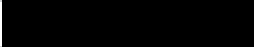



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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Carolina Crossroads I-20/26/126 Corridor Improvement Project Recommended Preferred Alternative & Draft Environmental Impact Statement Public Hearing was held Thursday, August 23, 2018, at the Columbia Conference Center in Columbia from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Formal comment periods were held at 12:30 p.m., 3:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. An open house meeting was held from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. A total of 580 attendees signed in at the meeting. The Sign-In Sheets are included in **Appendix B**. An online meeting was held in conjunction with the Recommended Preferred Alternative & Draft Environmental Impact Statement Public Hearing and was available from August 3 through September 24, 2018. A total of 2,492 individuals participated in the online meeting. A total of 1,226 comments were received as a result of the Recommended Preferred Alternative and Draft Environmental Impact Statement Public Hearing.

## MEETING OVERVIEW

Doors to the Columbia Conference Center officially opened at 11:00 a.m. As each attendee entered the meeting, s/he was greeted by project team members, asked to sign in, and given a project handout. Attendees received an explanation of the meeting layout and the process for signing up to make a formal comment at the public hearings. The attendees were then directed to a screening room to view a rolling eight minute video explaining the process and screening matrix used to identify the proposed Recommended Preferred Alternative (RPA) and development of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS). When the project video concluded, attendees were directed by project team members to the Main Ballroom directly across the hall where project team members would answer questions and explain the proposed RPA and DEIS in greater detail with the use of touchscreen smart boards. Four GIS and Right-of-Way (ROW) stations were also available to attendees with specific questions relating to property. Environmental screening stations were available for attendees to engage project team members with relevant questions on noise, mitigation and other environmental concerns. Video stations were available for participants to view information on noise, project development, field studies, the RPA and project history. In addition, translators were in attendance and available for Spanish-speaking and hearing impaired participants. The video stations included closed captioning and headphones for hearing impaired participants. A Court Reporter was also available for attendees requiring writing assistance.

In addition to the open house meeting, three formal comment periods occurred throughout the day at 12:30 p.m., 3:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. where attendees were able to provide formal verbal comments for the official public record. During the public hearing, attendees watched an eight minute video explaining the process and screening matrix used to identify the RPA and development of the DEIS. A public hearing officer conducted each public hearing and a court reporter transcribed each formal verbal comment. Prior to each public hearing attendees were required to sign up to make a formal verbal comment and were given two minutes for each comment. The transcription and minutes for each public hearing are available in **Appendix C**.

The following project team members attended the meeting in a variety of roles including smart board display stations, floater, and translator. Attendees went to the Main Ballroom where they were able to interact with project team members, ask questions about the project and view the RPA on touchscreen smart boards. Floaters assisted at different stations as needed and helped with attendees who had specific questions about the NEPA process, funding, traffic data, etc. Project team members were identifiable by nametags worn on lanyards. The table below lists all project team members that worked the open house meeting and public hearing.

### Open House Public Meeting Staff

#### Sign-in/Registration

Robert Flagler – HDR/Social Media	Julie Hussey – Civic Communications	Lynsee Gibson - SCDOT	Tevia Brown - SCDOT	Alma Begic - HDR
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#### Formal Comment Sign-in

Nicole Riddle - SCDOT	Lis Bleasdale - SCDOT
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#### Rolling Presentation Room 1

Teowonna Clifton – DESA/Photos	Jackie Galloway - SCDOT	Chris Cooper – SCDOT	Darren Ledbetter – SCDOT
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#### Rolling Presentation Room 2

Chris Bolding - Mead & Hunt	Vince McCarron – SCDOT	Ed Frierson – SCDOT	Jim Walden – SCDOT
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#### Station #1 – Smart Board Display Station

Michael Darby – HDR	Keith Powell - Mead & Hunt	Joshua Meetze	Betsy McCall
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#### Station #2 – Smart Board Display Station

Lee Tupper - HDR	Tony Steffee - Mead & Hunt	Adam Humphries – SCDOT	Tony Edwards - SCDOT
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#### Station #3 – Smart Board Display Station

David Kerns – HDR	Dan Moses - Mead & Hunt	Ron Hinson – SCDOT	Alex Bennett - SCDOT
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#### Station #4 – Smart Board Display Station

Matt Watson - Mead & Hunt	Megan Groves - SCDOT	Seth Leslie - SCDOT
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#### Station #5 – Smart Board Display Station

Rob Hamzy – Mead & Hunt	Ron Patton - STV	Berry Mattox - SCDOT	Doug Giovanetti - SCDOT
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#### Station #6 – Smart Board Display Station

Phillip Hutcherson- HDR	Mitchel Cooper - STV	Casey Lucas - SCDOT	Joey McIntyre - SCDOT
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<b>Station #7 – Smart Board Display Station</b>				
Greg Schuch - HDR	Jessica Johns - Mead & Hunt	Beth Hawkins - SCDOT	C.T. York - SCDOT	
<b>Station #8 – Smart Board Display Station</b>				
Sheri Williamson - STV	Zachary Verhage - Mead & Hunt	Siobhan Gordon – SCDOT	Marla Watson - SCDOT	Jacob Meetze - SCDOT
<b>Interactive/Printed DEIS Station</b>				
Blair Wade - HDR				
<b>Noise – Smart Board Station #9</b>				
Tim Casey - HDR	Shannon Meder – HDR	David Kelly-SCDOT		
<b>Mitigation – Smart Board #10</b>				
Jen Schwaller - HDR	Jennifer Pearson - HDR	Katie Curry - STV		
<b>GIS /ROW</b>				
Tara Koon – SCDOT	Adrienne Sanders – SCDOT	Ben Burdette – HDR/Photos	Miles Spenrath - HDR	Eddie Flanders – SCDOT
Lorraine Buckwell – SCDOT	Mark Walker – SCDOT	Reggie Elliott – SCDOT	Josh Fletcher - HDR	Wayne Upchurch – SCDOT
Nadia Morozova - STV				
<b>Exit Survey</b>				
Jennifer Mathis – STV	Matthew Cox - STV			
<b>Comment Station</b>				
Brittany Williams – Mead & Hunt	Julie Hussey – Civic Communications	Mark Mohr – SCDOT		
<b>Court Reporter Station</b>				
Court Reporter				
<b>Floater</b>				
Theresa McClure – HDR	David Kinard - HDR	Brian Klauk – SCDOT	Chad Long – SCDOT	
Ladd Gibson – SCDOT	Erin Slayton – HDR	Matt DeWitt – Mead & Hunt	Jesica Mackey – HDR	
Rob Dubnicka – STV	Brent Dillon – SCDOT	David Rister - SCDOT	Chris Lacy – SCDOT	

Public Hearing Staff			
	Shift 1: 12:30	Shift 2: 3:00	Shift 3: 6:00
<b>Hearing Officers</b>	Henry Phillips – SCDOT/Theresa McClure - HDR	Theresa McClure - HDR	Theresa McClure – HDR
	Brian Klauk – SCDOT	Brian Klauk – SCDOT	Brian Klauk – SCDOT
	Ladd Gibson – SCDOT	Ladd Gibson – SCDOT	Ladd Gibson - SCDOT
	David Kinard - HDR FHWA	David Kinard - HDR FHWA	David Kinard - HDR FHWA
	Court Reporter	Court Reporter	Court Reporter
	Chad Long – SCDOT	Chad Long – SCDOT	Chad Long - SCDOT

## Project Maps

Eight touchscreen smart boards were set up on either side of the Main Ballroom displaying the RPA. Two additional smart boards were setup at a Mitigation Station displaying SCDOT’s environmental commitments and the Noise station. Four GIS and ROW stations were available to answer questions and provide information to attendees as needed.

## Meeting Materials

Informational materials were developed to educate attendees about the corridor, the RPA, the DEIS, environmental studies and mitigation commitments. In addition to the materials listed below an online meeting was developed and launched on August 3, 2018. The online meeting contained all of the information that was available at the Public Hearing. The online meeting was available on demand until the close of business on September 24, 2018.

Meeting materials included:

- o RPA & DEIS Handout (**Appendix A**)
- o RPA Video
- o Interactive RPA Map (**Appendix A**)
- o Noise Video
- o Project Process Video
- o Field Studies Video
- o Noise Wall Map
- o Project Comment Form (**Appendix A**)
- o Comment Boxes
- o Laptop GIS & ROW Stations
- o Project Sign-In Sheet (**Appendix A**)
- o Staff Nametags
- o Formal Comment Sign Up (**Appendix A**)
- o Exit Survey

## OUTREACH

### Notification

Prior to the Public Hearing, the public involvement team coordinated messaging and public notification about the event with regional media outlets. Notification methods included project emails, website announcements, legal advertisement in the local newspaper, signage on the roadways along the corridor, social media announcements, notification letters and press releases. The forms of communication below were used to notify the public of the in-person and online Public Hearing. Copies of the documents (except for the project website and social media announcements) can be found under **Appendix D**:

- o Email Invitation
  - o Sent to all email addresses in the stakeholder database (1,518) on August 3, 2018.
- o Notification Letter
  - o Mailed to all addresses in the stakeholder database (12,523) on August 3, 2018.
- o Paid Advertisement
  - o Legal ad ran in The State newspaper on August 3, 2018.
- o Press Releases
  - o Distributed through SCDOT Communications on August 3, 2018. Press release can be found at <http://info2.scdot.org/SCDOTPress/Lists/Posts/Post.aspx?List=f5ea57f8-d1b4-4b81-abca-d25008f2b5db&ID=2745&Web=5b43d736-51b2-4822-ab3c-f719a3f0ddb2> .
- o Project Website
  - o Updated to promote the meeting and new online meeting.
- o Project Hotline
  - o Updated to promote the meeting in both English and Spanish messages.
- o Social Media
  - o Facebook and Twitter updates to promote the meeting and comment period.
  - o Two Facebook live videos were posted during the Public Hearing to inform the public and encourage participation in the in-person meeting and the online meeting.
    - To date both video posts have reached a combined 2,161 people and generated 141 engagements.
  - o A Facebook ad ran from August 8 to August 23, 2018, to promote the public hearing. The ad reached 3,378 people.
  - o The following Facebook posts were boosted to raise awareness of the public and online meeting.
    - If you travel through #MalfunctionJunction, you need to mark your calendar for the #SCDOTCrossroads Public Hearing on Thursday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Columbia Conference Center drop-in from 11am-7pm! Verbal comments heard at 12:30 pm, 3:00 pm, and 6:00 pm. #ChangeisComing [www.scdotcarolinacrossroads.com](http://www.scdotcarolinacrossroads.com)
      - (8/3) 2,444 people reached with 95 engagements
    - The #SCDOTCrossroads Public Hearing is Thursday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Columbia Conference Center. Drop-in from 11am-7pm. Verbal comments heard at 12:30 pm, 3:00 pm, and 6:00 pm! You can also view the DEIS and meeting materials and comment on them until Monday, September 17<sup>th</sup>! [www.scdotcarolinacrossroads.com/onlineMeeting5/](http://www.scdotcarolinacrossroads.com/onlineMeeting5/) #ChangeisComing
      - (8/6) 4,619 people reached with 3,351 video views



- Change is coming! 2 days until the #SCDOTCarolinaCrossroads Public Hearing! Join us on Thursday, August 23 at Columbia Conference Center. Drop-in 11am-7pm. Verbal comments heard at 12:30 pm, 3:00 pm, and 6:00 pm!  
www.scdotcarolinacrossroads.com
  - (8/21) – 2,587 people reached and 56 engagements
- Don't forget! The public hearing is tomorrow at Columbia Conference Center. Join us any time 11am-7pm. Verbal comments heard at 12:30 pm, 3:00 pm and 6:00 pm! Comments online until Monday, September 17!  
<http://www.scdotcarolinacrossroads.com/onlinemeeting5/>
  - (8/22) – 1,723 people reached and 47 engagements
- TODAY is the day! #SCDOTCarolinaCrossroads Public Hearing. We are at the Columbia Conference Center from 11am-7pm. Verbal comments heard at 12:30 pm, 3:00 pm, and 6:00 pm! Comments online until Monday, September 17!
  - (8/23) – 1,398 people reached and 39 engagements
- o Elected Officials Letter
  - o The Elected Officials Letter was mailed to state and local elected officials (109) on August 3, 2018.
- o Spanish flier
  - o An 11x17 Spanish flier was posted in twenty locations, listed below, throughout the greater Columbia area.
    - Hispanic Connections, Inc.
    - SC Commission for Minority Affairs – Hispanic/Latino Affairs
    - Consortium for Latino Immigration Studies
    - Catholic Charities of the Midlands
    - USC International Community
    - International Friendship Ministries
    - Gas Stations:
      - Speedway – 271 Harbison Blvd, Columbia
      - Exxon – 418 Piney Grove Rd, Columbia
      - Xpress Zone Citgo – 830 Bush River Rd, Columbia
      - Sunoco – 1203 Bush River Rd, Columbia
      - Marathon – 1500 Bush River Rd, Columbia
      - Speedway – 1714 Bush River Rd, Columbia
    - Grocery Stores
      - Kroger – 7467 St. Andrews Rd #6, Irmo
      - Publix – 150 Harbison Blvd, Columbia
      - Public – 7320 Broad River Rd, Irmo
      - Food Lion – 7241 Broad River Rd, Irmo
      - KJ's Market – 543 St Andrews Rd, Columbia
      - BiLo – 6021 St Andrews Rd, Columbia
    - Post Offices
      - USPS – 6903 St Andrews Rd, Columbia
      - USPS – 1120 Briargate Cir, Columbia
- o English flier
  - o An 11x17 English flier was distributed to 18 locations, listed below, throughout the greater Columbia area.

- Richland County Recreation facilities
- City of Columbia Parks and Recreation facilities
- Richland County Libraries
- Columbia Housing Authority – posted in larger communities and elderly high-rises
- Gas Stations:
  - Speedway – 271 Harbison Blvd, Columbia
  - Exxon – 418 Piney Grove Rd, Columbia
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- o Billboards
  - o One digital and two print billboards were leased in Columbia.
    - Billboard 1 (I-26 north of Greystone Boulevard) received 201,055 impressions per spot.
    - Billboard 2 (I-20 east of Broad River) received 398,852 weekly impressions.
    - Billboard 3 (I-26 @ Jamil Road) received 462,881 weekly impressions.
  - o Total Weekly Impressions received – 1,062,788

## Press Coverage

A press release was sent to local and regional contacts at newspapers, TV and radio stations and distributed through SCDOT Communications on August 3, 2018. The following coverage was generated by the release:

Press Coverage			
News Item	Channel/Outlet	Media Type	Post Date
<u>Malfunction Junction Fix in Sight, Would Cost \$1.5 Billion</u>	Free Times	Print/Digital	8/3/2018
<u>SCDOT hosting public hearing, proposing solution for Malfunction Junction</u>	Cola Daily	Print/Digital	8/3/2018

<p><u>“Malfunction Junction” Project Draft Up for Review During Public Hearing</u></p>	<p>WLTX</p>	<p>Television</p>	<p>8/3/2018</p>
<p>SCDOT Announces public hearing as it reaches recommendation for Carolina Crossroads project</p>	<p><u>WTOC, Live 5, WISTV, WTVM, WMCA, WDAM, Fox 54, WALB, WMBF, WECT, WBTB &amp; CB Sumter</u></p>	<p>Television/Digital</p>	<p>8/3/2018</p>

## Social Media Activity

Efforts to engage the public and stakeholders on social media were successful leading up to and following the public meetings. Those efforts included project Facebook and Twitter accounts used to publicize the meeting.

- 956 followers on Facebook were generated as a result of publicizing the project, Community Kickoff Meeting, Scoping Meeting, Alternatives Meeting, Reasonable Alternatives Public Information meeting, and RPA & DEIS Public Hearing. To date, 496,630 impressions related to the Carolina Crossroads I-20/26/126 Corridor Project have been tracked.
- 286 followers on Twitter contributed to increased activity related to the project. This activity led to 15,446 impressions on Twitter during the outreach period to date.

## ONLINE MEETING AND SOCIAL MEDIA DEMOGRAPHICS

Social media produced 1,362 followers between Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram. Of these social media followers, 956 follow the Carolina Crossroads project on Facebook. While the team did not actively track the demographics of these followers, age and gender statistics were pulled from Facebook and Twitter.

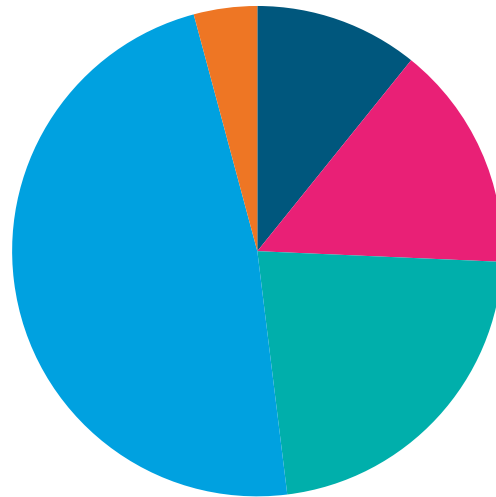
- Facebook
  - 59 percent of followers are female.
  - 55.4 percent of followers are between the ages of 35 – 54.
  - Women between the ages of 45 – 54 are the leading force among Facebook followers.
- Twitter
  - 68 percent of followers are male.
  - 78.9 percent of followers are between the ages of 25 – 44.
  - Men between the ages of 25 – 34 appear to be the leading force among Twitter followers.

## COMMENTS OVERVIEW

To collect feedback during the open house and public hearing, comment forms were made available at the sign-in table and on tables in the Ballroom. The comment form asked for contact information and provided space for the comment itself. Comment forms could be submitted during the open house meeting or mailed following the public hearing.

A total of 154 comments were collected at the Recommended Preferred Alternative & DEIS public hearing. The chart below provides a summary of how comments were received and the topics they covered. The written comments from the public hearing are included in **Appendix C**.

## Comments Received via:



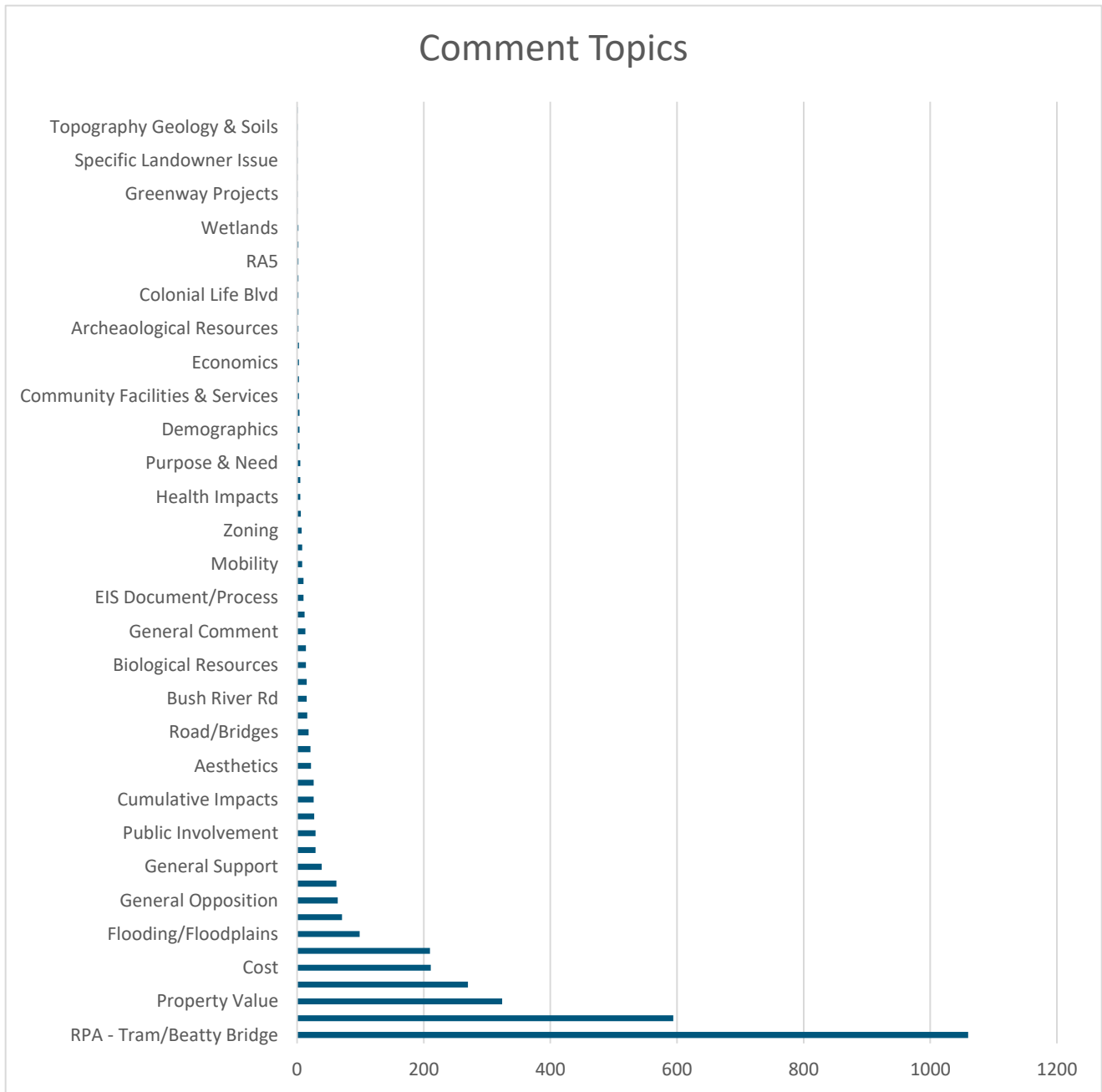
- Comment Form
- Web Comment Form
- Email
- Letter
- Hotline

## Comment Topics

The comments received covered a variety of topics including:

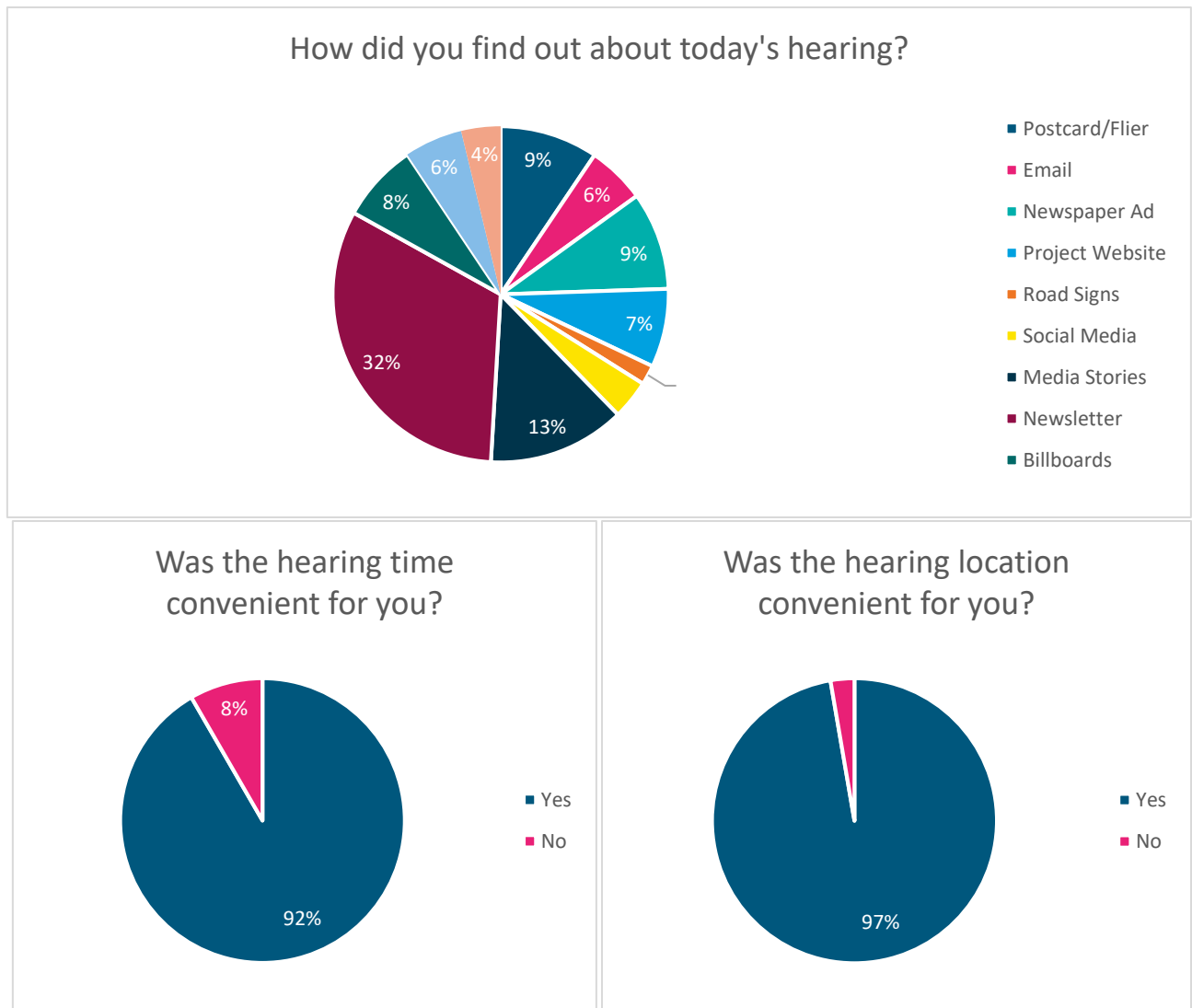
- Alternatives
- Bike/Ped
- Bush River Rd
- Capacity
- Colonial Life Blvd
- Cost
- Flooding/Floodplains
- Greenway Projects
- Land Use
- Mitigation
- Noise
- Property Value
- Public Involvement
- Public Transit
- ROW
- RPA - Tram/Beatty Bridge
- Safety
- Traffic/Safety
- Water Resources
- Wetlands

The chart below details the number of topics received through comments during the comment period.

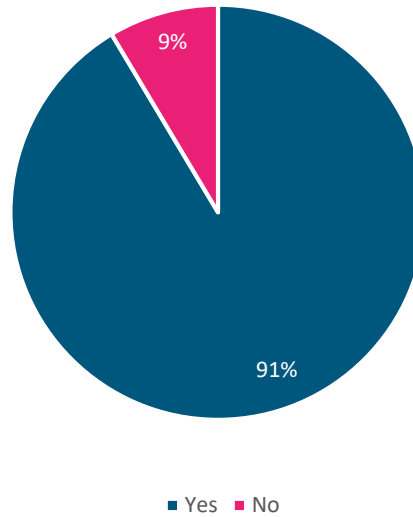


## Exit Survey Overview

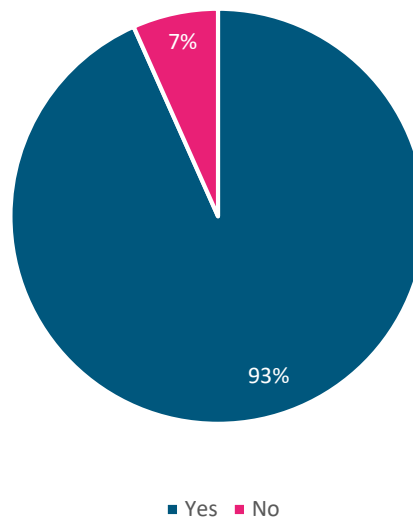
An exit survey was created to measure and analyze the public’s thoughts and opinions on the public hearing and meeting format. A total of 37 attendees participated in the exit survey. Responses were collected by team members on iPads as attendees were leaving the meeting. Respondents were asked about the convenience of the meeting time and location, if the meeting materials were helpful, what meeting materials and resources they used and other questions to gauge the success and effectiveness of the meeting format. Below is a summary of key data from the exit survey. The full survey results can be found in **Appendix E**.



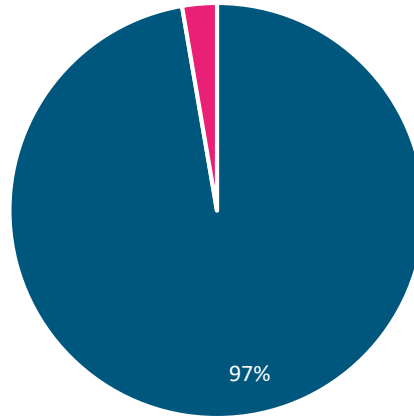
Were you able to use and understand the interactive map displays?



Was the information in the handout helpful?

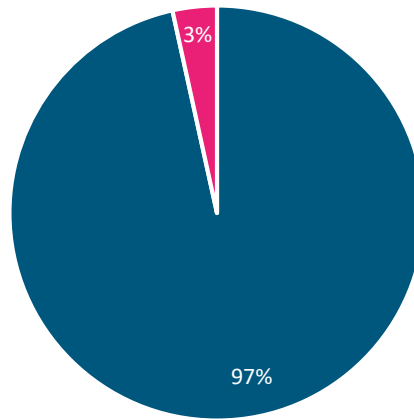


Was the SCDOT staff helpful?



■ Yes ■ No

Are you satisfied with the public hearing?



■ Yes ■ No



**SOUTH CAROLINA  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**Columbia, South Carolina**

Project: Carolina Crossroads I-20/26/126 Corridor Improvement Project  
Project ID: P027662

**CERTIFICATE OF LOCATION/DESIGN PUBLIC HEARING**

This is to certify that on Thursday, August 23, 2018 between 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., a public hearing was held at the Columbia Conference Center located at 169 Laurelhurst Ave., Columbia, SC as provided by 23 CFR 771.111 (h). Economic and social effects of the project's location, its impact on the environment, and its consistency with the goals and objectives of area planning, as promulgated by the community, have been considered by the South Carolina Department of Transportation.



Chad C. Long

Director of Environmental Services

South Carolina Department of

Transportation

Tuesday, March 5, 2019

**Public Hearing for the  
Carolina Crossroads I-20/26/126 Corridor Improvement Project  
in Lexington and Richland County, South Carolina**

**Location:** Columbia Convention Center located at 169 Laurelhurst Avenue in Columbia, SC. The meeting had an open house format with smart screens for viewing. A rolling video presentation was shown throughout the meeting. Three formal public hearings occurred throughout the day. At each hearing, attendees were given the opportunity to make formal verbal comments for the record.

**Time:** The open house hours were from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Public hearings were held at 12:30 p.m., 3:00 p.m., and 6:00 p.m.

**Handouts:** Each attendee was presented with a project handout and comment form upon arrival and sign-in. The handout contained information about the Alternatives Screening Process, Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS), and the Recommended Preferred Alternative (RPA). The RPA map was also included in the handout. The project handout and map are included in **Appendix A**.

**Displays:** Multiple electronic and traditional display stations were available for viewing. Displays included a rolling video presentation, eight interactive smart screen stations to display the RPA, a mitigation station, GIS Station, right-of-way station, and a noise station with details on potential noise wall locations. Additional displays included videos on the project process, noise and field studies.

**Personnel:** Those actively participating in the public hearing from SCDOT included: Brian Klauk, Ladd Gibson, Chad Long, David Rister, Chris Lacy, Lynsee Gibson, Tevia Brown, Nicole Riddle, Lis Bleasdale, Jackie Galloway, Chris Cooper, Darren Ledbetter, Vince McCarron, Ed Frierson, Jim Walden, Adam Humphries, Tony Edwards, Ron Hinson, Alex Bennett, Megan Groves, Seth Leslie, Berry Mattox, Doug Giovanetti, Casey Lucas, Joey McIntyre, Beth Hawkins, C.T. York, Siobhan Gordon, Jacob Meetze, Marla Watson, David Kelly, Tara Koon, Lorraine Buckwell, Mark Walker, Wayne Upchurch, Adrienne Sanders, Eddie Flanders, Reggie Elliott, Mark Mohr, and Brent Dillon.

Shane Belcher, Michelle Herrell, Carolyn Fisher from FHWA.

**Process:** Upon arrival, attendees were greeted and asked to sign in. Each attendee was given a brief overview of the public hearing format and encouraged to take a handout and comment form. Team members guided attendees to one of two rooms to watch a rolling video presentation. Following the video presentation, team members led attendees to a separate meeting room to visit stations of their interest. Project team members were available at the display stations and throughout the room to answer questions and provide guidance. Project team members were easily identifiable by nametags worn on lanyards.

Three public hearings took place at 12:30 p.m., 3:00 p.m., and 6:00 p.m. Those wishing to provide formal verbal comment were required to sign up in advance and were given two minutes to comment. A public hearing officer conducted each public hearing and a court reporter transcribed each formal verbal comment. The comment forms and verbal comment transcription for each public hearing are included in **Appendix C**.

Attendance: A total of 580 attendees signed in at the public hearing. A copy of the sign-in sheets and the formal comment sign-up forms are included in **Appendix B**.

Comments: Forty-seven (47) attendees had formal comments recorded and 154 written comment forms were submitted. Throughout the 52-day comment period, a total of 1,226 comments were submitted. The court reporter transcript and a summary of these comments are in **Appendix C**.

The comments collected at the public hearing and throughout the comment period covered a variety of topics. Many comments related to the addition of an overpass bridge connecting Tram Road and Beatty Road, increased traffic, noise, crime, safety, and decreases to property value. Comments also referenced requests for noise barriers, project costs, design features of the Recommended Preferred Alternative, and the Bush River Road exit.