



INITIAL STAKEHOLDER MEETING

JUNE 30, 2016

Agenda



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INTRODUCTIONS

SHARE
INFORMATION



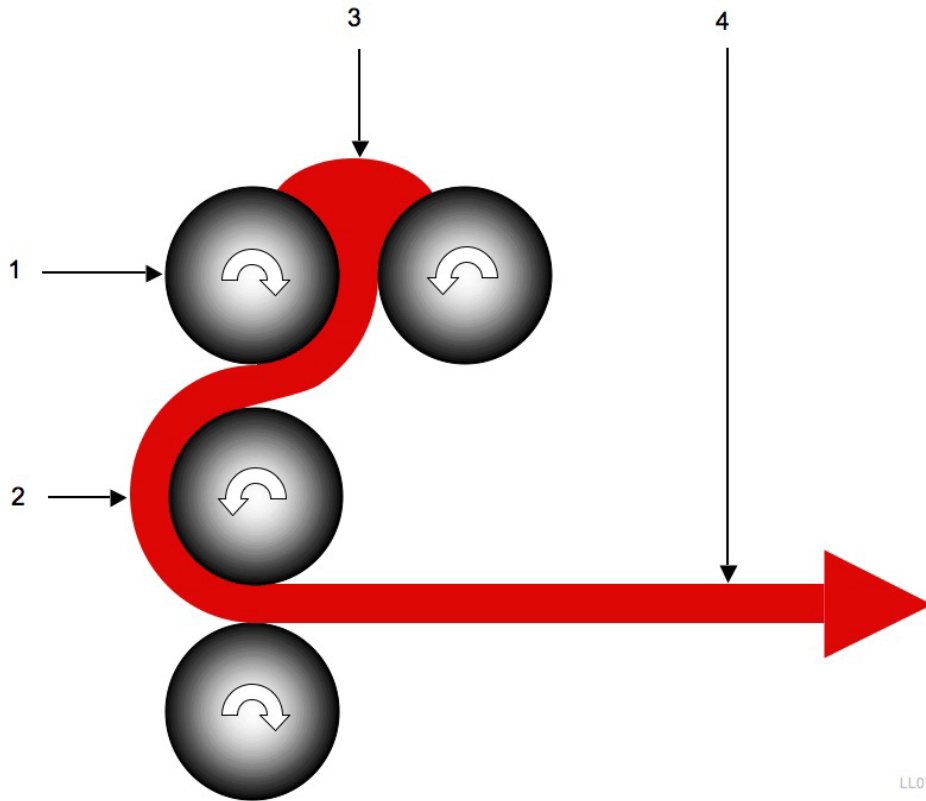
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Project History

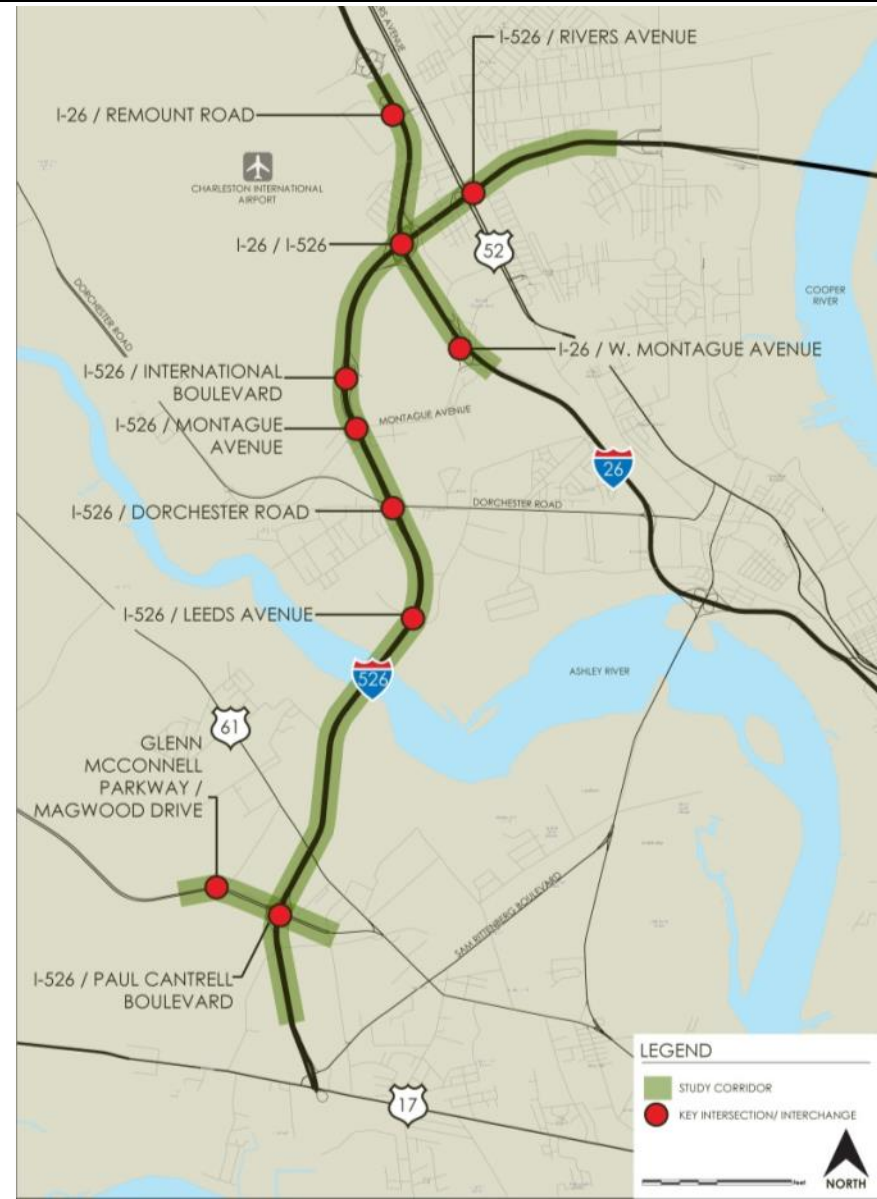
- ✓ I-526 Corridor Analysis - 2013
- ✓ I-526 Improvement Project Funded in STIP - 2014
- ✓ Project Added to CHATS - 2015
- ✓ SCDOT retained consultant to assist in engineering/environmental study - 2015
- ✓ Engineering/Environmental studies initiated - 2015



Project Development Process



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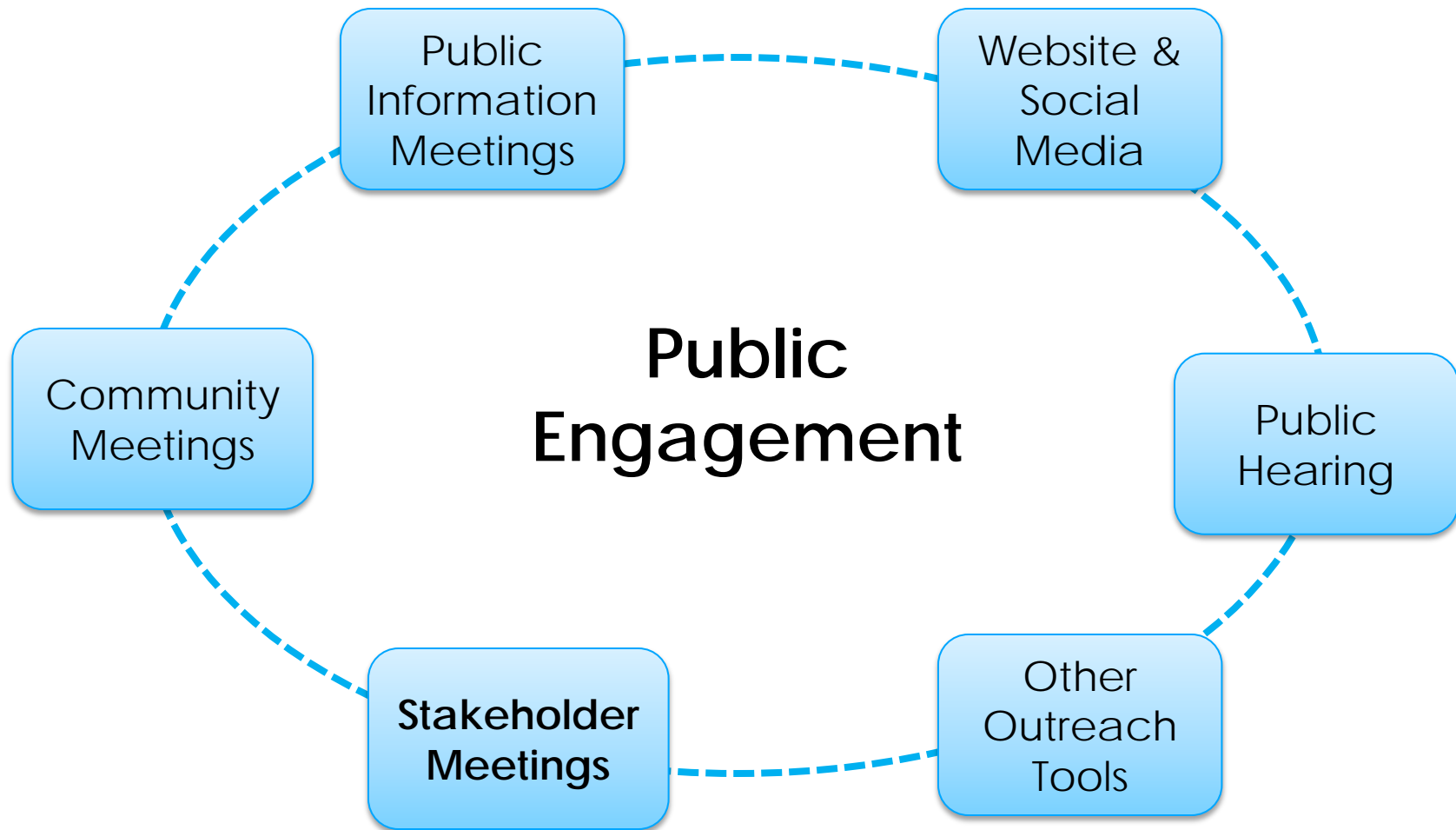
Stakeholder Role

Why are we here?

- ✓ Represent Large User Groups
- ✓ Specialized Concerns About Corridor
- ✓ Identify Risks and Opportunities
- ✓ Enhance Public Engagement Efforts



Stakeholder Role



Project Scope



Widening I-526 from:

- ✓ Paul Cantrell Blvd to Rivers Ave

Interchange Improvements I-526 at:

- ✓ Paul Cantrell Blvd
- ✓ Leeds Ave
- ✓ Dorchester Rd
- ✓ Montague Ave
- ✓ International Blvd
- ✓ I-26
- ✓ Rivers Ave

Interchange Improvements I-26 at:

- ✓ Remount Rd
- ✓ Montague Ave

Potential New Interchange at:

- ✓ Paul Cantrell Blvd & Magwood Dr

Project Purpose - Mobility

Problem:

- ✓ *Identified as one of South Carolina's most congested segments of Interstate.*

Project Purpose:

- ✓ *Reduce Congestion*
- ✓ *Address Growth in Traffic*
- ✓ *Improve Mobility*

Project Purpose - Safety

Problem:

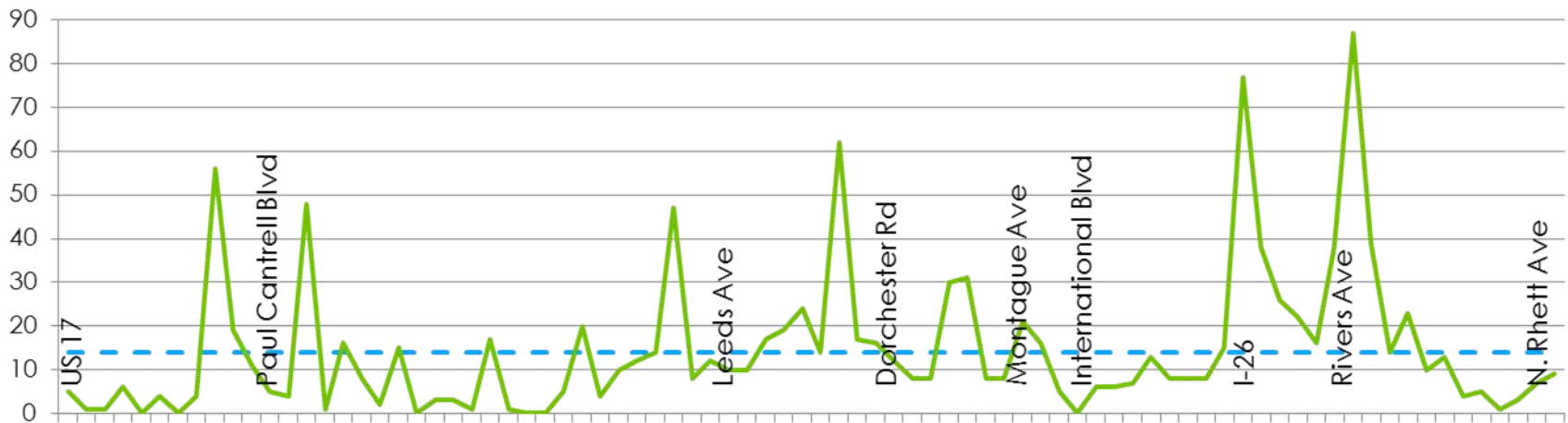
- ✓ *Crash Frequency High for Facility Type*

Project Purpose:

- ✓ *Identify Accident Patterns*
- ✓ *Reduce Contributors Through Design*

Traffic Congestion & Safety

Crash History



Total Crashes in Past 5 Years

Crash Prediction Rate for Past 5 Years*

*Based on similar interstate facilities in South Carolina

The NEPA Process

National Environmental Policy Act

- ✓ *In order to comply, SCDOT will perform Environmental Assessment (EA)*
- ✓ *EA will determine either:*
 - *Need for Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), or*
 - *Result in Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI)*
- ✓ *EA process will include:*
 - *Inventory of Environmental and Cultural Resources*
 - *Consultation with local, state and federal Agencies*
 - *Public Involvement*
 - *Analysis of Alternatives and their impacts*

Schedule & Funding

Project Schedule

PROJECT TIMELINE

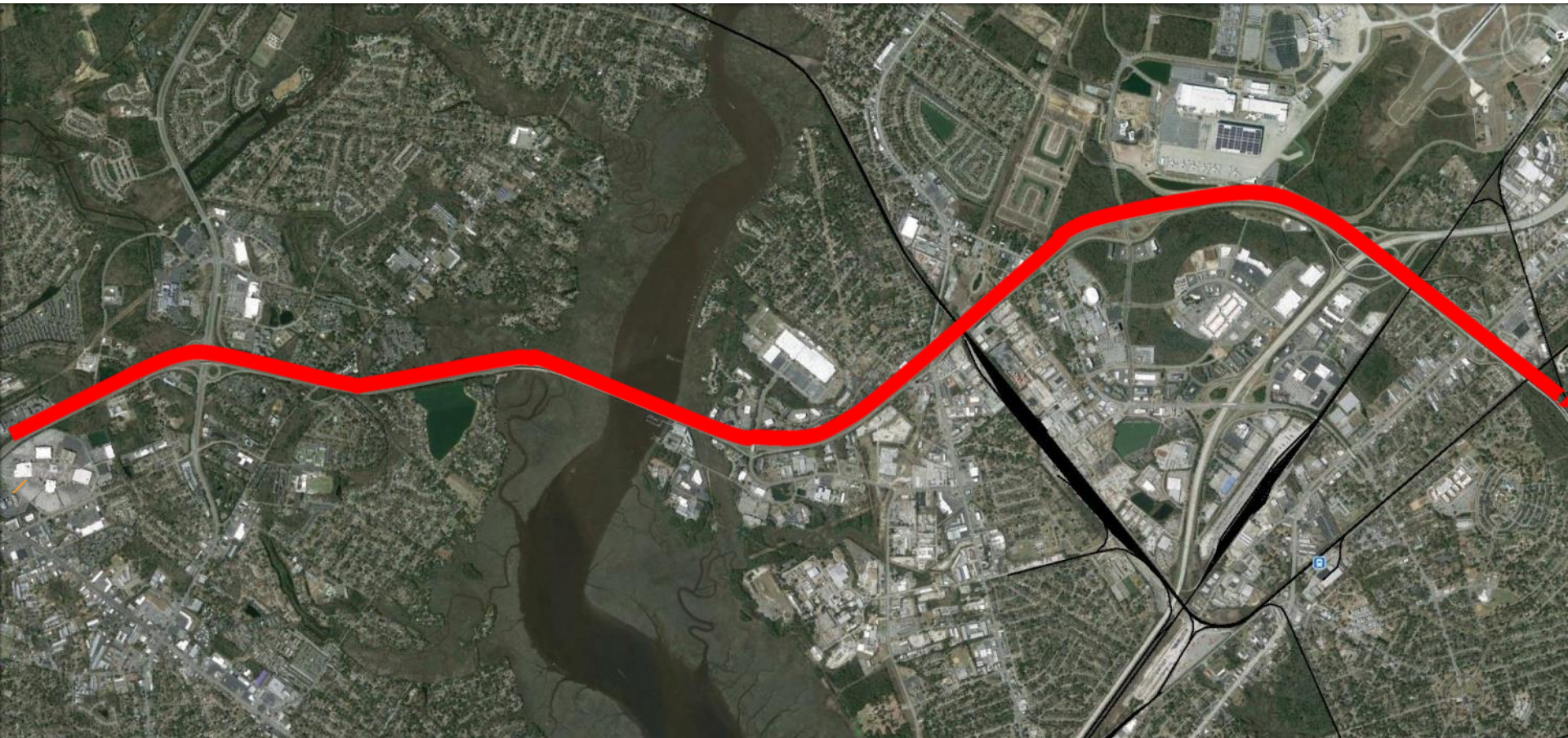
The estimated schedule for the 26 Lowcountry Corridor is:

-  NEPA: January 2016 to early-2019
-  DESIGN: Mid 2016 to mid-2020
-  ROW: Mid-2019 to early-2022
-  CONSTRUCTION: Begin Mid-2020

Project Funding

- ✓ Approximately \$435M committed for construction
- ✓ Approximately \$21M committed for Preliminary Engineering

Project Challenges



- ✓ Funding
- ✓ Environmental Impacts
- ✓ Right of Way

- ✓ Design Challenges
- ✓ Other

Open Discussion

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