



Project Background

Located in the heart of South Carolina, the I-20, I-26 and I-126 corridor is the crossroads of the state economy and serves as the major hub for the Midlands' commuters, travelers, and commerce. In addition to being a main route in and out of Columbia, I-26 is a thoroughfare for travelers headed to the coast and mountains for recreation, and a major cargo route between Lowcountry ports and Upstate manufacturers.

As an interstate corridor initially developed in the 1950s and 1960s and improved during the 1970s and 1980s, the I-20, I-26 and I-126 interchange corridor does not meet current demands. Access ramps to and from each interstate consistently become congested. Finding an up-to-date solution has become a statewide priority. This project will play a critical role to improve mobility and safety in one of the most congested highway corridors in the state.



Project Schedule

- » SCDOT plans to complete the Draft EIS in summer of 2017.
- » SCDOT expects to complete the Final EIS and receive a Record of Decision from FHWA in summer of 2018.
- » As alternatives are developed and analyzed, the Project Team will develop cost estimates, funding strategies, and timelines for completion.

We Want Your Input

SCDOT is hosting an online meeting at www.SCDOTCarolinaCrossroads.com that you can access anytime. You can submit a comment via the online meeting or by mail to:

Carolina Crossroads Corridor Project
C/O South Carolina Department of Transportation
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PO Box 191
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Email comments to: info@CarolinaCrossroadsSCDOT.com

All comments are due by **September 25, 2015**.

If you'd like to be notified of future public involvement activities related to the EIS, visit the project website to join the project mailing list.

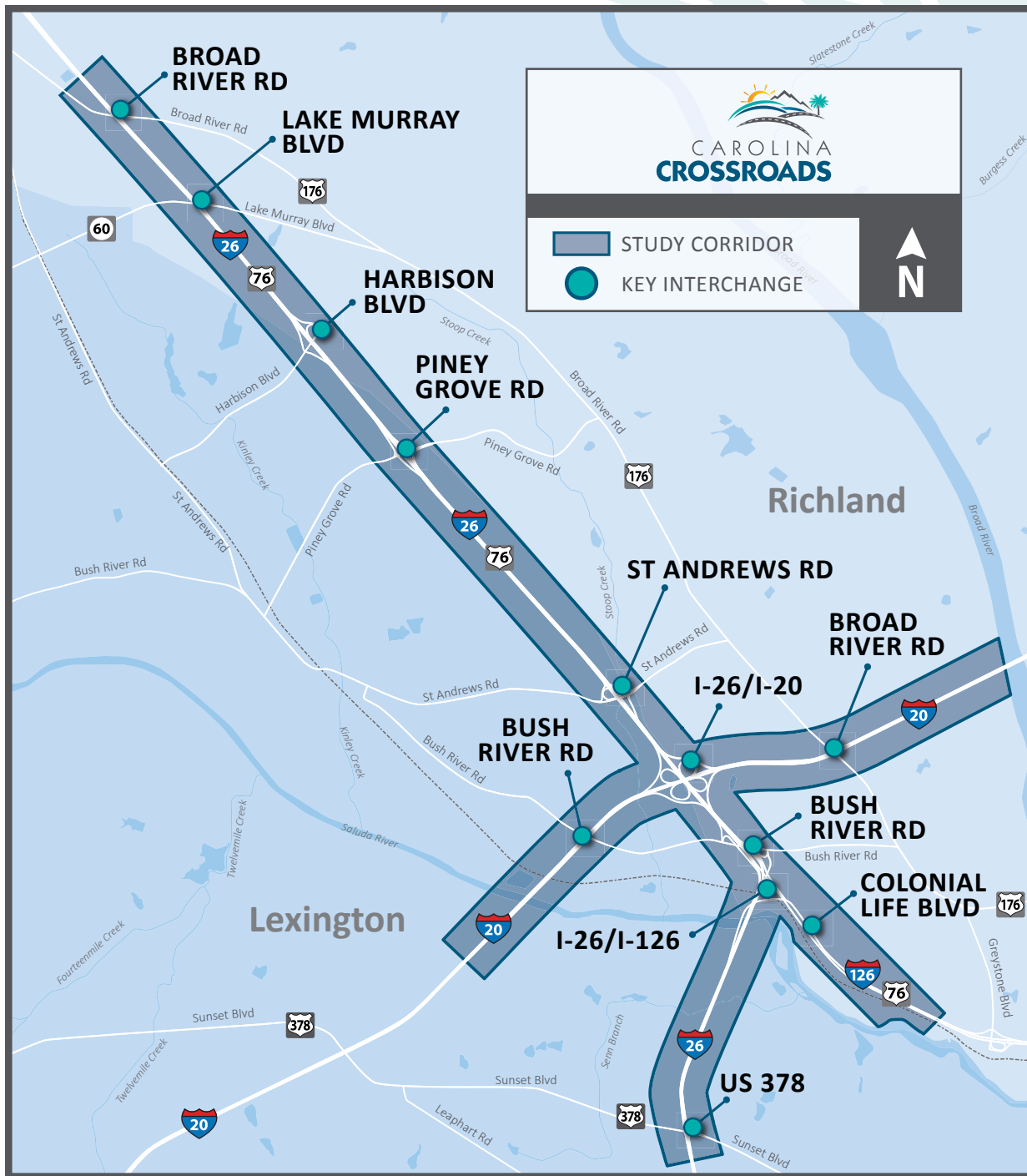


Current Project Status

The South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT), in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), has initiated the development of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to address the existing and anticipated traffic volumes on I-20/26/126. This phase of the project is an open process involving the public and federal, state, and local agencies to help identify the major and important issues for consideration as the EIS is developed, including:

- » transportation deficiencies that need to be addressed;
- » study boundaries of the project;
- » reasonable alternatives to be analyzed;
- » roles and expectations of local, state and federal agencies;
- » sensitive environmental factors to be considered and technical studies that may be required; and,
- » permits and approvals that may be needed.

The EIS and the public input process will promote informed decision making for the development of a solution to relieve congestion, improve traffic operations, increase safety and increase capacity.



To date, the I-20/26/126 Corridor is generally defined as I-20 from the Saluda River to the Broad River, I-26 from U.S. 378 to Broad River Road, and I-126 from Colonial Life Boulevard to I-26.



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