCDOT updates infrastructure, we must take into consideration all users of the roadways and their needs including the Port facilities. In addition, we must consider other forms of transportation such as navigational users of the waterway in determining the heights of the new or improved bridge structures over those navigational waterways such as the Cooper and Wando Rivers.</p> <p>When properties are purchased for Rights of Way, an appraisal is performed by a licensed appraiser in order to determine the current value of your property just before the offer is made to purchase. If you disagree with the appraisal prepared by the appraiser hired by SCDOT, you can also have your own appraisal prepared for comparison. The first offer is always based on appraised property value. For more information about the right of way process, please check out our ROW video here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ISDHJxjUqSw</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	3/17/2022

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PIM4	10/26/2021	<p>Our home is located on the southwest quadrant of the bridge at Hobcaw Creek.</p> <p>We had our house on the market from Feb 2019 to Feb 2020 with 80 showings and one low offer. The consistent feedback was the noise and visual of the highway. The clearing of the trees made that <u>much worse</u>.</p> <p>We are concerned with the expansion because that will make our bad situation <u>even worse</u>.</p> <p>* Exactly where will the new right-of-way be? * What will be done to address noise & visual?</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting last fall. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>The Long Point Road / Wando Port Interchange project has been recently funded to become the first project to be developed out of the I-526 East Study. We will have additional public information meetings to show more details on the reasonable improvement alternatives later this year.</p> <p>When properties are purchased for Rights of Way, an appraisal is performed by a licensed appraiser in order to determine the current value of your property just before the offer is made to purchase. If you disagree with the appraisal prepared by the appraiser hired by SCDOT, you can also have your own appraisal prepared for comparison. The first offer is always based on appraised property value. For more information about the right of way process, please check out our ROW video here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ISDHxjUqSw . As the project is developed in more detail, the specific right of way proposed will be provided to the public for comment.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	3/17/2022

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PIM5	10/26/2021	<p>Option 2 interchange to get truck traffic to I-526 is certainly preferable. Does this removal of truck traffic from I-526/Long Point Road interchange help the traffic enough on I-526 to Hwy 17 to eliminate adding a lane and would this eliminate the need for a sound wall along Chimney Bluff Road?</p> <p>A sound wall would greatly diminish the current 50' barrier (natural) that our neighborhood (Hobcaw Bluff Plantation) is deeded. It will greatly diminish our property values.</p> <p>If necessary Long Point option 3A is preferable so as not to use natural buffer on Chimney Bluff.</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting last fall. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>The Long Point Road / Wando Port Interchange project has been recently funded to become the first project to be developed out of the I-526 East Study. We will have additional public information meetings to show more details on the reasonable improvement alternatives later this year.</p> <p>As SCDOT updates infrastructure, we must take into consideration all users of the roadways and their needs including the Port facilities. In addition, we must consider other forms of transportation such as navigational users of the waterway in determining the heights of the new or improved bridge structures over those navigational waterways such as the Cooper and Wando Rivers.</p> <p>When properties are purchased for Rights of Way, an appraisal is performed by a licensed appraiser in order to determine the current value of your property just before the offer is made to purchase. If you disagree with the appraisal prepared by the appraiser hired by SCDOT, you can also have your own appraisal prepared for comparison. The first offer is always based on appraised property value. For more information about the right of way process, please check out our ROW video here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ISDHJxjUqSw</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	3/17/2022
PIM6	10/26/2021	<p>Long Point/Wando Park Exchange * First choice Option 3 Second choice Option 2</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting last fall. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>The Long Point Road / Wando Port Interchange project has been recently funded to become the first project to be developed out of the I-526 East Study. We will have additional public information meetings to show more details on the reasonable improvement alternatives later this year.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	3/17/2022

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PIM7	10/26/2021	<p>Looking at the different plans, Options 2-I and 2-J appeared to have the least impact on the Mt. Pleasant neighborhoods on Daniel Island's, including the tennis facility. These 2 also utilize the current footprint of the existing Wando Bridge. However, the drastic lowering of the Wando does not consider future development. Perhaps the lower level could be between the existing and proposed heights. As far the entrance and exit ramps at Long Point, option #3 seems to be a good choice & alleviates congestion with the port traffic.</p> <p>The changes to the Don Holt appear necessary and a more time effective solution that addresses traffic and access to the ports. It also appears to have less impact on area residential communities.</p>	<p>Thank you for responding during the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST (I-526 LCC EAST) Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL) Study comment period open from October 11, 2021 to December 1, 2021. We greatly appreciate your interest in this study.</p> <p>As you know, the South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) is conducting a PEL Study to identify transportation issues and environmental concerns, from Virginia Avenue in North Charleston to approximately US 17 in Mount Pleasant. The purpose of the study is to better define the needs along this corridor and to identify alternatives that would improve travel time reliability and reduce congestion along the corridor.</p> <p>This PEL study is intended to streamline the implementation of recommended transportation improvements for the I-526 LCC EAST by facilitating early consideration of environmental constraints and public feedback. The results of the PEL study identifies possible projects and estimated costs for consideration as part of SCDOT's future statewide transportation plans. As funding becomes available, projects would advance to the environmental phase under guidance of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). During that process, the range of alternatives would be refined and narrowed down to a preferred alternative based on additional studies, design, and public input.</p> <p>Your interest in the I-526 LCC EAST study is valued, and SCDOT assures you that all suggestions, objections, and concerns are carefully considered. Your comments have been made part of the official record.</p> <p>Throughout the public comment period, we received 558 comments. As a result, we have compiled a list of Frequently Asked Questions. We encourage you to review the attached document and share these with your friends, neighbors, and colleagues. If you should have any further questions, please contact me directly at info@526LowcountryCorridor.com, call or text the project hotline (843.258.1135), or visit our Community Office (5627 Rivers Avenue, North Charleston – Gas Lite Square; CARTA Route 10).</p> <p>To stay engaged, please visit our website at www.526LowcountryCorridor.com/east/, sign up for our newsletter, like us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/526Corridor/, or follow us on Twitter at twitter.com/526Corridor.</p>	Written	3/21/2022
PIM8	10/26/2021	<p>We are very concerned about the amount of noise that has INCREASED in the last 2 years - also the soot and dust/debris from the road.</p> <p>The environmental impact of this and our quality of life is and will be affected for the worst.</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting last fall. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>The Long Point Road / Wando Port Interchange project has been recently funded to become the first project to be developed out of the I-526 East Study. We will have additional public information meetings to show more details on the reasonable improvement alternatives later this year.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east/), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	3/17/2022

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PIM9	10/26/2021	<p>Noise levels and volume of traffic already increased in just the last 2 years. Addition of 2 lanes east and west between 17 and Long Point Road are in our backyard. Concerned about encroaching further toward the property, more lanes, more noise, and closer to our home than today.</p> <p>In this section, why are all the lanes not going directly against east other with barrier divider? Similar to Ravenel Bridge?</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting last fall. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>The Long Point Road / Wando Port Interchange project has been recently funded to become the first project to be developed out of the I-526 East Study. We will have additional public information meetings to show more details on the reasonable improvement alternatives later this year.</p> <p>In response to your question, why are the lanes not proposed closer together with barrier separation as you approach Long Point Road on I-526. As we further develop the alternatives in the next phase of work, we will continue to refine those alternatives to maximize the use of the median and reduce impacts to adjacent properties. However, please note that the proposed bridge replacement of I-526 over the Wando will drive the alignments between the River and Long Point Road. We must maintain traffic on the existing bridges while we construct the new bridges, so there are some potential shifts in the alignments and transitions as you try to bring everything back together after crossing the river on parallel bridges.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	3/17/2022

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PIM10	10/26/2021	<p>1 - Very concerned about <u>existing</u> noise and road dust caused by current road. Multiply that concern w/ proposed plan.</p> <p>2 - Property values with proposed plan will be negatively impacted for our property.</p> <p>3 - No more clearing on right-of-way - Noise & dust has increased since trees were thinned.</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting last fall. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>The Long Point Road / Wando Port Interchange project has been recently funded to become the first project to be developed out of the I-526 East Study. We will have additional public information meetings to show more details on the reasonable improvement alternatives later this year.</p> <p>When properties are purchased for Rights of Way, an appraisal is performed by a licensed appraiser in order to determine the current value of your property just before the offer is made to purchase. If you disagree with the appraisal prepared by the appraiser hired by SCDOT, you can also have your own appraisal prepared for comparison. The first offer is always based on appraised property value. For more information about the right of way process, please check out our ROW video here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ISDHxjUqSw</p> <p>Safety is our number one priority, and keeping the clear zone right of way clear of trees is necessary in order to reduce the number of fatal and serious injury crashes on this high speed roadway. Clearing of vegetation is also important to ensuring proper drainage in storm events. As we develop projects on this corridor, we will evaluate the noise and dust impacts and develop mitigation strategies for those impacts, such as noise barriers and dust screens.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	3/17/2022

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PIM11	10/26/2021	<p>I do not understand how any option that destroys 3 neighborhoods can be considered. I recognize that traffic is forecast to get worse, but the majority of the options for widening near Long Point ruins Etiwan, Tidal Walk, and Grassy Creek neighborhoods through condemned houses, increased noise, and reduced property values. I strongly urge you to go back to the drawing board and re-evaluate moving the lanes south where the impact is to more commercial properties. Any option that ruins our neighborhoods will be fought against by the entirety of Mount Pleasant.</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting last fall. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>The Long Point Road / Wando Port Interchange project has been recently funded to become the first project to be developed out of the I-526 East Study. We will have additional public information meetings to show more details on the reasonable improvement alternatives later this year.</p> <p>When properties are purchased for Rights of Way, an appraisal is performed by a licensed appraiser in order to determine the current value of your property just before the offer is made to purchase. If you disagree with the appraisal prepared by the appraiser hired by SCDOT, you can also have your own appraisal prepared for comparison. The first offer is always based on appraised property value. For more information about the right of way process, please check out our ROW video here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ISDHJxjUqSw</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	3/17/2022

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PIM12	10/26/2021	I know the planning (and starting) of 526 is a long way off, so please please please get someone out to re-paint the lines for lanes, shoulder, and exits with white (yellow) reflective paint. It is very dangerous at night, especially if it is raining to see my exit, merge from I-526 Eastbound to Long Point Road	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting last fall. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>The Long Point Road / Wando Port Interchange project has been recently funded to become the first project to be developed out of the I-526 East Study. We will have additional public information meetings to show more details on the reasonable improvement alternatives later this year.</p> <p>We will submit you maintenance request concerning the lane marking to our maintenance unit. Feel free to contact 855-Go-SCDOT in the future whenever you have a maintenance concern or question for existing SCDOT roadways.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	3/17/2022

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PIM13	10/26/2021	<p>I am supportive of Option #2 for the Port Access road. There is a very serious safety problem mixing trucks from the Port with vehicles going to and from neighborhoods on Long Point Road. Removing the trucks from most of Long Point Road and routing them on a new road straight to HW 526 makes sense and will improve safety on Long Point Road dramatically. It is currently a very dangerous situation!!</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting last fall. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>The Long Point Road / Wando Port Interchange project has been recently funded to become the first project to be developed out of the I-526 East Study. We will have additional public information meetings to show more details on the reasonable improvement alternatives later this year.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	3/17/2022
PIM14	10/26/2021	<p>While I understand the need for 526 widening, I believe the option(s) that use the median and therefore don't require as much easement use should be selected (+ 2F). My home currently backs up to 526 and the noise is horrible; preventing me usage of my backyard. A sound wall should be erected prior to the widening. I imagine construction noise will be very impactful. Also, what are you doing to my property value? Who will compensate me for that? It's bad enough now and I can't imagine how much worse it will be. I think SCDOT should buy out the houses on Turnstone & Red Knot Street as part of the cost of construction. The houses are only 5-6 years old and someone needs to accept the responsibility for allowing the Tidal Walk subdivision to be constructed in its current configuration.</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting last fall. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>The Long Point Road / Wando Port Interchange project has been recently funded to become the first project to be developed out of the I-526 East Study. We will have additional public information meetings to show more details on the reasonable improvement alternatives later this year.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	3/17/2022

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PIM15	10/26/2021	<p>A dedicated 'Truck Lane Only' to exit 526 from Eastbound to Long Point that overpasses all other roads to the terminal entrance.</p> <p>Similarly, trucks leaving terminal have dedicated roadway that overpasses residential streets to reach 526 Westbound. Trucks leaving terminal going east to 17 across Revenel Bridge remain the same. (included graphic)</p>	Requested no response	None required	
PIM16	10/26/2021	I would be interested in Alternative #2. It would keep the existing Don Holt bridge and would require less relocations.	Requested no response	None required	
PIM17	10/26/2021	I am totally in favor of Option Two proposal for direct access for trucks to the SPA Wando Terminal. The 1 1/2 mile stretch of Long Point Road from 526 to the Wando Terminal was not built, nor equipped to handle 100,000+ 18 wheelers per year	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	12/1/2021
PIM18	10/26/2021	<p>Re: Long Point Road/526 interchange - I'm certain you are aware that the stop lights entering and just prior to existing LP Rd to 526 are a main location for truck and car traffic 'back up' - To widen 526 w/out creating a bypass route for the trucks will be disastrous - increasing the # of trucks moving (and cars) up & down 526 w/out improving the flow on & off 526 will create MORE congestion on Long Point Road.</p> <p>Options 2 & 3 seem to make the most sense (to a 'Layperson") Re: improving flow from 526 to the terminal which will facilitate flow on Long Point Road for cars, emergency vehicles, etc.</p>	Requested no response	None required	

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PIM19	10/26/2021	<p>I live off Long Point Road and have been in an accident with a truck. (They ran into the back of me.) We desperately need a separate interchange for trucks - with <u>Option 2</u> - keeping cars and trucks from being together.</p> <p>There also needs to be a way to manage truck traffic on 526 - perhaps their own lane that they actually have to use.</p>	<p>Thank you for responding during the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST (I-526 LCC EAST) Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL) Study comment period open from October 11, 2021 to December 1, 2021. We greatly appreciate your interest in this study.</p> <p>As you know, the South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) is conducting a PEL Study to identify transportation issues and environmental concerns, from Virginia Avenue in North Charleston to approximately US 17 in Mount Pleasant. The purpose of the study is to better define the needs along this corridor and to identify alternatives that would improve travel time reliability and reduce congestion along the corridor.</p> <p>This PEL study is intended to streamline the implementation of recommended transportation improvements for the I-526 LCC EAST by facilitating early consideration of environmental constraints and public feedback. The results of the PEL study identifies possible projects and estimated costs for consideration as part of SCDOT's future statewide transportation plans. As funding becomes available, projects would advance to the environmental phase under guidance of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). During that process, the range of alternatives would be refined and narrowed down to a preferred alternative based on additional studies, design, and public input.</p> <p>Your interest in the I-526 LCC EAST study is valued, and SCDOT assures you that all suggestions, objections, and concerns are carefully considered. Your comments have been made part of the official record.</p> <p>Throughout the public comment period, we received 558 comments. As a result, we have compiled a list of Frequently Asked Questions. We encourage you to review the attached document and share these with your friends, neighbors, and colleagues. If you should have any further questions, please contact me directly at info@526LowcountryCorridor.com, call or text the project hotline (843.258.1135), or visit our Community Office (5627 Rivers Avenue, North Charleston – Gas Lite Square; CARTA Route 10).</p> <p>To stay engaged, please visit our website at www.526LowcountryCorridor.com/east/, sign up for our newsletter, like us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/526Corridor/, or follow us on Twitter at twitter.com/526Corridor.</p>	Written	3/21/2022
PIM20	10/26/2021	<p>Option 2. Best option for sustained current and future growth of the port. Second - Option 3.</p> <p>Options 1 & 4 are not worth the investment as it does not remove the traffic off Long Point Road.</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting last fall. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>The Long Point Road / Wando Port Interchange project has been recently funded to become the first project to be developed out of the I-526 East Study. We will have additional public information meetings to show more details on the reasonable improvement alternatives later this year.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east/), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	10/17/2022

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PIM21	10/26/2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * The port needs to pay for this or at least a large part. Not our taxes. * Sound barriers have to be included. Can't hold a conversation in my yard as it is. * There really isn't a problem with traffic. I am there everyday 7 & 4 not that big a deal. * The rational for not building a parallel road out by 41 to Grouse Cut is not sound. Most of Mt. Pleasant would be able to access this. No one could provide stats to prove otherwise. * Bottom line the only real problem is when there is a wreck or port shuts down, and that happens everywhere 	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting last fall. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>The Long Point Road / Wando Port Interchange project has been recently funded to become the first project to be developed out of the I-526 East Study. We will have additional public information meetings to show more details on the reasonable improvement alternatives later this year.</p> <p>As SCDOT updates infrastructure, we must take into consideration all users of the roadways and their needs including the Port facilities. In addition, we must consider other forms of transportation such as navigational users of the waterway in determining the heights of the new or improved bridge structures over those navigational waterways such as the Cooper and Wando Rivers.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	10/17/2022

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PIM22	10/26/2021	<p>I am so surprised that this project is considering the tearing down of people's homes.</p> <p>I am a real estate agent and worried for my clients and friends that live in Etiwan Pointe & Tidal Walk. I personally own 2 homes in Belle Hall and the noise has already been getting worse each year. Really - are 8 lanes necessary? I hope Fair Market Value will be truly "Fair" if you buy out a homeowner.</p> <p>Thank you for the information and for reading our comments.</p> <p>This is a very scary proposal. I hope and wish it was better thought out in the first place</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting last fall. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>The Long Point Road / Wando Port Interchange project has been recently funded to become the first project to be developed out of the I-526 East Study. We will have additional public information meetings to show more details on the reasonable improvement alternatives later this year.</p> <p>When properties are purchased for Rights of Way, an appraisal is performed by a licensed appraiser in order to determine the current value of your property just before the offer is made to purchase. If you disagree with the appraisal prepared by the appraiser hired by SCDOT, you can also have your own appraisal prepared for comparison. The first offer is always based on appraised property value. For more information about the right of way process, please check out our ROW video here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ISDHJxjUqSw</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	10/17/2022

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PIM23	10/26/2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * I agree the Don Holt is a bottleneck & needs modification/replacement. * Wando w/ 4 lanes is a problem; with 6 lanes, not so much. * Expanding 526 from Wando Bridge to 17 will destroy several neighborhoods & negatively impact others * Have you looked at stacked decks? It works in Europe and increased construction costs off-set by not having to buy-out whole neighborhoods. * Based on what I see here currently, I'm likely going to have to move. * A wall to block noise would be required. 	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting last fall. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>The Long Point Road / Wando Port Interchange project has been recently funded to become the first project to be developed out of the I-526 East Study. We will have additional public information meetings to show more details on the reasonable improvement alternatives later this year.</p> <p>As SCDOT updates infrastructure, we must take into consideration all users of the roadways and their needs including the Port facilities. In addition, we must consider other forms of transportation such as navigational users of the waterway in determining the heights of the new or improved bridge structures over those navigational waterways such as the Cooper and Wando Rivers.</p> <p>When properties are purchased for Rights of Way, an appraisal is performed by a licensed appraiser in order to determine the current value of your property just before the offer is made to purchase. If you disagree with the appraisal prepared by the appraiser hired by SCDOT, you can also have your own appraisal prepared for comparison. The first offer is always based on appraised property value. For more information about the right of way process, please check out our ROW video here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ISDHJxjUqSw</p>	Email	10/17/2022
PIM24	10/26/2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * We live in Tidal Walk (Red Knot) * Concerned about property value and stigma associated w/ 3-10 years of uncertainty as to what will be n our backyard. * We do not currently support any further consideration w/out a Noise Study and a sound barrier (PRIOR TO COMMENCEMENT OF CONSTRUCTION). * We support a minimal approach to dealing w/ congestion and traffic/noise on I-526 	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting last fall. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>The Long Point Road / Wando Port Interchange project has been recently funded to become the first project to be developed out of the I-526 East Study. We will have additional public information meetings to show more details on the reasonable improvement alternatives later this year.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	3/17/2022

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PIM25	10/26/2021	<p>Obviously we must widen I-526. I have the following two concerns:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The construction phase must <u>not</u> cause current existing traffic flow to be worse than it is now. That <u>must</u> be addressed. 2. I recognize the important roll large trucks play in supplying our everyday needs and our economy. But some restrictions must be placed on them for safety and for of other traffic concerns. Perhaps some type of lane use restrictions?? 	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting last fall. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>The Long Point Road / Wando Port Interchange project has been recently funded to become the first project to be developed out of the I-526 East Study. We will have additional public information meetings to show more details on the reasonable improvement alternatives later this year.</p> <p>The existing lanes of travel will be maintained during construction and temporary lane closures would be limited to the nighttime or off peak hours. Once the corridor is widened to 4 lanes in each direction, then lane restrictions for trucks are possible while still allowing routine passing operations for roadway users. With 2 lanes in each direction, lane restrictions limit the ability to allow passing operations for all users.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	3/17/2022
PIM26	10/26/2021	<p>I would like to propose a Phase 3 to this project.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> A. An overpass going from Mt. P Hwy 17/526 intersection to the Revenel Bridge B. Overpass from Revenel Bridge through downtown to West Ashley C. Overpass from West Ashley to Highway 17/526 intersection <p>All these would provide much greater transportation over/through the bland</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting last fall. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>The Long Point Road / Wando Port Interchange project has been recently funded to become the first project to be developed out of the I-526 East Study. We will have additional public information meetings to show more details on the reasonable improvement alternatives later this year.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	3/17/2022
PIM27	10/26/2021	<p>Option 2 & 3 for Long Point/Wando Port access should <u>NOT</u> be considered. It would be impossible to control road noise from truck on an elevated ramp. Noise levels measured by homeowners in Tidal Walk & Grassy Creek already exceed acceptable levels.</p>	Requested no response	None required	

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PIM28	10/26/2021	The Wando Port/Long Point Road Interchange - I like Option 3 & secondly Option 2	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting last fall. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>The Long Point Road / Wando Port Interchange project has been recently funded to become the first project to be developed out of the I-526 East Study. We will have additional public information meetings to show more details on the reasonable improvement alternatives later this year.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	3/17/2022
PIM29	10/26/2021	For the Long Point Road interchange, Option 1 would not provide enough impact to alleviate issues long term. Options 2 and 3 seem like the only viable ways to handle the volume of trucks the Port requires while allowing people to access Belle Hall, Hidden Cove, and Hobcaw Creek.	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting last fall. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>The Long Point Road / Wando Port Interchange project has been recently funded to become the first project to be developed out of the I-526 East Study. We will have additional public information meetings to show more details on the reasonable improvement alternatives later this year.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	3/17/2022

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PIM30	10/26/2021	<p>Wando Port/Long Point interchange - Option 2 would significantly decrease traffic in front of neighborhoods and risk to pedestrians. * Suggest adding an 8th alternative - add 4 lane highway off 526 directly onto Terminal Lane.</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting last fall. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>The Long Point Road / Wando Port Interchange project has been recently funded to become the first project to be developed out of the I-526 East Study. We will have additional public information meetings to show more details on the reasonable improvement alternatives later this year.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	3/17/2022
PIM31	10/26/2021	Regarding Section 3, I prefer Option 3B	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting last fall. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>The Long Point Road / Wando Port Interchange project has been recently funded to become the first project to be developed out of the I-526 East Study. We will have additional public information meetings to show more details on the reasonable improvement alternatives later this year.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	3/17/2022
PIM32	10/26/2021	<p>* Please take a hard look @ noise issues. It's already terrible in the LP & 526 area from the truck traffic. Walls are needed, even if this project doesn't happen. * The flyover in Option 2 would increase not only for neighboring properties, but create an unbelievable eye sore for those close to the development area, but not close enough to be part of a buy out. * The Port really should take a look at a dedicated truck on/off road that stretches to the r/w "old" entrance to the Port and leave LP intersection as is. Must remove truck traffic eastbound and more than 1/2 westbound.</p>	Requested no response	None required	

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PIM33	10/26/2021	It's too bad we can't go with the south route. I don't think the dead people in the graveyard will care. Instead, the North route will make many more of our lives much more difficult.	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting last fall. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>The Long Point Road / Wando Port Interchange project has been recently funded to become the first project to be developed out of the I-526 East Study. We will have additional public information meetings to show more details on the reasonable improvement alternatives later this year.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	3/17/2022
PIM34	10/26/2021	Interchange Option 2 would be awesome. I live at Oak Park subdivision and getting in and out takes a long time. Option 2 interchange would solve that problem.	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting last fall. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>The Long Point Road / Wando Port Interchange project has been recently funded to become the first project to be developed out of the I-526 East Study. We will have additional public information meetings to show more details on the reasonable improvement alternatives later this year.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	3/17/2022

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PIM35	10/26/2021	<p>As someone who lives in Hobcaw Creek Plantation of Long Point, we would very much like Option (Interchange) 2 where all trucks exit the Port directly to I-526. Any of the other options create problems for the neighborhoods off Long Point Rd. So I would scratch options 1, 3 & 4. Also, I would not like truck traffic to cross into Shipping Lane where Hidden Cove residents exit their neighborhood.</p> <p>Also, we would like to lodge a complaint about the proposed widening of Hobcaw Creek's entrance. We see very little benefit to the traffic flow, and it messes with our entrance for very little gain. (A few seconds at most.) Our neighbors on Chimney Bluff would also be extremely upset with any disturbing of their 50' buffer to I-526. I'm sure there is another option!</p>	<p>Thank you for responding during the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST (I-526 LCC EAST) Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL) Study comment period open from October 11, 2021 to December 1, 2021. We greatly appreciate your interest in this study.</p> <p>As you know, the South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) is conducting a PEL Study to identify transportation issues and environmental concerns, from Virginia Avenue in North Charleston to approximately US 17 in Mount Pleasant. The purpose of the study is to better define the needs along this corridor and to identify alternatives that would improve travel time reliability and reduce congestion along the corridor.</p> <p>This PEL study is intended to streamline the implementation of recommended transportation improvements for the I-526 LCC EAST by facilitating early consideration of environmental constraints and public feedback. The results of the PEL study identifies possible projects and estimated costs for consideration as part of SCDOT's future statewide transportation plans. As funding becomes available, projects would advance to the environmental phase under guidance of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). During that process, the range of alternatives would be refined and narrowed down to a preferred alternative based on additional studies, design, and public input.</p> <p>Your interest in the I-526 LCC EAST study is valued, and SCDOT assures you that all suggestions, objections, and concerns are carefully considered. Your comments have been made part of the official record.</p> <p>Throughout the public comment period, we received 558 comments. As a result, we have compiled a list of Frequently Asked Questions. We encourage you to review the attached document and share these with your friends, neighbors, and colleagues. If you should have any further questions, please contact me directly at info@526LowcountryCorridor.com, call or text the project hotline (843.258.1135), or visit our Community Office (5627 Rivers Avenue, North Charleston – Gas Lite Square; CARTA Route 10).</p> <p>To stay engaged, please visit our website at www.526LowcountryCorridor.com/east/, sign up for our newsletter, like us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/526Corridor/, or follow us on Twitter at twitter.com/526Corridor.</p>	Written	3/21/2022

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PIM36	10/26/2021	<p>Long Point - Wando Park Blvd.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Option 3 - first choice - flyover to the port and away from * Option 2 - second choice - flyover to an from 526 to Shipping Lane * Option 2-1 - 526 - This is my 1st choice option 	<p>Thank you for responding during the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST (I-526 LCC EAST) Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL) Study comment period open from October 11, 2021 to December 1, 2021. We greatly appreciate your interest in this study.</p> <p>As you know, the South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) is conducting a PEL Study to identify transportation issues and environmental concerns, from Virginia Avenue in North Charleston to approximately US 17 in Mount Pleasant. The purpose of the study is to better define the needs along this corridor and to identify alternatives that would improve travel time reliability and reduce congestion along the corridor.</p> <p>This PEL study is intended to streamline the implementation of recommended transportation improvements for the I-526 LCC EAST by facilitating early consideration of environmental constraints and public feedback. The results of the PEL study identifies possible projects and estimated costs for consideration as part of SCDOT's future statewide transportation plans. As funding becomes available, projects would advance to the environmental phase under guidance of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). During that process, the range of alternatives would be refined and narrowed down to a preferred alternative based on additional studies, design, and public input.</p> <p>Your interest in the I-526 LCC EAST study is valued, and SCDOT assures you that all suggestions, objections, and concerns are carefully considered. Your comments have been made part of the official record.</p> <p>Throughout the public comment period, we received 558 comments. As a result, we have compiled a list of Frequently Asked Questions. We encourage you to review the attached document and share these with your friends, neighbors, and colleagues. If you should have any further questions, please contact me directly at info@526LowcountryCorridor.com, call or text the project hotline (843.258.1135), or visit our Community Office (5627 Rivers Avenue, North Charleston – Gas Lite Square; CARTA Route 10).</p> <p>To stay engaged, please visit our website at www.526LowcountryCorridor.com/east/, sign up for our newsletter, like us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/526Corridor/, or follow us on Twitter at twitter.com/526Corridor.</p>	Written	3/21/2022

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PIM37	10/26/2021	<p>I've been told that alternative routes have been studied and do not have the impact that doubling 526 achieves. However, it doesn't make sense that the increase in traffic should be concentrated on one artery. Trucks need a dedicated access to the Wando Terminal to the Leatherman Terminal. Residential growth is on the north side of Clements Ferry and Hwy 17. A northern 526 caliber road is needed to move this traffic to I-26 rather than have this growth backtrack to 526. Where the growth is occurring is where a road needs to be built.</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting last fall. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>The Long Point Road / Wando Port Interchange project has been recently funded to become the first project to be developed out of the I-526 East Study. We will have additional public information meetings to show more details on the reasonable improvement alternatives later this year.</p> <p>When modeling the potential benefits of creating a new roadway as opposed to widening a new roadway, the origin and destination data that we obtain through blue tooth data is essential to understanding travel patterns and projecting which trips would potentially be rerouted to an alternative route. Based on this data and the modeling, the creation of an alternative route would not reduce the number of vehicles on I-526 sufficiently to reduce the congestion to an acceptable level of operations.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	3/17/2022
PIM38	10/26/2021	<p>While all the studies are going on, can we look @ ways to a noise? Hate to wait 2+ more years.</p> <p>Suggestions: a Speed limit to 55 through the area of 526 B+W Daniel Island & the 555 @ 17 South.</p> <p>Since we were allowed to build neighborhoods in this area, why are they, in <5 years, thinking of moving homes? My understanding is that this part of 526 has been an issue for quite a while.</p> <p>Can truck traffic be rerouted to clean up the main issue @ Long Point?</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting last fall. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>The Long Point Road / Wando Port Interchange project has been recently funded to become the first project to be developed out of the I-526 East Study. We will have additional public information meetings to show more details on the reasonable improvement alternatives later this year.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	3/17/2022

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PIM39	10/26/2021	<p>I am extremely concerned with the impact to homes (mine included) & businesses along the widening. There must be another option versus only widening. A combination of mass transit, bus lanes, bike/pedestrian crossing <u>must</u> be considered. We will be in the same situation with continued growth in 20+ years after completion. I am extremely concerned with the noise impact as well. Widening this interstate cannot be the only viable option especially with a \$4 billion dollar price tag.</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting last fall. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>The Long Point Road / Wando Port Interchange project has been recently funded to become the first project to be developed out of the I-526 East Study. We will have additional public information meetings to show more details on the reasonable improvement alternatives later this year.</p> <p>The draft purpose and need for transportation improvements along this corridor is to reduce congestion and improve travel time reliability along I-526 from Virginia Avenue in North Charleston to U.S. 17 in Mount Pleasant as well as address design deficiencies and mobility challenges in the corridor. The study does include multimodal supporting goals to enhance mobility for people and goods through the corridor, including modes other than single occupancy vehicles, such as carpool, mass transit, walk, bike or truck. While a goal is not a need that will substantially reduce congestion, it does provide guidance for alternatives development and evaluation throughout the PEL process. It is important to recognize that the existing infrastructure will not safely support incorporation of alternative congestion management solutions in its existing condition.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	3/17/2022

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PIM40	10/26/2021	<p>After reviewing the plans in-depth, I am disappointed in the response by SCDOT. Specifically, this is not a math equation of how to build a better road. Our neighborhood would essentially be destroyed & relocated if some of these plans move forward. On the left side of the highway, the relocations would include businesses & apartment developers rather than primary residences. It is completely unconscionable that the State would consider these plans. We are not afraid to pursue any and all means necessary to prevent our neighborhoods & community from being destroyed.</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting last fall. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>The Long Point Road / Wando Port Interchange project has been recently funded to become the first project to be developed out of the I-526 East Study. We will have additional public information meetings to show more details on the reasonable improvement alternatives later this year.</p> <p>When properties are purchased for Rights of Way, an appraisal is performed by a licensed appraiser in order to determine the current value of your property just before the offer is made to purchase. If you disagree with the appraisal prepared by the appraiser hired by SCDOT, you can also have your own appraisal prepared for comparison. The first offer is always based on appraised property value. For more information about the right of way process, please check out our ROW video here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ISDHJxjUqSw</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	3/17/2022

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PIM41	10/26/2021	<p>It is unconscionable that our neighborhood would have homes removed and the highway encroach into the neighborhood. It would disrupt the entire look of the neighborhood, would impact the health and quality of life. Our entire neighborhood was just built in 2016-2018. Why was our neighborhood even allowed to be built if this was even a thought? Our property values of remaining homes will also be greatly impacted.</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting last fall. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>The Long Point Road / Wando Port Interchange project has been recently funded to become the first project to be developed out of the I-526 East Study. We will have additional public information meetings to show more details on the reasonable improvement alternatives later this year.</p> <p>When properties are purchased for Rights of Way, an appraisal is performed by a licensed appraiser in order to determine the current value of your property just before the offer is made to purchase. If you disagree with the appraisal prepared by the appraiser hired by SCDOT, you can also have your own appraisal prepared for comparison. The first offer is always based on appraised property value. For more information about the right of way process, please check out our ROW video here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ISDHJxjUqSw</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email or written	3/17/2022

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PIM42	10/26/2021	<p>Please consider the Wando Port truck cargo transit access road. I'm using my bicycle and riding along Long Point Road and traveling to Bells Hall Plantation from Winward Long Point Apartments x 2 per week. Thanks for listening!</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting last fall. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>The Long Point Road / Wando Port Interchange project has been recently funded to become the first project to be developed out of the I-526 East Study. We will have additional public information meetings to show more details on the reasonable improvement alternatives later this year.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	3/17/2022

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PIM43	10/26/2021	<p>I am a primary residence owner in Etiwan Points, which will be significantly adversely impacted by most if not all of the design concepts. We are very concerned about our safety during the construction process and our home value if our residence is retained. The relative value of our home has already been negatively impacted and well remain so until construction is complete. Construction projects similar to this proposal have notoriously taken significant amounts of time. We will proactively and continually contact our public officials regarding the negative repercussions of these plans to our community.</p>	<p>Thank you for responding during the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST (I-526 LCC EAST) Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL) Study comment period open from October 11, 2021 to December 1, 2021. We greatly appreciate your interest in this study.</p> <p>As you know, the South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) is conducting a PEL Study to identify transportation issues and environmental concerns, from Virginia Avenue in North Charleston to approximately US 17 in Mount Pleasant. The purpose of the study is to better define the needs along this corridor and to identify alternatives that would improve travel time reliability and reduce congestion along the corridor.</p> <p>This PEL study is intended to streamline the implementation of recommended transportation improvements for the I-526 LCC EAST by facilitating early consideration of environmental constraints and public feedback. The results of the PEL study identifies possible projects and estimated costs for consideration as part of SCDOT's future statewide transportation plans. As funding becomes available, projects would advance to the environmental phase under guidance of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). During that process, the range of alternatives would be refined and narrowed down to a preferred alternative based on additional studies, design, and public input.</p> <p>Your interest in the I-526 LCC EAST study is valued, and SCDOT assures you that all suggestions, objections, and concerns are carefully considered. Your comments have been made part of the official record.</p> <p>Throughout the public comment period, we received 558 comments. As a result, we have compiled a list of Frequently Asked Questions. We encourage you to review the attached document and share these with your friends, neighbors, and colleagues. If you should have any further questions, please contact me directly at info@526LowcountryCorridor.com, call or text the project hotline (843.258.1135), or visit our Community Office (5627 Rivers Avenue, North Charleston – Gas Lite Square; CARTA Route 10).</p> <p>To stay engaged, please visit our website at www.526LowcountryCorridor.com/east/, sign up for our newsletter, like us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/526Corridor/, or follow us on Twitter at twitter.com/526Corridor.</p>	Written	3/21/2022

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PIM44	10/26/2021	<p>My property sits right by 526 and the DOT have cleared all of the trees in our neighborhood between the houses & 526. Several of the neighbors & I have reached to the DOT & were told this was for drainage & the future DOT 526 expansion. We now have street flooding during rains that we did not have prior. As well the safety, privacy, visibility, & noise has been increased dramatically. I now have trash that comes into my yard from the Interstate. I've had friends call & text that they can see me playing with my dog in the yard or standing in my kitchen as they drive on 526. Our valuables such as boats & yard equipment are now visible to those looking to steal & vandalize. This is a major concern & why has the DOT not addresses this? When will a retaining privacy wall become a conc4rn and be addressed?</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting last fall. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>The Long Point Road / Wando Port Interchange project has been recently funded to become the first project to be developed out of the I-526 East Study. We will have additional public information meetings to show more details on the reasonable improvement alternatives later this year.</p> <p>Safety is our number one priority, and keeping the clear zone / interstate right of way clear of trees is necessary in order to reduce the number of fatal and serious injury crashes on this high speed roadway. Clearing of vegetation is also important to ensuring proper drainage in storm events. As we develop projects on this corridor, we will evaluate the noise and dust impacts and develop mitigation strategies for those impacts, such as noise barriers and dust screens. If you have concerns regarding trash or drainage issues on any SCDOT roadway, please contact our customer call center to report these issues which may require a maintenance action at 855-Go-SCDOT.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	3/17/2022
PIM45	10/26/2021	This project is needed now. Understand the process involved, but it can't wait for 10+ years. If it involves tolls (Interstate), whatever.	Requested no response	None required	
PIM46	10/26/2021	Of 5 options being considered 2-1 is most preferable and least impactful to us (using existiing roadway footprint). Option 2F (8 new westbound lanes) is least desirable.	Requested no response	None required	

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PIM47	10/26/2021	<p>Concern about noise level with new development to 526 and our home</p> <p>Concern about impact to Governore Park and LTP Tennis Center</p>	<p>Thank you for responding during the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST (I-526 LCC EAST) Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL) Study comment period open from October 11, 2021 to December 1, 2021. We greatly appreciate your interest in this study.</p> <p>As you know, the South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) is conducting a PEL Study to identify transportation issues and environmental concerns, from Virginia Avenue in North Charleston to approximately US 17 in Mount Pleasant. The purpose of the study is to better define the needs along this corridor and to identify alternatives that would improve travel time reliability and reduce congestion along the corridor.</p> <p>This PEL study is intended to streamline the implementation of recommended transportation improvements for the I-526 LCC EAST by facilitating early consideration of environmental constraints and public feedback. The results of the PEL study identifies possible projects and estimated costs for consideration as part of SCDOT's future statewide transportation plans. As funding becomes available, projects would advance to the environmental phase under guidance of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). During that process, the range of alternatives would be refined and narrowed down to a preferred alternative based on additional studies, design, and public input.</p> <p>Your interest in the I-526 LCC EAST study is valued, and SCDOT assures you that all suggestions, objections, and concerns are carefully considered. Your comments have been made part of the official record.</p> <p>Throughout the public comment period, we received 558 comments. As a result, we have compiled a list of Frequently Asked Questions. We encourage you to review the attached document and share these with your friends, neighbors, and colleagues. If you should have any further questions, please contact me directly at info@526LowcountryCorridor.com, call or text the project hotline (843.258.1135), or visit our Community Office (5627 Rivers Avenue, North Charleston – Gas Lite Square; CARTA Route 10).</p> <p>To stay engaged, please visit our website at www.526LowcountryCorridor.com/east/, sign up for our newsletter, like us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/526Corridor/, or follow us on Twitter at twitter.com/526Corridor.</p>	Written	3/21/2022

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PIM48	10/26/2021	Please consider an alternative on I-526 expansion for the area off Wando Park Blvd & Etiwan Point Community. Wando Park Blvd is our only entrance & exit for the entire community. Each of the alternatives has this same problem. An alternate entrance/exit would have to be provided & all possible would involve going over or under I-526.	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting last fall. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>The Long Point Road / Wando Port Interchange project has been recently funded to become the first project to be developed out of the I-526 East Study. We will have additional public information meetings to show more details on the reasonable improvement alternatives later this year.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	3/17/2022
PIM49	10/26/2021	<p>Mt. P ideas:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Create a 'slip ramp' on backdoor entrance from Belle Hall Parkway direct to on-ramp. This would deconflict all traffic exiting from Belle Hall and Tidal Marsh communities from the corner by Waffle House. This would free up traffic coming from US17N down LP road that gets congested at the "Waffle House corner." 2. Create a dedicated truck only off-ramp E/B from I-526 into the Wando Marine Terminal to free up the current LP Road off ramp and separate trucks from cars. 	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting last fall. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>The Long Point Road / Wando Port Interchange project has been recently funded to become the first project to be developed out of the I-526 East Study. We will have additional public information meetings to show more details on the reasonable improvement alternatives later this year.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	3/17/2022
PIM50	10/26/2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Glad to see there are some considerations for <u>self-driving</u> cars in the future. * DO NOT recommend using shoulders during high traffic hours - for trucks and rescue vehicles are most called out during these times and need passage. * To get people UNMARRIED to their cars - build in bike lanes, walk trails, on all options - health and wellness depend on the ability to use alternatives SAFELY. * Lastly, build <u>or</u> leave room for a train project - study 'the MAX' in Portland, OR MARTA in ATL ... trains help so many ways and would relieve downtown roadways. 	Requested no response	None required	

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PIM51	10/27/2021	<p>Raising of Don Holt height</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Study increased road usage @ N. Rhett, Virginia, Remount * These need addressing 	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting last fall. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>The Long Point Road / Wando Port Interchange project has been recently funded to become the first project to be developed out of the I-526 East Study. We will have additional public information meetings to show more details on the reasonable improvement alternatives later this year.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	3/17/2022
PIM52	10/27/2021	<p>I prefer options "1C" "1F" and "1H" and the project best suited North of existing because of impact to current and future developments. A 240 unit workforce housing development at Clements Ferry and Sportsmans Drive may be affected by the "1" plan.</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting last fall. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>The Long Point Road / Wando Port Interchange project has been recently funded to become the first project to be developed out of the I-526 East Study. We will have additional public information meetings to show more details on the reasonable improvement alternatives later this year.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	3/17/2022

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E#2	10/14/2021	<p>Good morning,</p> <p>My husband and I are homeowners on Red Knot Lane in the Tidal Walk neighborhood of Mount Pleasant. Unfortunately we will not be able to attend the meeting on the 26th which is why I am reaching out now.</p> <p>My questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Is there still a likelihood that no changes will be made, or is this project definitely moving forward with one of the proposed options? 2. How likely is it that the Tidal Walk neighborhood will be substantially impacted? (i.e. - have to relocate) 3. What is the timeframe we are looking at for when homeowners will be notified if relocation is necessary? 4. Is the team taking into consideration the current housing market and the low number of comparable houses available on the market? 5. Is there currently a proposed option (2E, 2F, 2H, 2I, 2J) that seems to be the most favorable when taking environmental and community impacts into consideration? <p>My husband and I are very concerned by this change and want to be prepared/know timelines so we can make the best decision for our family. Thank you for your time and consideration. It is greatly appreciated.</p>	<p>Good Afternoon –</p> <p>The information being presented for I-526 LCC EAST corridor is a planning study. The study is really an effort to identify the traffic problems on the corridor and identify potential solutions that might actually solve the traffic problems. These are not funded projects yet, and do not have schedules for more detailed designs. The information that will be published in this planning study would give SCDOT leadership the information they need to determine when potential future projects might be funded. I am glad to set up a time to meet with your family to discuss the study and the potential likely timelines going forward. Most of your questions below are things that would not be studied in more detail until the next phase of work (the Environmental Phase) which would not be initiated until funded projects on this corridor are committed to by SCDOT. It may be easier for us to talk on the phone so I can explain the process.</p> <p>I can be reached at 803-521-6751 (cell number) if you want to discuss in more detail. Or if you want to provide your availability, I can set up a time to meet virtually and walk you through the information since you will not be able to attend the in person meetings. I am on vacation Oct 15-20th but can schedule something on other dates in October or November. Let me know your preference.</p> <p>Thank you for reaching out.</p>	Email	10/14/2021
E#5	10/24/2021	<p>Both of these meetings begin on a weekday at 5pm. Precisely when the majority of interested parties will be stuck on I-526 trying to get home. If you are seriously interested in encouraging public participation in person you would hold at least one of the meetings on a Saturday. Some parties would still be unable to attend for work-related or religious observation reasons but it would allow those of us who work and travel the route each a day, a chance to attend in person.</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>We appreciate suggestions and input on the best time for meetings. We will take this in consideration for planning future meetings. All of our meeting materials are available online in the virtual meeting as well as in our Project Community office located at 5627 Rivers Avenue. If you have any questions then please give me a call at 803-737-1346 or I can set up a time to meet with you virtually to discuss. Or you can come by the community office and view the materials and talk with our project liaisons.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p> <p>Joy Riley, PE, PMP, CPM, DBIA rileyj@scdot.org</p>	Email	10/25/2021
E#6	10/24/2021	<p>Will the public be given the opportunity to speak at this meeting? Specifically regarding and/or suggestions for traffic mitigation improvements?</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting.</p> <p>The meetings this week are drop in style information meetings and there will be no formal presentation or public comment session. You will have an opportunity to speak with a project team members and to provide your comments in either written, or verbal form.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	10/25/2021
E#10	10/25/2021	<p>Hello,</p> <p>I am a Mt. Pleasant native and resident and am looking for additional information on this project. Is there a map available of the planned portions of 526 being effected? Are there plans to change the stretch of 526 between HWY 17 and Long Point Road in Mt. Pleasant? Can you also mail an information packet? Thank you for any information you can provide on this matter.</p>	<p>Good Afternoon Mr. Jones –</p> <p>Our project team will get an information packet in the mail to you this week.</p> <p>The reasonable alternatives showing potential right of way needs is available on our virtual meeting at this link: https://cdmsmith.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapSeries/index.html?appid=fe86d08aec6948a2a171fd3c6950b413. Please keep in mind that these proposed improvements are very conceptual in nature and would need more advanced design in the next phase of work (environmental) before impacts are analyzed in more detail.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	10/25/2021
E#11	10/25/2021	<p>Joy,</p> <p>We have lived in Hobcaw Creek Plantation for 26 years. We live at 446 Channel Creek Court. We feel that Option #2 for the Long Point Road/Wando Port Interchange is the logical choice.</p> <p>Please let us know if we need to express this position in some other manner.</p> <p>PS: The hyperlink on your website says it is info@526lowcountrycorridor.com; however, when you click on it, it populates as 526distribution@scdot.org and it is not a good e-mail address (I got a return email that states: "Your message to 526distribution@scdot.org couldn't be delivered.</p> <p>The group 526distribution only accepts messages from people in its organization or on its allowed senders list, and your email address isn't on the list.") See attached.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>	<p>Good morning.</p> <p>First, thank you for taking the time to review these materials and provide your feedback. We have received your comment and included it in the formal records.</p> <p>I also wanted to thank you for pointing out that issue on the website with the email address. We thought we had caught every incidence of that. We apologize for this inconvenience. This email address should be updated within the hour.</p> <p>Please don't hesitate to reach out if we can be of further assistance. Amy</p>	Email	10/25/2021

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E#12	10/25/2021	<p>To whom it may concern,</p> <p>It is imperative that Option 2 or Option 3 be utilized for the Long Point Road/Wando Terminal interchange.</p> <p>A dedicated truck exit/lane directly to the port is the best option for all parties. Trucks would more easily & quickly gain access to/from the port, but most importantly the safety of residents would drastically improve. Neighborhoods and businesses along Long Point Road suffer tremendously from the truck traffic, speeding and noise.</p> <p>Separately, it is overdue for a sound barrier to be built along 526 for the Mount Pleasant residents. The noise is made worse by the water, but it is unfair for the residents to suffer for the poor planning of the original project, and not to protect their property values or way of life.</p> <p>It is my sincere hope that both a separate truck exit and a sound barrier along 526 East in Mt. Pleasant be included in the project.</p> <p>Thank you,</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>We will be studying noise abatement along the corridor during the next phase of the project development, during the environmental phase of work for the project. In future public meetings we will present this information for public comment.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	10/25/2021
E#13	10/25/2021	<p>Good Morning,</p> <p>I am interested in inquiring into the future developments for 526 and the possibility of having dedicated truck lanes and sound barrier walls. I would strongly favor both, given review of further details and options.</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>We will be studying noise abatement along the corridor during the next phase of the project development, during the environmental phase of work for the project. In future public meetings we will present this information for public comment.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	10/25/2021
E#14	10/25/2021	<p>Hi Joy,</p> <p>Can we focus on removing the dependency of citizens on automobiles instead? Are there any studies within SCDOT on the traffic result that non-automobile infrastructure would ease congestion? Rail, busses with their own right of way, bicycles, etc. This kind of proposed automobile infrastructure is a never ending money pit that only ends us back in the same situation we started with. Widening the highway may alleviate traffic short term but studies show that it doesn't take long for it to get back to where it is today. Additionally, the only thing keeping crash statistics and vehicle deaths from going higher is the slower speeds that the congestion creates. Trying to increase speeds is equivalent to increasing vehicle fatality likelihood. Vehicle fatalities went up when COVID-19 hit because all the sudden those congested roads now allowed for speeding.</p> <p>Infrastructure on a fare system that can at least partially pay for itself rather than relying 100% on taxes to keep pouring money into infrastructure that can only be used by those that own cars. The area's infrastructure is already 99% focused towards cars. If you're not in a car, you feel like a second class citizen. Let's focus on getting people out of cars.</p> <p>Bicycle infrastructure that would allow people to cross and not take up a parking space where they are going.</p> <p>Any type of rail system</p> <p>Busses with their own right of way</p> <p>If we're trying to alleviate congestion, why not focus on reducing the number of cars and car dependency of the area, especially on that highway? Reducing the need for cars is much more friendly to taxpayers and the state budget rather than creating infrastructure for more cars. Besides downtown Charleston, the area is a car infested environment and widening the highway will only exasperate the infestation.</p> <p>Downs-Thomson paradox states that the equilibrium speed of car traffic on a road network is determined by the average door-to-door speed of equivalent journeys taken by other forms of transport. It is a paradox in that improvements in the road network will not reduce traffic congestion. Improvements in the road network can make congestion worse if the improvements make public transport more inconvenient or if it shifts investment, causing disinvestment in the public transport system.</p> <p>And if we are looking at travel time reliability, let's make the busses and everything else more reliable first so that those who don't want to use cars don't have to. That will make automobile travel time reliability better as a bi-product and cost much less than this expansion.</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Regional traffic models, as well as rush-hour observations, indicate that because of congestion, commute times have increased. The primary result of adding more lanes would be reduced travel times for those currently using I-526. Those currently using other, longer routes for their commutes, because of the congestion and frequency of crashes on I-526, may choose to use I-526 in the future. This hidden or built up traffic demand consists of trips that are not new, but will be attracted to I-526 with added capacity. This is accounted for in the project's future traffic forecasts.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	10/25/2021
E#15	10/25/2021	<p>SC Ports Authority SHOULD pay a huge portion of the project. It's true: a truck has the same amount of road damage as 9600 cars.</p> <p>The Wando Welch facility should not allow cargo ships/trucks UNTIL they began using the Hugh Leatherman terminal. What a huge waste of money.</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts, including noise and noise mitigation, would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>When project are funded, then information regarding the funding sources will be provided for the public's input.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/8/2021

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EH16	10/25/2021	<p>Joy, Has rail access to Wando Terminal been explored along with these studies? Wando is apparently SC's busiest port, and to leave rail off the table seems odd. I'm sure someone has proposed or looked into rail as a means of reducing truck traffic on 526 - can the results of any such proposals or studies be made available? Best regards,</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>SCDOT conducts ongoing coordination with the SC Ports Authority and your local transportation planning organization in order to ensure that these projects will work towards a larger regional transportation plan. https://www.bcdog.com/ . Port improvements including rail access improvements and/or inland ports are not typically funded through SCDOT. The legislature provides funding for improvements directly to the SC Ports Authority. We will look into additional modeling and coordination on this effort as a result of these comments in order to provide a more detailed response to this question as we move forward in this study.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/8/2021
EH17	10/25/2021	<p>Joy, There will be other public meetings in the future for 526 East project right? Jane</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting last fall. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>The Long Point Road / Wando Port Interchange project has been recently funded to become the first project to be developed out of the I-526 East Study. We will have additional public information meetings to show more details on the reasonable improvement alternatives later this year.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	3/17/2022
EH18	10/26/2021	<p>I 100% agree highway 526 needs to be expanded and both bridges need to be replaced. My biggest concern is the Long Point Rd. / Wando Terminal Interchange, it's hard to determine which alternative will reduce the backup caused by trucks exiting today. I've spent a lot of time at that exit when 526 has only 1 lane available because all the trucks are backed up onto 526 trying to exit. It appears to me like option 2 for that interchange may help the most, but can a study be done to see at peak truck exit times to see how each option performs?</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records. You have been added to our mailing list for project updates.</p> <p>The information being presented in this meeting is part of a planning study and the recommended projects are not yet funded. Once the projects are funded, then additional traffic analysis and design will be performed to compare the alternatives in more detail. That information will be presented in future project information meetings.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/8/2021
EH20	10/26/2021	<p>To whom it may concern, This email reflects our families concern over the Wando port access. As residence of more than 20 years with two homes in Hobcaw Creek, we are very concerned about the current and future state of port traffic. We believe for this project to be successful, there needs to be a DEDICATED TRUCK ACCESS and SOUND WALLS as the only real way to help preserve our hard earned property values and have more safety for our children and families. My husband and I stand firm in our belief that more truck traffic on Long Point Road will be disastrous to both property values, families, and the increase of truck traffic makes it highly unsafe for drivers. Thank you</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. For more information regarding the Right of Way process, please check out the links below:</p> <p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ISDHxjUqSw https://www.scdot.org/business/pdf/rightofway/HighwaysandYou.pdf</p> <p>Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/8/2021
EH21	10/26/2021	<p>Thank you. We live in Daniel Island Park on the water. Over the past 5 years we have experienced an increase in the road noise. Sometimes it's deafening. Please thank the team for keeping this in mind as they plan.</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>SCDOT understands that Noise is the #1 concern of the community. Noise will be studied in detail in the next phase of work for the projects. When we move to the Environmental phase of work, the designs are developed further and will be presented to the public for comments. These more developed designs will include more detail on impacts including noise.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>		10/26/2021

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EH22	10/27/2021	<p>Hello, I have been a resident of Hobcaw Creek Plantation for the past 7 years and hope to remain a resident for many years to come. As you know, our subdivision is on Long Point road and we see a significant amount of container truck traffic going to and from the port.</p> <p>There have been concerns as port traffic has increased, that the increased traffic on Long Point Rd. has caused some difficulties for residents entering and exiting our subdivision. There have also been safety concerns over reports of red lights being run through and a few instances over the past few years of port back ups causing an ability to access the neighborhood for several hours at a time.</p> <p>As you consider the best way to expand 526 going forward I sincerely ask that you consider the quality of life and safety of the residents in the neighborhoods surrounding the port. After reviewing the proposed options I believe that option 2 with a separate ramp dedicated to port traffic would be the best option for all involved.</p> <p>I would also ask you to consider a noise barrier protection wall in the coming proposals since the noise level has dramatically increased over the past few years ever since the natural green barrier was significantly thinned a couple of years ago.</p> <p>Thank you for listening to our concerns while you consider the options and I look forward to more discussion in the future.</p> <p>Jessica and Richard Lee</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed.</p> <p>Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/8/2021
EH23	10/27/2021	<p>As a Charleston native, parent, homeowner and business owner in the Belle Hall/ Seacoast Parkway area of Mount Pleasant - residing here since 1997 after graduating College of Charleston - I specifically chose to live in South Mount Pleasant (as it's now referred) for a plethora of reasons including the days when rent for a two-bedroom townhouse off Chuck Dawley went for \$695.00 per month.</p> <p>We (my family) have experienced concerns, changes and adjustments while living close to 526 and the port which include but aren't limited to:</p> <p>Traffic disasters over periods when the port transferred over to a new computer system, leaving 18-wheelers backed up for miles which not only affected I-526 traffic, it affected all inbound roads to Mount Pleasant such as the Ravenel Bridge... making all routes clogged.</p> <p>Overwhelming flooding in the area of Tidal Walk/Belle Hall when SCDOT clears the brush/tree lined area against 526W—as a former Belle Hall Plantation resident, when clearing happened, flooding increased there as well. A trickle down effect in its full definition. When the trees/buffer/shrubs are removed, the wildlife that is "evicted" begin showing up in more populated areas; causing dangerous driving conditions as these animals live a true-life game of FROGGER - often injuring drivers and sadly, resulting in a roadkill animal cafe. Let's not forget all the trash that floats to the top and eventually into our rivers.</p> <p>During the construction and road closures of the Ravenel Bridge, Mount Pleasant residents & those traveling to East of the Cooper only had one option to go back and forth -- 526 to I-26. A commute that still resonates with residents even to this day and proof it was a spawn of poor infrastructure and planning. Even back then, when our population was half of what it is today, this detour caused huge traffic issues for the interstate and I-26/526 interchange giving residents only one way around — adding to the commute at all times. Not to mention all the broken down vehicles strewn along 526 near the Don Holt. Makes you wonder if all the stress put on that one artery of 526 contributed to the current structural problems that plague the Wando Bridge today.</p> <p>Extensive building in North Mount Pleasant has resulted in additional 30+ minutes to commutes just to get to 526 from N. Mount Pleasant - making it impossible for some children to get to schools in other parts of the Lowcountry on time...and it's not just school... kids who are in need of specialized healthcare (both mentally and physically) and those who participate in activities such as sports, band, music, the arts and more.</p> <p>The proposed routes for a new Wando Bridge on ramp/causeway have many tentacles and concerns that will affect families and businesses that hug it. With the recent renderings showing options of demolishing homes or creating a new causeway that will practically run into a neighbor's back door, these points should be taken into consideration:</p> <p>Many of our neighbors use 526 daily to travel to work. For example, those in the Armed Forces as we have several neighbors that pilot C-17s out of the Air Force Base and more. These families chose the area of Tidal Walk and Belle Hall area because of the schools, neighborhoods and ease of getting on and off to work. Additional employers of our friends and neighbors include commercial airlines, FedEx/UPS, government and cybersecurity workers, essential workers and more... lifelines to the inner workings and safety to the Lowcountry.</p> <p>When many of the residents bought the homes in the proposed area of Tidal Walk and Belle Hall, it was not disclosed that their homes could be demolished in the future. Property values were not sky high in 2017 when we bought our home, and we knew it would be our forever home. Now, even if we sold our home today, we would not be able to afford or even find a home for our child in this area because property values are through the roof— pricing people out of being homeowners... and now plans are</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. 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Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/8/2021
EH24	10/27/2021	<p>PLEASE PLEASE do not do this! I have lived in the Tidal Walk neighborhood and all plans show my house as being destroyed by these plans. Covid-19 has horribly effected my family and one of the only things that has been good is the equity in my home. This plan could send my family in financial ruin and ruin all we have built in the last 5 years. I have a three year old little girl, please don't do this to us....</p> <p>Michael Wise</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. For more information regarding the Right of Way process, please check out the links below:</p> <p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ISDHXjUqSw</p> <p>https://www.scdot.org/business/pdf/rightofway/HighwaysandYou.pdf</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	10/28/2021

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EH25	10/27/2021	Please provide additional information on the Long Point/526 Interchange. As of now there is not enough information on flyover height, lane width, acceleration lanes, and most importantly ROW land use. The land, environmental and noise pollution impact for this type of project needs to be fully understood by the general public and most importantly the affected communities.	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. The additional information you have requested would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	10/28/2021
EH26	10/28/2021	The Wed meeting at Park Circle was well presented and informative. Lots of folks willing and able to answer questions and talk about the project. The issue I have is not including the I-26, I-526 interchange in this project. With the port truck traffic not improving it would seem to create a bottleneck for traffic. I was told the the work on the I-26 I-526 interchange will be part of the West I-526 project but I still have to think that the East project needs to include it.	<p>Mr. Jackson –</p> <p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>SCDOT is developing interstate improvements along the entire existing I-526 corridor. The projects are broken up into 2 separate segments, WEST which extends from Paul Cantrell Blvd in West Ashley to North Rhett Blvd in North Charleston, and the EAST which picks up at N Rhett Blvd and extend to the terminus at US 17 in Mount Pleasant. These future improvements consist of \$7 Billion worth of infrastructure projects that SCDOT will work to execute over the next 10-15 years. We would not be able to accomplish all this work in one big project, as that is not feasible from a construction contracting standpoint.</p> <p>The WEST project is further along in development and we are currently finalizing our Environmental Impact Statement for a Record of Decision on the project. Once we obtain these environmental approvals, then we will proceed with acquisition of Right of Way and Construction for the project. More details on the WEST improvements can be found at the links below:</p> <p>https://www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/west/</p> <p>https://www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/west/#Alternatives</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>		10/29/2021
EH27	10/29/2021	I am scrolling through the information about the 526 lane expansion and would like more information regarding the width of 526 past Long Point Rd, down to Hwy 17. Is there a rendering of how close the road widening will come to the existing homes? Has there been a study on how the neighborhood will be impacted along with property values? https://www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/eastpim2021/#mobility-needs	<p>Good Morning Ms. Myers –</p> <p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting.</p> <p>The conceptual alignments for potential future improvements can be viewed on this mapping link: https://cdmsmith.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapSeries/index.html?appid=fe86d08aec6948a2a171fd3c6950b413. If you zoom into the area you are most interested on the map, then you can toggle the different reasonable alternatives on and off by clicking on the alternative number in the middle column of the page. Let me know if you have difficulties with viewing the alternatives on this page and we can try and send you a PDF of the maps.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>		11/1/2021
EH28	11/1/2021	Hello, My name is Ryan Mazalatis, and I'm a resident of Summerville, SC. I was wondering how much, if any, of the funding for the I-526 expansion is coming from the federal government as opposed to State funds.	<p>Good Morning Mr. Mazalatis -</p> <p>The I-526 Lowcountry Corridor WEST which improves the existing I-526 corridor between Virginia Avenue and Paul Cantrell Blvd is funded with federal interstate upgrade funding primarily with some state funds that provide the required match funding to the federal funds. The I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST is a planning study and thus the projects that may be recommended out of that study are not yet funded projects. If you are referring to the Mark Clark Extension project, then that project is funded with local funds and only being administered by SCDOT.</p> <p>Please let me know if you have any other questions or concerns.</p> <p>Joy Riley, PE, PMP, CPM, DBIA 803-737-1346 rileyj@scdot.org</p>		

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E#29	11/8/2021	<p>Good Morning,</p> <p>I am writing to let you know that I am one of the residents that WILL be impacted by the 526 expansion plan that is being planned, no matter which version is completed. I want to ask you to please choose the option that will least impact the homes on the west bound side. Of The options presented at the town meeting in the Jones Center, 2-1 seems to be that option.</p> <p>I am very concerned because when I bought my house in 2016 I was told they might expand one lane in the east bound direction for the truck traffic and if that happened we would get a sound barrier. These plans are much not intrusive in all directions.</p> <p>I travel 526 several times a week from Long Point to Glen McConnell and back. No matter the time, the only problem seems to be at the 58/26 exits, unless the trucks are backed up on Long Point. Then I may have a 5 min Delay. Without accidents on the road, I can make that trip in 20 min.</p> <p>Please consider an option that just takes the truck traffic off and on the bridge without having to impact all the homes and businesses.</p> <p>I was told at the meeting in October that decreasing the speed limit from Daniel Island to the 17 exit in Mount Pleasant was not an option. It is the only place on 526 that it is 65mph and only for about 2 miles. Can you explain why we can't make it 55mph in that stretch, where big slow trucks are entering and exiting? It may even help with noise! (https://www.nonoise.org/resource/trans/highway/spnoise.htm)</p> <p>Please let me know that you have read this and I would appreciate some answers and to continue this discussion as the project moves forward.</p> <p>Thank you for hearing my voice.</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. For more information regarding the Right of Way process, please check out the links below:</p> <p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ISDHJxjUqSw</p> <p>https://www.scdot.org/business/pdf/rightofway/HighwaysandYou.pdf</p> <p>Speed limits will be evaluated and set based on the new designs for improvement project and will be developed during the design phase. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/8/2021
E#30	11/8/2021	<p>Ms. Riley, after attending the community meeting on October 26 in Mount Pleasant, I, as many others, came away very concerned and somewhat perplexed. I spent quite a bit of time at one of the stations and asked many questions (most of which could not be answered) about the proposals offered. I am a resident in the Etiwan Pointe community, which like many others, will be directly impacted by this project. My home will not be one that will be completely destroyed physically by the project, but one that will become basically unsellable because of it. We, as many others I am sure, love our neighborhood and fear it will be all but destroyed by the project.</p> <p>The second point, and maybe even the most valid, is the intended or maybe unintended consequence of the project, is the dumping of even more traffic on an already congested HWY 17. As I am sure you are aware , HWY 17 traffic is already at max capacity during peak hours. I do not know what the projected traffic count will be if this project goes forward, but I do know it will only further exacerbate an already problematic situation. I do not believe your intention is to just kick the can down the road (no pun intended)and just move the problem from one area to another, but I fear this will be another serious consequence . Yes, it may make it easier for the truck to get into and out of the port area but at what cost. The port in North Charleston is underutilized and it seems to me that should be the area which receives most of the attention. By removing 50% of the trucks that come to the Port in Mount Pleasant you have basically solved the congestion problem for phase 2 of the project, not worsened the problem on HWY 17 and saved money on the process.</p> <p>I realize that as areas grow, infrastructure must accommodate. However, each area reaches a saturation level with housing, traffic and population. As we have seen this area place moratorium on some building already, I fear we are nearing that phase in our community. There is only so much land that can be used without destroying not only our Low Country charm, but, the thin line of ecological balance that makes the area the one we love.</p> <p>I know everyone has a different solution for you to this situation and I know you are considering as many as possible. Please give this proposal it due process and consideration. While I am not an engineer, merely a concerned, affected citizen, I urge you to consider other alternatives to those you have proposed.</p> <p>Thank you for your time and consideration . I am respectfully,</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. 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Our current infrastructure in the region does not currently support the technologies that would need to be implemented in order to utilize alternative congestion management or Travel Demand Management options feasible as a standalone option. However, all of the proposed alternatives would be planned with the future of Traffic Systems Management & Operations in mind. For some of the preliminary strategies evaluated in this planning that will carry forward if projects are funded are available here: https://www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/Transportation-Systems-Management-and-Operations-Options-2.pdf . In order to create a better public transportation system, many of our roadways will need some improvements in order to support these accommodations. The proposed Lowcountry Rapid Transit project is a key first step toward this plan: https://lowcountryrapidtransit.com/ . SCDOT will continue to coordinate with your local transportation planning organization in order to ensure that these projects will work towards a larger regional public transportation plan. https://www.bcdco.com/</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/10/2021
E#31	11/10/2021	<p>Please choose option 2. The dedicated port access to I526 would speed up traffic for the port while freeing up dangerous truck traffic on Long Point Rd. I have personally witnessed trucks running red lights and driving in both lanes speeding up to get in front of another truck. There is a lot of residential traffic on Long Point that includes young drivers. Please help keep our children safe with a dedicated ramp from the port to 526.</p> <p>I really appreciate your attention</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/15/2021

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EH32	11/13/2021	Dear SCDOT, What is the name and location of the graveyard that eliminated the option of building a new wando bridge on the south side of the existing bridge?	Mr. Crawley – The graveyard is located just south of Wando Park Boulevard and to the east of a retention on Parcel 540000062. The cemetery is unmarked and has no name associated with the site. The site contains 2 marked graves and 11 unmarked graves. Please let us know if you have any other questions or concerns.	Email	11/15/2021
EH33	11/16/2021	Your handout material indicated a 72% increase in traffic, and 68% increase in truck traffic. Please provide me with the raw numbers for current traffic, and projected future traffic, segregated by truck and other.	Good Morning Mr. Winkler – The traffic counts and projections are available at the link below and were presented in the first Public information meeting in 2020. https://storage.googleapis.com/stateless-www-526lowcountrycor/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/526Lowcountry-EAST_ProjectBoard_Traffic-Board-2_2020-02-27.pdf Let me know if you have any other questions or concerns. Thank you for your interest in the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor Project.	Email	11/16/2021
EH34	11/18/2021	Good afternoon, I am a resident of Hidden Cove off of Long point road and wish to vote for option 2 for the new corridor and exchanges of 526. Port traffic has always been an issue on Long Point Road and I believe this option will help tremendously.	Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records. Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development. Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).	Email	11/19/2021
EH35	11/18/2021	As a resident of Hidden Cove neighborhood I wholeheartedly am in support of option #2	Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records. Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development. Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).	Email	11/19/2021
EH36	11/19/2021	Hi, We are Meredith and Luke Hutchins from the Hidden Cove neighborhood off of Long Point road. We are aware of the various options to expand port access for trucks to the highway. We wanted to send an email in support of option 2 giving the port direct access to 526. Thank you,	Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records. Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development. Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).	Email	11/19/2021

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EH37	11/19/2021	Option 2 is the best of the 4 options. It is the safest.	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/19/2021
EH38	11/19/2021	<p>Hi-</p> <p>We live in Mt. Pleasant and our backyard backs up to I-526 about a mile from the Londpoint road exit. How would we best go about acquiring detailed information about whether our neighborhood/home will be impacted the 526 EAST project?</p> <p>Thanks for your time!</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>You can view the high level conceptual widening alignments on the website at this direct link below: https://cdmsmith.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapSeries/index.html?appid=fe86d08aec6948a2a171fd3c6950b413 . This mapping tool will allow you to see potential impacts with the current alignments. However, please keep in mind that these are very early alignments and have not yet been designed to any detail, so the right of way impacts will change as we move forward and initiate more detailed designs.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/22/2021
EH39	11/22/2021	Option 2 is the only option that will allow optimum flow of truck and car traffic. With homes and businesses along Long point road, the number of vehicles exceeds the capacity of long point rd to keep traffic flowing. Thank you for your consideration.	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/23/2021
EH40	11/30/2021	Build another bridge elsewhere, you cannot continue to add lanes and ignore the problems	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/30/2021

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E#41	11/30/2021	<p>It seems to me that the bulk of the traffic issues are at North Rhett and the i-26 merge that back up to Wando area. Otherwise, I'm not sure how creating a larger/wider wando bridge is really going to resolve inbound traffic congestion to Mt. Pleasant, when the interchanges and exits are somewhat maxed out now at Johnnie Dodds and Chuck Dawley. I also think the finalization of the widening of Clements Ferry will help if traffic can flow more rapidly to North Mount Pleasant via that corridor.</p> <p>Perhaps the most likely compromise is to do the Cooper River 526 bridge first and expand the 526 and i-26 interchanges from Daniel Island to I-26 so that traffic can better get off the interstate. Perhaps then you could consider, if needed, building another four-lane bridge on the eastbound side of 526 leaving Mt. Pleasant that could initially and temporarily serve as a functional two-way bridge while the old bridge is torn down and another built in its place to eventually add the needed lanes.</p> <p>I also think it's a shame to take the height of the Wando down to 65' since that basically eliminates half the sailboats that can travel up the river. I understand why there doesn't need to be a bridge of 135' in the wando, but it would seem to me that a 90' span would be more viable since there is already a much higher span.</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>The height of the proposed bridges would be established with coordination with the US Coast Guard which includes a navigational study on the channel. If there are users on the waterway with a need for a higher vertical clearance then that will be taken into consideration during the navigational study. The proposed height of 65' is the minimum height proposed, but the actual proposed height that the bridge design is based on will be determined by US Coast Guard once we start design on the actual project in the future. Part of the feedback from the public was to get feedback from those who regularly use the waterway. Additional feedback will be secured in the future from marinas to ascertain a more holistic picture of the actual uses during the navigational study.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/30/2021
E#42	11/30/2021	<p>Our Charleston traffic is bad and its going to get unbearable as we continue to grow. This is my proposed map and an editorial the Post & Courier ran a couple of years ago. This solution is comprehensive and I've included a simple/fair way to pay for it. I wish our state government would have the courage to make this work.</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>The basis for any traffic modeling include the regional travel demand model which takes into account local land uses, growth projections and any anticipated major changes in travel demand. This model is built and maintained by the Berkeley-Charleston-Dorchester Council of Governments or BCDCOG. This planning organization also develops the regional long range transportation plan which looks at potential alternative parallel routes in the area and models these proposed routes to evaluate their effectiveness in reducing congestion on the region's existing primary routes. If you would like to get more involved in your area's regional transportation planning efforts, then visit https://www.bdcog.com/ and get more involved in this process. All of the preliminary traffic analysis for this project utilizes the regional travel model and local planning recommendations as the foundation for a project's traffic analysis.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/30/2021
E#43	11/30/2021	<p>Hi Joy-</p> <p>I live on Antebellum Lane in the Belle Hall subdivision in Mt. Pleasant. I purchased my home in 2007, and have observed the noise level increase slowly over the years - both from the ports and the traffic on 526. It's officially become problematic, especially after they substantially cut down all of the trees and brush on either side near Long Point. My dog doesn't even enjoy walks at night at times from the noise.</p> <p>I attended the meeting in North Charleston, and some of the options are frankly concerning. The fact that you may have to take out homes incur neighborhood (or adjacent neighborhoods) and/or even create two extra lanes of traffic even closer to our neighborhood will make the quality of life here unbearable, and I can't even imagine how the home values will significantly drop. And if my home isn't completely wiped out, I'll have a major interstate potentially running outside of my window. All of these options are truly unacceptable, and disheartening.</p> <p>If the ports are the ones that need a better flow or access of traffic, they should be the ones that have the exit created for them on their side of Long Point.</p> <p>Thanks so much</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p> <p>Joy Riley, PE, PMP, CPM, DBIA SCDOT Alternative Delivery Project Manager 803-737-1346</p>	Email	11/30/2021
E#44	11/30/2021	<p>Ms. Joy Riley,</p> <p>Re: I-526 Corridor EAST</p> <p>Thank you for allowing myself and family to comment via the comment portal provided. I have uploaded comments, but it would not allow for me to upload a document. I attended the In-person Public Meeting held on Oct. 26 in Mt. Pleasant and many compliments to your team for such a friendly, interactive environment. Nice job!!</p> <p>I wanted to send the satellite map /drawing of my proposed Port Trucking by-pass route which could start at the base of the Wando bridge and enters and exits directly to and from the Wando Port. This would provide easy, non-stop access for trucks and have minimal impact to homes and businesses in the area.</p> <p>Please add the attached to my comments provided on Nov. 30th.</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/30/2021

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EH45	11/30/2021	<p>Options 2 looks like a viable plan for removing most of the truck traffic on Long Point Rd, south of I526.</p> <p>Like most road planning in the Charleston Area future growth is grossly under estimated or totally ignored. I526 is a prime example. The truck lanes on the Don Holt & Wando Bridges are nothing more than traffic jams waiting to happen. As the right hand lanes always try to move over to the left lane(s), causing traffic to slow or stop. And then there's the jack rabbits that use it for a passing lane.</p> <p>Why didn't we build the entire length 6 lanes?</p> <p>Now we have to pay for the purchase of Millions of dollars worth of fairly newly constructed buildings on property that has skyrocketed in value.</p> <p>Please, over build to accommodate future growth.</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/30/2021
EH46	11/30/2021	<p>To whom it may concern:</p> <p>We would like to see option 2 be passed for the Longpoint/Wando port interchange!! The trucks are very dangerous to drivers, walkers and cyclists not to mention the air pollution from the trucks. If any other option is chosen our quality of life and our home values will suffer more!!!</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/30/2021
EH47	11/30/2021	<p>Ms. Riley,</p> <p>The alternatives associated with Lowcountry Corridor East Design Options in Sections 2 & 3 do not appear to consider the potential intersection options proposed for Long Point Road/Wando Port interchange. As a result, I cannot tell how the Long Point/Wando Terminal interchange options will affect the ROW or proposed roadway associated with the 526 alternatives in Sections 2 and 3. It appears that several of the options for the interchange may affect the 526 alternatives in the vicinity of my neighborhood.</p> <p>Can the SCDOT please send me the estimated ROW associated with the Long Point/Wando Terminal interchange options (preferably in KMZ or shapefile format) so that my neighbors and myself (who may be subject to relocation) may meaningfully comment on this?</p> <p>Thank you,</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>We do not have preliminary right of way impacts projected for the Long Point Interchange alternatives yet. Additional traffic analysis is required before any meaningful information can be provided on these interchange improvements. We do anticipate that the Wando / Long Point interchange improvements would be this first project funded out of the planning study. We will hold additional public meetings once the additional analysis is completed and more detailed information can be provided on the interchange impacts and traffic performance.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/30/2021
EH48	11/30/2021	<p>Attached is a document of 10 plus possible improvements or ideas for Lowcountry traffic corridor change consideration.</p> <p>I also shared the text of the attached document using your webpage messaging service.</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	12/1/2021

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EH50	11/30/2021	<p>My name is Ross Carr, I live in Hobcaw Creek Plantation off of Long Point Road. I worry EVERY single day that a family member or friend will be seriously injured or killed by one of the port trucks that travel to and from the Wando terminal. The volume of trucks is increasing and becoming a bigger problem daily. These men and women are trying to make a hard-earned living and I completely understand them being in a hurry. However, anyone who disputes the fact that some of the truck drivers are reckless and run through the red lights just haven't spent much time on Long Point Road. It is 100% a fact. Someone will eventually lose their life and it just feels like the perfect opportunity to route these hard-working folks directly to the port off of 526. I am also assuming this would save them time and help the port run more efficiently.</p> <p>I have two kids, 5 and 8 years old. I love them more than anything in the world and want to see them grow up just like every parent does. I don't want to lose one of them due to this issue. PLEASE ROUTE THE TRUCKS DIRECTLY TO THE WANDO TERMINAL FROM 526.</p> <p>Here are the specifics that I support.</p> <p>Long Point Rd / Wando Port Interchange – Option #2 Rather than tying up traffic at an already congested intersection, we strongly support your Option #2 which is to create a dedicated, truck-only interchange further up I-526 entering directly into and out of the port gates. This would allow for dedicated, truck-only traffic direct access to the Port gates without roundabouts, stop lights and regular car traffic experienced at the current Long Point Road intersection.</p> <p>Alternate I-526 Truck Exit/Entrance proposal: Direct truck-only port access road exiting off the base of the Wando Bridge directly into the port. This option would allow for all Port-related truck traffic to exit and enter I-516 with no stops or roundabouts. This option will also provide for minimal impact to businesses and residents.</p> <p>I-526 Lane Widening – Section 3 (At Long Point Road) I support the I-526 "1-Lane widening to westbound exterior and interior" and "1-lane widening to eastbound exterior and interior".</p> <p>Barrier Sound Walls along Section 3 of I-526 Expansion Due to the current and future noise problems coming from the bridge which crosses Hobcaw Creek, I highly recommend the installation of noise barriers/walls. Due to the extremely close proximity to homes and businesses these sound walls should be installed all along the I-526 corridor in Section 3, to include the Hobcaw Creek bridge. (Mt. Pleasant).</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	12/1/2021

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EH51	11/30/2021	Hello. My name is Todd Bulwinkle and I live in Hidden Cove. Please allow this to serve as my strong support for OPTION 2. This provides the improved safety we desperately need in our residential section of Long PT Rd. Please approve OPTION 2. Thank you	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p> <p>Joy Riley, PE, PMP, CPM, DBIA SCDOT Alternative Delivery Project Manager 803-737-1346</p>	Email	12/1/2021
EH52	11/30/2021	I vote for option 2. What will it take to give us back our street a death?? Sent from my iPhone	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	12/1/2021
EH53	11/30/2021	Hello- I am requesting that option 2G from level 2 design options be reconsidered as a reasonable alternative. This alternative puts most all of the construction to the south of neighborhoods which would result in few if any residences being affected. Consideration for relocation of the African American cemetery would require sensitive attention but is the MOST viable option. You're impacting people's lives negatively that are alive by not moving forward with this option. Thank you for the consideration.	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p> <p>Joy Riley, PE, PMP, CPM, DBIA SCDOT Alternative Delivery Project Manager 803-737-1346</p>	Email	12/1/2021
EH54	11/30/2021	As a long-time homeowner in Hidden Cove neighborhood (since 1991) I feel that my input and property values should be considered!	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	12/1/2021

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E#56	11/30/2021	Please see attached comment letter submitted on behalf of Safe Harbor City Boatyard, in which the City Boatyard objects to SCDOT's efforts to reduce the height of the Wando Bridge to less than 95 feet from the water's surface. I am also mailing this letter in accordance with the instructions on DOT's website. Thank you for your consideration.	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>The height of the proposed bridges would be established with coordination with the US Coast Guard which includes a navigational study on the channel. If there are users on the waterway with a need for a higher vertical clearance then that will be taken into consideration during the navigational study. The proposed height of 65' is the minimum height proposed, but the actual proposed height that the bridge design is based on will be determined by US Coast Guard once we start design on the actual project in the future. Part of the feedback from the public was to get feedback from those who regularly use the waterway. Additional feedback will be secured in the future from all marinas to ascertain a more holistic picture of the actual uses during the navigational study. Thank you for providing the detailed information in your letter.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	12/1/2021
E#57	11/30/2021	<p>As a Hidden Cove resident for 29 years, the SC Ports tremendous growth has come at a price to the local homeowners. Primarily, the price is much higher truck traffic and even higher noise from operations at the Port. While it has been stated numerous times at Port communication events that the leadership at the Port are unapologetic about the growth. Hopefully, the SCDOT can offer some relief and reassure the community that our government does care for its citizens.</p> <p>Of the options presented, Long Point Road/Wando Port Interchange OPTION 2 appears to be the best option for our neighborhood and residents.</p> <p>Thanks for your consideration.</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	
E#58	12/1/2021	We live in Tidal Walk Community that will be impacted by this work. We are vehemently opposed to any solution that requires displacement of any homes/amenities in the process in our community and surrounding communities. We urge the team to look at solutions that minimally obstruct families/individuals lives.	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	12/1/2021

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E#59	12/1/2021	I support option #2 for the Long Point Road interchange. Thank you.	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	12/1/2021
E#60	12/1/2021	<p>Hi there We can already hear traffic from 526 in our neighborhood. Adding an extension to 526 closer to Belle Hall will be so detrimental to the hundreds of homeowners here. Please keep expansion away from here. Thank you</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting last fall. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>The Long Point Road / Wando Port Interchange project has been recently funded to become the first project to be developed out of the I-526 East Study. We will have additional public information meetings to show more details on the reasonable improvement alternatives later this year.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	3/17/2022
E#61	12/1/2021	I am writing to voice opinion in favor of Option#2. The port traffic at times backs up to the Wando bridge. The only reasonable option is to have a direct path to the port for truck traffic.	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	12/1/2021
E#62	12/1/2021	<p>My name is Hollie Hines. I live in Hobcaw Creek Plantation with my husband, Russ, and our two sons, ages 11 and 8. The number of trucks going to and from the Wando terminal seems to increase every day. I see drivers run the red light at the entrance to our neighborhood multiple times per day, most of them going too fast. That is why I am asking for you to PLEASE ROUTE THE TRUCKS DIRECTLY TO THE WANDO TERMINAL FROM 526.</p> <p>Here are the specifics I support:</p> <p>Long Point Rd / Wando Port Interchange – Option #2</p> <p>Rather than tying up traffic at an already congested intersection, we strongly support your Option #2 which is to create a dedicated, truck-only interchange further up I-526 entering directly into and out of the port gates. This would allow for dedicated, truck-only traffic direct access to the Port gates without roundabouts, stop lights and regular car traffic experienced at the current Long Point Road intersection.</p> <p>Alternate I-526 Truck Exit/Entrance proposal: Direct truck-only port access road exiting off the base of the Wando Bridge directly into the port This option would allow for all Port-related truck traffic to exit and enter I-516 with no stops or roundabouts. This option will also provide for minimal impact to businesses and residents.</p> <p>I-526 Lane Widening – Section 3 (At Long Point Road) I support the I-526 “1-Lane widening to westbound exterior and interior” and “1-lane widening to eastbound exterior and interior”.</p> <p>Barrier Sound Walls along Section 3 of I-526 Expansion Due to the current and future noise problems coming from the bridge which crosses Hobcaw Creek, I highly recommend the installation of noise barriers/walls. Due to the extremely close proximity to homes and businesses these sound walls should be installed all along the I-526 corridor in Section 3, to include the Hobcaw Creek bridge. (Mt. Pleasant).</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	12/1/2021

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EH63	12/1/2021	<p>My name is Eric Leineweber and I live in Hobcaw Creek Plantation off Longpoint Road. Over the years I have watched the port grow and grow and personally I'm glad for it and the jobs it creates. Unfortunately the growth has filled Longpoint Road inside 526 with a steady stream of tractor trailers that fail to adhere to the speed limit or traffic lights. I have three children 8,13,15 the latter of which is now driving. I've almost been hit at the intersection by trucks running the red light and can only pray that none of my family or neighbors ever get hit. I've spoken to some of semi drivers and asked why the big hurry and apparently they get paid on delivered loads. Waiting for a traffic light cost them money and therefore they take the risk to speed and run lights at our potential expense. Additionally, over the years Long Point road industrial space has morphed into flex, retail, restaurant, office and sports centers. Long Point is not the sleepy road of the 1980's anymore. The amount of soccer moms will cars full of kids having to play frogger everyday to get out of almost each of the commercial driveways is scary.</p> <p>The solution seems pretty clear - Please route the trucks directly to 526. The drivers make more loads, the port makes more money and the people of Mount Pleasant are safer on this stretch of roadway.</p> <p>I support Option 2 for the interchange. Direct dedicated truck only traffic directly to the port. In regards to the widening of 526 in any scenario we need sound buffers along all residential property.</p> <p>Regards</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	12/1/2021
EH64	12/1/2021	Get it done!	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting last fall. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>The Long Point Road / Wando Port Interchange project has been recently funded to become the first project to be developed out of the I-526 East Study. We will have additional public information meetings to show more details on the reasonable improvement alternatives later this year.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	3/17/2022
EH67	12/1/2021	Option 3 seems most sensical	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p> <p>Joy Riley, PE, PMP, CPM, DBIA SCDOT Alternative Delivery Project Manager 803-737-1346</p>	Email	12/2/2021
EH68	12/1/2021	<p>"Our neighborhood, Grassy Creek, is vehemently opposed to the condemnation of any home, HOA property or street that provides access to our subdivision. We are also strongly opposed to any fly-over bridge for port traffic that would be outside the existing ROW. We absolutely do not want port traffic being rerouted so that it merges onto the interstate directly outside of our neighborhood and encroaches into our community.</p> <p>There needs to be a significant improvement in the design or phasing of the new interstate project. Taking additional right of way on either side of the existing 526 ROW corridor, especially in Mt Pleasant, is overly burdensome on the existing homeowners and should be avoided at all costs. There is plenty of land available in the existing ROW for additional lanes of traffic, including a large grassed median. Using the existing median to add lanes would be more effective and less detrimental to our community, even if that means phasing the project for a longer construction period."</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	12/2/2021

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EH69	12/1/2021	<p>In order to protect tax-paying residents directly affected by the 526 projects, we require the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. We must have a dedicated port access road to and from 526 for trucks, to get them off of Long Point Road 2. There must be sound barrier walls from the Wando bridge to Hwy 17 to protect the neighborhoods along 526, like Grassy Creek and Tidal Walk. 	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	12/2/2021
EH70	12/1/2021	<p>This is from Harriett and Steve Burns . We are extremely opposed to all the proposed suggestions that condemn property in our neighborhood Grassy Creek and Tidal Walk. There is plenty of room without destroying our neighborhoods.</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p> <p>Joy Riley, PE, PMP, CPM, DBIA SCDOT Alternative Delivery Project Manager 803-737-1346</p>	Email	12/2/2021
EH71	12/1/2021	<p>To whom it may concern- I live in the Grassy Creek neighborhood and our neighborhood is vehemently opposed to the condemnation of any home, HOA property or street that provides access to our subdivision. We are also strongly opposed to any fly-over bridge for port traffic that would be outside the existing ROW. We absolutely do not want port traffic being rerouted so that it merges onto the interstate directly outside of our neighborhood and encroaches into our community. There needs to be a significant improvement in the design or phasing of the new interstate project. Taking additional right of way on either side of the existing 526 ROW corridor, especially in Mt Pleasant, is overly burdensome on the existing homeowners and should be avoided at all costs. There is plenty of land available in the existing ROW for additional lanes of traffic, including a large grassed median. Using the existing median to add lanes would be more effective and less detrimental to our community, even if that means phasing the project for a longer construction period. I hope the comments and concerns our neighborhood are heavily weighed! Thank you</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p> <p>Joy Riley, PE, PMP, CPM, DBIA SCDOT Alternative Delivery Project Manager 803-737-1346</p>	Email	12/2/2021
EH72	12/1/2021	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. We must have a dedicated port access road to and from 526 for trucks, to get them off of Long Point Road 2. There must be sound barrier walls from the Wando bridge to Hwy 17 to protect the neighborhoods along 526. 	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	12/2/2021

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EH74	12/1/2021	<p>To whom it may concern;</p> <p>Our neighborhood, Grassy Creek, is vehemently opposed to the condemnation of any home, HOA property or street that provides access to our subdivision. We are also strongly opposed to any fly-over bridge for port traffic that would be outside the existing ROW. We absolutely do not want port traffic being rerouted so that it merges onto the interstate directly outside of our neighborhood and encroaches into our community.</p> <p>There needs to be a significant improvement in the design or phasing of the new interstate project. Taking additional right of way on either side of the existing 526 ROW corridor, especially in Mt Pleasant, is overly burdensome on the existing homeowners and should be avoided at all costs. There is plenty of land available in the existing ROW for additional lanes of traffic, including a large grassed median. Using the existing median to add lanes would be more effective and less detrimental to our community, even if that means phasing the project for a longer construction period.</p> <p>Mark and Lauren Watercutter Grassy Creek Home Owners</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p> <p>Joy Riley, PE, PMP, CPM, DBIA SCDOT Alternative Delivery Project Manager 803-737-1346</p>	Email	12/2/2021
EH75	12/1/2021	<p>To Whom It May Concern,</p> <p>I am writing to expressed significant concern about the project that would impact the Grassy Creek and Tidal Walk neighborhoods in Mount Pleasant as a result of one of the project designs. As we do understand changes need to be made, the impact of this infrastructure change should NOT impact families that built their lives in these neighborhoods. If Anything, we encourage the decision-makers to look at the opposite side of 526 where businesses are located, Not where our children ride their bikes and our families live.</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p> <p>Joy Riley, PE, PMP, CPM, DBIA SCDOT Alternative Delivery Project Manager 803-737-1346</p>	Email	12/2/2021
EH76	12/1/2021	<p>I do NOT want this to come to our neighborhood and negatively effect our home values, traffic and noise. Please do not put this in our backyard.</p> <p>Thank you for finding a different solution that doesn't devalue hundreds of people homes</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	12/2/2021

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EH79	12/1/2021	<p>My name is Lance Harris and I live in Hobcaw Creek Plantation off of Longmont Road in Mt Pleasant SC.</p> <p>Please construct a dedicated on/off ramp for the trucks leaving and entering the Spa Wando Terminal. These trucks need faster access to and from 526. They also need to be gotten off of Longpoint Road as they are very hazardous to cars entering and exiting neighborhoods off of LongPoint Road.</p> <p>We also need a sound barrier wall constructed from the Wando Bridge to Hwy 17 to protect these neighborhoods from ever increasing noise pollution coming from 526 in the way of Jake brakes on trucks and cars with horribly loud mufflers. This noise pollution is lasting later into the night and earlier in the morning.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration.</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p> <p>Joy Riley, PE, PMP, CPM, DBIA SCDOT Alternative Delivery Project Manager 803-737-1346</p>	Email	12/2/2021
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EH82	12/1/2021	<p>A maybe concern is the road noise and impact on quality of life that will occur if not addressed.</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p> <p>Joy Riley, PE, PMP, CPM, DBIA SCDOT Alternative Delivery Project Manager 803-737-1346</p>	Email	12/2/2021
EH83	12/1/2021	<p>I am a business owner with our office in the Long Point Center complex at the intersection of Long Point Road and I-526 in Mt. Pleasant. I am also a property owner living in Hobcaw Creek Plantation for over 30 years. We have seen traffic increase dramatically in the years I have worked and lived in the area. I know improvements must be made, but strongly recommend that Option 2 for the interchange be implemented to keep truck traffic out of the existing interchange. I am also aware of an option that includes a direct truck-only access to the port. This would be ideal and should be pursued. In all cases, sound walls should be incorporated to protect existing houses and businesses from the increased noise from the increased traffic and reduced buffers.</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	12/2/2021
EH84	12/1/2021	<p>Hello!</p> <p>I attended the public meeting and have two requests about the new changes to 526.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> That there be a dedicated port access to and from 526 for trucks to get them off Long Point Road. Sound barrier walls be put from the Wando bridge to Hwy 17. In my neighborhood you can already hear the traffic from 526 and with the proposed changes and additional traffic it will get much worse. <p>Thank you for the opportunity to learn about the proposed changes and to give feedback.</p> <p>Regards,</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	12/2/2021
EH85	12/1/2021	<p>Do not widen I-526 on the Mt Pleasant side of the Wando River. That Highway has ample room to handle more traffic. Any back-up Westbound is due to the congestion entering North Charleston. Back-up Eastbound on Ravenel and/or Wando-Cooper River bridges can be lessened with staggering work start times.</p> <p>The expense to widen most of I-526 does not justify the little relief it will provide for traffic</p> <p>All widening and adding roads does is INCREASE THE TRAFFIC, ".build it and they will come ! "</p> <p>Don't waste our \$\$\$ Daily commuter from Hwy 17N to Folly Road. Mt Pleasant resident since 1987.</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	12/2/2021

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EH87	12/1/2021	<p>Hello,</p> <p>I am writing to provide comments regarding the 526 East plans: I strongly support the Long Point Road Option 2 to create a dedicated truck-only interchange further up I-526 entering directly into and out of the port gates. I live immediately off of Long Point road and witness the extreme congestion and danger caused by this traffic every day. I do not let my kids leave our neighborhood on their bikes as this traffic is way too dangerous and will only get worse. PLEASE create this option to alleviate the terrible and worsening truck traffic. I strongly support installation of sound barrier walls all along the I-526 corridor in Section 3, to include the Hobcaw Creek bridge in Mt. Pleasant. The noise continues to worsen and I worry about the future livability of our neighborhood as the traffic continues to increase. Thank you!</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	12/2/2021
EH88	12/1/2021	<p>We are 100% against the expedited linkage of I-526 from Virginia Avenue to Mt.Pleasant. Until the project that was approved 40 years ago is completed from Savannah Highway to Johns Island and James Island to Johns Island this is insane and completely unfair and discriminatory to the citizens of Johns Island. We have been being rapidly overdeveloped and have received zero infrastructure support from the DOT, City of Charleston and Charleston County. We have been paying taxes for over 45 years and get zero return. Mt. Pleasant's roads and infrastructure have always been top priority and it is extremely discriminatory against Johns Island's citizens. The Coastal Conservation League has fought this extension for over a decade claiming it would promote development. Well the development has doubled our population during those ten years and we are suffering from ridiculous traffic and deadly car accidents. Just because the median income of Johns Island is less than Mt. Pleasant is no excuse for this complete disregard of our much more needed infrastructure improvement with I-526 extension from the original 40 year old plan. Sincerely,</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p> <p>Joy Riley, PE, PMP, CPM, DBIA SCDOT Alternative Delivery Project Manager 803-737-1346</p>	Email	12/2/2021
EH89	12/1/2021	<p>We need to make sure a sound barrier wall is considered- our houses and residents need protection from the traffic noise, the dust and dirt- pollution and traffic being able to see directly into our homes and what we own in our backyards- we need to be able to enjoy our backyards without traffic noise drowning out our conversations- we own our homes and are entitled to enjoy all of it. We planned to retire in a few years in our home and have made sure to pay off our mortgage early so we can do this- we have lived in Mt Pleasant our entire life- raised our grown children in this house- We did all of this with great thought and intention to now think we may lose it all?</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p> <p>Joy Riley, PE, PMP, CPM, DBIA SCDOT Alternative Delivery Project Manager 803-737-1346</p>	Email	12/2/2021

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EH91	12/2/2021	<p>Our neighborhood, Grassy Creek, is vehemently opposed to the condemnation of any home, HOA property or street that provides access to our subdivision. We are also strongly opposed to any fly-over bridge for port traffic that would be outside the existing ROW. We absolutely do not want port traffic being rerouted so that it merges onto the interstate directly outside of our neighborhood and encroaches into our community.</p> <p>There needs to be a significant improvement in the design or phasing of the new interstate project. Taking additional right of way on either side of the existing 526 ROW corridor, especially in Mt Pleasant, is overly burdensome on the existing homeowners and should be avoided at all costs. There is plenty of land available in the existing ROW for additional lanes of traffic, including a large grassed median. Using the existing median to add lanes would be more effective and less detrimental to our community, even if that means phasing the project for a longer construction period.</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p> <p>Joy Riley, PE, PMP, CPM, DBIA SCDOT Alternative Delivery Project Manager 803-737-1346</p>	Email	12/2/2021
EH92	12/2/2021	<p>To I-526 Project Team: My name is Colonel Harmon Lewis, U.S. Air Force Retired, and my wife and I purchased our home in Tidal Walk in August of 2019, as a partially disabled U.S. military veteran. As a member of the Tidal Walk HOA and a resident of Mount Pleasant, SC, I would like to share several thoughts and recommendations with you regarding the I-526 expansion proposal options.</p> <p>First, although the 526lowcountrycorridor.com website contains numerous proposals, there are significant yet viable other options that would reduce the required land, and therefore the impacts to residences and businesses in Mount Pleasant, specifically from the Wando River to Long Point Road. One option I am introducing is used in other largely populated areas such as the I-495 beltway around Washington, D.C., and along the divided highway from D.C. to the Dulles International Airport. In that region, the emergency lanes are opened during the morning and evening rush hour time blocks and clearly announced by signage, reducing the risk of accidents by non-locals who may be unfamiliar with the traffic flow using these lanes to accommodate the increased commuter traffic during those specific times. My primary RECOMMENDATION to the DOT is to build a highway that is 3 lanes in each direction with an emergency lane that would expand the flow to 4 lanes each direction on weekdays, 6:00 am to 9:00 am, to accommodate the time-based increase in traffic.</p> <p>Our Tidal Walk neighborhood is categorically opposed to the condemnation of any home, HOA property, or street that provides access to our subdivision from Long Point Road.</p> <p>We are also vehemently opposed to any fly-over bridge for port traffic that would be outside the existing ROW. We absolutely do not want trucks and other port traffic being rerouted so that they merge onto I-526 directly outside our neighborhood and encroach on our neighborhood homes or community center and pool.</p> <p>Additionally, we are requesting that option 2G from level 2 design options be reconsidered as a reasonable alternative. This alternative keeps most all of the construction to the south of neighborhoods which would result in few if any residences being affected. Consideration for relocation of the African American cemetery would require sensitive attention but should be considered as a viable option.</p> <p>Finally, any proposal to increase the traffic flow by our neighborhood must include a sound wall. Since the DOT removed shrubbery and trees to conduct their surveys last year, the noise pollution has substantially increased and would be further exacerbated by this expansion project. A sound wall is the only logical answer to this noise pollution.</p> <p>As I learned as a senior officer at the Pentagon, many times planners come up with what seem to be the only acceptable, feasible, and suitable options, and a subsequent recommendation based on these assumptions that no other options fit these criteria. No matter how good the planners are at DOT, they have not considered all possibilities that are acceptable, feasible, and suitable. The bottom line is that clearly there are other options yet to be evaluated to include a reasonable understanding that in the next 20-30 years, other roads and bridges will need to be built from Daniel Island as well as from I-26 or Clements Ferry Road directly to the North Mount Pleasant areas along Hwy 41 and northward. Those routes will reduce the traffic flow along I-526 and that should be accounted for in the proposals addressing traffic needs to 2050. 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E#93	12/2/2021	The homeowners in Bridlewood which is located in Mt Pleasant along 526 desperately need a sound barrier built to curb traffic noise. The noise is horrendous!	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p> <p>Joy Riley, PE, PMP, CPM, DBIA SCDOT Alternative Delivery Project Manager 803-737-1346</p>	Email	12/2/2021

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Voicemail Comments

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VM#1	25-Oct-21	My name is David Percival. I live at 2230 Margaret Drive in North Charleston. Please call me at 843-437-3313 and confirm about on when they are building the new road for the new highway. Thank you.	No Response for Voicemail Comments		
VM#2	25-Oct-21	Option 2 on the project is obviously the correct choice to make. It also allows you to delete the project by modifying the entrance to Hobcaw Creek Plantation and save some money there that you could spend on a safer alternative which would be to give the trucks access from Long Point Road directly to 526. The access road will remove some of the truck traffic that is driving the decision of Hobcaw Bluff's entrance. Nobody but the Port needs the modification done and that's money we could save on that that we could spend on the safer alternative for the trucks to go directly on to 526. Thank you for your time. I hope someone will listen to this and considers my viewpoint. Thank you.	No Response for Voicemail Comments		
VM#4	15-Nov-21	<p>Hello this is Mark Schuler. I live at 557 Hidden Boulevard in Mount Pleasant, South Carolina. And I wanted to leave a comment about the Long Point Road/Wando Port interchange. I'm voting for Option 2 because that makes the most sense. It would get the truckers in and out of the port a lot more quickly without having to go through the stoplights on Long Point Road and also it would separate the trucks from the car traffic, which is going to be a problem especially when the truck traffic increases due to higher demand. That bottleneck would slow down the supply chain. Also, Options 1 and 4 don't make any sense at all. They look like a big mess.</p> <p>Anyways, I'm voting against Options 1 and 4 if that's possible and I'm voting for Option 2. My phone number is 843-860-1285. Again, the name is Mark Schuler. Thank you.</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	10/28/2021

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VM#5	19-Nov-21	<p>Hello my name is Kevin Newman. I live at 358 Stringer Alley in the Hidden Cove subdivision. I'm calling regarding the I-526 corridor in relation to Long Point Road and I just wanted to express my concerns. My in-laws were trying to get down here yesterday during the middle of the day and truck traffic was just impossible and they had to turn around and come back and I'd like to recommend that Option 2 to help alleviate some of the traffic here along Long Point Road would be very helpful. They were trying to deliver a birthday card to my daughter-in-law and unfortunately they couldn't make it down here to get it. So any consideration for this would be appreciated but the Option 2 would be my choice as it seems to be the one that would provide the larger percentage of truck traffic be alleviated from Long Point Road and give it better access to the I-526 corridor. Thank you very much.</p>	No Response for Voicemail Comments		
VM#6	19-Nov-21	<p>Good afternoon my name is Roman Pekar. The address is 3034 Shadow Lane in Charleston, South Carolina. The callback number is 843-813-7945. I have a concern about the proposed alternate at the intersection of North Rhett Avenue crossing the Norfolk Southern railroad. As of today, traffic is built up when the train is passing and it doesn't seem that the map includes this solution to go over it. My question is would it be more feasible to build an overpass than to once the changes are being planned and the budget was made, maybe it does make sense to build an overpass to escape the traffic buildup situations. Kids get late to school, us are getting late to work and all of that. If you consider the cost of the lost wages with kids missing school and all this over the given time it does seem feasible to build an overpass and include it into the project. I'm hoping to get feedback from you on that and my phone number is 843-813-7945. Thank you, have a good weekend.</p>	No Response for Voicemail Comments		
VM#8	23-Nov-21	<p>Good morning this is Connie Turner at 610 Hidden Boulevard in the Hidden Cove subdivision in Mount Pleasant. My telephone number is 843-856-8529. I support the Long Point Road/Wando Port Interchange Option 2. Thank you.</p>	No Response for Voicemail Comments		
VM#9	30-Nov-21	<p>My name is John Simsar and I support Option 2. It alleviates safety hazards that we regularly face, taking a large percent of the truck traffic off Long Point Road by giving the port direct access to I526 without using Long Point Road. I live at 353 Anchor Circle off long point road in hidden cove neighborhood. My phone number is 843-991-4868. thank you, bye.</p>	No Response for Voicemail Comments		

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VM#10	30-Nov-21	Hi, this is Mark Shuler. The address is 557 Hidden Boulevard, mount pleasant 29464 and I'm calling to comment on the longpoint road wando port interchange, I'm voting for option two, cause that is the best solution for truck traffic, as well as car traffic and I'm voting down options one and four because they do not look very good at all. Anyway, thank you so much and have a great day. Bye-bye	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	10/28/2021
VM#11	30-Nov-21	Good evening. My name is Ken Poole. Address is 670 Deep Sea Circle, Mt Pleasant. Hidden Cove Subdivision off Long Point Road. I just wanted to say that my wife and I support Option 2 although its totally inadequate, it's a huge improvement on what is currently available which is very disserving and would like to see this move forward. Again, its Ken Poole. Ken and Jan Poole, 670 Deep Sea Circle in Hidden Cove Subdivision off of Long Point Road, Mt Pleasant.	No Response for Voicemail Comments		
VM#12	30-Nov-21	Hello, my name is Todd Bullwinkle. I live at 689 Liter Lane in Hidden Cove. I wanted to voice my strong support for Option 2 of the Long Point Road Wando Port Interchange. It is definitely needed to provide safety for the residential neighborhoods on this section of Long Point Road, that's a daily hazard and we'd greatly need Option number 2 approved so we can route the truck traffic and congestion from this area where residents and families go everyday. Thank you very much.	No Response for Voicemail Comments		

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VM#13	30-Nov-21	<p>Hi, this is Nancy Carmody. I live at 614 Palisades Drive, Mt Pleasant, SC. I am calling in regards to the I-526 corridor project and specifically want to leave a comment about the proposed expansion for EAST and improving the access to the port for the trucks, the Long Point Road/Wando Port interchange. I believe that Option 2 to create a dedicated truck-only interchange is important for multiple reasons safety being the key one and all the other itemized benefits that I can see in regards to improving traffic flow, preventing the times exchange that happens at Long Point currently. The other thing that I would like to say is that I don't believe that the noise barriers are worth much and are necessary. I think they are more of a sight barrier in terms of the barrier soundwalls but I do think that perhaps over time there could be better noise sound walls built. It just doesn't seem that effective. Thank you so much.</p>	No Response for Voicemail Comments		
VM#14	1-Dec-21	<p>This is Patricia Sanders. 661 Hobcaw Bluff Drive in Hobcaw Creek Plantation off Long Point Road. My phone number is 843-469-3773. I support Option 2 to divert truck traffic away from Long Point Road and making Long Point Road a safer place to drive. Thank you.</p>	No Response for Voicemail Comments		
VM#15	1-Dec-21	<p>This is Laretta Pinckin and I'm at 510 South Columbia Drive in Decatur, Georgia 30030 and my phone is 770-355-4205 and I'm calling specifically to reference to the east side part of the 526 project. For new build it will further, in my opinion, degrade and diminish the African-American population on St. Thomas Island. I grew up there. I return at least four times a year. Unfortunately, because of COVID-19, I did not travel at all last year and only found out about the project a couple of months ago. And I'm concerned about two things. First of all when I-526 before it came, we were reassured that there would be sidewalks installed for the area. Well in the portion of Clements Ferry Road where the bridges or the proposed bridges and even the existing bridges there are no sidewalks. So are there plans to have sidewalks along Clements Ferry Road? And the other thing is that your project does not indicate how many individuals will be displaced by either the new build. Well, it sounds like everything is going to be a new bridge as opposed to adding onto the existing one but how many people do those building those numbers that you include represent? And, can you parse out to some degree, I'm assuming a significant number of them, an overwhelming number of them occupants African American. And I think, that's probably it. I personally am not in favor of having any extension of the bridges or newer. Oh, because the area has changed so much and there's so much traffic and so much trash along Clements Ferry Road since 526 came into existence, especially on the east of I guess the southbound side of Clements Ferry Road. So that's it, that's my comment or whatever it's for. Thanks, bye.</p>	No Response for Voicemail Comments		

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VM#16	1-Dec-21	<p>Hello my name is Jamie Meyer. I live at 1508 Winston Court in Mount Pleasant. I'm calling about I-526 Lowcountry Corridor East impact and wanted to make my recommendation specifically for the Long Point Road/Wando Port Interchange option number 2 with the direct access off I-526. Also, there was an alternative truck accident entrance, that's a direct truck only port access road exiting off the base of the Wando bridge directly into the port. This option would allow all port related truck traffic to exit to enter 526 but no stops or roundabouts. This option will also provide for minimal impact to businesses and residents. And then I also wanted to support the I-526 lane widening section 3 at Long Point Road. I support 526 one lane widening to the westbound exterior and interior and one lane widening to the eastbound exterior and interior. And then most importantly, I want to express my concern and support for barrier sound walls along section 3 of I-526 expansion due to the current and future noise problems coming from the bridge that crosses Hobcaw Creek. I highly recommend the installation of noise barriers and noise walls due to the extremely close proximity to homes and businesses these sound walls should be installed all along the I-526 corridor in section 3 to include the Hobcaw Creek bridge. And I can be called back at 843-991-3548. Thank you.</p>	No Response for Voicemail Comments		

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PIMW#246	November 30, 2021 at 11:47 am	<p>SCPA is in favor of 1-E or 1-I which would provide a higher bridge to replace the current Don Holt Bridge. As a primary economic engine for our state and southeast region, either of these options would allow our North Charleston Terminal the ability to handle larger ships, which are currently air draft restricted. As a top 10 U. S. Port, this would give us increase capacity to handle future growth along with phases two and three of the Hugh Leatherman Terminal. SCPA would also be in support of a dedicated ramp from I-526 onto the Wando Welch Terminal which would provide further relief to the Long Point Road interchange from the general motoring public.</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/20/2021
PIMW#257	November 30, 2021 at 2:02 pm	<p>I am a homeowner in the I-26 Corridor of Noise. I have said this before: please put this corridor into this plan. We have and will grow exponentially. This noise corridor has gone on for more than 10 years.</p> <p>We are retired military, senior citizens, shift workers, and more. Living in our affordable homes.</p> <p>Projects are all around us but we have not been included. I hope that as we grow, that we consider the human beings that are sometimes neglected. Please reevaluate any project that is ongoing without the inclusion of this noise corridor.</p> <p>I-26 West, from the 52 connector to highway 78. A noise Barrier is needed.</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST Public Information Meeting. We heard your voice and will include your comment in our official project records.</p> <p>Please note that the information presented in this public information meeting is a Planning Study and the alternatives are early conceptual alignments that have not been designed yet. The information from this planning study will provide SCDOT with the potential scope and cost information they need to plan funding and schedules for future projects on this corridor. Additional information and details of potential impacts would be developed in the next phase of work when these ideas are funded projects. SCDOT will bring additional design details out for public comments at that time. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed. Noise will also be evaluated in the design phase and information regarding potential noise mitigation would be presented in future public information meetings once the projects from this planning study are funded for development.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by sending us an email (info@526LowcountryCorridor.com) or calling/texting our project hotline (843-258-1135). You can also find more information on our project website (www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/east), or by visiting our Community Office, located at 5627 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston (Gas Lite Square).</p>	Email	11/30/2021

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E#65	12/1/2021	<p>***SEE PDF Attached*** Good afternoon,</p> <p>The attached comments are submitted by the Southern Environmental Law Center on behalf of the Coastal Conservation League and Charleston Moves in response to the Lowcountry Corridor East public comment period.</p> <p>Should you have any questions about our submission, do not hesitate to contact us.</p> <p>Thank you,</p> <p>Jenny Brennan Science & Policy Associate</p> <p>Southern Environmental Law Center 525 East Bay Street, Suite 200 Charleston, SC 29403</p> <p>Office (843) 720-5270 Mobile (843) 991-2030 https://www.southernenvironment.org/</p>	See PDF Attached.	Written	3/17/2022



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Thank you,

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Re: I-526 East Lowcountry Corridor Improvements Project

Dear Ms. Riley,

On behalf of the South Carolina Coastal Conservation League and Charleston Moves, the Southern Environmental Law Center submits these comments on the Planning and Environmental Linkages Study (“PEL”) materials for the I-526 East Lowcountry Corridor Project (“LCC EAST project”). Through PEL, SCDOT has defined the LCC EAST purpose to “improve travel time reliability & reduce congestion along I-526 from Virginia Avenue in North Charleston to US 17 in Mount Pleasant.”¹

Our groups have also been engaging in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (“EIS”) for the I-526 West Lowcountry Corridor Project² (“LCC WEST”) and the Draft Supplemental EIS for the I-526 Mark Clark Extension³ (“Mark Clark Extension”). We look forward to continued engagement on the LCC EAST project as it advances into the NEPA scoping phase.

¹ *LCC EAST Public Information Meeting Handout*, SCDOT (October 2021), https://www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/526-EAST-PIM2-Handout_2021-10-11.pdf

² As part of the LCC WEST project, SCDOT has recommended widening I-526 from four to eight lanes from Paul Cantrell Boulevard to I-26 and to make improvements at the I-26/I-526 interchange as well as other interchanges along I-526 from West Ashley through North Charleston.

³ The Mark Clark Extension is a proposed four-lane parkway which would join with I-526 in West Ashley and extend into Johns Island and James Island. The recommended alternative for the Mark Clark Extension, Alternative G, includes a multi-use path along the entire 9.5-mile length of the roadway.

I. SCDOT Must Seriously Consider Alternatives Other than Widening.

At this phase, SCDOT has not meaningfully analyzed alternatives to meet their purpose and need other than widening in proximity to the existing corridor.⁴ With a \$4 billion price tag associated with the LCC EAST proposal, roughly \$308 million per mile, it is crucial that less costly and potentially more effective alternatives are thoroughly assessed. Before selecting a preferred alternative, the agency must consider whether more modest structural improvements, in combination with Transportation Demand Management (“TDM”) (e.g., mass transit, bicycle and pedestrian paths, managed lanes, and other strategies), would meet the purpose and need.

A. *Multimodal and TDM solutions should not be deferred to an uncertain future date.*

Though SCDOT names connectivity and multimodal opportunities as two of seven goals for LCC EAST,⁵ the PEL study does not consider nonstructural alternatives such as multimodal transportation and TDM. SCDOT has stated that the LCC EAST and LCC WEST projects are the last possible opportunity to widen I-526, and that, if completed, the eight-lane roadway will still be over capacity at peak hours. According to the State Highway Induced Frequency of Travel (“SHIFT”) calculator,⁶ adding 13 miles of interstate in Charleston will generate 57-85 million *additional* vehicle miles traveled per year. This induced demand means that within 20 years of project completion, the entire interstate may be congested to levels before the widening, even outside of peak hours. Drivers will face the same traffic (or worse) after LCC East is built, and both taxpayers and the environment will be far worse off. Multimodal solutions are therefore needed to address future congestion, and should be developed in tandem with the proposed widening to ensure compatibility, reduce redundant design and construction, and allow for learning and adaptation over time.

We expect SCDOT to take concrete steps now, before completion of the LCC WEST and LCC EAST projects, to develop and expand TDM in this system that will take advantage of technological upgrades to I-526. We believe the most pragmatic approach is a combination of investing in “robust express bus service” and park-and-rides for Corridor G (stretching along the current I-526 route from West Ashley to Mount Pleasant), as recommended by the BCD Council of Government’s (“BCDCOG”) Regional Transit Framework Plan; investing in bike-ped linkages to facilitate safe connections from the I-526 multimodal river crossings to destinations (employment hubs, retail centers and neighborhoods) along the corridor; and incorporating Transit Systems Management and Operations (TSMO) options, including managed lanes,

⁴ The traffic projections in the virtual public meeting materials do not provide substantive detail to support SCDOT’s traffic projections and travel time estimations. In order for the public to meaningfully engage with this process, SCDOT must show their math on the traffic projections and other calculations used to justify the selection and screening of alternatives.

⁵ LCC EAST Handout, *supra* note 1, at 2.

⁶ *State Highway Induced Frequency of Travel Calculator*, ROCKY MOUNTAIN INSTITUTE, <https://shift.rmi.org/>.

enhanced lane markings and traveler information postings, and reserving shoulders for buses-only during rush hour. These strategies need to be carried through the planning process now and integrated into project design, not after the corridor reaches an unsatisfactory level of service yet again.

Regional transportation plans, including the RTFP and LRTP, provide a roadmap for implementing such an express bus service on I-526, while the Lowcountry Rapid Transit Line, the region’s largest ever investment in transit, will intersect I-526 at Rivers Avenue with stations proposed at Remount Road and Mall Drive, providing connectivity to a potential bus route along I-526.⁷ It is not enough for the LCC EAST project to simply include shoulders wide enough to accommodate future bus lanes—SCDOT must demonstrate a commitment to mass transit in the near-term, in line with its letter vowing more effective and expanded transit services.

B. SCDOT should fund and construct complete bicycle and pedestrian facilities as a core component of the LCC EAST project.

SCDOT has committed to providing a 14-foot multi-use path over all river crossings in the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor project, including the crossings of the Cooper and Wando Rivers for the LCC EAST project. While a positive design feature, these river crossings are isolated from other safe multi-use infrastructure. SCDOT must offer a genuine mobility alternative for residents and commuters, and thus reduce congestion on I-526, by connecting to a larger bicycle and pedestrian (“bike-ped”) path along the entire proposed LCC EAST and LCC WEST corridor. This is also part of a larger TDM strategy.

SCDOT identifies multimodal transportation, including bike-ped, as one of seven goals in the PEL study.⁸ While the LCC EAST alternatives do not currently integrate multimodal transportation throughout the corridor, the goal outlined by SCDOT is consistent with the overwhelming will of Charleston communities. Regional transportation plans have long prioritized bike-ped accommodations on I-526. The WalkBike Berkeley-Charleston-Dorchester (“BCD”) plan—developed in 2017 by municipalities, agencies, and stakeholders such as the City of Charleston, the Town of Mount Pleasant, and the City of North Charleston—recommends a shared use path along I-526 (from Paul Cantrell Boulevard to 3,350 feet east of Virginia Avenue) for Phases 1 and 2 of implementation.⁹ The BCDCOG adopted the recommendation in its 2040 Long-Range Transportation Plan (“LRTP”), which contemplates that path construction would coincide with an I-526 roadway project such as the proposed widening.¹⁰ Per the LRTP, this complementary approach would create funding efficiencies by avoiding redundant design and

⁷ See <https://lowcountryrapidtransit.com/about.html>.

⁸ LCC EAST Handout at 2. (Multimodal: Enhance movement through the corridor through other modes such as carpool, transit, walk, or bike.)

⁹ *WalkBike BCD*, BCDCOG (2017), Appendix D at 2, 12, <https://www.walkbikebcd.com/>.

¹⁰ *LRTP Chapter 3: Pedestrian and Bicycle Mobility*, BCDCOG, at 106–08, <https://www.bcdcog.com/transportation/planning/long-range-transportation-plan/>.

construction. It is important to note that SCDOT participated in development of the WalkBike BCD plan and did not express opposition to the shared use path or indicate that it would be unlawful, unfeasible, or otherwise inadvisable.

Per the SCDOT February 4, 2021 Departmental Directive 28 on Complete Streets,

All Department projects that are currently in the project development phase at the effective date of this Directive should be reviewed to determine if multimodal accommodations should be incorporated into the proposed project based on the guidance above [pages 2-3 of Directive]. It is the Department's intent to quickly adapt these new guidelines to existing projects in the project development pipeline, short of requiring new permits or additional right of way impacts where right of way has already been secured from landowners.

Far from solely a recreational asset, a shared use path along I-526 has the potential to materially improve connectivity and mobility in the region and thus advance the purpose and need of the LCC EAST project and the goals of SCDOT's Departmental Directive. The BCDCOG's Regional Transit Framework Plan ("RTFP") identifies I-526 as having high current and future residential, commercial, and employment densities, as well as a high density of transit-reliant communities. As such, the corridor is identified as a priority transit route. Transit access, complemented by bike-ped accommodations, would offer residents and workers in the area a mobility alternative that would relieve congestion on the interstate highway. Recognizing the bike-ped path's utility, the BCDCOG, municipalities, and other stakeholders have continuously pushed for its inclusion in both the LCC EAST and LCC WEST projects. In September and October 2020, the BCDCOG and CHATS Transportation Policy Committee, adopted resolutions requesting that "SCDOT and FHWA include connected bicycle, pedestrian and public transit infrastructure in the design, funding and installation of both the LCC EAST and WEST projects."¹¹

II. The Major Impacts to Wetlands, Floodplains, and Other Resources Must Be Appropriately Avoided, Minimized, and Mitigated.

Each of the "reasonable alternatives" considered in the PEL study, aside from the No Build alternative, would inflict massive damage to wetland and floodplain resources. The seven alternatives considered by SCDOT propose a range of 167 acres to 179 acres of wetland impacts.¹² Additionally, each alternative would impact at least two public park facilities and require dozens of residential and commercial relocations.¹³

As a threshold matter, nearly 170 acres of destroyed wetlands is an unacceptable

¹¹ *Lowcountry Corridor Resolution*, BCDCOG (September 28, 2020).

¹² LCC EAST Handout at 6.

¹³ *Id.*

“minimum” impact, particularly for a mere 13 miles of roadway. Due to the enormous scale of the proposed impacts, SCDOT must work to further avoid and minimize damages to the ecosystem and community resources. Additionally, these impacts cannot be considered in isolation; the LCC EAST impacts represent just a portion of damages associated with planned updates and expansions of the I-526 corridor. The cumulative impacts of the LCC EAST, LCC WEST, and Mark Clark Extension projects pose a disastrous threat to the Charleston Harbor watershed, and these cumulative damages must be thoroughly considered by SCDOT.

A. Ensure the Least Damaging Practicable Alternative is selected.

As proposed, the project will have significant wetland impacts; therefore, this project must comply with the Clean Water Act Section 404(b)(1) Guidelines (the “Guidelines”). 33 C.F.R. § 320.4(a)(1). The Guidelines provide significant protection to wetlands, and the degradation or destruction of wetlands “is considered to be among the most severe environmental impacts covered by these Guidelines.” 40 C.F.R. § 230.1(d). The Guidelines state that the Corps may not permit a discharge of dredged or fill material if there is a less damaging “practicable alternative,” or if the discharge will “cause or contribute to significant degradation of the waters of the United States.” *Id.* § 230.10(a), (c).

In applying the practicable alternative standard, the Corps must consider the project’s “basic purpose.” *See id.* § 230.10(a)(3). If the project’s basic purpose is not water dependent, the Guidelines apply a presumption that a practicable alternative with less adverse environmental impact on wetlands exists. *Id.* SCDOT’s stated project purpose is not water dependent. An alternative “is practicable if it is available and capable of being done after taking into consideration cost, existing technology, and logistics in light of overall project purpose.” *Id.* § 230.10(a)(2). Where a discharge is proposed for a wetland or other special aquatic site, all practicable alternatives to the proposed discharge that do not involve a discharge to the wetland “are presumed to have less adverse impact on the aquatic ecosystem, unless clearly demonstrated otherwise.” *Id.* § 230.10(a)(3). The burden is on SCDOT to rebut the presumption by “clearly demonstrat[ing]” that a less damaging practicable alternative is not available. *See id.*

SCDOT is required to take all appropriate and practicable steps to avoid and minimize adverse impacts to waters of the United States. *See* 40 C.F.R. § 230.91(c)(2). In this early project stage, it is crucial that SCDOT evaluate all possible alternatives that would further avoid and minimize impacts to wetlands, including alternative alignments, port barging, and multimodal transportation solutions.¹⁴

¹⁴ Additionally, under each of the alternatives considered, a significant amount of land would be converted from pervious to impervious surface, generating new runoff. In general stormwater modeling practice, on average 15% of water that falls on pervious surfaces will result in runoff, whereas 90% of water that falls on impervious surfaces will generate runoff. SCDOT must incorporate low-impact development stormwater control methods into the LCC-

Given the significant public benefits wetlands provide, SCDOT must avoid wetland impacts to the greatest extent possible. Coastal wetland systems, such as those that this project will fill, provide important wave buffering and flood retention services for coastal communities and should be protected to maintain these hazard mitigation services.¹⁵ An assessment following Hurricane Sandy found that coastal wetlands helped affected states avoid \$625 million in direct damages during the storm.¹⁶ The Houston area lost 4 billion gallons worth of flood retention after losing 5.5 percent of its freshwater wetlands between 1992 and 2010.¹⁷ Charleston's Church Creek basin lost 24 percent of its wetland area from 1996 to 2010, and the community's flooding woes became a recurring problem over that time period. Maintaining existing wetlands so that they continue to provide natural flood storage and storm buffering helps avoid taxpayer-funded flood control projects in the future. In light of the stronger storms and sea level rise the South Carolina coast is already experiencing due to climate change, it is crucial to preserve wetlands and their services to the greatest extent possible.¹⁸

B. SCDOT Must Consider the Cumulative Impacts of LCC East, LCC West, and the Mark Clark Extension.

The LCC EAST impacts represent just a portion of damages associated with proposed updates and expansions of the I-526 corridor. As proposed, the 9.7-mile LCC WEST recommended preferred alternative would impact 48.3 acres of wetlands and 3,634 feet of freshwater streams, require 113 property relocations (including 81 residential displacements and 17 commercial displacements), and cost \$1.43 billion. The 9.5-mile Mark Clark Extension is projected to cost about \$772 million (in 2019 dollars; the final cost will likely be much higher), destroy over 31 acres of wetlands, and impact 7,486 feet of freshwater streams, marine tributaries, and tidal ditches.

Combined, these three projects would damage nearly 250 acres of wetlands within the Cooper River and Stono River watersheds surrounding Charleston Harbor. This is an enormous

EAST design in order to mitigate for this additional runoff and the associated increase in pollution. See https://www.bhamgov.org/A1_Runoff%20Potential.pdf and

<https://files.nc.gov/ncdeq/Water%20Quality/Surface%20Water%20Protection/SPU/SPU%20-%20BMP%20Manual%20Documents/BMPMan-Ch03-SWCalcs-20090616-DWQ-SPU.pdf>.

¹⁵ See W.J. Mitsch et al., *Ecosystem services of wetlands*, 11 INT'L J. OF BIODIVERSITY SCI., ECOSYSTEM SERVS. & MGMT., no. 1, at 1–4 (2015),

<https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/21513732.2015.1006250?scroll=top&needAccess=true>; A. Bullock & M. Acreman, *The role of wetlands in the hydrological cycle*, HYDROLOGY AND EARTH SYS. SCI., no. 3, at 358–89 (2003), <https://hal.archives-ouvertes.fr/hal-00304786/document>; M. Acreman & J. Holden, *How wetlands affect floods*, 33 WETLANDS, no. 5, at 773–86 (2013), <https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s13157-013-0473-2>.

¹⁶ S. Narayan et al., *The value of coastal wetlands for flood damage reduction in the Northeastern USA*, SCIENTIFIC REPORTS, at 1 (2017), <https://www.nature.com/articles/s41598-017-09269-z>.

¹⁷ J.S. Jacob et al., *Houston area freshwater wetland loss, 1992-2010*, (2015), <http://tcwp.tamu.edu/files/2015/06/WetlandLossPub.pdf>.

¹⁸ U.S. Global Change Research Program, *Precipitation Change in the United States*, CLIMATE SCIENCE SPECIAL REPORT: FOURTH NATIONAL CLIMATE ASSESSMENT (2017).

loss and is further justification for SCDOT to complete additional avoidance and minimization of wetland resources in each of these projects. Considering these cumulative impacts, we urge SCDOT to reduce wetland damages through alternative modes of transportation, described above, that could significantly reduce project impacts.

III. SCDOT Must Show its Work to the Public and Account for Induced Effects

SCDOT has not disclosed any models or traffic data to substantiate its bold claims about traffic benefits from adding lanes to LCC East. Without demonstrating to the public that road widening will, in fact, serve the project purpose, there is no point in proceeding to the NEPA process. Reduced traffic does not automatically flow from road expansion—indeed, the opposite is quite often the case.

SCDOT’s traffic models typically ignore the established concepts of induced development and traffic that tend to follow highway builds in congested urban areas. These phenomena swallow-up increased capacity with increased road usage, leaving drivers in the same traffic as before the new road build and taxpayers and the environment much worse off. As Professor Susan Handy explains, “adding capacity decreases travel time, in effect lowering the ‘price ’of driving; and when prices go down, the quantity of driving goes up. Induced travel counteracts the effectiveness of capacity expansion as a strategy for alleviating traffic congestion”¹⁹

By contrast, the increased congestion predicted on I-526 East without the build alternatives may have several positive effects on land use and transportation patterns that must be accounted for. For example, increased congestion can induce business and labor growth closer to residential areas, which minimizes commutes in the long run and makes maximal use of existing infrastructure. Increased congestion on I-526 East may also channel residential and business growth towards the Lowcountry Rapid Transit Line and away from sprawled developments serviced or created by an I-526 East expansion. Channeling residential and business growth towards mass transit systems would combat sprawl, decrease reliance on inefficient single-user vehicles, reduce vehicle miles traveled and greenhouse gas emissions, make maximal use of existing infrastructure, and avert the myriad of ecological harms that would flow from expanding I-526 East. “No build” options, including mass transit and fostering more concentrated development, offer real solutions to Charleston’s traffic problems; “build” options typically offer illusory benefits.

In short, SCDOT must disclose the data and methodology behind its traffic predictions, and fully account for induced traffic and development sprawl for all “build” and “no build” alternatives.

¹⁹ Susan Handy, *Increasing Highway Capacity Unlikely to Relieve Traffic Congestion* at 1, Nat’l Ctr. for Sustainable Transp. (Oct. 2015) <https://escholarship.org/uc/item/58x8436d>.

IV. Conclusion

We respectfully request that, as SCDOT advances the LCC EAST project to the NEPA phase, the agency consider building TDM, multimodal solutions into the project and seek to avoid and minimize harm to surrounding communities and wetlands. In addition, pursuant to the Clean Water Act and state law, the SCDOT must ensure that impacts to wetlands and other waters are appropriately avoided, minimized, and, lastly, mitigated. Thank you for your consideration of these comments.

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Dear Mr. DeScherer:

Thank you for providing a comment during the official public comment period for the **I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST (I-526 LCC EAST) public information meeting which was open from October 11 to December 1, 2021**. Your interest in this project is appreciated.

Efforts for I-526 LCC EAST began in the spring of 2018 with the preparation of existing conditions reports on traffic, safety, and infrastructure along I-526 from Virginia Avenue in North Charleston to U.S. 17 in Mount Pleasant. Since that time, I-526 LCC EAST transitioned formally to a Planning & Environmental Linkages (PEL) study. A PEL study is a high-level, corridor-level planning study designed to identify existing and projected transportation issues within the corridor through analysis and public and stakeholder engagement and is a precursor to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) environmental process.

An initial public meeting was held in mid-2020 to help better define the needs within the corridor. A second public meeting was held late 2021 to present the analysis completed to-date and the preliminary alternatives and to ask for additional feedback. Input received during this process is helping to establish the purpose, needs, and priorities for future improvements within this corridor. The Department will incorporate the input received and publish the PEL Study in Spring 2022.

The PEL process has included a coordination process with local stakeholders to reinforce the integration of local needs, plans and projects. These partnerships with BCDCOG, Charleston and Berkeley Counties, the Town of Mount Pleasant, and the City of Charleston have been maintained to promote regional cooperation to address shared mobility goals. A summary of public and stakeholder coordination efforts will be documented in the PEL study.

The PEL study recommends possible future projects and estimated costs for consideration as part of SCDOT's future statewide transportation planning process. Recommendations are also included for other project partners to consider as part of local implementation efforts. If and when projects are funded, they would advance to the environmental phase: NEPA. During that process, the range of alternatives would be further refined and narrowed down to a recommended preferred alternative based on additional studies, engineering design, and public

input. During the NEPA analysis, new or modified alternatives may be introduced in order to avoid and minimize impacts as more detailed design information is developed. Noise and right-of-way impacts would be also be analyzed in detail in the next phase of work.

Multimodal and Travel Demand Management Solutions

The draft purpose and need for transportation improvements along this corridor is to reduce congestion and improve travel time reliability along I-526 from Virginia Avenue in North Charleston to U.S. 17 in Mount Pleasant as well as address design deficiencies and mobility challenges in the corridor. The study includes multimodal supporting goals to enhance mobility for people and goods through the corridor, including modes other than single occupancy vehicles, such as carpool, mass transit, walk, bike or truck. While a goal is not a need that will substantially reduce congestion, it does provide guidance for alternatives development and evaluation throughout the PEL process. It is important to recognize that the existing infrastructure will not safely support incorporation of alternative congestion management solutions in its existing condition.

The project team considered and continues to evaluate a series of strategies that focus on operational improvements, known as Transportation Systems Management & Operations (TSMO). These TSMO concepts were identified based on strategies outlined in the *CHATS Congestion Management Process Report (2019)*, existing and future traffic conditions, and input received through public and stakeholder outreach efforts. The TSMO options included managed lane concepts such as shoulder lane use and dedicated transit lanes; operational and travel demand management strategies such as traveler information systems and enhanced lane markings; and multimodal improvements such as adding a multiuse path and local bike and pedestrian connections, to name a few.

Because of physical constraints with the existing bridges, shoulders, and roadway, it would not be possible to retrofit the corridor with enough TSMO strategies to fully address the capacity needs of the corridor. It is important to note that many of these TSMO strategies, such as providing a dedicated lane for an express bus service, would require major reconstruction. Alternatives development is even more challenging since approximately 65 percent of the corridor is on elevated bridge structures. SCDOT studied restriping the section of I-526 between I-26 and Clements Ferry Road, but the safety analysis predicted a significant increase in crashes without the addition of a shoulder. Shoulders are important for safety as they allow drivers to pull out of the way of traffic more safely after accidents, and they provide an area for drivers to move to avoid crashes or recover control of their vehicle.

While TSMO strategies do not appear to provide enough improvement to be viable as stand-alone alternatives, they could provide advantages in combination with future widening to prolong an acceptable level of performance. As such, we will continue to evaluate and incorporate TSMO strategies as the design is progressed during the NEPA phase. This approach would contribute to meeting the stated purpose and need and support the project goals by prolonging the performance life of the eventual recommended preferred alternative by constructing a modern, multimodal corridor. As we develop committed projects on the corridor, we will continue ongoing coordination with local planning organizations to ensure that the final design details of these projects will fully support and enhance transit plans and future alternative congestion management practices.

SCDOT previously invested in travel demand management (TDM) and modal strategies that were identified through initial corridor studies on I-526, such as carpool/rideshare/vanpool program, CHATS Regional Park & Ride Development Project, among others. These ongoing projects should assist in reducing congestion incrementally as we develop long-term strategies for managing congestion on this corridor.

Multiuse Path

SCDOT has committed to providing a 14-foot multiuse path over all major river crossings along the I-526 LCC, including the Cooper and Wando Rivers. When evaluating where to locate this multiuse path, we considered the existing parallel accommodations and current local plans for connections. In many instances, multiuse paths already exist or are planned along the EAST corridor, such as along Clements Ferry Road. While shared use accommodations may be constructed parallel to high speed interstate corridors, SCDOT must consider whether there are safer alternatives to transition away from the interstate mainline where possible. SCDOT will work with local governments and planning organizations to identify the safest connections to the river crossings that meet the needs of the community and provide the safest options for pathway users. In compliance with SCDOT's complete streets policy, multimodal accommodations prescribed by local plans in the project study area would be included in the scope of the future projects on the corridor. In the case that there is no existing accommodations to connect to at the time of construction, then we would construct the shelf or provide the additional bridge width so that the pathway connections can be made in the future. In other words, we would not be able to construct a pathway that does not have logical termini for a connection or destination point.

Environmental Impacts

This study is a high-level planning study focused on identifying improvement options that would address the needs on the corridor, and the current wetland impact estimates represent worst-case assumptions. As future projects enter the environmental phase of work, the roadway and bridge designs will be advanced in greater detail that will allow the project team to minimize the impacts to the community and the natural environment throughout the design development.

During the NEPA evaluation of a project, SCDOT considers cumulative impacts in accordance with the Council on Environmental Quality's guidance document *Considering Cumulative Effects under the National Environmental Policy Act* (January 1997) and guidance from the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials' Handbook for Assessing Indirect and Cumulative Effects Under NEPA (2016). SCDOT anticipates having the ability to [evaluate and](#) develop further avoidance and minimization strategies for the LCC East, LCC West, and Mark Clark Extension projects as they [advance](#) through the NEPA and permitting stages.

Traffic Analysis

The traffic forecasts utilized in the planning study area were derived from the Charleston Area Transportation Study (CHATS) travel demand model, developed, and maintained by the Berkeley-Charleston-Dorchester Council of Governments (BCDCOG). This work was conducted in conjunction and with careful review by FHWA. Induced demand is the result of travel choice, the introduction of new capacity, and land development decisions which are accounted for in the local travel forecasting models. In addition to travel demand modeling, travel time analyses were

conducted to estimate the travel time performance metrics for the range of alternatives for the corridor. The full documentation of these studies are included as an appendix to the PEL and will be included in the project website, for reference, when the PEL is complete.

I-526, in its current configuration, has only two travel lanes in each direction, plus truck climbing lanes in some locations, with substandard shoulders that vary from 4 feet to 10 feet in width. As congestion worsens, vehicle incidents are expected to increase, resulting in additional times where mobility is ceased until the incident can be safely cleared. With regional growth to continue, it is projected that by 2050 traffic on I-526 is expected to exceed 100,000 vehicles per day without any improvements or additional capacity. Without physical improvements to the existing infrastructure, SCDOT will have limited options for managing safety and congestion for even the existing travel demand on this corridor.

SCDOT treats the various studies conducted during the development of the PEL study as a reference catalog of input to future NEPA studies. Those work products are found in a collection of technical memoranda. At the conclusion of the PEL study, following SCDOT and FHWA approval, all supporting technical memoranda will be available on the study website for public information and for careful consideration should elements of the corridor advance into the NEPA process.

Your interest in the I-526 LCC EAST study is valued, and SCDOT assures you that all suggestions, objections, and concerns are carefully considered. Your comments have been made part of the official record. As future projects are advanced into the environmental phase of work, all of the alternatives and studies will be re-evaluated and new alternatives may be introduced as updated studies are evaluated in the project development process. There will also be additional opportunities to review this updated information and provide input in the next phase of work.

If you should have any further questions, please contact me directly at info@526LowcountryCorridor.com. To stay engaged, please visit our website at www.526LowcountryCorridor.com/east/, sign up for our newsletter, like us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/526Corridor/, and follow us on Twitter at www.twitter.com/526Corridor/.

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Public Information Meeting 2: ASKED & ANSWERED

You've asked, we're answering – Answers to questions and comments received as part of the public comment period held from October 11 to December 1, 2021.

1. What is the status of the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST (I-526 LCC EAST) project?

The I-526 LCC EAST began in the spring of 2018 as a set of planning studies to conduct existing conditions reports on traffic, safety, and condition of the infrastructure. Since that time, the I-526 LCC EAST transitioned formally to a Planning & Environmental Linkages (PEL) study. An initial public information meeting was held in 2020 to help define the needs of the corridor. A second public information meeting was held in late 2021 to present the analysis completed to-date along with the reasonable alternatives and to ask for additional feedback. Input received during this process is helping to establish the purpose, needs, and priorities for future improvements within this corridor. Based on the input received, we plan to conclude the PEL Study early this year (2022).

2. Will I get to vote on which alternative I want to move forward?

The I-526 LCC EAST is a planning-level study that provides recommended projects and costs for consideration in SCDOT's future statewide transportation plans. This process does not include a public vote, however all comments received are reviewed and considered before the final report is published. The support from the community for certain improvements does assist SCDOT in developing projects that balance the transportation needs with the preferences of the community and the natural environment.

3. Why were improvements not suggested at all interchanges and only at Long Point Road?

Initially, the project purpose was focused on improving travel time reliability on the mainline only with only limited modifications at interchanges. Based on the current reasonable alternatives, the project team established that some level of improvement and reconstruction would be needed at all interchanges to accommodate the widening of the interstate mainline. Based on the studies done to date, it is anticipated that the interchange type at Clements Ferry Road would stay the same; however, ramps would have to be relocated to make room for the widened mainline. Most of the Daniel Island interchange could likely be retained; however, some work would be needed at the interstate tie-ins. The Long Point Road Interchange stands out at this phase of analysis, in that, it appears a different type of interchange may be needed at Long Point Road to address current and projected deficiencies.

4. Why are more details on noise not available?

As a planning study, we are currently defining the transportation challenges and range of possible alternatives. As the project advances into the environmental process, these concepts will be further refined. Having a refined design would allow us to model the potential noise more accurately and explore various noise reduction strategies.

5. How does SCDOT decide which communities get noise walls and which do not?

Once SCDOT has completed the detailed noise analysis during the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) phase of the project (environmental process), and potential noise impacts are identified, the following questions will be considered:

- What are the current conditions? The project team will collect data and establish a baseline for existing conditions currently experienced in the corridor. All project alternatives will be compared with the amount of noise currently experienced.
- What are the projected future conditions? Noise abatement is based upon projected traffic volumes in a future year, typically 20-30 years after construction is anticipated to begin. This is done to ensure that additional traffic volume, which could generate additional noise impacts, will be considered.
- Would a noise wall reduce the noise enough to justify its construction? Sometimes, a noise wall will not reduce the noise enough to be considered reasonable and/or feasible.
- Is a noise wall technically feasible? Every road is different. Many factors are considered such as topography, safety, drainage, utilities, maintenance of the wall, and whether driveways and side road access will be impacted.
- How many people would hear a difference in the noise? Is that number high enough to justify the cost? Sometimes, the cost is too high to build a wall when compared to the benefits received.
- Does a simple majority of property owners and tenants who receive a predicted noise level reduction due to the construction of a noise wall actually want the wall? Public preference for or against a wall is obtained through a balloting process.

6. Why are more details on right-of-way impacts not available? When will we hear more?

As a planning study, we only have design concepts with conservatively established right-of-way limits. When the project advances into the federal environmental review process, NEPA, these concepts will be further refined, and more detailed designs will be developed. More detailed designs will help to better determine, avoid, and minimize possible right-of-way impacts. This will be shared with the public and feedback would be gathered before any final decisions are made.

7. How much right-of-way is needed? Is it not possible to just widen to the median instead?

Community impacts, such as right-of-way impacts and property owner relocations, are considered as a part of the NEPA process. The conceptual alignments for potential future improvements, including proposed right-of-way, can be viewed on this mapping tool:

<https://cdmsmith.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapSeries/index.html?appid=fe86d08aec6948a2a171fd3c6950b413>

The public and potentially impacted communities will be engaged throughout the NEPA process to gather input on the proposed project alternatives. SCDOT will work to minimize impacts to adjacent homes and businesses as the designs are developed.

We do include options that widen to the middle. However, in all cases, some amount of widening is still needed to the outside.

8. When will the right-of-way acquisition process begin? What if equivalently priced housing is not available?

The official right-of-way acquisition process does not typically start until the NEPA process is completed and a NEPA decision has been issued by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), who oversees the project. When projects are funded from the PEL Study, then schedules will be developed and provided to the community. If a build alternative were selected, SCDOT would develop the final right-of-way plans for the project. Once right-of-way plans are finalized, the plans would be provided to the SCDOT right-of-way agents and acquisition activities would begin in the steps outlined below.

SCDOT follows the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended. On highway projects in South Carolina that require relocations, SCDOT makes a survey of the residential households to be relocated and the available housing in the area. The right-of-way agent informs you in writing of the specific comparable replacement housing, the sales prices or rent used as the basis for establishing the upper limit of the replacement housing payment, and the basis for that determination. If the comparable replacement housing available on the market is priced higher (property appraised value or rent), the homeowner may be eligible for supplemental benefits for a period of time to cover this price differential, including increased mortgage interest costs and eligible incidental expenses (such as closing costs).

For more information on the right-of-way process, visit the SCDOT website:
<https://www.scdot.org/business/pdf/rightofway/Relocation.pdf>.

9. What happens next after the PEL study?

The PEL study provides a collection of possible projects and estimated costs for consideration as part of SCDOT's future statewide transportation plans. Recommendations are also available for other project partners to consider for implementation in local efforts. If and when projects are funded, they would advance to the environmental phase, NEPA. During that process, the range of alternatives would be further refined and narrowed down to a recommended preferred alternative based on additional studies, engineering design, and public input. This is when noise and right-of-way impacts will be analyzed in detail. View the Next Steps: <https://www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/Next-Steps.pdf>

10. Will we get to see the PEL study in detail once it's published?

Yes, the PEL study will include a final report and will be made available on the project website in Spring 2022.

11. Which other types of concepts were evaluated that didn't involve widening or building a new road?

The project team looked at and continues to evaluate a series of strategies that focus on operational improvements without the need for expansion, known as Transportation Systems Management and Operations (TSMO). Because of the physical constraints of the existing bridges, shoulders, and roadway, it would not be possible to retrofit the corridor with enough TSMO strategies to fully address the capacity needs of the corridor. While TSMO strategies would not provide enough lane capacity improvement or improvement to travel time reliability to work as stand-alone alternatives, they could help achieve an acceptable level of improvement in operations in combination with future widening. We will continue to evaluate these options moving forward and look for ways that they can be included as part of an expansion project. Learn More: <https://www.526lowcountrycorridor.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/Transportation-Systems-Management-and-Operations-Options-2.pdf>

12. Are truck-only lanes being evaluated as part of the I-526 LCC EAST?

Adding a travel lane for trucks only was evaluated as a Transportation Systems Management and Operations (TSMO) strategy. To evaluate the potential performance of TSMO strategies at this planning-level analysis, a combination of the I-26 Corridor Management Plan and other case studies were used to report on the anticipated benefit of these strategies. The project team found that a dedicated truck lane would not meet the purpose and need of this corridor without regional implementation, and therefore, was not carried forward as a reasonable alternative. Should regional efforts make dedicated truck lanes a priority, this action would be incorporated into NEPA studies. Restricting trucks to the right-most lane remains an option.

13. How do you determine the height of the Don Holt and Wando bridges?

The height of the proposed bridges would be established in coordination with the U.S. Coast Guard during the federal environmental (NEPA) process and would include a navigational study of the channel. During the navigation study, navigational activities supported by the waterways surrounding the proposed project would be identified through vessel traffic data and waterway stakeholder surveys. The navigation study would help identify potential navigational impacts of the proposed project to determine the appropriate vertical and horizontal bridge clearances. If there are users of the waterway with a need for a higher vertical clearance, that would be taken into consideration during the navigational study. The displayed height of 65' for the Wando bridges during the 2021 public information meeting is the minimum height allowed by the U.S. Coast Guard and was used for conceptual purposes. However, the actual proposed height of the bridge would be determined by the U.S. Coast Guard during the NEPA process. Our intent in showing a lowered height for the Wando and a raised height for the Don Holt at this meeting was to get feedback from those who regularly use the waterway. Additional feedback from marinas and other commercial and recreational users would be sought in the future during a navigational study to provide a more complete picture of the actual uses of the waterways.

14. Can't SCDOT just restripe the lanes over the Don Holt and Wando bridges and mainline to widen to three lanes?

SCDOT studied options to restripe I-526, but a safety analysis predicted an increase in crashes due to the loss of existing shoulders. Why are shoulders important for your safety? Shoulders allow drivers to pull out of traffic more safely after crashes or breakdowns and provide an area for drivers to move to avoid crashes or recover control of their vehicle.

15. Are any new alternatives being proposed as a result of public comments from the 2021 public meetings?

Public and stakeholder comments on the reasonable alternatives indicated a desire to look at ways to reduce impacts to the residential areas north of I-526 between the Wando River and Long Point Road. Alternative 3 included the replacement and symmetrical expansion for both the Don Holt bridge and the Wando bridges in order to create a consistent tie into the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor WEST (LCC WEST) project which includes symmetrical widening. In addition, Alternative 3 would accommodate maintenance of traffic on the corridor during the construction process as the current facility would stay in use throughout the construction process.

This alternative was eliminated because it had the largest right-of-way footprint, resulting in the greatest number of community and natural resource impacts in addition to the impact of an African-American cemetery.

Alternative 3A was subsequently developed to reduce the size of the footprint between the Wando River and Long Point Road. This alternative would replace the Wando River bridges in stages by first constructing two new parallel two-lane bridges, then removing the existing bridges and widening the newly built bridges to four lanes. This modified alternative would retain the compatible connection with the I-526 LCC WEST project while reducing the project footprint resulting in fewer impacts to the community and natural environment as compared to Alternative 3.



MEETING SUMMARY

Subject: I-526 Lowcountry Corridor – Stakeholder Meeting
Date/Time: May 24th, 2017 / 1:00 p.m. & 4:00 p.m.
Place: Charleston Metro Chamber of Commerce Board Room

1:00 PM Meeting

General Comments:

What about bike/ped options for transit options?

Observations have been made in other cities (Miami / San Francisco) that HOV lanes are underutilized

Concerns about HOV are most motorists are only going 2-3 exits and merging to get over to exit from HOV lane

One solution to be considered is how to clear accidents/stalled vehicles quicker so traffic does not back up.

Any consideration to truck-only lanes?

What are the conversations with the PORT? Inland Ports and multi-modal yards do not remove trucks from 526.

Table 1

Attendees: CCPRC, City of Charleston, FHWA, Katie & Jamie

Feedback:

- HOV + BRT should work together
- Include facilities for bikes
 - Foresight for bike/pedestrian accommodations
- BRT is advantageous / critical considering future development areas
 - Bike/pedestrian is equally as important
- Make sure there is fluidity between all phases of the project
 - Study all segments when looking at managed lanes as a realistic option
 - Make all data available when working on other segments of the project
- Make sure there is enough ROW and shoulders along entire corridor
 - Dedicated funding
 - Replace and widen bridges to accommodate shoulders
 - Need to maintain shoulders on these bridges for stalled vehicles
- Group unanimously in favor of HOV/HOT lane for the I-526/I-25 system
- Look at land-use change
 - Practical multi-modal usage
 - Incentivize
 - Education

- Really missing the mark if we don't take the opportunity to fully address TDM and modal issues with this project
 - Not just one answer, different solutions should work together

Table 2

Attendees: Steve – Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Jose – FAA, John – FAA, Wes – Boeing

Feedback:

Thoughts on Travel Demand Management (TDM) Strategies:

- Would embrace telecommuting as an employee
- Boeing has 1st, 2nd, & 3rd shifts
- Boeing used to stagger start times, but this created a problem with employees showing up late for work and using the staggered start times as an excuse
- Can't control hours of other companies
- Some company operations can't accommodate flex time
- Flex time more limited to big companies
- People's residences are spread out in Charleston region, so carpooling can be difficult

Thoughts on Bus Rapid Transit (BRT):

- People would rather drive their own car
- You lose independency and don't have as much control over your schedule
- There's going to be a learning curve to change perceptions and attitudes to transit. Charleston isn't set up like other large cities
- Should look at the possibility of light rail and converting abandoned rail lines to light rail

Thoughts on HOV & HOT Lanes:

- Great idea if space and money allows for it
- Is it possible to open up the HOV lane for use during incident management when there is an accident in the general purpose lanes?
- There could be a public outcry if HOT lanes are implemented after gas tax was just increased
- HOV lanes are preferred over HOT lanes. Probably would not pay for the HOT lanes.

Table 3

Attendees: Keith Johnson – H and J Trucking, DJ Mayer – Southeastern Freightlines, Coleman Thompson – Hunter Transportation, Pat Barber – Superior Transportation, Charleston Drayton – City of North Charleston Planning

Feedback:

Traffic Demand Management

- Seen as a low cost alternative to alleviating some of the traffic
- With Boeing and MUSC already shifting work schedules it is questionable how much more benefit can be gained through this TDM strategy unless many other small business' get involved.
- School schedules and bus behavior seen as a big component of traffic issues in region. Question asked if can shift school schedules away from heavy traffic times and alter bus behaviors such as pull outs for bus stops or have bus stops in neighborhoods rather than on busy arterials such as Dorchester road.
 - Incentivize students to ride bus rather than drive with nicer buses
 - Restrict # of students allowed to drive to a school
 - Quality of drivers is a factor as well
 - Major remanagement of school bus system is needed
- Better connections on surface streets or new ones to keep traffic of 526 mainline would help
- Tourists not knowing roadways hurt the efficiency of the area network as well
- Need a bypass from 526 WB to 26 WB to keep them out of interchange
- Get port more involved with their data and projections to assist in the planning and design of 526 improvements

Table 4

Attendees: Andy Egan (Stantec), Scott Baker (Stantec), Richard Turner (Charleston County Gov't), Bob Nagy (Ashley Harbor resident), Marvin Kirkland (Ashley Harbor resident).

Feedback:

The group discussed the merits of traffic demand management strategies but ultimately agreed these options would not be very effective in the Charleston region.

Bob remarked on his experiences with HOV lanes and rapid transit solutions in San Francisco and Miami. He noted that HOV lanes are present in many locations but are often underutilized throughout the day and therefore are not an effective solution. He mentioned that the Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) is successful due to higher density—people can take the rapid option for the first leg of their trip and then take another local transit option or walk or bike to their ultimate destination. Bob suggested that having more connecting transit options would be key to successful rapid transit in the Charleston region because the urban area here is less dense.

Richard stated West Ashley/James Island/Johns Island are more commuter areas and having a HOV/HOT lane would make sense to get to large employers in North Charleston. Richard preferred a high occupancy toll (HOT) lane over an HOV lane because he could use the managed lane as a single rider. He suggested that detailed origin-destination studies are needed to determine if long-distance application of rapid transit or managed lanes would be successful on the overall I-26 & I-526 systems.

The group discussed the difficulty of making several lane changes in order to exit the interstate from a managed lane and how this maneuver would adversely impact the general purpose lanes. There was also some concern about BRT vehicles making the lane changes from the HOV/HOT lane to exit.

Table 5

Attendees: Kristi Tolley – Citadel Mall, Jason Crowley – Coastal Conservation League, Jeff Burns – CARTA, Ian Scott – Chamber of Commerce

Feedback:

- Boeing, Mall hours currently use flexible hours
- Mall currently serves as CARTA park and ride
- Table thinks all ideas should remain on the table to work with employees
- Incentives should be provided for TDM strategies
- More education should be provided for CARTA's "Emergency Ride Home" program. This might help with people being willing to use TDM.
- Buses do not currently use I-52 because of reliability
- HOT lanes keep incentives for buses
- HOT lanes good for a region – not just an individual corridor
- Need to work on incident management
- Full side shoulders are needed for disabled vehicles – with enforcement to prevent unauthorized users from using it as a travel lane
- A robust traffic management center (TMC), similar to Jacksonville, FL, for multiple agencies would help for quicker and more appropriate responses to incidents.

4:00 PM MEETING

Feedback:

How many lanes can we add within the corridor total?

Are there other arteries we can improve to take volume off 526?

Do not like the idea of BRT if a lot of stops along the way – won't make it worth the trouble, need an express bus

Don't see carpool working because of lack of density in region currently.

When asked if they thought managed lanes would work with 4 lanes in each direction –

- There will need to be enforcement
- HOV system would need to be system wide
- Trucks seen as a big problem on 526, can we make it a truck exclusive lane when not an HOV lane, or use it as an alternative route for trucks to port facilities when not HOV times.

Park and ride facilities seem to work good within city of North Charleston, can we incorporate more into the regions network?

When asked if they thought managed lanes would be a good option for the region and if they would work for this corridor the group of 7 responded with 6 yes's and 1 no.

- They would like to see exits at all interchanges from the HOV lanes

Transit Oriented Development (TOD) would be ideal for this area and could link up to BRT system but BRT would need to be on time and frequent in order to promote use.