Community Kickoff Meeting

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Goal of Today’s Meeting

- To leave:
  - Understanding more about the Carolina Crossroads I-20/26/126 Corridor Project
  - Knowing what to expect during the Environmental Impact Statement process
  - Understanding how you can be involved
3 + 12 = Carolina Crossroads

INTERSTATES  KEY INTERCHANGES
How long have you lived in the Columbia area?

a. Less than a year
b. One year to four years
c. Five to nine years
d. 10 to 25 years
e. 25 years+
f. My lifetime

TEXT POLLING
- Get out your phones
- Text TO: 22333
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How often do you drive the project corridor?

a. I try to avoid it at all costs
b. Very rarely
c. Once a day
d. Twice a day or more
e. It is my primary thoroughfare – an average of more than twice a day every day
f. Only on the weekends
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Why do you drive the project corridor?

a. I work near the corridor
b. I live near the corridor
c. I use the corridor to get to other areas of the state
d. It is my primary thoroughfare
e. All of the above
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What is the longest time you have been stuck in the congestion within in the corridor?
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19 Bridges
12 Interchanges
14 Interstate (miles)
166 Roadway (lane miles)
Project Goals

- Reduced Congestion
- Improve Traffic Operations
- Increased Safety
- Increased Capacity
Additional Project Benefits

- Improved Freight Mobility
- Job Creation
- Reduced Emissions
- Other Benefits
Project Phasing

PHASE 1: Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare an EIS and Scoping

PHASE 2: Compare alternatives and prepare a Draft EIS and a Final EIS

PHASE 3: Project Delivery/Construction

36 Months: July 2015–July 2018

PHASE 1 & 2 TIMELINE

- Community Kickoff Meeting: May 2015
- Notice of Intent: July 2015
- Public Scoping Meetings: August 2015
- Alternatives Development: August 2015 - July 2016
- Reasonable Alternatives: July 2016
- Funding Feasibility: Fall 2016 / Winter 2017
- Publish Draft EIS: July 2017
- Final EIS & Record of Decision: July 2018

Dates are estimated and subject to change
National Environmental Policy Act

**STEP 1 Initiate EIS**
- Develop purpose and need
- Collect baseline data
- Conduct agency and public scoping meetings
- Start developing alternatives

**STEP 2 Collect Data**
- Analyze existing conditions
- Identify needed studies
- Begin preparation of the Draft EIS

**STEP 3 Analyze Alternatives**
- Begin alternatives analysis
- Analyze the environmental impacts of alternatives

**STEP 4 Publish Draft EIS**
- Release Draft EIS to public
- Conduct public meetings
- Hold public comment period
- Review all public/agency comments received on the Draft EIS

**STEP 5 Publish Final EIS**
- Review and develop responses to comments on the Draft EIS
- Prepare Final EIS addressing public/agency comments
- Hold public review period

**STEP 6 Make Decision**
- Prepare and publish Record of Decision (ROD)

**Opportunity for Public Comment**

**Decision Announced**
Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)

EIS PROCESS

- Gathers information on existing conditions:
  - Natural Resources
  - Human Environment
  - Physical Resources
- Considers a range of reasonable alternatives.
- Analyzes the potential impacts on existing conditions resulting from the alternatives.
- Complies with other applicable environmental laws and executive orders.
What is your preferred way to get community news?

a. Morning TV
b. Radio during commute
c. Radio during the day
d. Newspaper
e. Evening TV news
f. Social Media – Facebook, Twitter, Etc.
g. Websites/internet
h. Friends
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Public information & engagement

- Public Meetings
- Project Website
- Community Events
- Social Media
- Project Hotlines
- Stakeholder Advisory Committee
Have a great day
and thank you.
Outreach Summary

- Community Kickoff Meeting
  Attendees: 158

- Online Meeting
  Participants: 113

- Project Website
  Participants: 580

- Total Comments Received: 136
  - 86 web comments
  - 42 in-person meeting comment forms
  - 1 hotline comment
  - 7 project email comments

- Survey Participants: 60
Outreach Summary Continued

- Twitter
  - Impressions to date: 377,304
  - Number of Tweets to date: 41
  - Followers to date: 49

- Facebook
  - Impressions to date: 60,627
  - Number of Posts (likes): 70
  - Followers to date: 182