

# **RICHLAND COUNTY**

## **SPECIAL CALLED MEETING AGENDA**



**Tuesday, FEBRUARY 25, 2020**

**Immediately Following Zoning Public Hearing**

**COUNCIL CHAMBERS**



# RICHLAND COUNTY COUNCIL 2020



Bill Malinowski  
District 1  
2018-2022



Joyce Dickerson  
District 2  
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Yvonne McBride  
District 3  
2016-2020



Paul Livingston  
District 4  
2018-2022



Allison Terracio  
District 5  
2018-2022



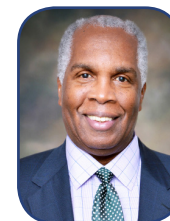
Joe Walker, III  
District 6  
2018-2022



Gwendolyn Kennedy  
District 7  
2016-2020



Jim Manning  
District 8  
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Calvin "Chip" Jackson  
District 9  
2016-2020



Dalhi Myers  
District 10  
2016-2020



Chakisse Newton  
District 11  
2018-2022





Richland County Special Called Meeting  
February 25, 2020  
Immediately Following Zoning Public Hearing  
Council Chambers  
2020 Hampton Street, Columbia, SC 29201

1. **CALL TO ORDER** The Honorable Paul Livingston
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2. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA** The Honorable Paul Livingston
3. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**
  - a. Richland County vs. SC Dept. of Revenue
4. **OTHER ITEMS** Contingent upon action from A&F  
Committee
  - a. Midlands Business Leadership Group (MBLG) –Gateway Beautification [PAGES 6-21]
  - b. Senior Resources - Request for Matching Grant Funds [PAGES 22-25]
5. **ADJOURNMENT**



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**RICHLAND COUNTY  
ADMINISTRATION**

2020 Hampton Street, Suite 4069  
Columbia, SC 29204  
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**Agenda Briefing**

**To:** Council Chair Paul Livingston and Members of the Committee  
**Prepared by:** Ashiya A. Myers, Assistant to the County Administrator  
**Department:** Administration  
**Date Prepared:** February 11, 2020 **Meeting Date:** February 18, 2020

<b>Legal Review</b>	Elizabeth McLean via email	<b>Date:</b>	February 19, 2020
<b>Budget Review</b>	James Hayes via email	<b>Date:</b>	February 12, 2020
<b>Finance Review</b>	Stacey Hamm via email	<b>Date:</b>	February 12, 2020
<b>Other Review</b>	Jeff Ruble, Economic Development Director, via email	<b>Date:</b>	February 19, 2020
<b>Approved for Council consideration:</b>		County Administrator	Leonardo Brown, MBA, CPM
<b>Subject:</b> Midlands Business Leadership Group - Gateway Beautification			

**Recommended Action:**

Staff recommends working collaboratively with the region’s governmental entities to increase regional competitiveness. Accordingly, staff will respond as directed by the Council relative to the request.

**Motion Requested:**

1. Move to approve the resolution as presented; or,
2. Move to approve the resolution as amended; or,
3. Move to deny the resolution.

**Request for Council Reconsideration:** Yes

**Fiscal Impact:**

There is no fiscal impact associated with the approval of the resolution. Per Mr. James Bennett, final costs associated with gateway beautification are not available; however, estimates range between \$500,000 and \$1 million divided among six (6) local governmental councils and the business community.

**Motion of Origin:**

There is no associated Council motion of the origin.

<b>Council Member</b>	
<b>Meeting</b>	
<b>Date</b>	

### Discussion:

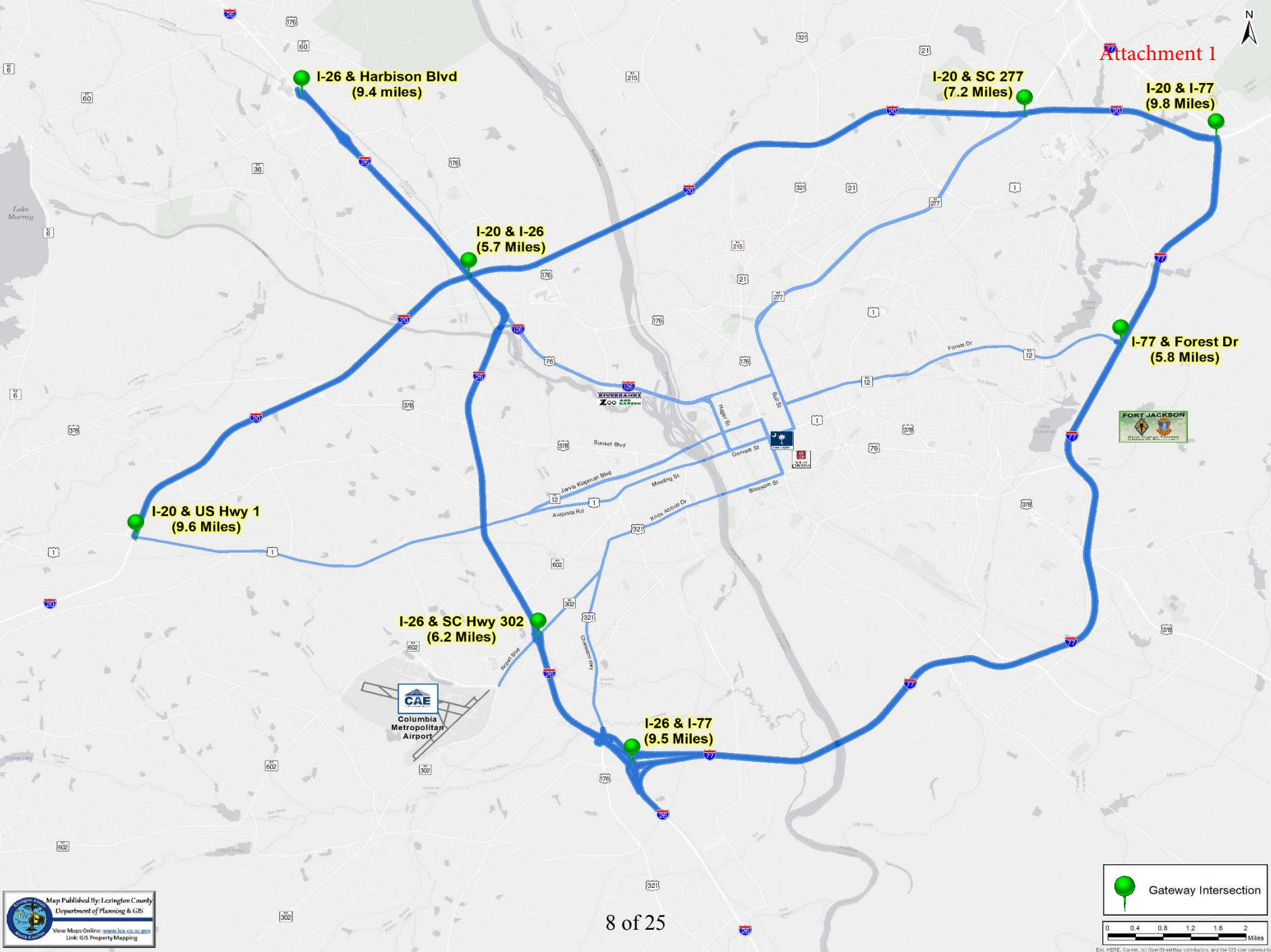
Richland County, along with Lexington County, the City of Columbia, the City of Cayce, the City of West Columbia, and the Town of Springdale, has been asked to endorse efforts to beautify regional gateways as proposed by the Midlands Business Leadership Group (MBLG) via resolution.

Richland County's Economic Development office is aware of the effort as the MBLG provided a presentation on January 30 at the Convention Center. The office indicates improving the gateways into our community is a worthwhile endeavor as critics have harshly judged the County's appearance. Additionally, the Urban Land Institute has recommended more trees and less surface parking. The resolution also sends a "strong signal" of regional cooperation with Lexington County. Lastly, many economic development prospects fly into Columbia. Highway 302, just east of I-26, features a bar with a confederate flag – which may invoke negative imagery for some.

Outlined within the resolution are suggestions for beautification efforts which include plant improvements and the regulation of architectural designs for future development. Though the resolution implies a willingness to commit "resources" to the beautification project, the associated fiscal impact has not yet been quantified beyond estimates ranging from \$500,000 to \$1 million spread among six local governmental councils and the business community.

### Attachments:

1. Gateways to the Midlands PowerPoint Presentation
2. Resolution as proposed
3. Resolution as amended by recommendation of the County Attorney's Office



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(9.4 Miles)**

**I-20 & SC 277  
(7.2 Miles)**

**I-20 & I-77  
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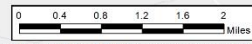
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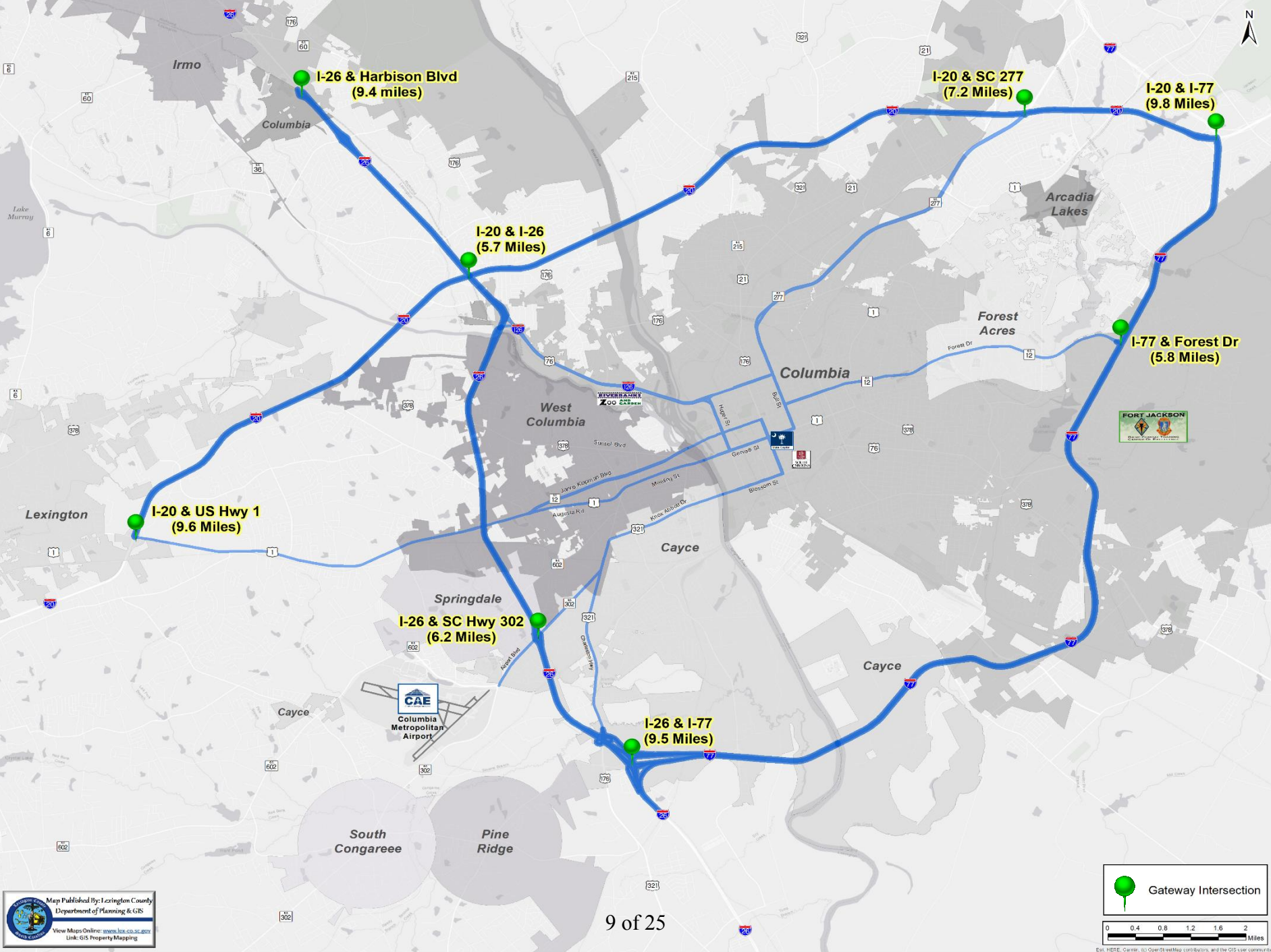


 Gateway Intersection



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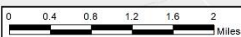
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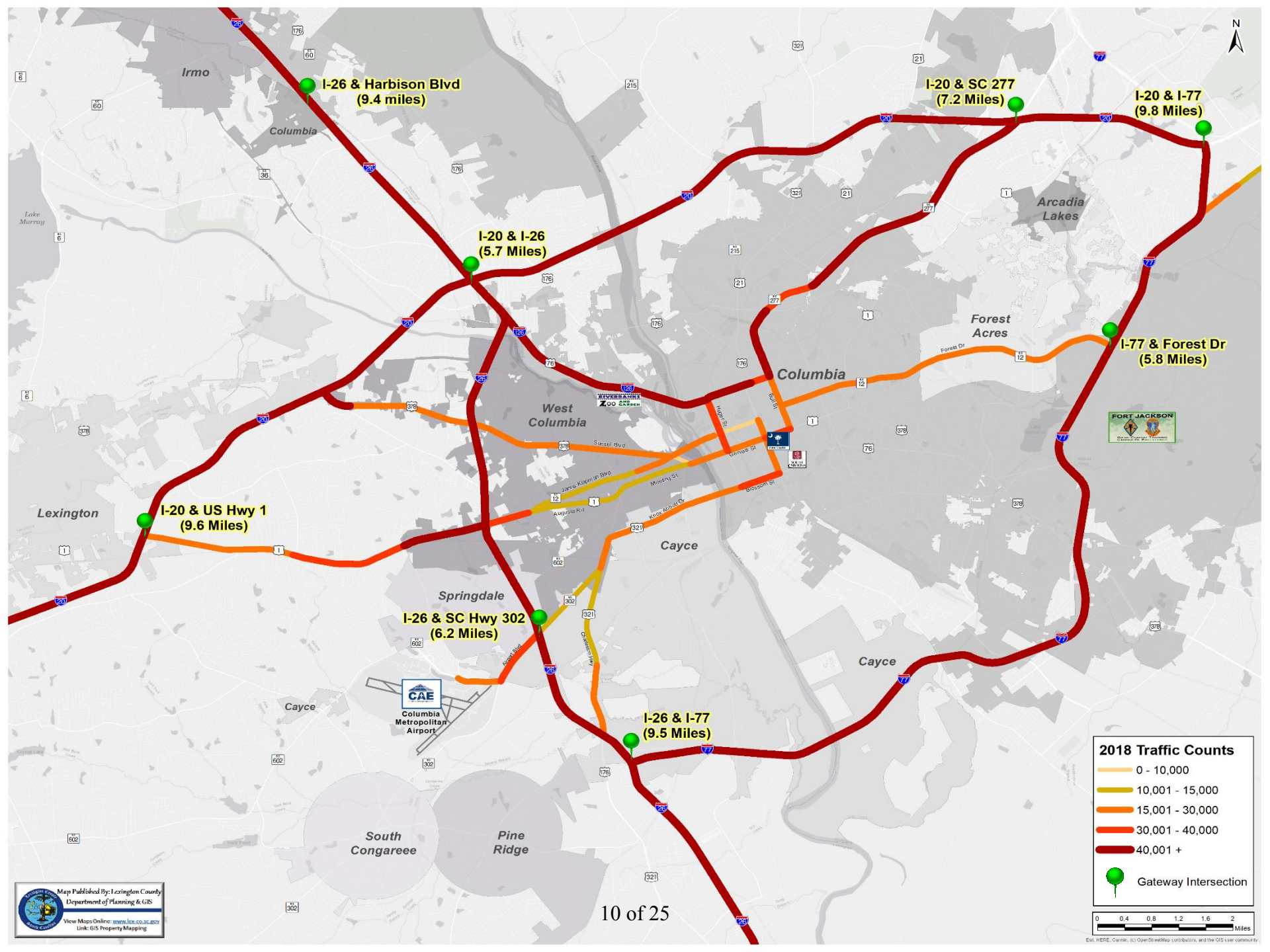


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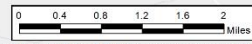
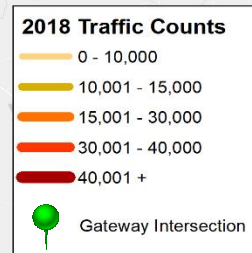
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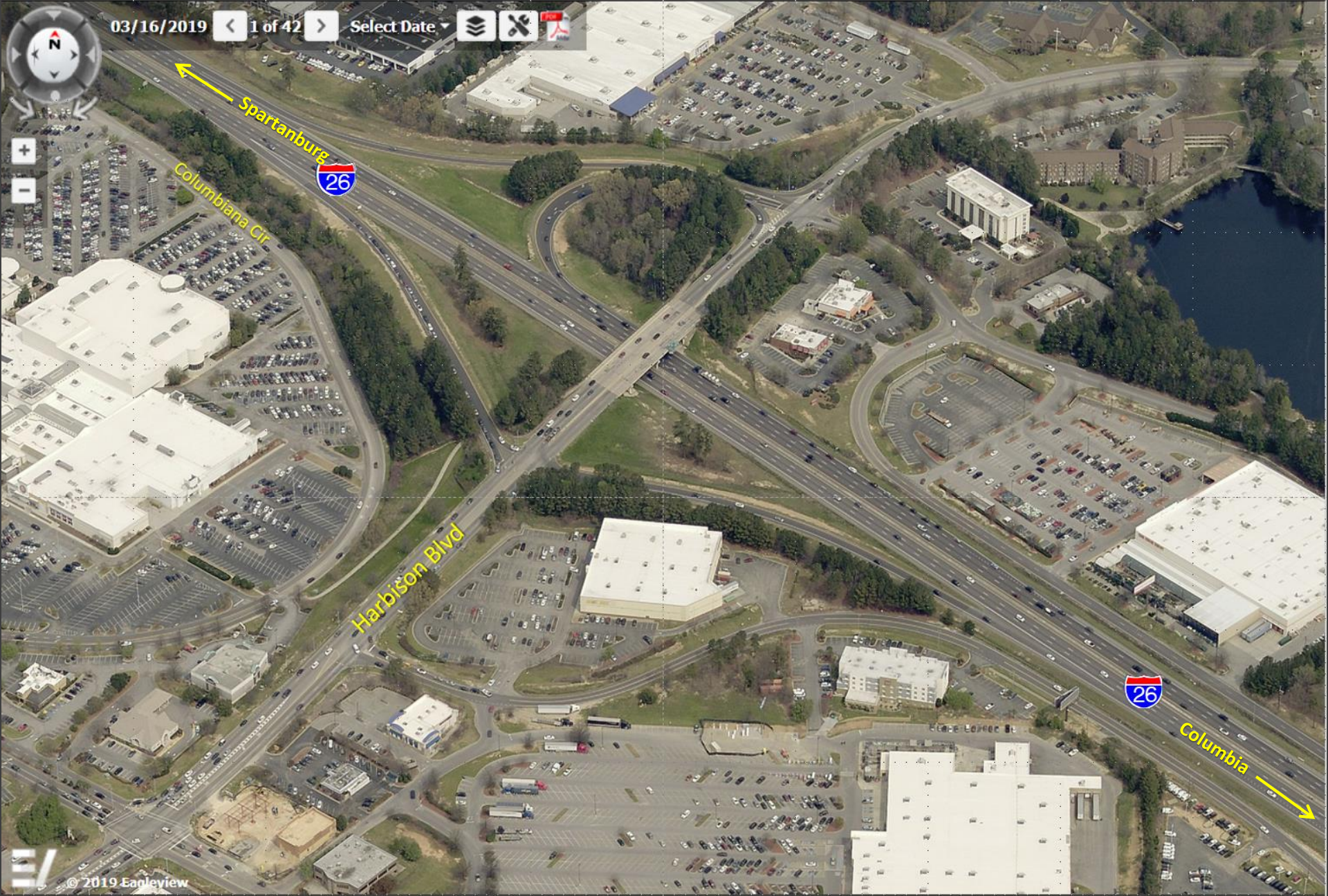
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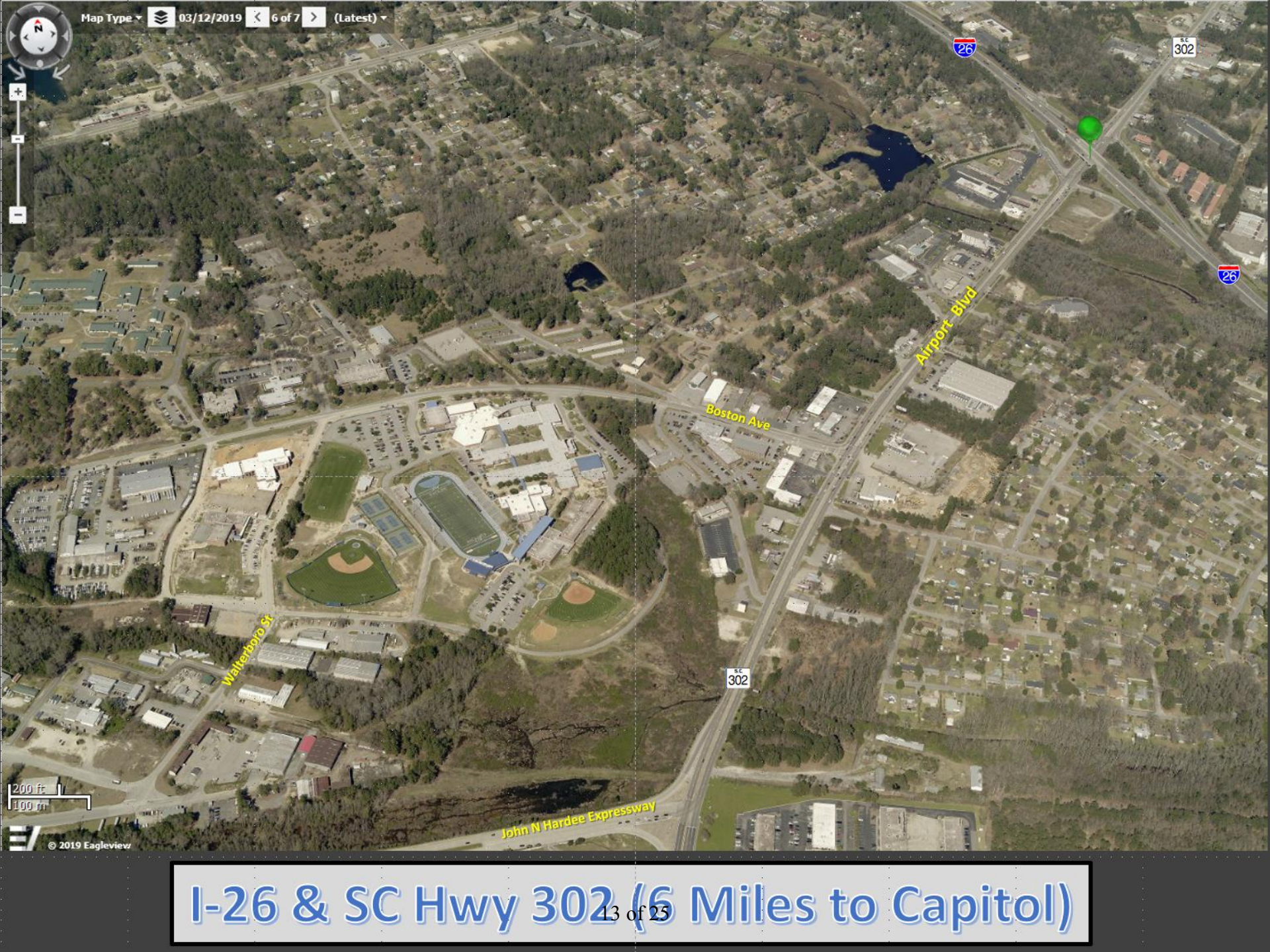
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I-20 & US Hwy 1 (9.6 Miles To Capitol)



# I-26 & Harbison Blvd (9.4 Miles To Capitol)



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# I-26 & SC Hwy 302 (6 Miles to Capitol)



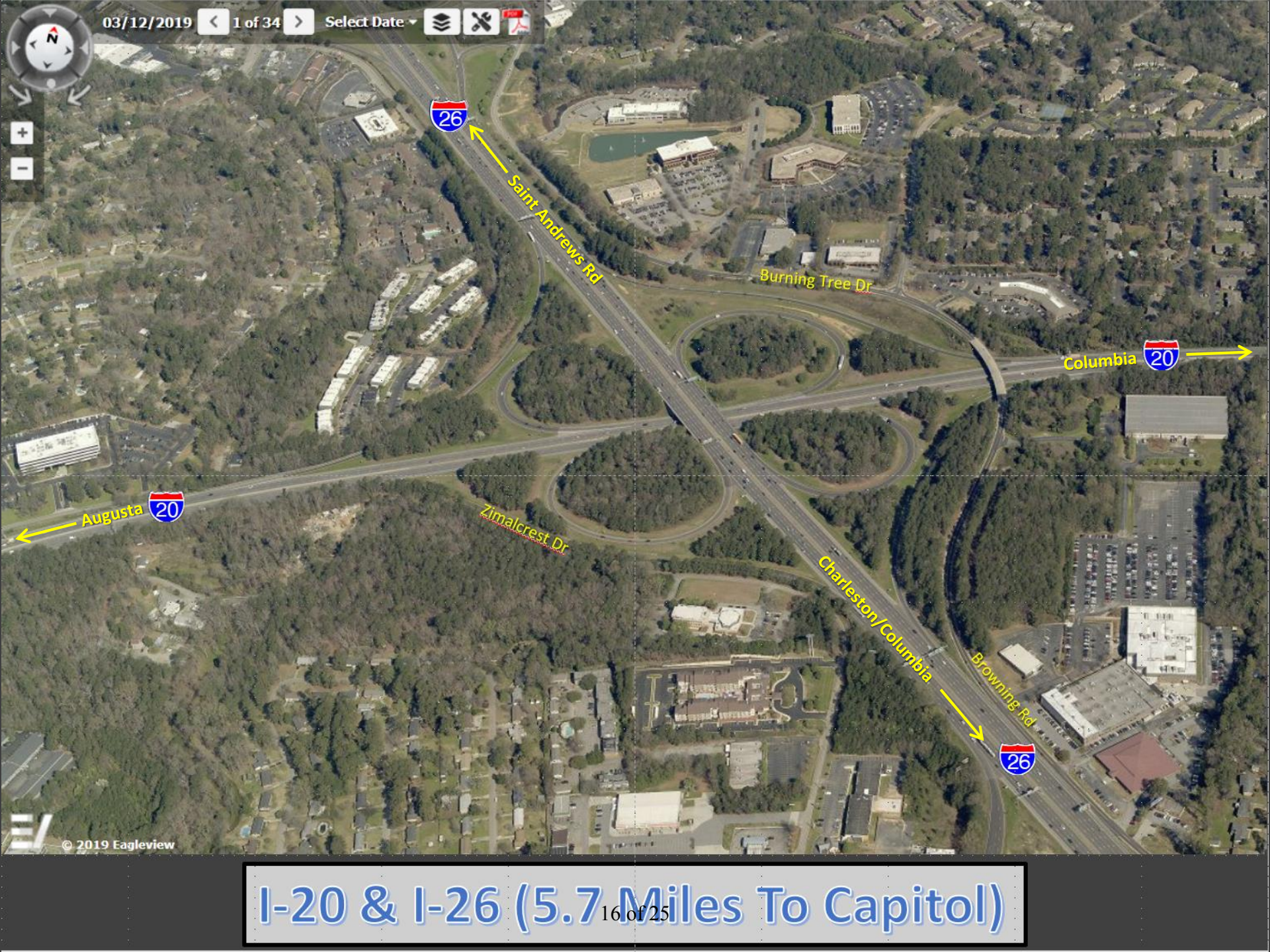
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# I-26 & I-77 (9.5 Miles To Capitol)



Saint Andrews Rd

Burning Tree Dr

Zimacrest Dr

Charleston/Columbia

Browning Rd



Augusta



Columbia



I-20 & I-26 (5.7 Miles To Capitol)





I-20 & I-77 (9.8 Miles To Capitol) 17 of 25



I-77 & Forest Dr (9.8 Miles To Capitol) 18 of 25



# I-20 & SC-277 (7.2 Miles To Capitol)

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA                    )  
   ) **RESOLUTION 19-\_\_\_\_\_**

**FOR GATEWAY BEAUTIFICATION ENDORSEMENT**

WHEREAS, as we all know, the entranceway to our homes is something that we keep clean and inviting, so that our visitors get a clear first impression of the person who curated it. Hopefully, that impression is that this home is cared for, loved and kept in high regard; and

WHEREAS, it is our belief that, collectively, the same attitude needs to be taken as we welcome in visitors to the Greater Midlands area. With nearly 500,000 flight passengers landing at the Columbia Metropolitan Airport in 2019, Airport Boulevard has become the welcoming corridor to many Midlands visitors; and

WHEREAS, this became evident earlier this year when the City of Columbia hosted the 2019 NCAA Men’s Basketball Tournament, which brought fans from 33 different states and a local economic impact of \$11.3 million. All of them that flew into the Columbia Airport got their first glimpses of the communities we know and love by traveling down this corridor; and

WHEREAS, in order to make our community stand out as a shining example of what the Midlands has to offer in terms of business, livability and recreation, it is important that we work together to improve this corridor, so that it is something we are all proud to stand behind; and

WHEREAS, among the eight gateways to the Midlands identified by the Midlands Business Leadership Group, Airport Boulevard has been deemed as the most important and the top priority for improvement.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

It is upon all of us at Lexington and Richland counties, as well as the cities of Cayce, Columbia, Springdale and West Columbia, to take ownership of this entranceway and improve upon it. This may come in the form of plant and vegetative improvements along roadways, as well as possibly approving overlay districts which will regulate architectural designs for future development. Even though each community has its own intricacies and nuances, it is also important to show that we all work, live and love the Midlands together.

We fully endorse the beautification of the Airport Boulevard corridor. Furthermore, we will put forth whatever is needed in terms of ideas, skills and resources to ensure we make our entrance way something to be cherished and proud of for years to come.

We have come together before to make the Midlands great. We believe that we can all come together again to ensure that we stand out as *the entranceway* for our communities and our great state.

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 Lexington County Council Chairman

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 Richland County Council Chairman

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 Mayor of the City of Cayce

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**Committee:** Administration & Finance  
**Subject:** Senior Resources - Request for Matching Grant Funds

**Recommended Action:**

This is a Council member initiated request. Staff will act in accordance to the will of the body.

**Motion Requested:**

1. Move to approve the request for funding; or,
2. Move to deny the request for funding.

**Request for Council Reconsideration:** Yes

**Fiscal Impact:**

The Office of Budget and Grants Management has indicated that while limited funding is available, it does not advise exceeding \$25,000. Additionally, the County Attorney’s Office has advised that the release of any funding should be contingent upon the requestor having the remaining matching funds from other members of the coalition.

**Motion of Origin:**

Request for matching grants funds for Senior Resources

<b>Council Member</b>	Paul Livingston, District 4
<b>Meeting</b>	Regular Session
<b>Date</b>	February 11, 2020

### Discussion:

Senior Resources, Incorporated, has applied for the Permanent Improvement Grant through the South Carolina Department on Aging. The grant is competitive with a maximum award of \$350,000 given to two or three grantees statewide. Senior Resources, Inc., is also the only applicant in Richland County and has the support of the Central Midlands Council on Governments' Area Agency on Aging.

Applications are judged on merit, local support, and match funding; therefore, Senior Resources seeks a coalition for a 30% match (\$150,000) to request the full \$350,000 in state funds. The entity has indicated it is working with Richland County, the City of Columbia, and other private sources to build the coalition. Per conversation with Senior Resources, Inc., Executive Director Andrew Boozer, the board has identified \$60,000 within its funds to support their application. The organization is requesting \$50,000.

Grant funds will be used to create the Millwood Senior Center via the use of renovated and repurposed vacant spaces in an existing building. Senior Resources does not anticipate the new center will increase its operating budget or require new staff.

### Attachments:

1. Senior Resources Memo
2. Proposed Project Description



**MEMO**

**January 31, 2020**

From the desk of

**Andrew Boozer**  
Executive Director

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Office: 803-252-7734  
ext 261

abooser@  
seniorresourcesinc.org

**Millwood Senior Center Detailed Information**

Purpose:

Create a new Senior Center as a centrally located hub to provide activities and programs that keep seniors healthy and independent.

Senior Center would be created by renovating and repurposing underutilized and vacant spaces on the first floor of the existing building and relocating office areas.

Does not increase operating budget, as it repurposes approximately 30% of existing space, and utilizes existing staffing.

Positions the agency to request future Federal and State program funds that will cover any additional program expansion, such as adding a 5<sup>th</sup> daily meal site to our programs or offering senior exercise programs.

Improves current services to Richland County seniors countywide and provides a new opportunity to expand services into the downtown Columbia area with our first senior center facility to operate in the urban area.

Transportation available for countywide access to the new facility through Senior Resources and along the COMET route which passes the building.

We are the only applicant in Richland County and have the support of the Central Midlands Council of Governments' Area Agency on Aging.

Funding:

Available through competitive grant from South Carolina Department on Aging, Permanent Improvement Project (PIP) Grant. **Deadline for application February 28, 2020.**

Funding provided by the state legislature through the revenue received by the state from gambling/BINGO laws, with maximum award of \$350,000.

Competitive statewide funding, only 2-3 awards with as many as 15 applications expected.

Applications are judged by merit and by local support and match funding.

Senior Resources seeks a coalition for a 30% match (\$150,000) to request the full \$350,000 in state funds. We are working with city, county, and private sources to build this coalition.

**One-time funding request for up to \$150,000.** Ideally funding will be awarded and in-hand by 2/28/2020 by grant deadline. Alternate timeline for funding is possible, but require written and authorized commitments prior to February 28, 2020 to count in our competitive application.





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## Proposed Project: Millwood Senior Center

Create a new Senior Center as a centrally located hub to provide activities and programs that keep seniors healthy and independent. Senior Center would be a focal point in the community and will be created by renovating and repurposing the first floor of the existing building at 2817 Millwood Avenue.

The project will include:

- ✓ **One-stop location for senior citizens and their families** to receive information and resources, as well as programing to assist aging adults.
- ✓ **Expand community-based services** to supplement and enhance current programs including nutrition, food co-operatives, resource pantry, and transportation.
- ✓ **Multipurpose room** for community events, evidence-based health and fitness activities, and specialized programs to enhance services for seniors.
- ✓ **Classroom space** for health and wellness education, health care clinics, lifelong learning, and more.
- ✓ **Training and service hub** for volunteer programming, including intergenerational Senior Corps Foster Grandparent program in partnership with local schools.
- ✓ **Serve as backup congregate meal site** for four other wellness centers in unincorporated parts of Richland County in the event of emergencies, power outages, or building repairs. Creates capacity for group dining site in the City of Columbia for the first time.
- ✓ **First of its kind in Columbia and Richland County** to provide senior center with no membership fees, provides community and need-based programming at no fee to seniors, centrally located with easy access from all points in the county.
- ✓ **Transportation services available** through Senior Resources' Senior Wheels programming (Urban and Rural services), located on the COMET route, and through other local partnerships.

### Funding:

Competitive grant available through the South Carolina Department on Aging for up to \$350,000 with a minimum 30% match requirement (\$150,000). Coalitions to meet the match requirement are needed from public and private sources by **February 28, 2020**.

**Contact:** Andrew Boozer, Executive Director,  
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