

PUBLIC HEARING VIDEO SCRIPT – COMMUNITY MITIGATION

VIDEO 3: Community Mitigation

A Community Mitigation Plan identifies social needs and priorities to lessen impacts that might result from a proposed project. The Plan is a living document, driven by members of the community.

The goal of the I-526 LCC WEST Community Mitigation Plan is to effectively mitigate project impacts in partnership with residents of the following neighborhoods:

Ferndale, Russelldale, Highland Terrace, Liberty Park, Camps, Ada Avenue, and Wando Woods.

The draft Plan has been developed based on input from the Community Advisory Council, or “CAC,” a group of local citizens who represent the traditionally underrepresented neighborhoods that might be impacted by the project. And today, we’re hoping to get *your* input.

The CAC holds monthly meetings to discuss project-related concerns and provide feedback to the project team. This resident-lead group plays an important role in sharing the latest information with the community, so residents remain engaged in the mitigation development process. Even more importantly, they are charged with informing the project team about any potential community impacts that might be associated with the proposed project alternatives.

Members of the CAC and other neighborhood residents were also asked to complete a Social Needs Assessment. This is a survey where participants ranked various types of social needs based on the importance to them and their current level of satisfaction. The results of the assessment were used to prioritize potential mitigation measures.

Four important elements to building or rebuilding a sustainable community are cohesion, enhancement, preservation, and revitalization. This Community Mitigation Plan is framed around these four pillars, with the goal of developing mitigation measures that address each aspect of sustainability.

As I mentioned, the current Community Mitigation Plan is simply a draft. Have your voice heard. The Community Advisory Council and the project team are eager to hear your feedback, as well. This is *your* opportunity to have *your* input shape the final Community Mitigation Plan and thus the mitigation measures that will be implemented in the Ferndale, Russelldale, Highland Terrace, Liberty Park, Camps, Ada Avenue, and Wando Woods neighborhoods. To learn more about the most recent developments in the Community Mitigation Plan and provide your input, please visit the I-526 LCC WEST project website before January 15, 2020.