



CAROLINA **CROSSROADS**

Community Kickoff Meeting

May 12, 2015

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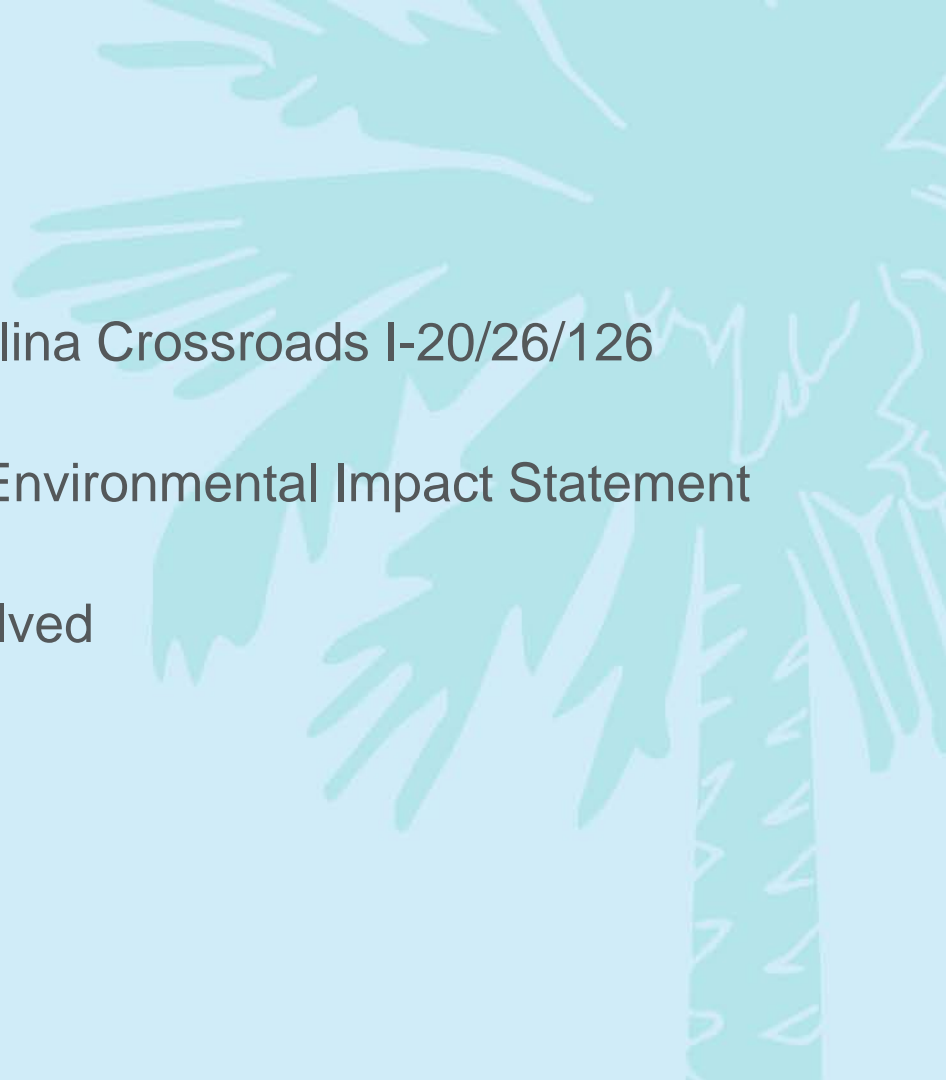
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Goal of Today's Meeting

- 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





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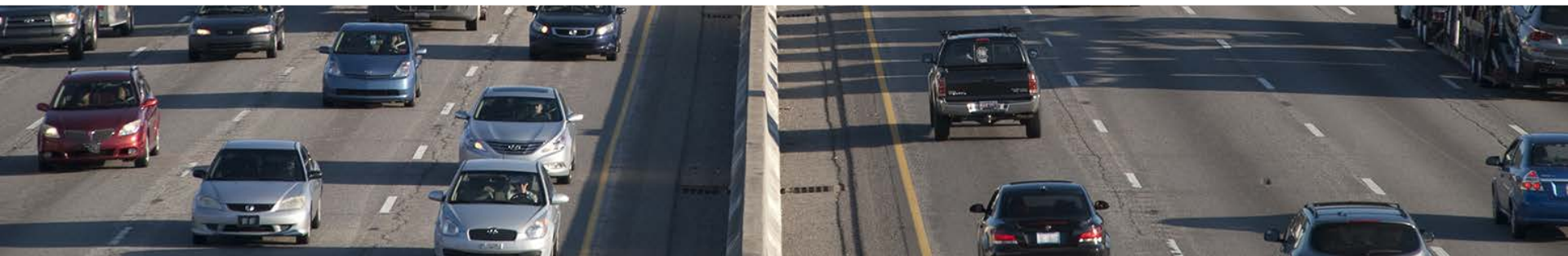
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INTERSTATES

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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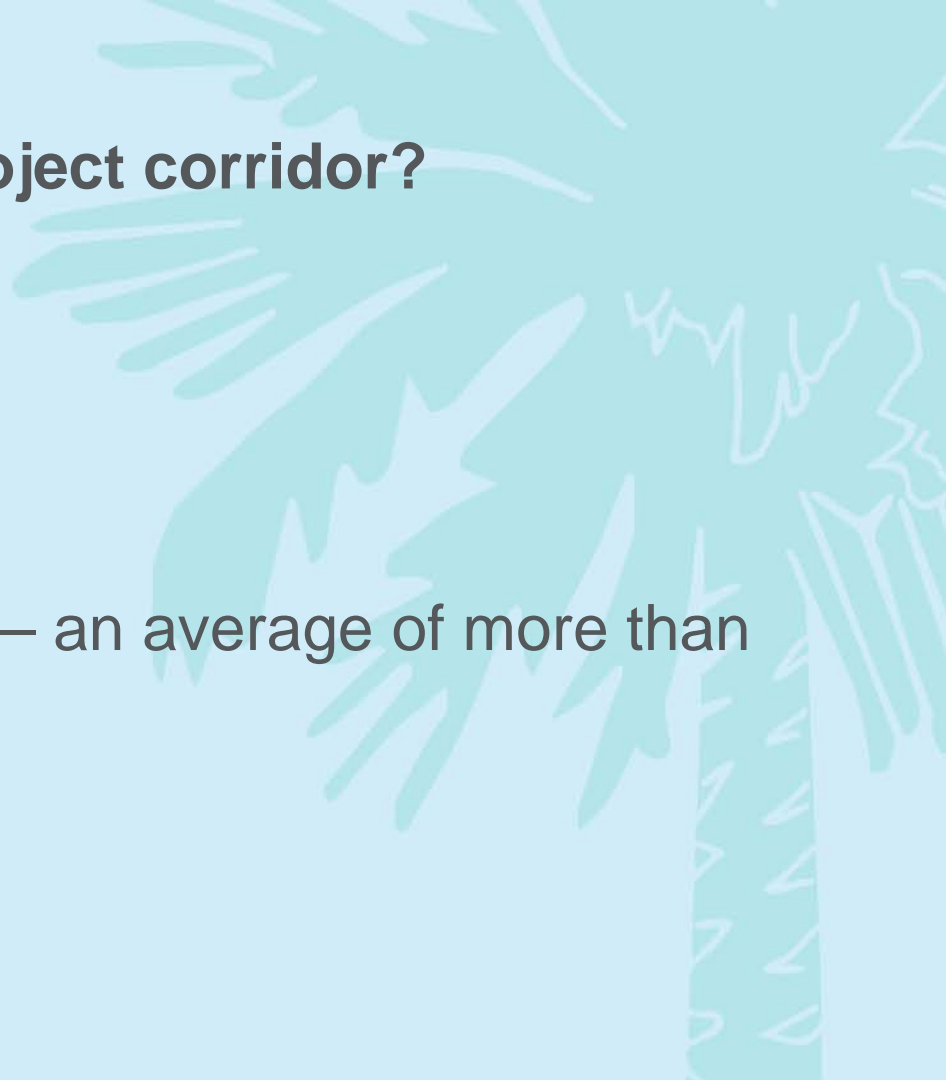
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How often do you drive the project corridor?

- 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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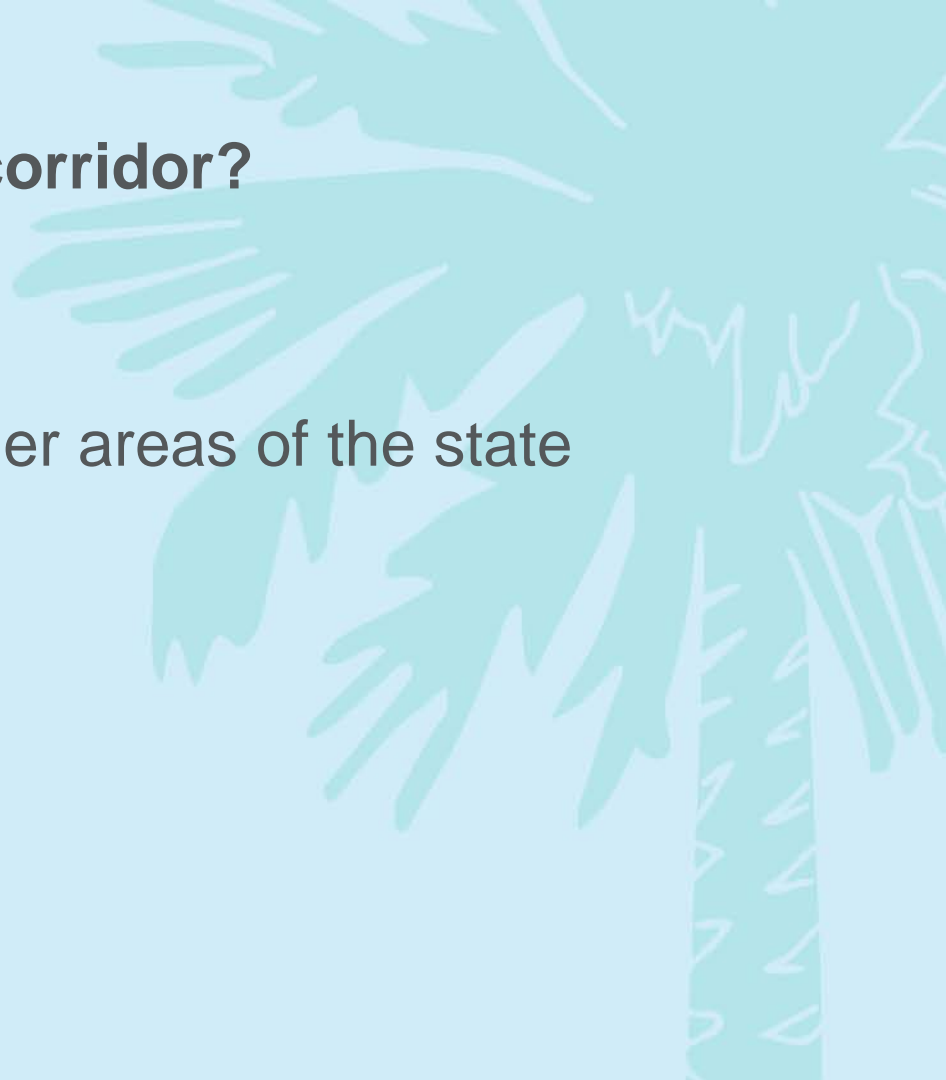
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Why do you drive the project corridor?

- 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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Project Goals



Reduced
Congestion



Improve Traffic
Operations



Increased
Safety



Increased
Capacity



**Improved
Freight Mobility**



**Job
Creation**



**Reduced
Emissions**



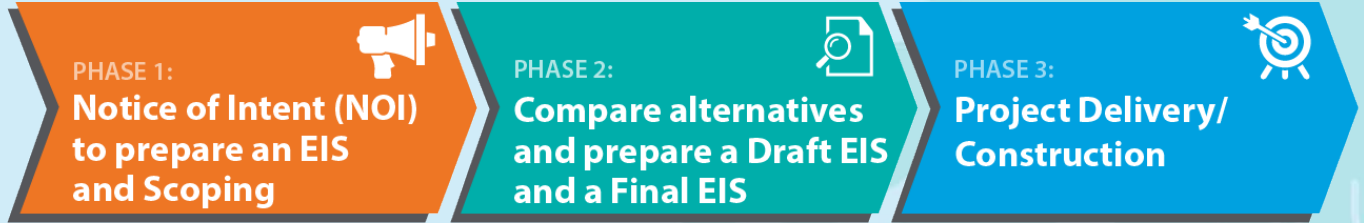
**Other
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**Additional
Project Benefits**

Project Phasing

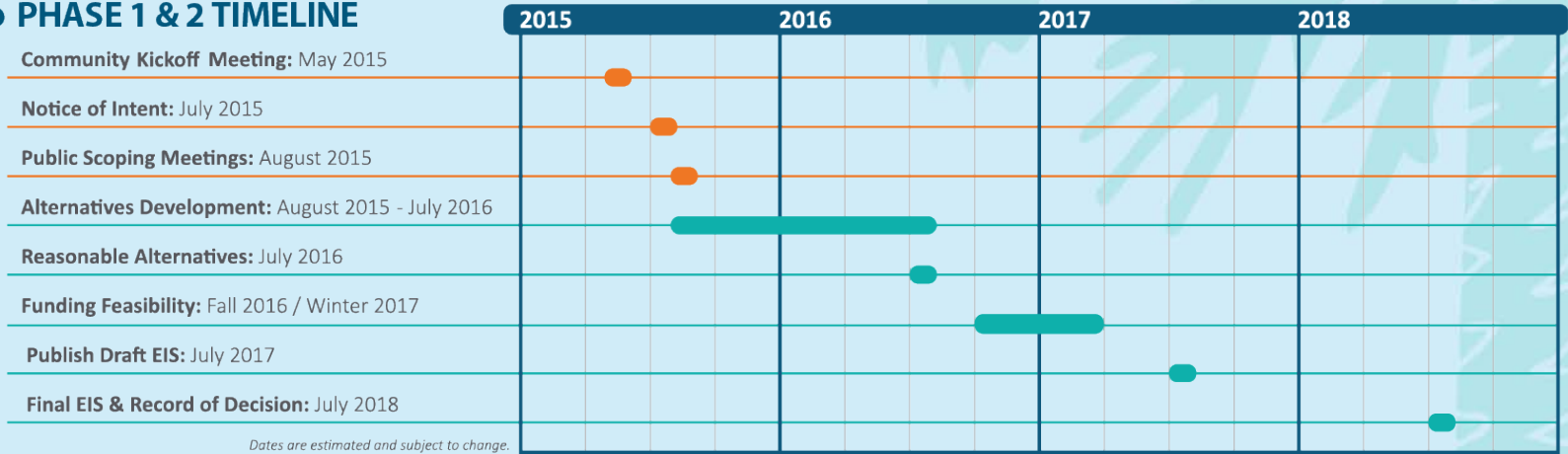


WE ARE HERE



36 Months: July 2015–July 2018

PHASE 1 & 2 TIMELINE



Dates are estimated and subject to change.

National Environmental Policy Act



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.



Threatened/endangered species



Wetlands and streams



Water quality



Air quality



Historic and cultural sites



Social and economic resources



Noise environs



Community impacts

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





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

