

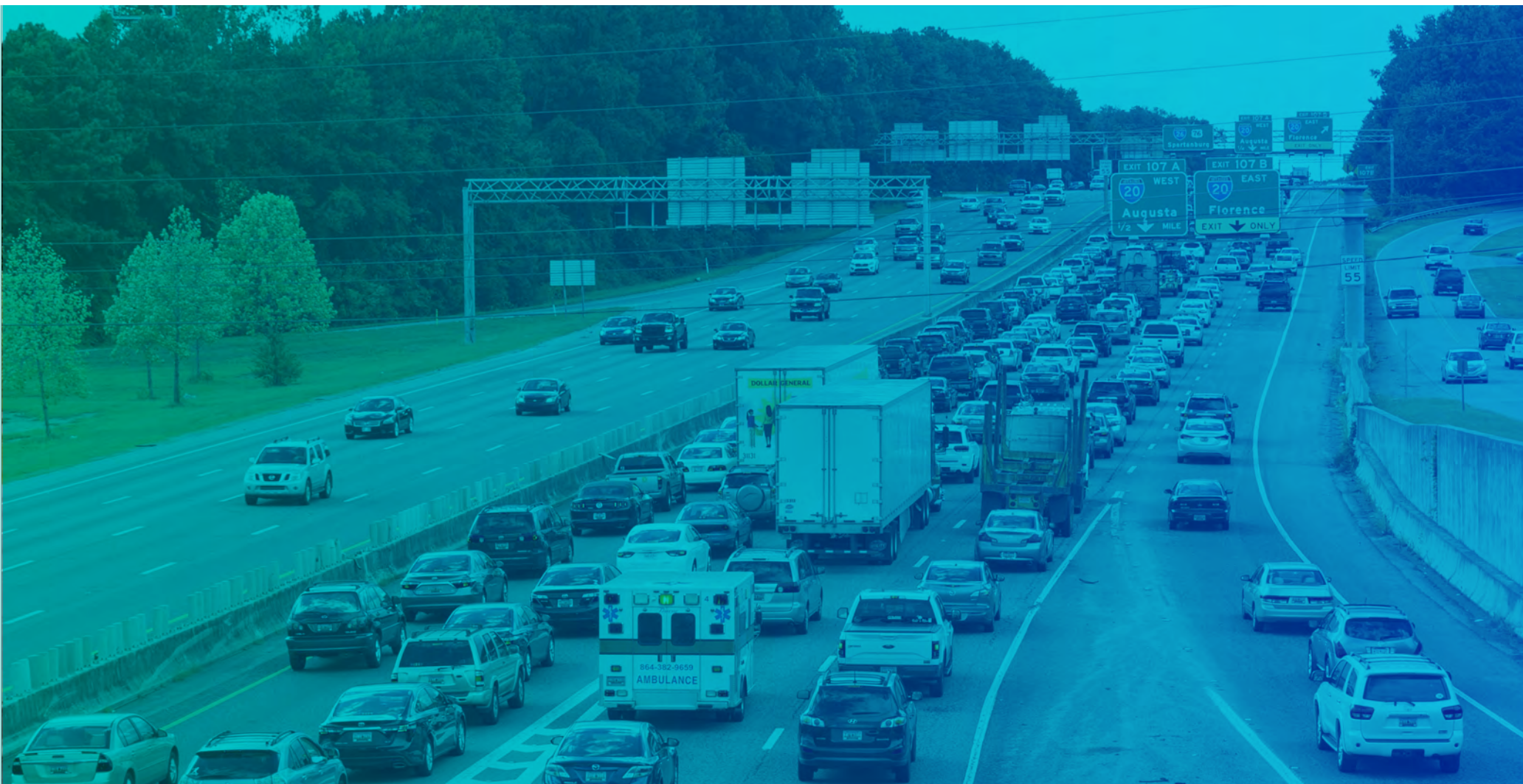
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# CAROLINA CROSSROADS

## I-20/26/126 CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

### DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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South Carolina



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This Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) describes the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) proposal to upgrade the I-20/26/126 corridor and reconstruct associated interchanges in Richland and Lexington Counties, South Carolina. The primary purpose of the proposed Carolina Crossroads project is to implement a transportation solution(s) that would improve mobility and enhance traffic operations by reducing existing traffic congestion within the I-20/26/126 corridor while accommodating future traffic needs. Two build alternatives (Alternative 1 and Alternative 5 Modified) and one No-build Alternative are evaluated in detail in this DEIS. The lead agencies, FHWA & SCDOT, are recommending Alternative 1 as the Preferred Alternative, as it would best meet the project's purpose and need while minimizing impacts to the natural and human environment.

It is the intent of the FHWA to issue a single document that consists of the Final EIS and Record of Decision pursuant to Public Law 112-141, 126 Stat. 405, Section 1319(b), unless the FHWA determines statutory considerations preclude issuance of the combined document pursuant to Section 1319.

Comments on this Draft EIS are due by September 17, 2018 and should be sent to the following address:  
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