



The overarching goal of the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor WEST Community Mitigation Plan is to effectively mitigate project impacts in partnership with residents of the Ferndale, Russelldale, Highland Terrace, Liberty Park neighborhoods.



Community Mitigation Plan

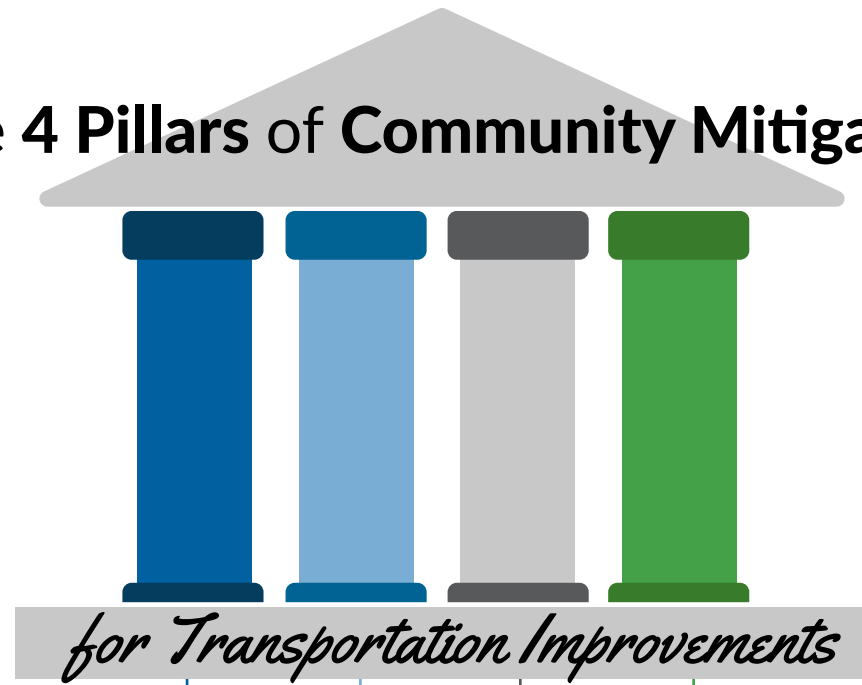
Highlights



WHAT IS MITIGATION?

noun [mit-i-gey-shuhn]
the act of lessening the force or intensity of something unpleasant

The 4 Pillars of Community Mitigation



Cohesion

To provide a common vision and sense of belonging for residents who may have been divided



Enhancement

To increase the value, quality and attractiveness of a community by providing aesthetic improvements and replacing lost recreational amenities



Preservation

To connect the neighborhood's past, present, and future to encourage residents of all ages to thrive despite relocation impacts



Revitalization

To restore employment opportunities, safety, and affordable housing that has been diminished

Background

Every effort was made to avoid and minimize impacts to your community during the development of the project alternatives. However, because of the close proximity of many communities to the existing interstate, significant community impacts were unavoidable in all reasonable alternatives and would require community mitigation.

Community Mitigation Plan

Developed by identifying & considering the social needs & priorities of neighborhood residents

Community Office

In November 2019, a Community Office was opened within walking distance of potentially impacted communities. Located in Gas Light Square at 5627 Rivers Avenue (CARTA Route 10), the Community Office is where you can meet one-on-one with the project team and connect with resource specialists such as right-of-way relocation experts.



- CAC's Role**
- Advise
 - Connect
 - Represent
 - Communicate

Community Advisory Council (CAC)

A Community Advisory Council (CAC) was formed as a resident-lead group to facilitate meaningful engagement.

Survey

The CAC and residents of the potentially impacted neighborhoods completed a Social Needs Assessment (SNA) survey to provide a insight into the daily operations, needs, and desires of the community.



Your Input Matters!

NOW is the time to have your voice heard!
Complete our survey & leave a comment by **January 15, 2021**
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Additional details and new mitigation measures may be added to this Community Mitigation Plan after the Public Hearing and public comment on this proposed mitigation plan. The final Plan will be included in the final environmental document and will include all agreements and plans for mitigation implementation.

It's important to provide your comments now, so they are considered in this plan!



Make an appointment at our Community Office (5627 Rivers Avenue, Gas Lite Square)

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WHAT IS PROPOSED TO BENEFIT MY COMMUNITY? *and when?*

PROPOSED SCHEDULE

PUBLIC HEARING

**FINAL DESIGN
2021-2023**

**RIGHT-OF-WAY
ACQUISITION 2023-2027**

**CONSTRUCTION
2027-2032**

Mitigation Schedule is based on approval of environmental documentation without legal challenge; subject to change



Community History Preservation Study

A study will document the cultural history and character of the impacted neighboring communities. This study will be available online and at the new, replacement community center.



Community Infrastructure Enhancement Plan

A Community Infrastructure Enhancement Plan would identify a set of improvements to address bicycle and pedestrian safety, access to community centers, enhanced street aesthetics, project-related stormwater improvements, and traffic calming measures that would be implemented as part of the project.



Community Centers & Parks

A large, centrally located community center complex and 2 smaller parks will be constructed within the affected neighborhoods to replace lost, smaller centers and parks.



Community Programs & Activities

The new modern community center will be equipped to provide enhanced programs and activities, including priority for community residents for programs and facilities.



Connectivity; Bike & Pedestrian Safety

Enhanced bike and pedestrian facilities within the community to provide safe access to new community centers, parks and transit stops.



Affordable Housing

Replacement affordable housing (multi- and single-family) will be constructed near the impacted communities. SCDOT is acquiring vacant lots within the communities early so displaced families will have affordable housing options within their communities.



Financial Literacy/First-time Home Buyer Counseling

Financial literacy and first-time home buyer counseling will be made available to displaced residents to assist in securing residential loans and transitioning from renters to homeowners.



School-to-Work Program

Will partner with educational institutions to develop internship opportunities within the fields of construction and engineering.



Pre-Employment Training

Job readiness training will be provided to prepare program participants for On-The-Job Training during the project's construction.



College Scholarships

Up to \$50,000 in scholarships will be awarded to students from the impacted communities (up to 10 scholarships of \$5,000 each)