

WHAT CHANGES WILL I SEE IN MY COMMUNITY? *And When?*

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

DESIGN 2021-2029

Mitigation schedule is based on approval of environmental documentation without legal challenge; subject to change

RIGHT-OF-WAY 2023-2029

CONSTRUCTION 2029-2039

As of May 2023



Community History Preservation Study (2021 - 2027)

The history and culture of the communities being impacted will be documented. The study will be available online and at the new, state-of-the-art community center.

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



Focused Community Outreach (2019 - 2039)

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



Affordable Housing (2022 - 2029)

Replacement affordable housing will be built near the impacted communities. A First-Time Homebuyer Grant Program and counseling will be available to residents being displaced to assist in securing residential loans and transitioning to homeowners.

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



Enhanced Right-of-Way Services (2023 - 2029)

Special services will be available to residents who will be displaced, including rental assistance and an acquisition fairness program.



Education, Employment & Economic Opportunities (2023 - 2039)

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



Community Infrastructure Improvements (2023 - 2039)

Improvements to address bicycle and pedestrian safety, access to community centers, enhanced street aesthetics/lighting, community mitigation barriers, project-related stormwater improvements, pedestrian bridges, and traffic calming will be included in the project. A large, centrally-located community center complex and 2 smaller parks will be constructed within the affected neighborhoods to replace lost, smaller centers and parks.

Make an appointment at our Community Office (5627 Rivers Avenue, Gas Lite Square) for assistance!

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