



Richland County Council  
Regular Session  
**MINUTES**  
April 1, 2025 – 6:00 PM  
Council Chambers  
2020 Hampton Street, Columbia, SC 29204

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Jesica Mackey, Chair; Derrek Pugh, Vice-Chair; Jason Branham, Derrek Pugh, Tyra Little, Paul Livingston, Allison Terracio, Don Weaver, Gretchen Barron, Tish Dozier Alleyne, Cheryl English, and Chakisse Newton

OTHERS PRESENT: Leonardo Brown, Anette Kirylo, Patrick Wright, Ashiya Myers, Aric Jensen, Kyle Holsclaw, Sandra Haynes, Ashley Fullerton, Angela Weathersby, Kenny Bowen, Lori Thomas, Stacey Hamm, Andy Haworth, Michelle Onley, Quinton Epps, Maddison Wilkerson, John Thompson, Eric Williams, Judy Carter, Tamar Black, Wayne Thornley, Jennifer Wladischkin, Pam Green, Michael Maloney, Jeff Ruble, and Synithia Williams.

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Chairwoman Jesica Mackey called the meeting to order at approximately 6:00 PM.
2. **INVOCATION** – The Honorable Jason Branham.
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Honorable Jason Branham.
4. **PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATIONS**
  - a. **A Proclamation Recognizing Ridge View High School Boys' Basketball Team Class 5A Division I Regional Champions** – Ms. Mackey read the proclamation into the record.
5. **PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS**
  - a. **A Resolution Recognizing Black Maternal Health Week, April 6-12, 2025**
  - b. **A Resolution Recognizing Children's Museum Week, April 5-11, 2025**
  - c. **A Resolution Recognizing Aneysha Laureano**

Ms. Barron moved to adopt the resolutions recognizing Black Maternal Health Week, Children's Museum Week, and Aneysha Laureano, seconded by Mr. Pugh.

In Favor: Branham, Pugh, Little, Livingston, Terracio, Weaver, Barron, Alleyne, Mackey, English, and Newton

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Ms. Mackey read the resolutions into the record.
6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
  - a. **Regular Session: March 18, 2025**
  - b. **Zoning Public Hearing: March 25, 2025**

Ms. Newton moves to approve the minutes as distributed for March 18, 2025, and March 25, 2025, seconded by Ms. English.

In Favor: Branham, Pugh, Little, Livingston, Terracio, Weaver, Barron, Alleyne, Mackey, English, and Newton

The vote in favor was unanimous.



7. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA** – Mr. Livingston moved to adopt the agenda as published, seconded by Ms. Barron.  
In Favor: Branham, Pugh, Little, Livingston, Terracio, Weaver, Barron, Alleyne, Mackey, English, and Newton  
The vote in favor was unanimous.
8. **REPORT OF THE ATTORNEY FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION (Pursuant to SC Code 30-4-70)** – County Attorney Patrick Wright noted the items eligible for Executive Session:
- a. Food Safety Case Request [Pursuant to SC Code of Laws, Sec. 30-4-70(a)(2)]
  - b. Project ConnectProperty [Pursuant to SC Code of Laws, Sec. 30-4-70(a)(2) and (5)]
  - c. Discussion and legal advice concerning duties of the County Administrator regarding Richland County Code Sec. 2-79 and Sec. 2-80 [Pursuant to SC Code of Laws, Sec. 30-4-70(a)(1)]
  - d. 2025 Administrator Evaluation and Contract Renewal [Pursuant to SC Code of Laws, Sec. 30-4-70(a)(1)]
  - e. Personnel Matter – Grievance Reviews and Recommendations [Pursuant to SC Code of Laws, Sec. 30-4-70(a)(1)]
  - f. Discussion and legal advice concerning DSS request regarding SC Code Section 43-3-65 [Pursuant to SC Code of Laws, Sec. 30-4-70(a)(2)]
  - g. Property Inquiry – Capital Projects: Columbia Place Mall [Pursuant to SC Code of Laws, Sec. 30-4-70(a)(2)]
  - h. Alvin S. Glenn Detention Center Budget Amendment [Pursuant to SC Code of Laws, Sec. 30-4-70(a)(2)]

Ms. Terracio moved to go into Executive Session, seconded by Ms. Little.

In Favor: Branham, Pugh, Little, Livingston, Terracio, Weaver, Barron, Alleyne, and Mackey

Not Present: English and Newton

The vote in favor was unanimous.

***Council went into Executive Session at approximately 6:39 PM  
and came out at approximately 6:55 PM***

Mr. Pugh moved to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Ms. Terracio.

In Favor: Branham, Pugh, Little, Livingston, Terracio, Weaver, Barron, Alleyne, Mackey, English, and Newton

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Ms. Mackey indicated Council entered into Executive Session to receive legal advice. No action was taken in Executive Session.

Project Connect Property [Pursuant to SC Code of Laws, Sec. 30-4-70(a)(2) & (5)] – Mr. Pugh moved to authorize the County Attorney and County Administrator to sign any document, as it pertains to Project Connect, as discussed in Executive Session, seconded by Mr. Weaver.

In Favor: Branham, Pugh, Little, Livingston, Terracio, Weaver, Barron, Alleyne, Mackey, English, and Newton

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Mr. Pugh moved to reconsider this item, seconded by Ms. Terracio.

Opposed: Branham, Pugh, Little, Livingston, Terracio, Weaver, Barron, Alleyne, Mackey, English, and Newton

The motion for reconsideration failed.

9. **CITIZENS' INPUT**

- a. For Items on the Agenda Not Requiring a Public Hearing – No one signed up to speak.

10. **CITIZENS' INPUT**

- a. Must Pertain to Richland County Matters Not on the Agenda (Items for which a public hearing is required or a public hearing has been scheduled cannot be addressed at this time) – No one signed up to speak.



## 11. **REPORT OF THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR**

### a. Updates for Consideration

#### 1. *General Updates*

- a. South Carolina Opioid Recovery Fund (SCORF) Application Amendments to include treatment and prevention initiatives – Mr. Leonardo Brown, County Administrator, brought to Council's attention that we are approaching the time when we have to apply for the available funds the County has to see if they will meet the requirements of the SCORF applications. The application window is April 1-May 2, 2025. He noted that if the application is not approved, we may have to wait until the following portal opens. He indicated there are two (2) additional portal opportunities.

Mr. Brown mentioned he wants to apply for an additional program that the Lexington Richland Alcohol and Drug Abuse Council (LRADAC) has brought. This program is related to medical-assisted treatment and support services for residential in-patient treatment. In addition, he provided an overview of a program that focuses on prevention initiatives and primarily targets the youth.

Mr. Weaver inquired what the settlement amount would be.

Mr. Brown responded that the settlement amount for Richland County is approximately \$5,000,000. The funds can only be used for SCORF-approved uses.

- b. Comprehensive Plan Update – Synithia Williams, Community Planning & Development Director, stated the Comprehensive Advisory Committee met on March 24<sup>th</sup> and received an update on the process, the policy review, draft guiding principles, and the goals that will be presented to the public at the public forum in May 2025. In addition, they reviewed the existing conditions and participated in a "what if" scenario related to future land use.

The next forum will held on May 1, 2025, at 5:00 PM at EdVenture Children's Museum. Additional meetings will held as follows:

Wednesday, May 7	Ballentine Community Center	1009 Bickley Rd, Irmo, SC
Monday, May 12	North Springs Community Center	1320 Clemson Rd, Columbia, SC
Wednesday, May 14	Doko Manor	100 Alvina Hagood Cir, Blythewood, SC
Wednesday, May 21	Garners Ferry Adult Activity Center	8620 Garners Ferry Rd, Hopkins, SC

All meetings are drop-in and scheduled from 5:00 – 7:00 PM.

- b. Administrator's Nomination: [Items in this section require action that may prejudice the County's interest in a discernable way (i.e., time-sensitive, exigent, or of immediate importance)]

#### 1. *Alvin S. Glenn Detention Center Budget* – This item was taken up in Executive Session.

## 12. **REPORT OF THE CLERK OF COUNCIL**

- a. Districts 8 and 9 Town Hall, April 21, 2025, North Springs Park, 1320 Clemson Road, 6:00-7:30 PM – Ms. Anette Kirylo, Clerk to Council, announced there will be a town hall meeting for Districts 8 and 9 on April 21, 2025, at North Springs Park, 1320 Clemson Road from 6:00-7:30 PM.

## 13. **REPORT OF THE CHAIR** – No report was given.

## 14. **APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS**

- a. Case #25-006MA, Denise M. Cannarella, RT to GC (1.65 Acres), 1620 Dutch Fork Road, TMS #R02411-02-03 [SECOND READING] {District 1}
- b. Case #25-007MA, Susan Clements, HM to RT (3.00 Acres), 1531 Wash Lever Road, TMS #R01900-01-22 [SECOND READING] {District 1}
- c. Case #25-009MA, Luella Martin Bolton, HI to RT (3.00 Acres) E/S McCords Ferry Road, TMS #R38900-03-10 [SECOND READING] {District 10}

Ms. Newton moved to approve Items 14(a)-(c), seconded by Ms. Terracio

In Favor: Branham, Pugh, Little, Livingston, Terracio, Weaver, Barron, Alleyne, Mackey, English, and Newton

The vote in favor was unanimous.

- d. Case #25-10MA, Jared Munneke, HI to R6 (22.35 Acres), 1401 Shop Road, TMS #R11209-02-12 [SECOND READING] {District 10} – Ms. English moved to approve this item, seconded by Ms. Newton.

In Favor: Branham, Pugh, Little, Livingston, Terracio, Weaver, Barron, English, and Newton



Recuse: Mackey (due to her parent company representing the applicant)

The vote in favor was unanimous.

- e. Direct the Administrator to research and present to Council current laws and benefits of enacting impact fees in Richland County. The purpose is to help reduce the tax burden on residents by not having to pay the complete cost of development in Richland County.” [MALINOWSKI/NEWTON, PUGH, and BARRON, January 3, 2023] – Ms. Newton moved to approve this item, seconded by Ms. Terracio.

Ms. Newton stated that the Development & Services Committee recommended accepting the report as information and commissioning further study. Staff believes it necessary to engage the services of an expert to do so.

Ms. Mackey stated for clarification, the recommendation in the packet is for Council to provide further guidance as deemed appropriate. She inquired if that was the motion from the committee.

Ms. Newton replied in the affirmative. In addition, a report was provided that was accepted for information. For further guidance, we discussed if the Council desired to continue exploration the next step would be to budget for or move for an expert consultant to provide additional information.

Ms. Newton restated that the motion is for Council to accept the report for information and to commission further study.

Ms. Terracio pointed out we would need to commission the study through the FY26 budget. Although we cannot make budget motions at this time, that is the motion's intent.

Ms. Newton divided the question to only accept the report as information.

In Favor: Branham, Pugh, Little, Livingston, Terracio, Weaver, Barron, Alleyne, Mackey, English, and Newton

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Ms. Newton moved to commission a company to further the recommendations about how we can potentially implement impact fees in Richland County, seconded by Ms. Terracio.

Ms. Newton stated for clarification, the motion is to commission an expert to flesh out the ideas further. It does not obligate us to accept or implement impact fees.

Ms. Mackey inquired for clarification; the motion is not for a certain amount but to include it in the budget.

Ms. Newton indicated she does not have a budgetary number from staff.

Ms. Barron mentioned that the committee was given an estimated cost. She suggested adding an “up to” amount in the motion.

Ms. Newton pointed out the estimated cost provided by staff was \$125,000 to \$150,000.

Mr. Branham suggested having staff include the cost of the report in the proposed budget so that we can debate it along with the rest of the budget.

Ms. Newton stated, for clarification, that Mr. Branham’s suggestion to have a placeholder in the budget that we discuss and vote on is what her motion does. When we get to budget discussions, we could debate it with any other budget item.

Mr. Branham requested an amendment to include a line item regarding this matter be placed in the FY26 proposed budget.

Ms. Newton restated the motion to include the suggested amendments: move to direct the Administrator to commission a more detailed study on impact fees in Richland County, up to \$150,000, and put it in the FY26 budget.

Mr. Livingston made a substitute motion to request the Administrator to look at possible costs for an impact fees study for consideration during the FY26 budget process, seconded by Mr. Branham.

Ms. Barron noted, as a member of the Committee, the substitute motion partly addresses the information presented by staff. The motion allows the inclusion of the amount in the budget but does not allow staff to move forward with fleshing out potential consultants who can provide feedback on the document.

Ms. Alleyne inquired if Ms. Newton withdrew her motion.

Ms. Mackey responded that Ms. Newton said she could withdraw her motion but did not technically withdraw it.

Ms. Newton stated that it was her understanding staff would not proceed with further study until the funds were commissioned and available.



Mr. Brown responded in the affirmative.

Mr. Wright recommended that a Council member make a motion to authorize the Administrator to explore hiring a consultant to do a complete impact study, calculate the costs, and bring the matter back to Council.

Mr. Livingston acknowledged that was the intent of his motion. He did not want staff to proceed before the funding had been approved. For clarification, the substitute motion allows staff to obtain as much information as possible related to an impact study and consider it during the budget process.

Ms. Newton withdrew her motion.

Mr. Pugh called for the question.

In Favor: Branham, Pugh, Little, Livingston, Terracio, Barron, Alleyne, Mackey, English, and Newton

Opposed: Weaver

The motion was in favor of calling for the question.

In Favor: Branham, Pugh, Little, Livingston, Terracio, Barron, Alleyne, English and Newton

Opposed: Weaver and Mackey

The vote was in favor.

- f. Administration – East Richland Public Service District 2025 General Obligation Bonds – Ms. Terracio moved to approve this item, seconded by Ms. English.

In Favor: Branham, Pugh, Little, Livingston, Terracio, Weaver, Barron, Alleyne, Mackey, English, and Newton

The vote in favor was unanimous.

15. **THIRD READING ITEM**

- a. Case #24-044MAS, Gene Pierce, AG to HM to R3 (51.52 Acres), 1519 and 1525 Hardscrabble Road, TMS #R14600-03-63 and R14600-03-25 {District 7} – Ms. Terracio moved to approve this item, seconded by Ms. English.

Ms. Terracio withdrew her motion.

Ms. Barron moved to defer this item until the April 15<sup>th</sup> Council meeting, seconded by Ms. Newton.

In Favor: Branham, Pugh, Little, Livingston, Terracio, Weaver, Barron, Mackey, English, and Newton

The vote in favor was unanimous.

16. **REPORT OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

- a. Authorizing the expansion of the boundaries of the I-77 Corridor Regional Industrial Park jointly developed with Fairfield County to include certain property located in Richland County; the execution and delivery of a public infrastructure credit agreement to provide for public infrastructure credits to a company identified for the time being as Project Mockingbird; and other related matters [FIRST READING] – Mr. Livingston stated the committee recommended approval of this item.

In Favor: Pugh, Little, Livingston, Terracio, Weaver, Barron, Alleyne, English, and Newton

Opposed: Branham

Recuse: Mackey (due to her parent company representing the company)

The vote was in favor.

17. **REPORT OF THE TRANSPORTATION AD HOC COMMITTEE**

- a. Transportation Needs Assessment – Mr. Livingston stated the committee recommended Council accept the transportation needs assessment as information.

In Favor: Branham, Pugh, Little, Livingston, Terracio, Weaver, Barron, Alleyne, Mackey, English, and Newton

The vote in favor was unanimous.

- b. On-Call Engineering Team – Mr. Livingston stated the committee recommended Council approve staff's recommendation for the on-call engineering teams.



In Favor: Branham, Pugh, Little, Livingston, Terracio, Weaver, Barron, Alleyne, Mackey, English, and Newton

The vote in favor was unanimous.

18. **REPORT OF THE STRATEGIC PLANNING AD HOC COMMITTEE**

- a. Critical Infrastructure Projects General Obligation Bonds – Ms. Mackey stated the committee recommended the issuance of \$70,000,000 in General Obligation Bonds to fund the Emergency Management Operations Center and Safe Housing Unit at the Alvin S. Glenn Detention Center.

Mr. Weaver indicated that, according to his understanding, the older bonds are retiring, and the new bonds will be utilized to pay for critical infrastructure projects.

Mr. Brown responded it would be part of the process. We also have capacity where we do not have bonds, which is also available.

Ms. Newton pointed out there would not be an increase in the debt millage for constituents.

In Favor: Branham, Pugh, Little, Livingston, Terracio, Weaver, Barron, Alleyne, Mackey, English, and Newton

The vote in favor was unanimous.

19. **REPORT OF THE OFFICE OF SMALL BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY AD HOC COMMITTEE**

- a. SLBE Eligibility Requirements – Ms. Pamela Green, Office of Small Business Opportunity Director, noted the requested changes are to the size standards and the certification period.

- Construction: \$7M to \$10M
- Architecture: \$3M to \$5M
- Engineering: \$2.5M to \$5M
- Certification Period: 2 years to 3 years

Mr. Pugh stated the committee recommended approval of staff's recommendation.

Ms. Barron noted that some businesses will be impacted, and staff is already working to contact them.

In Favor: Branham, Pugh, Little, Livingston, Terracio, Weaver, Barron, Alleyne, Mackey, English, and Newton

The vote in favor was unanimous.

- b. Disparity Study Next Steps – Mr. Pugh stated the committee recommended receiving the disparity study as information.

In Favor: Branham, Pugh, Little, Livingston, Terracio, Weaver, Barron, Alleyne, Mackey, English, and Newton

The vote in favor was unanimous.

20. **OTHER ITEMS**

- a. FY25 District 3 Hospitality Tax Allocations (Fortitude Foundation - \$1,000)
- b. FY25 District 6 Hospitality Tax Allocations (Historic Columbia Foundation - \$3,000)
- c. FY25 District 8 Hospitality Tax Allocations (Fortitude Foundation - \$2,500)
- d. FY25 – District 9 Hospitality Tax Allocations (Fortitude Foundation - \$2,500, RC Recreation Commission – \$7,000)

Ms. Barron moved to approve Items 20(a)-(d), seconded by Ms. Newton.

In Favor: Pugh, Little, Livingston, Terracio, Weaver, Barron, Alleyne, Mackey, English, and Newton

Not Present: Branham

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Ms. Barron moved to reconsider Items 20(a)-(d), seconded by Ms. Terracio.

Opposed: Pugh, Little, Livingston, Terracio, Weaver, Barron, Alleyne, Mackey, English, and Newton

Not Present: Branham

The motion for reconsideration failed.



- e. A Proposed Ordinance establishing a temporary moratorium on application acceptance, permit issuance, approvals, or other authorization for demolition, new construction, rezoning, and rehabilitation in the Olympia Mill Village area of unincorporated Richland County; and invoking application of the pending ordinance doctrine – Ms. Terracio moved to approve this item, seconded by Ms. English.

Mr. Weaver inquired how long the temporary moratorium would be in effect.

Ms. Mackey replied that the ordinance would be in effect for six (6) months.

Ms. Terracio noted that if the neighborhood character overlay is approved before the six (6) months expire, the need for the moratorium would be negated.

Ms. Newton asked if the overlay is passed before the six (6) months expires, will the ordinance automatically go away, or will it have to come back to Council?

Mr. Wright responded if the ordinance had not received third reading, it would still need to be acted upon by Council.

Ms. Mackey inquired if we have any pending permits that would be affected by the moratorium.

Mr. Aric Jensen, Assistant County Administrator, pointed out that an application submitted before the ordinance is enacted would be accepted.

In Favor: Pugh, Little, Terracio, Weaver, Barron, Alleyne, Mackey, and English.

Opposed: Branham, Livingston, and Newton

The vote was in favor.

21. **EXECUTIVE SESSION** – Ms. Terracio moved to go into Executive Session, seconded by Mr. Pugh.

In Favor: Branham, Pugh, Little, Livingston, Terracio, Weaver, Barron, Alleyne, Mackey, English, and Newton

The vote in favor was unanimous.

***Council went into Executive Session at approximately 7:47 PM  
and came out at approximately 8:43 PM***

Ms. Terracio moved to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Mr. Pugh.

In Favor: Branham, Pugh, Little, Livingston, Terracio, Weaver, Barron, Alleyne, Mackey, English, and Newton

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Ms. Mackey indicated Council entered into Executive Session to receive legal advice. No action was taken in Executive Session.

- a. Food Safety Case Request [Pursuant to SC Code of Laws, Sec. 30-4-70(a) (2)] – Ms. English moved to allow the County Attorney to work on the food safety request, as discussed in Executive Session, seconded by Mr. Weaver.

In Favor: Branham, Pugh, Little, Livingston, Terracio, Weaver, Barron, Alleyne, Mackey, English, and Newton

The vote in favor was unanimous.

- b. Discussion and legal advice concerning duties of the County Administrator regarding Richland County Code, Sec. 2-79 and Sec. 2-80 [Pursuant to SC Code of Laws, Sec. 30-4-70(a)(1)] – No action was taken.

- c. 2025 Administrator Evaluation and Contract Renewal [Pursuant to SC Code of Laws, Sec. 30-4-70(a)(1)] – No action was taken.

- d. Personnel Matter – Grievance Reviews and Recommendations [Pursuant to SC Code of Laws, Sec. 30-4-70(a)(1)] – Ms. Barron moved to approve the Employee Grievance Committee's recommendation as it relates to Case #MAG3447, seconded by Mr. Pugh.

In Favor: Branham, Pugh, Little, Livingston, Terracio, Weaver, Barron, Alleyne, Mackey, English, and Newton

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Ms. Barron moved to reconsider this item, seconded by Ms. Newton.

Opposed: Branham, Pugh, Little, Livingston, Terracio, Weaver, Barron, Alleyne, Mackey, English, and Newton

The motion for reconsideration failed.



- e. Discussion and legal advice concerning DSS request regarding SC Code Sec. 43-3-65 [Pursuant to SC Code of Laws, Sec. 30-4-70(a)(2)] – No action was taken.
- f. Property Inquiry – Capital Projects: Columbia Place Mall [Pursuant to SC Code of Laws, Sec. 30-4-70(a)(2)] – Ms. Little moved to authorize the County Administrator to proceed with the acquisition of the Columbia Place property, as discussed in Executive Session, seconded by Mr. Weaver.

In Favor: Branham, Pugh, Little, Livingston, Terracio, Weaver, Barron, Alleyne, Mackey, English, and Newton

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Ms. English moved to reconsider this item, seconded by Mr. Pugh.

Opposed: Branham, Pugh, Little, Livingston, Terracio, Weaver, Barron, Alleyne, Mackey, English, and Newton

The motion for reconsideration failed.

- g. Alvin S. Glenn Detention Center Budget Amendment [Pursuant to SC Code of Laws, Sec. 30-4-70(a)(2)] – Ms. Newton moved to the budget amendment recommendation referenced in Item 8(h), seconded by Ms. Terracio.

In Favor: Branham, Pugh, Little, Livingston, Terracio, Weaver, Barron, Alleyne, Mackey, English, and Newton

The vote in favor was unanimous.

22. **MOTION PERIOD** – No motions were submitted.

23. **ADJOURNMENT** – Ms. Barron moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ms. Newton.

In Favor: Branham, Pugh, Little, Livingston, Terracio, Weaver, Barron, Alleyne, Mackey, English, and Newton

The vote in favor was unanimous.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:49 PM.





## **STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF RICHLAND**

### **PROCLAMATION**

#### **RECOGNIZING RIDGE VIEW HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM CLASS 5A DIVISION I REGIONAL CHAMPIONS**

**WHEREAS**, it is with great pride and admiration that I recognize the exceptional athletic achievements of the Ridge View High School team, a distinguished multi-championship program. This remarkable accomplishment marks their sixth state championship in just eight seasons.

**WHEREAS**, the team members, Talan Staley, Yale Davis, Robert Wiley, Roderick Davis, Cornelius Moore, Malachi Cooper, Miles Tucker, Reginald Mack, Korie Corbett, Joshua Vankallen, Ethan Cohen, Brayden Mack, Jourdin Mack, Christopher Horton, Treyvon Smith and Khabir McLonghorn with unyielding dedication and an unwavering spirit, achieved the pinnacle of success as high school athletes and have displayed remarkable talent and commitment to the sport; and

**WHEREAS**, the Coaches, Joshua Staley, Christian Savage, Brian Sanders, David Smith, Reginald Murray, Kenny Hunter and Chris Johnson have demonstrated commitment to academic and leadership excellence. The Ridge View High School Coaches have also demonstrated their commitment and integral part in the exceptional achievements of the team members for whom they lead.

**WHEREAS**, The Ridge View High School Basketball Team and their Coaches have demonstrated to their school and to the community, that success is their priority with the educational development of students through athletics, while holding the belief that a well-organized sports program meets the student's need for self-expression, mental alertness, and physical growth.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED**, that Richland County Council Chair, Jesica Mackey hereby proudly recognizes The Ridge View High School basketball team and their coaches for their commendable accomplishment of classifying as 2025 Class 5A Division I Regional Champions and their exceptional contributions to the world of high school basketball. We extend our heartfelt congratulations for their remarkable achievements and thank them for being a symbol of pride and inspiration to Ridge View High School and to Richland County, South Carolina.

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Jesica Mackey, Chair  
Richland County Council District 9

ATTEST this 1<sup>st</sup> day of April 2025

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Anette Aquino Kirylo  
Richland County Clerk to Council





## STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF RICHLAND

### RESOLUTION

#### **RECOGNIZING April 6<sup>th</sup> to the 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025 as BLACK MATERNAL HEALTH WEEK**

**WHEREAS,** The Black Maternal Health Week (BMHW) Collective initiated Columbia's inaugural observance of Black Maternal Health Week in April, aiming to foster local understanding within the community. This week-long event observed April 6<sup>th</sup> to the 12<sup>th</sup> is dedicated to raising awareness about the status of black maternal health in the United States and enhancing access to quality maternal healthcare throughout the community and state; and

**WHEREAS,** Black Maternal Health Week seeks to provide awareness of the root causes of poor maternal health outcomes while advocating for a more diverse pool of doctors and midwives in rural areas to provide life-saving care for mothers, as well as, a healthier start for babies; and

**WHEREAS,** the maternal mortality rate for women of color is much higher than other races across all income, education, and socioeconomic levels and the vast majority of this loss of life is preventable with the proper and fair distribution of resources, particularly to the reproductive health care services and maternal health care programs; and

**WHEREAS,** Black Maternal Health Week is an opportunity to fight to end the high rates of maternal mortality for women of color locally and globally while advocating for greater equitable access to prevention, early identification, and effective treatment services to improve black people's chronic health conditions and maternal health while bringing awareness to Richland County and the state of South Carolina; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that Richland County Councilmembers Jason Branham, Derrek Pugh, Tyra K. Little, Paul Livingston, Allison Terracio, Don Weaver, Gretchen D. Barron, Tish Dozier Alleyne, Jesica Mackey, Chakisse Newton, and Cheryl English hereby proclaim April 6<sup>th</sup> to April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025 as Black Maternal Health Week in Richland County, and proudly recognizes the people who advocate tirelessly for this effort, their exceptional contributions towards closing the gap of racial disparity among the maternal health programs and services for women of color and to end disproportionately high maternal mortality across Richland County, South Carolina and the world alike.

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Jesica Mackey, Chair  
Richland County Council District 9  
ATTEST this 1<sup>st</sup> day of April, 2025

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Anette Aquino Kirylo  
Richland County Clerk to Council





**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF RICHLAND**

**RESOLUTION**

**RECOGNIZING APRIL 5 - 11, 2025 AS  
CHILDREN'S MUSEUM WEEK**

**WHEREAS**, South Carolina's Children's Museums play an essential role in the development of South Carolina's future citizens, employers, decision makers and innovators; and

**WHEREAS**, Children's Museums positively impact tourism, adding an important element to the county's tourist attraction offerings for families with young children; and

**WHEREAS**, Children's Museums represent the citizens of our county and wider community, while providing a safe, clean, welcoming and stimulating place for all children and their families, school groups, and communities to explore and experience joy; and

**WHEREAS**, Children's Museums spark the imagination and creativity of our youngest citizens, igniting curiosity and wonder using hands-on engagement and play as a springboard for learning; and

**WHEREAS**, Children's Museums contain a variety of interactive exhibits that allow children to observe, investigate and discover different subjects, ideas and perspectives; and

**WHEREAS**, Children's Museums provide early learners interactive and multisensory opportunities that enhance literacy, science inquiry and social-emotional well-being, building on the developmentally appropriate, concrete, active way children learn best; and

**WHEREAS**, EdVenture Children's Museum, located in Columbia, South Carolina, in Richland County, provides innovative, hands-on educational experiences that inspire children to explore and learn, fostering a love of discovery and lifelong curiosity; and

**WHEREAS**, Edventure encourage visitors to develop their critical and creative thinking skills, inspire career exploration and workforce readiness that are integral to their future success; and

**WHEREAS**, Children's Museums serves as conveners of educational leaders and organizations that are dedicated to making a long-lasting impact on the lives of children, their families, and the schools and communities that serve them; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** that Richland County Councilmembers Jason Branham, Derrek Pugh, Tyra K. Little, Paul Livingston, Allison Terracio, Don Weaver, Gretchen Barron, Tish Dozier Alleyne, Jesica Mackey, Chakisse Newton, and Cheryl English hereby proclaim April 5-11, 2025 as Children's Museum Week throughout Richland County and encourage all citizens to visit, support and experience the sense of curiosity and wonder that is found at our Children's Museums.

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Jesica Mackey, Chair  
Richland County Council District 9

ATTEST this 1<sup>st</sup> day of April 2025

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Anette Aquino Kirylo  
Richland County Clerk of Council





**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF RICHLAND**

**RESOLUTION**

**RECOGNIZING ANEYSHA LAUREANO  
National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD)  
2024 Youth Conservation Poster Contest Winner**

**WHEREAS**, the National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD) Youth Conservation Poster Contest promotes conservation efforts and education, while highlighting the role our students play in fostering environmental awareness for future generations; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2024 NACD stewardship theme, “May the Forest Be With You, Always,” encouraged students to illustrate the importance of forest resiliency and its connection to soil and water conservation; and

**WHEREAS**, Aneysha Laureano, then a third-grade student at Arden Elementary School in Richland School District One, participated in the contest under the instruction of her art teacher, Mr. George Sims and is the 2024 NACD Youth Conservation poster winner; and

**WHEREAS**, Laureano’s exceptional artistic ability to promote forest conservation earned her First Place at the county level, First Place at the state level, and ultimately the distinguished title of 2024 National Winner in the 2<sup>nd</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Category of the NACD Youth Conservation Poster Contest; and

**WHEREAS**, Laureano, now a fourth-grade student, has brought great honor to her school, her teachers, and the Richland County community through her outstanding achievement and dedication to environmental stewardship; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that Richland County Councilmembers Jason Branham, Derrek Pugh, Tyra K. Little, Paul Livingston, Allison Terracio, Don Weaver, Gretchen Barron, Tish Dozier Alleyne, Jesica Mackey, Cheryl English and Chakisse Newton do hereby recognize and commend Aneysha Laureano for her exemplary artistic achievement and national recognition in the 2024 NACD Youth Conservation Poster Contest.

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Jesica Mackey, Chair  
Richland County Council District 9

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## Report of the County Administrator

**REGULAR SESSION** Tuesday, April 1, 2025

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### ITEMS FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION:

DISCUSSION AND LEGAL ADVICE CONCERNING DUTIES OF THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR REGARDING RICHLAND COUNTY CODE SEC. 2-79. AND SEC. 2-80 [PURSUANT TO S.C. CODE OF LAWS, SEC. 30-4-70(A)(1)]

2025 ADMINISTRATOR EVALUATION AND CONTRACT RENEWAL[EXECUTIVE SESSION] [PURSUANT TO SC CODE OF LAWS, SEC. 30-4-70(A)(1)]

PERSONNEL MATTER - GRIEVANCE REVIEWS AND RECOMMENDATIONS [PURSUANT TO S.C. CODE OF LAWS, SEC. 30-4-70(A)(1)]

DISCUSSION AND LEGAL ADVICE CONCERNING DSS REQUEST REGARDING S.C. CODE SECTION 43-3-65 [PURSUANT TO SC CODE OF LAWS, SEC. 30-4- 70(A)(2)]

PROPERTY INQUIRY - CAPITAL PROJECTS: COLUMBIA PLACE MALL [PURSUANT TO SC CODE OF LAWS, SEC. 30-4-70(A)(2)]

ALVIN S. GLEN DETENTION CENTER BUDGET AMENDMENT [PURSUANT TO SC CODE OF LAWS, SEC. 30-4- 70(A)(2)]

### UPDATES FOR CONSIDERATION:

#### GENERAL UPDATES

1. South Carolina Opioid Recovery Fund (SCORF) Application Amendments to include treatment and prevention initiatives

#### COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE

### ADMINISTRATOR'S NOMINATION:

*Items in this section require action that may prejudice the County's interest in a discernable way (i.e. time sensitive, exigent, or of immediate importance)*

ALVIN S. GLEN DETENTION CENTER BUDGET AMENDMENT

### ATTACHMENTS:

1. Project Status Update: Comprehensive Plan
2. Agenda Briefing: Alvin S. Glen Detention Center Budget Amendment



**Project Update**

Prepared by:	Synithia Williams	Title:	Director
Department:	Community Planning & Development	Division:	
Date Prepared:	March 24, 2025	Meeting Date:	April 1, 2025
Approved for Consideration:	Assistant County Administrator	Aric A Jensen, AICP	
Committee/Meeting:	Regular Session		
Council Initiative/Project:	Comprehensive Plan		
Agenda Item/Council Motion:	Comprehensive Plan Update		

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY (NARRATIVE STATUS):**

The Advisory Committee met in person on March 24, 2025 and received an update on the process, the policy review, and input from the public meetings. The committee provided feedback on the draft guiding principles and goals for the Comprehensive Plan and participated in a “what if” exercise related to future land use.

The next public forum where the draft guiding principles, goals, and future land use scenarios will be held May 1, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. at Edventure Children’s Museum. The public forum will be followed by additional public meetings located across the County. Those meeting dates and locations are:

Wednesday, May 7	Ballentine Community Center	1009 Bickley Rd, Irmo, SC
Monday, May 12	North Springs Community Center	1320 Clemson Rd, Columbia, SC
Wednesday, May 14	Doko Manor	100 Alvina Hagood Cir, Blythewood, SC
Wednesday, May 21	Garners Ferry Adult Activity Center	8620 Garners Ferry Rd, Hopkins, SC

All of the meetings are from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

**CRITICAL ISSUES:**

Phase II of the Comprehensive Plan update includes receiving input on potential future growth scenarios. This will require feedback and input from the Advisory Committee, citizens, County Council, and the Planning Commission. Community Planning & Development staff and the consulting team are available to meet in April with Council members to discuss the potential changes to the future land use map.

**PENDING ACTIONS/DELIVERABLES AND ANTICIPATED COMPLETION DATES:**

<b>Comprehensive Plan Timeline:</b>	
Project Kick off	September 2024
Phase 1, Discovery	October 2024 – February 2025
Phase 2, Plan Development	March 2025 – July 2025
Phase 3, Direction + Documentation	July 2025 – October 2025
Planning Commission Workshop	June 2025
County Council Workshop	June 2025
First Reading	October 21, 2025*

\*First reading date may change depending on input from the public.





**Agenda Briefing**

Prepared by:	Maddison Wilkerson	Title:	Director
Department:	Budget and Grants Management	Division:	Budget
Date Prepared:	March 18, 2025	Meeting Date:	April 1, 2025
Legal Review	Patrick Wright via email	Date:	March 20, 2025
Budget Review	Maddison Wilkerson via email	Date:	March 18, 2025
Finance Review	Stacey Hamm via email	Date:	March 18, 2025
Approved for consideration:		County Administrator	Leonardo Brown, MBA, CPM
Meeting/Committee	Regular Session		
Subject	Budget Amendment for Alvin S. Glenn Detention Center		

**RECOMMENDED/REQUESTED ACTION:**

Staff is providing information regarding the need for a budget amendment to rectify the financial shortfall of \$7,969,270 in the current fiscal year budget at the Alvin S. Glenn Detention Center and self-insured losses.

Request for Council Reconsideration: ☒ Yes

**FIDUCIARY:**

Are funds allocated in the department's current fiscal year budget?	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No
If not, is a budget amendment necessary?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No

**ADDITIONAL FISCAL/BUDGETARY MATTERS TO CONSIDER:**

The Alvin S. Glenn Detention Center has been facing growing operational demands and costs, driven by several factors that were not anticipated during the initial budget cycle. The need for this budget amendment is primarily driven by the following key areas:

Operational expenses have increased during the fiscal year. Various contracted services, including healthcare, food, and security, have experienced price hikes, that have significantly exceeded the amount allocated in the current budget. These increases are primarily due to an increased detainee head count of approximately 22%, inflation, higher material costs, and increases in security needs in contracted services.

Additionally, the Detention Center has relied heavily on overtime to meet staffing requirements, particularly during peak times and in the absence of sufficient full-time staff. While overtime was initially considered a temporary measure, it has become an ongoing necessity. This has resulted in an overrun of the budgeted amount for overtime, which is now unsustainable and requires immediate adjustment.

There has also been an exceptional increase in self-funded liability exposure for the County related to this area that requires the use of assigned funds for resolution above the annual budgeted amount.

*Current Financial Shortfall:* Based on the latest projections, the Alvin S. Glenn Detention Center is projected to exceed its current budget by approximately \$7.9 million by the end of the fiscal year.



This adjustment will allow the Detention Center to maintain compliance with state and federal standards, prevent increased risk, and maintain fiscal responsibility.

The FY2024 financial statements included an assignment of \$6,500,000 for contract shortfalls related to the Alvin S. Glenn Detention Center; however, an additional \$1,469,270 will be needed from unassigned fund balance to fund the shortfall. With the proposed use of unassigned fund balance, the County will still be in line with the general fund unassigned fund balance policy of 20%-35% of prior year expenditures. This request will bring the unassigned fund balance to 20.57% of prior year expenditures..

*Applicable fund, cost center, and spend category:*

**Fund:** General Fund

**Cost Center:** Detention Center

**Spend Category:** Use of Fund Balance

**OFFICE OF PROCUREMENT & CONTRACTING FEEDBACK:**

Not applicable.

**COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE FEEDBACK/POSSIBLE AREA(S) OF LEGAL EXPOSURE:**

There are no legal concerns regarding this matter.

**REGULATORY COMPLIANCE:**

Not applicable.

**MOTION OF ORIGIN:**

There is no associated motion of origin.

**STRATEGIC & GENERATIVE DISCUSSION:**

Staff requests approval of first reading of a budget amendment to allocate \$6,500,000 of general fund assigned fund balance and \$1,469,270 from general fund unassigned fund balance to accommodate the needs at the Alvin S. Glenn Detention Center. The budget amendment will require three readings of the ordinance and a public hearing.

**ASSOCIATED STRATEGIC GOAL, OBJECTIVE, AND INITIATIVE:**

**Goal:** Commit to fiscal responsibility

*Initiative:* Align budget to priorities and seek alternative revenue sources

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. FY2025 Budget Ordinance Amendment 1
2. FY2025 Budget Ordinance Proposed Amendment 2



STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY COUNCIL FOR RICHLAND COUNTY  
ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_ 24-HR

An Ordinance to raise revenue, make appropriations, and adopt FY 2025 Annual Budget for Richland County, South Carolina; authorizing the levying of Ad Valorem property taxes which together with the prior year’s carryover and other State Levies and any additional amount appropriated by the Richland County Council prior to July 1, 2024 will provide sufficient revenues for the operations of Richland County Government from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025 (Fiscal Year 2025)

Pursuant to the authority granted by the Constitution and the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina, BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL FOR RICHLAND COUNTY:

SECTION 1. The following appropriations by activity and the estimated revenue to support these appropriations, as well as other supporting documents contained in the adopted Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Annual Budget is hereby adopted, with such supporting documents being made reference to and incorporated herein by reference, as follows:

Fund	Revenue	Transfer In	Fund Balance	Total Sources	Expenditures	Transfer Out	Total Uses
General Fund Operating	\$216,959,183	\$8,286,209	\$163,346	\$225,408,738	\$210,288,929	\$15,119,809	\$225,408,738
General Fund Capital		\$0	\$6,225,000	\$6,225,000	\$6,225,000		\$6,225,000
General Fund	\$216,959,183	\$8,286,209	\$6,388,346	\$231,633,738	\$216,513,929	\$15,119,809	\$231,633,738
Special Revenue							
Victim's Rights	\$195,000	\$1,212,504	\$0	\$1,407,504	\$1,407,504	\$0	\$1,407,504
Tourism Development	\$1,332,000	\$0	\$222,121	\$1,554,121	\$1,332,000	\$222,121	\$1,554,121
Temporary Alcohol Permits	\$111,947	\$0	\$115,000	\$226,947	\$226,947	\$0	\$226,947
Emergency Telephone System	\$3,465,057	\$3,556,442	\$762,050	\$7,783,549	\$7,608,473	\$175,076	\$7,783,549
Fire Service	\$32,530,001	\$0	\$4,321,849	\$36,851,850	\$32,509,073	\$4,342,777	\$36,851,850
Stormwater Management	\$4,093,800	\$0	\$183,741	\$4,277,541	\$4,028,800	\$248,741	\$4,277,541
Conservation Commission Fund	\$994,000	\$143,988	\$1,470,564	\$2,608,552	\$2,562,343	\$46,209	\$2,608,552
Neighborhood Redev. Fund	\$994,000	\$0	\$0	\$994,000	\$952,907	\$41,093	\$994,000
Hospitality Tax	\$10,442,422	\$0	\$3,555,182	\$13,997,604	\$9,012,254	\$4,985,350	\$13,997,604
Accommodation Tax	\$640,000	\$0	\$232,148	\$872,148	\$750,000	\$122,148	\$872,148
Title IVD - Sheriff's Fund	\$32,000	\$35,824	\$0	\$67,824	\$67,824	\$0	\$67,824
Title IV - Family Court	\$1,101,701	\$324,015	\$0	\$1,425,716	\$1,425,716	\$0	\$1,425,716
Road Maintenance Fee	\$6,338,862	\$0	\$5,703,215	\$12,042,077	\$11,594,086	\$447,991	\$12,042,077
Public Defender	\$2,309,184	\$4,337,543	\$0	\$6,646,727	\$6,646,727	\$0	\$6,646,727
Transportation Tax	\$96,682,144	\$0	\$0	\$96,682,144	\$2,846,691	\$93,835,453	\$96,682,144
Mass Transit	\$0	\$27,198,375	\$0	\$27,198,375	\$27,198,375	\$0	\$27,198,375
School Resource Officers	\$6,595,773	\$1,964,979	\$0	\$8,560,752	\$7,961,127	\$599,625	\$8,560,752
Economic Development	\$4,360,872	\$1,096,331	\$3,500,000	\$8,957,203	\$7,228,830	\$1,728,373	\$8,957,203
Child Fatality Review	\$35,000	\$0	\$0	\$35,000	\$35,000	\$0	\$35,000
Special Revenue Total	\$172,253,763	\$39,870,001	\$20,065,870	\$232,189,634	\$125,394,677	\$106,794,957	\$232,189,634
Debt Service							
General Debt Service	\$18,721,888	\$0	\$0	\$18,721,888	\$18,721,888	\$0	\$18,721,888
Fire Bonds 2018B 1,500,000	\$555,000	\$0	\$0	\$555,000	\$555,000	\$0	\$555,000
RFC-IP Revenue Bond 2019	\$1,605,577	\$0	\$0	\$1,605,577	\$1,605,577	\$0	\$1,605,577
Hospitality Refund 2013A B/S	\$0	\$1,486,963	\$0	\$1,486,963	\$1,486,963	\$0	\$1,486,963
East Richland Public Svc Dist.	\$1,438,560	\$0	\$0	\$1,438,560	\$1,438,560	\$0	\$1,438,560
Recreation Commission Debt Svc	\$458,016	\$0	\$0	\$458,016	\$458,016	\$0	\$458,016
Riverbanks Zoo Debt Service	\$2,670,190	\$0	\$0	\$2,670,190	\$2,670,190	\$0	\$2,670,190
School District 1 Debt Service	\$69,127,795	\$0	\$0	\$69,127,795	\$69,127,795	\$0	\$69,127,795
School District 2 Debt Service	\$64,845,932	\$0	\$0	\$64,845,932	\$64,845,932	\$0	\$64,845,932
Transportation Debt Service		\$14,434,250	\$0	\$14,434,250	\$14,434,250	\$0	\$14,434,250
Debt Service Total	\$159,422,958	\$15,921,213	\$0	\$175,344,171	\$175,344,171	\$0	\$175,344,171
Enterprise Funds							
Solid Waste Enterprise Fund	\$45,612,681	\$0	\$0	\$45,612,681	\$44,041,800	\$1,570,881	\$45,612,681
Richland County Utilities	\$15,015,898	\$0	\$10,000,000	\$25,015,898	\$23,451,907	\$1,563,991	\$25,015,898
Hamilton-Owens Airport Operating	\$268,000	\$0	\$365,330	\$633,330	\$532,691	\$100,639	\$633,330
Enterprise Funds Total	\$60,896,579	\$0	\$10,365,330	\$71,261,909	\$68,026,398	\$3,235,511	\$71,261,909
Millage Agencies							
Richland Cnty Recreation Commission	\$19,743,400	\$0	\$0	\$19,743,400	\$19,743,400	\$0	\$19,743,400
Columbia Area Mental Health	\$3,017,923	\$0	\$0	\$3,017,923	\$3,017,923	\$0	\$3,017,923
Public Library	\$34,505,365	\$0	\$0	\$34,505,365	\$34,505,365	\$0	\$34,505,365
Riverbanks Zoo	\$1,517,888	\$0	\$0	\$1,517,888	\$1,517,888	\$0	\$1,517,888
Midlands Technical College	\$8,321,255	\$0	\$0	\$8,321,255	\$8,321,255	\$0	\$8,321,255
Midlands Tech Capital/Debt Service	\$4,427,677	\$0	\$0	\$4,427,677	\$4,427,677	\$0	\$4,427,677
School District One	\$270,928,511	\$0	\$0	\$270,928,511	\$270,928,511	\$0	\$270,928,511
School District Two	\$193,918,258	\$0	\$0	\$193,918,258	\$193,918,258	\$0	\$193,918,258
Millage Agencies Total	\$536,380,277	\$0	\$0	\$536,380,277	\$536,380,277	\$0	\$536,380,277
Grand Total	\$1,145,912,760	\$64,077,423	\$36,819,546	\$1,246,809,729	\$1,121,659,452	\$125,150,277	\$1,246,809,729

SECTION 2. Mileage rate paid to County employees shall be the same as the U.S. Federal reimbursement rate per mile for the fiscal period stated above.

SECTION 3. All fees previously approved by the County Council, either through budget ordinances or ordinances apart from the budget, will remain in effect unless and until the County Council votes to amend those fees.

SECTION 4. No County fees, excluding fees from SECTION 16, SECTION 17, SECTION 18 and SECTION 19, based on CPI shall



be adjusted on the current year inflationary adjustment (CPI) due to the small incremental change.

**SECTION 5** At fiscal year-end, any funds encumbered for capital purchases shall reflect as a designation of fund balance in the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report and shall be brought forward in the subsequent fiscal year as budgeted fund balance. This automatic re-budgeting shall not require a supplemental budget ordinance.

**SECTION 6.** Continuation grants and those with no personnel or match requests are considered approved as presented with budget adoption up to available budgeted match dollars. All other grants will require individual Council approval prior to award acceptance.

**SECTION 7.** Commensurate with budget authority, the County Administrator may approve purchases in the amount of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) or less. Purchases in excess of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) shall be reviewed and approved by the County Council prior to acceptance.

**SECTION 8.** All non-exclusive contracts exceeding \$100,000 and existing at the time of budget adoption shall be renewed for the subsequent fiscal year provided the following conditions exist: The services provided under the contract will continue to be required in the subsequent fiscal year; the contract was originally procured through the County's Procurement Division utilizing the competitive procurement method, where appropriate, and following all other procurement ordinances, regulations and guidelines; The contract is within a five-year period during which contracts may be renewed annually upon mutual agreement by both parties not to exceed five years; the performance of the contractor has been confirmed, in writing, by the user department and by the Manager of Procurement to be satisfactory; Budget dollars have been appropriated by the County Council to fund the contract for the subsequent fiscal year. All items included on the State contract greater than \$100,000 are considered as reviewed and approved therefore will not be required to go back to Council for additional approval.

**SECTION 9.** Designated fund balance allocated in prior years for the establishment of an emergency disaster fund, economic development fund, and an insurance reserve fund shall remain as designated, but only to the extent of available fund balance as approved by the County Administrator.

**SECTION 10.** All One-percent funds collected through established Multi-County Industrial Park agreements or the funds from the completed sale of any county-owned property in a multi-county park shall be placed in the Richland County Economic Development Fund and be immediately appropriated for the purpose of continued Economic Development. This appropriation shall not require a supplemental budget ordinance.

**SECTION 11.** Funds awarded to the Sheriff's Department through forfeiture are included as part of this ordinance and Council designates, as the governing body, that the Sheriff shall maintain these funds in accordance with Federal, State and County guidelines. All forfeited funds will be audited along with the General Fund and posted at that time.

**SECTION 12.** The County will be self-funded against tort claim liability and shall no longer carry an excess liability insurance policy. Funding shall be established through the annual automatic re-budgeting of these County funded accounts. The amount to be carried forward shall not exceed the unspent portion of the current year appropriation and shall be used only for the original intended purpose as identified in the year of appropriation. This shall increase the original appropriated budget and shall not require a separate budget amendment.

**SECTION 13.** The Sheriff and Finance Director will assess the status of fees collected through the Special Duty Program prior to the end of fiscal year 2024. All excess funds collected for the administrative cost over cost incurred shall reflect as a designation of fund balance and shall be brought forward in the following fiscal year as budgeted fund balance. This automatic re-budgeting shall not require a supplemental budget ordinance. Continuation of the Special Duty Program and associated fees shall be evaluated each year during the budget process.

**SECTION 14.** The appropriation includes the approval of the Sheriff's Department School Resource Officer Program. Funding shall be contingent upon annual approval and appropriation by County Council. At the end of each fiscal year, the Finance Director and the Sheriff will assess the status of the billing and collections for each school district as of the end of the fiscal year. Any program shortfall of collections for the fiscal year by the School District shall result in additional collection procedures inclusive of charging shortfall to the Sheriff's Department fiscal budget. All excess funds collected beyond cost of the program shall be brought forward in the subsequent budget year as a budgeted use of fund balance and made available to the Sheriff's Department to be used toward the district-specific program cost. The automatic re-budgeting shall not require a supplemental budget ordinance. Continuation of the School Resource Officer program and associated fees shall be evaluated each fiscal year during the budget process.

**SECTION 15.** All funds collected by the Sheriff's Department as a cost reimbursement from employees shall be credited back to the sheriff's budget and allowed to utilize for other operational cost.

**SECTION 16.** During its June 18, 2024 meeting, Richland County Council approved changes in the Land Development Fee Schedule effective July 1, 2024 (FY 2025). New fee schedule is as follows:



Residential Plan Review

Review Type	Description of services	Proposed Cost
Sketch plan	Review of conceptual plan, first resubmittal, and Development	
	Review Team meeting	\$650
Preliminary Plan Review	Initial review & first submittal, initial record drawing review	\$750+\$20/lot
Additional reviews	Each additional review	50% of original fee
Additional record drawing reviews	Each additional review	\$500
Land Disturbance Permit	Disturbance permit and MS4 inspections	2years \$3,000+\$200/ac 5years \$4,500+ \$200/ac
	Preconstruction meeting	covered by LDP fee
	Inspection reports	covered by LDP fee
	Final inspection for NOT	covered by LDP fee
Re-inspection of final inspection		\$750
Permit renewal	Per year after initial permit expires	\$1,000
Modification to approved plans	Major, minor and owner revision	25% of original fee

Infrastructure Fees		
Road inspections	Inspection of roadway base, first proof roll, asphalt paving, curb and gutter, and sidewalk	\$1250 +\$1/LF
Storm Drainage Pipe	Visual inspection at install, check of inverts, slope, and camera inspection as needed	\$0.25/LF
Reinspection of sub-standard infrastructure		\$250 every 500LF
Warranty Bond	(submission required to release construction surety) review of bond and release letters	
		\$250

Non-compliance Fees		
Stop Work	A site inspection is required to lift a stop work order	\$1,200
Unauthorized work	Work without a permit or approval; fee is in addition to standard permitting fees	\$1,000

Commercial Plan Review

Review Type	Description of services	Proposed Cost
Preliminary Plan Review	Initial review & first submittal, initial record drawing review	\$1,250
Additional reviews	Each additional review	\$250
Additional record drawing reviews	Each additional review	\$250
Land Disturbance Permit	Disturbance permit and MS4 inspections	2years \$1,500+\$100/ac 5years \$3,500+ \$100/ac
	preconstruction meeting	covered by LDP fee
	inspection reports	covered by LDP fee
	final inspection for NOT	covered by LDP fee
Re-inspection of final inspection		\$750
Permit renewal	Per year after initial permit expires	\$1,000
Modification to approved plans	Major, minor and owner revision	25% of original fee
Linear Projects	Initial review & first submittal, initial record drawing review	based on disturbance
	< 1 acre	\$325
	>1 ac- 5 ac	\$500
	>5ac	\$750
	Additional reviews	50% original fee
	LDP linear projects >1ac	\$525
Small commercial	<1ac, no engineered infrastructure	\$325



Miscellaneous		
Encroachments	Work inside County right-of-way	\$300
SWPPPs	Level 1 project working under a SWPPP	\$300
SWPPPs	Level 2 project working under a SWPPP	\$500
Individual Lot Development	IL-NOI aggregating to >1 acre inside a larger common plan	\$300 + \$20/lot
*Fee waiver will apply to residents working on property they own		

Plat Reviews		
Type	Description of services	Proposed Cost
Bonded Plat	Review of plat- initial review and first resubmittal	\$150 +\$20/lot
	Review of bond estimate and surety, 1 site inspection	\$500
Final Plat	Review of plat- initial review and first resubmittal	\$80 +\$10/lot
Additional reviews for any plat	Each additional review	\$250

**SECTION 17.** During its June 18, 2024 meeting, Richland County Council approved an increase in the Solid Waste rates effective July 1, 2024 (FY2025). The new rates for curbside, as approved, are as follows:

- Solid Waste Rates FY2025:
- Residential Curbside \$385.58
  - Backyard Pickup \$694.04
  - Disability Backyard Service - \$385.58
  - Commercial Curbside Service - \$771.16
  - Rollcart Initial Setup Fee - \$75.00
  - C&D Disposal at Richland County Landfill - \$27.50 per ton (waste must originate in Richland County)
  - Yard/Land Clearing Debris/Dirt - \$27.50 per ton
  - Brown Goods/Bulk Items - \$27.50 per ton
  - Metal and Appliances - \$27.50 per ton
  - Mattress/Box Spring – No Charge for Richland County Residents (Limit 2 per day, Mattress & Box Spring are 1)
  - Mattress/Box Spring Commercial - \$352.00 per ton
  - Tires Commercial - \$1.50 each or \$150 per ton
  - Residential Tire with proper identification – No Charge (Limit 4 per day)
  - Large Commercial Truck Tires (22.5, AG, etc) - \$5.60 each
  - Residential Electronic Waste (Up to 5 electronic items per day) – No Charge
  - Commercial Electronic Waste, Landfill Only - \$1.10 per lb
  - Residential Mulch – County residents receive mulch at no charge. Resident self-load. Landfill only
  - Commercial Mulch - \$14.00 per ton, Landfill only
  - Residential Latex Paint, No Charge for Richland County residents. (Up to 5 cans of any size per day)
  - Commercial Latex Paint - \$1.10 per lb

**SECTION 18.** During its June 18, 2024 meeting, Richland County Council approved an increase in the Utilities’ fees for water effective July 1, 2024 (FY 2025). New fees, as approved, are as follows:

1st 1,000 gallons	\$23.00
Minimum base charge standard Meter	
Next 8,000 gallons	\$5.14/1000 gallons
Next 11,000 gallons	\$4.81/1000 gallons
Next 10,000 gallons	\$4.53/1000 gallons
Next 30,000 gallons	\$4.26/1000 gallons
Next 60,000 gallons	\$3.87/1000 gallons

**SECTION 19.** During its June 18, 2024 meeting, Richland County Council approved an increase in the Utilities’ fees for sewer effective July 1, 2024 (FY 2025). New fees, as approved, are as follows:

Sewer Rates:

FY2025: \$74.91

**SECTION 20. Conflicting Ordinances Repealed.** All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this



Ordinance are hereby repealed.

**SECTION 21. Severability.** If any section, subsection, or clause of this Ordinance shall be deemed to be unconstitutional or otherwise invalid, the validity of the remaining sections, subsections, and clauses shall not be affected thereby.

**SECTION 22. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become effective March 4, 2025

Richland County Council

By:\_\_\_\_\_

First Reading: FY 2025 – May 7, 2024  
Public Hearing: FY 2025 –May 23, 2024  
Second Reading: FY 2025 – June 4, 2024  
Third Reading: FY 2025 – June 18, 2024  
Budget Amendment: FY 2025 – March 4, 2025



STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY COUNCIL FOR RICHLAND COUNTY  
ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_ 24-HR

An Ordinance to raise revenue, make appropriations, and adopt FY 2025 Annual Budget for Richland County, South Carolina; authorizing the levying of Ad Valorem property taxes which together with the prior year’s carryover and other State Levies and any additional amount appropriated by the Richland County Council prior to July 1, 2024 will provide sufficient revenues for the operations of Richland County Government from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025 (Fiscal Year 2025)

Pursuant to the authority granted by the Constitution and the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina, BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL FOR RICHLAND COUNTY:

SECTION 1. The following appropriations by activity and the estimated revenue to support these appropriations, as well as other supporting documents contained in the adopted Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Annual Budget is hereby adopted, with such supporting documents being made reference to and incorporated herein by reference, as follows:

Fund	Revenue	Transfer In	Fund Balance	Total Sources	Expenditures	Transfer Out	Total Uses
General Fund Operating	\$216,959,183	\$8,286,209	\$8,132,616	\$233,378,008	\$218,258,199	\$15,119,809	\$233,378,008
General Fund Capital		\$0	\$6,225,000	\$6,225,000	\$6,225,000		\$6,225,000
General Fund	\$216,959,183	\$8,286,209	\$14,357,616	\$239,603,008	\$224,483,199	\$15,119,809	\$239,603,008
Special Revenue							
Victim's Rights	\$195,000	\$1,212,504	\$0	\$1,407,504	\$1,407,504	\$0	\$1,407,504
Tourism Development	\$1,332,000	\$0	\$222,121	\$1,554,121	\$1,332,000	\$222,121	\$1,554,121
Temporary Alcohol Permits	\$111,947	\$0	\$115,000	\$226,947	\$226,947	\$0	\$226,947
Emergency Telephone System	\$3,465,057	\$3,556,442	\$762,050	\$7,783,549	\$7,608,473	\$175,076	\$7,783,549
Fire Service	\$32,530,001	\$0	\$4,321,849	\$36,851,850	\$32,509,073	\$4,342,777	\$36,851,850
Stormwater Management	\$4,093,800	\$0	\$183,741	\$4,277,541	\$4,028,800	\$248,741	\$4,277,541
Conservation Commission Fund	\$994,000	\$143,988	\$1,470,564	\$2,608,552	\$2,562,343	\$46,209	\$2,608,552
Neighborhood Redev. Fund	\$994,000	\$0	\$0	\$994,000	\$952,907	\$41,093	\$994,000
Hospitality Tax	\$10,442,422	\$0	\$3,555,182	\$13,997,604	\$9,012,254	\$4,985,350	\$13,997,604
Accommodation Tax	\$640,000	\$0	\$232,148	\$872,148	\$750,000	\$122,148	\$872,148
Title IVD - Sheriff's Fund	\$32,000	\$35,824	\$0	\$67,824	\$67,824	\$0	\$67,824
Title IV - Family Court	\$1,101,701	\$324,015	\$0	\$1,425,716	\$1,425,716	\$0	\$1,425,716
Road Maintenance Fee	\$6,338,862	\$0	\$5,703,215	\$12,042,077	\$11,594,086	\$447,991	\$12,042,077
Public Defender	\$2,309,184	\$4,337,543	\$0	\$6,646,727	\$6,646,727	\$0	\$6,646,727
Transportation Tax	\$96,682,144	\$0	\$0	\$96,682,144	\$2,846,691	\$93,835,453	\$96,682,144
Mass Transit	\$0	\$27,198,375	\$0	\$27,198,375	\$27,198,375	\$0	\$27,198,375
School Resource Officers	\$6,595,773	\$1,964,979	\$0	\$8,560,752	\$7,961,127	\$599,625	\$8,560,752
Economic Development	\$4,360,872	\$1,096,331	\$3,500,000	\$8,957,203	\$7,228,830	\$1,728,373	\$8,957,203
Child Fatality Review	\$35,000	\$0	\$0	\$35,000	\$35,000	\$0	\$35,000
Special Revenue Total	\$172,253,763	\$39,870,001	\$20,065,870	\$232,189,634	\$125,394,677	\$106,794,957	\$232,189,634
Debt Service							
General Debt Service	\$18,721,888	\$0	\$0	\$18,721,888	\$18,721,888	\$0	\$18,721,888
Fire Bonds 2018B 1,500,000	\$555,000	\$0	\$0	\$555,000	\$555,000	\$0	\$555,000
RFC-IP Revenue Bond 2019	\$1,605,577	\$0	\$0	\$1,605,577	\$1,605,577	\$0	\$1,605,577
Hospitality Refund 2013A B/S	\$0	\$1,486,963	\$0	\$1,486,963	\$1,486,963	\$0	\$1,486,963
East Richland Public Svc Dist.	\$1,438,560	\$0	\$0	\$1,438,560	\$1,438,560	\$0	\$1,438,560
Recreation Commission Debt Svc	\$458,016	\$0	\$0	\$458,016	\$458,016	\$0	\$458,016
Riverbanks Zoo Debt Service	\$2,670,190	\$0	\$0	\$2,670,190	\$2,670,190	\$0	\$2,670,190
School District 1 Debt Service	\$69,127,795	\$0	\$0	\$69,127,795	\$69,127,795	\$0	\$69,127,795
School District 2 Debt Service	\$64,845,932	\$0	\$0	\$64,845,932	\$64,845,932	\$0	\$64,845,932
Transportation Debt Service		\$14,434,250	\$0	\$14,434,250	\$14,434,250	\$0	\$14,434,250
Debt Service Total	\$159,422,958	\$15,921,213	\$0	\$175,344,171	\$175,344,171	\$0	\$175,344,171
Enterprise Funds							
Solid Waste Enterprise Fund	\$45,612,681	\$0	\$0	\$45,612,681	\$44,041,800	\$1,570,881	\$45,612,681
Richland County Utilities	\$15,015,898	\$0	\$10,000,000	\$25,015,898	\$23,451,907	\$1,563,991	\$25,015,898
Hamilton-Owens Airport Operating	\$268,000	\$0	\$365,330	\$633,330	\$532,691	\$100,639	\$633,330
Enterprise Funds Total	\$60,896,579	\$0	\$10,365,330	\$71,261,909	\$68,026,398	\$3,235,511	\$71,261,909
Millage Agencies							
Richland Cnty Recreation Commission	\$19,743,400	\$0	\$0	\$19,743,400	\$19,743,400	\$0	\$19,743,400
Columbia Area Mental Health	\$3,017,923	\$0	\$0	\$3,017,923	\$3,017,923	\$0	\$3,017,923
Public Library	\$34,505,365	\$0	\$0	\$34,505,365	\$34,505,365	\$0	\$34,505,365
Riverbanks Zoo	\$1,517,888	\$0	\$0	\$1,517,888	\$1,517,888	\$0	\$1,517,888
Midlands Technical College	\$8,321,255	\$0	\$0	\$8,321,255	\$8,321,255	\$0	\$8,321,255
Midlands Tech Capital/Debt Service	\$4,427,677	\$0	\$0	\$4,427,677	\$4,427,677	\$0	\$4,427,677
School District One	\$270,928,511	\$0	\$0	\$270,928,511	\$270,928,511	\$0	\$270,928,511
School District Two	\$193,918,258	\$0	\$0	\$193,918,258	\$193,918,258	\$0	\$193,918,258
Millage Agencies Total	\$536,380,277	\$0	\$0	\$536,380,277	\$536,380,277	\$0	\$536,380,277
Grand Total	\$1,145,912,760	\$64,077,423	\$36,819,546	\$1,246,809,729	\$1,121,659,452	\$125,150,277	\$1,246,809,729

SECTION 2. Mileage rate paid to County employees shall be the same as the U.S. Federal reimbursement rate per mile for the fiscal period stated above.

SECTION 3. All fees previously approved by the County Council, either through budget ordinances or ordinances apart from the budget, will remain in effect unless and until the County Council votes to amend those fees.

SECTION 4. No County fees, excluding fees from SECTION 16, SECTION 17, SECTION 18 and SECTION 19, based on CPI shall



be adjusted on the current year inflationary adjustment (CPI) due to the small incremental change.

**SECTION 5** At fiscal year-end, any funds encumbered for capital purchases shall reflect as a designation of fund balance in the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report and shall be brought forward in the subsequent fiscal year as budgeted fund balance. This automatic re-budgeting shall not require a supplemental budget ordinance.

**SECTION 6.** Continuation grants and those with no personnel or match requests are considered approved as presented with budget adoption up to available budgeted match dollars. All other grants will require individual Council approval prior to award acceptance.

**SECTION 7.** Commensurate with budget authority, the County Administrator may approve purchases in the amount of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) or less. Purchases in excess of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) shall be reviewed and approved by the County Council prior to acceptance.

**SECTION 8.** All non-exclusive contracts exceeding \$100,000 and existing at the time of budget adoption shall be renewed for the subsequent fiscal year provided the following conditions exist: The services provided under the contract will continue to be required in the subsequent fiscal year; the contract was originally procured through the County's Procurement Division utilizing the competitive procurement method, where appropriate, and following all other procurement ordinances, regulations and guidelines; The contract is within a five-year period during which contracts may be renewed annually upon mutual agreement by both parties not to exceed five years; the performance of the contractor has been confirmed, in writing, by the user department and by the Manager of Procurement to be satisfactory; Budget dollars have been appropriated by the County Council to fund the contract for the subsequent fiscal year. All items included on the State contract greater than \$100,000 are considered as reviewed and approved therefore will not be required to go back to Council for additional approval.

**SECTION 9.** Designated fund balance allocated in prior years for the establishment of an emergency disaster fund, economic development fund, and an insurance reserve fund shall remain as designated, but only to the extent of available fund balance as approved by the County Administrator.

**SECTION 10.** All One-percent funds collected through established Multi-County Industrial Park agreements or the funds from the completed sale of any county-owned property in a multi-county park shall be placed in the Richland County Economic Development Fund and be immediately appropriated for the purpose of continued Economic Development. This appropriation shall not require a supplemental budget ordinance.

**SECTION 11.** Funds awarded to the Sheriff's Department through forfeiture are included as part of this ordinance and Council designates, as the governing body, that the Sheriff shall maintain these funds in accordance with Federal, State and County guidelines. All forfeited funds will be audited along with the General Fund and posted at that time.

**SECTION 12.** The County will be self-funded against tort claim liability and shall no longer carry an excess liability insurance policy. Funding shall be established through the annual automatic re-budgeting of these County funded accounts. The amount to be carried forward shall not exceed the unspent portion of the current year appropriation and shall be used only for the original intended purpose as identified in the year of appropriation. This shall increase the original appropriated budget and shall not require a separate budget amendment.

**SECTION 13.** The Sheriff and Finance Director will assess the status of fees collected through the Special Duty Program prior to the end of fiscal year 2024. All excess funds collected for the administrative cost over cost incurred shall reflect as a designation of fund balance and shall be brought forward in the following fiscal year as budgeted fund balance. This automatic re-budgeting shall not require a supplemental budget ordinance. Continuation of the Special Duty Program and associated fees shall be evaluated each year during the budget process.

**SECTION 14.** The appropriation includes the approval of the Sheriff's Department School Resource Officer Program. Funding shall be contingent upon annual approval and appropriation by County Council. At the end of each fiscal year, the Finance Director and the Sheriff will assess the status of the billing and collections for each school district as of the end of the fiscal year. Any program shortfall of collections for the fiscal year by the School District shall result in additional collection procedures inclusive of charging shortfall to the Sheriff's Department fiscal budget. All excess funds collected beyond cost of the program shall be brought forward in the subsequent budget year as a budgeted use of fund balance and made available to the Sheriff's Department to be used toward the district-specific program cost. The automatic re-budgeting shall not require a supplemental budget ordinance. Continuation of the School Resource Officer program and associated fees shall be evaluated each fiscal year during the budget process.

**SECTION 15.** All funds collected by the Sheriff's Department as a cost reimbursement from employees shall be credited back to the sheriff's budget and allowed to utilize for other operational cost.

**SECTION 16.** During its June 18, 2024 meeting, Richland County Council approved changes in the Land Development Fee Schedule effective July 1, 2024 (FY 2025). New fee schedule is as follows:



Residential Plan Review

Review Type	Description of services	Proposed Cost
Sketch plan	Review of conceptual plan, first resubmittal, and Development	
	Review Team meeting	\$650
Preliminary Plan Review	Initial review & first submittal, initial record drawing review	\$750+\$20/lot
Additional reviews	Each additional review	50% of original fee
Additional record drawing reviews	Each additional review	\$500
Land Disturbance Permit	Disturbance permit and MS4 inspections	2years \$3,000+\$200/ac 5years \$4,500+ \$200/ac
	Preconstruction meeting	covered by LDP fee
	Inspection reports	covered by LDP fee
	Final inspection for NOT	covered by LDP fee
Re-inspection of final inspection		\$750
Permit renewal	Per year after initial permit expires	\$1,000
Modification to approved plans	Major, minor and owner revision	25% of original fee

Infrastructure Fees		
Road inspections	Inspection of roadway base, first proof roll, asphalt paving, curb and gutter, and sidewalk	\$1250 +\$1/LF
Storm Drainage Pipe	Visual inspection at install, check of inverts, slope, and camera inspection as needed	\$0.25/LF
Reinspection of sub-standard infrastructure		\$250 every 500LF
Warranty Bond	(submission required to release construction surety) review of bond and release letters	
		\$250

Non-compliance Fees		
Stop Work	A site inspection is required to lift a stop work order	\$1,200
Unauthorized work	Work without a permit or approval; fee is in addition to standard permitting fees	\$1,000

Commercial Plan Review

Review Type	Description of services	Proposed Cost
Preliminary Plan Review	Initial review & first submittal, initial record drawing review	\$1,250
Additional reviews	Each additional review	\$250
Additional record drawing reviews	Each additional review	\$250
Land Disturbance Permit	Disturbance permit and MS4 inspections	2years \$1,500+\$100/ac 5years \$3,500+ \$100/ac
	preconstruction meeting	covered by LDP fee
	inspection reports	covered by LDP fee
	final inspection for NOT	covered by LDP fee
Re-inspection of final inspection		\$750
Permit renewal	Per year after initial permit expires	\$1,000
Modification to approved plans	Major, minor and owner revision	25% of original fee
Linear Projects	Initial review & first submittal, initial record drawing review	based on disturbance
	< 1 acre	\$325
	>1 ac- 5 ac	\$500
	>5ac	\$750
	Additional reviews	50% original fee
	LDP linear projects >1ac	\$525
Small commercial	<1ac, no engineered infrastructure	\$325



Miscellaneous		
Encroachments	Work inside County right-of-way	\$300
SWPPPs	Level 1 project working under a SWPPP	\$300
SWPPPs	Level 2 project working under a SWPPP	\$500
Individual Lot Development	IL-NOI aggregating to >1 acre inside a larger common plan	\$300 + \$20/lot
*Fee waiver will apply to residents working on property they own		

Plat Reviews		
Type	Description of services	Proposed Cost
Bonded Plat	Review of plat- initial review and first resubmittal	\$150 +\$20/lot
	Review of bond estimate and surety, 1 site inspection	\$500
Final Plat	Review of plat- initial review and first resubmittal	\$80 +\$10/lot
Additional reviews for any plat	Each additional review	\$250

**SECTION 17.** During its June 18, 2024 meeting, Richland County Council approved an increase in the Solid Waste rates effective July 1, 2024 (FY2025). The new rates for curbside, as approved, are as follows:

- Solid Waste Rates FY2025:
- Residential Curbside \$385.58
  - Backyard Pickup \$694.04
  - Disability Backyard Service - \$385.58
  - Commercial Curbside Service - \$771.16
  - Rollcart Initial Setup Fee - \$75.00
  - C&D Disposal at Richland County Landfill - \$27.50 per ton (waste must originate in Richland County)
  - Yard/Land Clearing Debris/Dirt - \$27.50 per ton
  - Brown Goods/Bulk Items - \$27.50 per ton
  - Metal and Appliances - \$27.50 per ton
  - Mattress/Box Spring – No Charge for Richland County Residents (Limit 2 per day, Mattress & Box Spring are 1)
  - Mattress/Box Spring Commercial - \$352.00 per ton
  - Tires Commercial - \$1.50 each or \$150 per ton
  - Residential Tire with proper identification – No Charge (Limit 4 per day)
  - Large Commercial Truck Tires (22.5, AG, etc) - \$5.60 each
  - Residential Electronic Waste (Up to 5 electronic items per day) – No Charge
  - Commercial Electronic Waste, Landfill Only - \$1.10 per lb
  - Residential Mulch – County residents receive mulch at no charge. Resident self-load. Landfill only
  - Commercial Mulch - \$14.00 per ton, Landfill only
  - Residential Latex Paint, No Charge for Richland County residents. (Up to 5 cans of any size per day)
  - Commercial Latex Paint - \$1.10 per lb

**SECTION 18.** During its June 18, 2024 meeting, Richland County Council approved an increase in the Utilities’ fees for water effective July 1, 2024 (FY 2025). New fees, as approved, are as follows:

1st 1,000 gallons	\$23.00
Minimum base charge standard Meter	
Next 8,000 gallons	\$5.14/1000 gallons
Next 11,000 gallons	\$4.81/1000 gallons
Next 10,000 gallons	\$4.53/1000 gallons
Next 30,000 gallons	\$4.26/1000 gallons
Next 60,000 gallons	\$3.87/1000 gallons

**SECTION 19.** During its June 18, 2024 meeting, Richland County Council approved an increase in the Utilities’ fees for sewer effective July 1, 2024 (FY 2025). New fees, as approved, are as follows:

Sewer Rates:

FY2025: \$74.91

**SECTION 20. Conflicting Ordinances Repealed.** All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this



Ordinance are hereby repealed.

**SECTION 21. Severability.** If any section, subsection, or clause of this Ordinance shall be deemed to be unconstitutional or otherwise invalid, the validity of the remaining sections, subsections, and clauses shall not be affected thereby.

**SECTION 22. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become effective March 4, 2025

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**RICHLAND COUNTY  
ADMINISTRATION**

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**Transportation Agenda Briefing**

Prepared by:	Michael Maloney, P.E.	Title:	Director
Department:	Transportation	Division:	
Date Prepared:	January 29, 2025	Meeting Date:	February 25, 2025
Legal Review	Patrick Wright via email	Date:	February 5, 2025
Budget Review	Maddison Wilkerson via email	Date:	February 5, 2025
Finance Review	Stacey Hamm via email	Date:	February 12, 2025
Approved for consideration:		Assistant County Administrator	John M. Thompson, Ph.D., MBA, CPM, SCCEM
Meeting/Committee	Transportation Ad Hoc		
Subject	Approval of 2024 Transportation Needs Assessment		

**RECOMMENDED/REQUESTED ACTION:**

Staff recommends approval of 2024 Transportation Needs Assessment.

Request for Council Reconsideration: ☐ Yes

**FIDUCIARY:**

Are funds allocated in the department's current fiscal year budget?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
If not, is a budget amendment necessary?	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No

**ADDITIONAL FISCAL/BUDGETARY MATTERS TO CONSIDER:**

There is no anticipated fiscal impact with the associated with the acceptance of the assessment.

*Applicable fund, cost center, and spend category:*

**Fund:** Transportation Tax Roadways

**Cost Center:** Capital Projects

**Spend Category:** Construction

**OFFICE OF PROCUREMENT & CONTRACTING FEEDBACK:**

Not applicable.

**COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE FEEDBACK/POSSIBLE AREA(S) OF LEGAL EXPOSURE:**

There are no legal concerns regarding this matter.

**REGULATORY COMPLIANCE:**

None applicable.



#### TRANSPORTATION PROJECT IMPACT:

Project Referendum:	2024 Transportation Penny		
Project Name:	All known transportation needs		
From:		To:	
Project Category:			
Project Services:			
Project Type <small>(2024 Referendum Only)</small>			

#### Transportation Project Budgetary Impact:

Total Project Budget:	\$4.5 Billion
Requested Amount:	\$4.5 Billion
Remaining Project Budget:	\$

#### MOTION OF ORIGIN:

“Mr. [Overture] Walker stated the committee recommended awarding the professional services contract to Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. based on the qualifications of the team and proposal received in the amount of \$110,000, to include a contingency of 20% for a total approved amount of \$132,000.

Mr. Walker noted that hiring a consultant will allow Council to assess and identify our transportation needs countywide. “

Council Member	Recommendation of the Transportation Ad Hoc Committee
Meeting	Regular Session
Date	October 3, 2023

#### STRATEGIC & GENERATIVE DISCUSSION:

The Transportation Needs Assessment report includes:

- Prior Needs Identification
- Stakeholder Outreach
- Cost Estimating
- Plan Summary

The Appendices include planned project lists and maps, a planned meetings report, public comments, and the Needs Assessment with associated costs and the need source.

#### ASSOCIATED STRATEGIC GOAL, OBJECTIVE, AND INITIATIVE:

**Goal:** Plan for growth through inclusive and equitable infrastructure

*Objective:* Establish plans and success metrics that allow for smart growth

*Initiative:* Prioritize improvements to County infrastructure based on County priorities as established in the strategic plan and community priorities.



**Goal:** Achieve positive public engagement

*Objective:* Foster positive public engagement with constituents and create opportunities to allow us to tell our own story.

*Initiative:* Develop community networks to develop opportunities for public speaking engagements to educate the community on Richland County services and projects.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Transportation Needs Assessment





# Transportation Needs Assessment

**Prepared For:**  
**Richland County**

**October 14, 2024**

**Prepared By:**  
**Stantec Consulting Services Inc**





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# INTRODUCTION

In order to achieve the Richland County expectations for the Transportation Needs Assessment, Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. (Stantec) partnered with two other Richland County firms- CECS and ForeSight Communications. CECS was a valuable resource in this needs assessment due to their previous experience working on the existing Penny Program. CECS led Cost Estimating services for this assessment, drawing from their recent work on other Penny projects. ForeSight Communications provided efforts in public involvement/outreach efforts, which was an important facet of this needs assessment.

The approach utilized in delivering this Transportation Needs Assessment consisted of 4 components:

- Transportation Projects Identification
- Stakeholder Outreach
- Cost Estimating
- Preparation of Plan Summary

# TRANSPORTATION NEEDS PROJECT IDENTIFICATION

The purpose of this assessment is to identify the transportation needs within Richland County to enable further enhancement of its transportation system that utilizes a variety of strategies including data collection, community meetings, and meetings/communications. This assessment is in joint effort with County staff and their transportation partners such as SCDOT, Central Midlands Council of Governments (CMCOG) and all seven Richland County municipalities.



## Existing and Planned Projects

A critical first step in assessing an agency's transportation needs is to identify, collect, and organize all existing and planned transportation projects throughout the County. Project information was obtained from a variety of agencies that may have active transportation projects, plans, or programs within the boundaries of Richland County. The agencies identified and subsequently contacted as part of this review included the following:

- South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) – agency responsible for the construction, operation, and maintenance of the state highway system.
- Central Midlands Council of Governments (CMCOG) – agency responsible for carrying out the rural and urban transportation planning process for a four-county midlands area of the State that includes Richland County.

- Richland County
- The Town of Arcadia Lakes
- Town of Blythewood
- City of Cayce
- City of Columbia
- Town of Eastover
- City of Forest Acres
- Town of Irmo

COATS				
Project Type	Project Name	From	To	Current Plans
Road Widening	Two Notch Road US 1 Pontiac	Steven Campbell Rd (S-407, Kenshaw Co.) to 2nd	S-53 Spears Creek Church Rd	9
Road Widening	Leesburg Rd. (SC 267)	Greenlaw Dr	Patricia Dr	11
Road Widening	Kennerly Rd S-129	Hollingshead Rd	Broad River Rd	1, 2
Road Widening	Shady Grove Rd	Broad River Rd	Roon Rd	1
Road Widening	Broad River Rd US 176 North	I-26	Chapel Rd	1
Road Widening	East Creek Rd	Broad River Rd	Road Ramp Rd	1, 2
Road Widening	Hardscabble Rd North	Langford Rd	Summit Pkwy	2, 8, 9
Road Widening	Rauch-Metz Road	Dutch Fork Rd	I-26 interchange @ US 176	1
Intersection	Assembly Street RR Separation Project			5, 10
Intersection	SC 60 & Columbian Drive			2
Intersection	North Main Street & Lamar St			4
Intersection	Lawton Street & Monticello Road			4
Intersection	Broad River Road & Silvers Road			2, 4
Intersection	Broad River Road & Riverhill Circle			4, 5
Intersection	Broad River Road & Pinney Woods			7, 4
Intersection	Leesburg Road & Patterson Road			11
Intersection	SC 6 at Village Lane & Leamington Way			1
Intersection	North Springs Road & Raddon Way			8, 9
Intersection	Trye Road & US 21			3
Intersection	Hollingshead at East Creek Dr & Rainforest Dr			1
Intersection	Browning Road (Frontage Rd) S-2892 & Zimelcrest Dr S-672			5
Intersection	Broad River Road & Hopewell Church Road			1
Intersection	Sparkleberry Lane & Wolan Road			2
Intersection	Sparkleberry Lane & Viking Drive			9
Intersection	Polo Road & Running Fox Road West			8, 9
Intersection	Kennerly Rd S-217 & Old Tannah Rd S-244			1
Intersection	McCord's Ferry Road & Van Dusen Road			10
Intersection	McCord's Ferry Road & Bluff Road			10
Intersection	Bluff Road & St Marks Road			10
Intersection	Intersection Improvement SC 16/S-228			4
Intersection	Intersection Improvements St 262 (Leesburg Rd) at Patricia Dr			11
Bridge Replacement	Bridge Replacement of Lork Road			7
Special Projects	S-1388 (Frick Road) Bridge Replacement			2
Special Projects	US 21 crossing Southern R SCL RR (Blossom St Bridge)			5
Special Projects	Assembly Street Phase II / Safety - Pentleton St		Lady St	4, 5
Special Projects	Streetscape			
Special Projects	Linden Street Improvements (Phase 1A)	Gervais St	Blossom St	5
Greenway	Lower Saluda Greenway Project			5
2012 Richland Penny Funded Projects				
Project Type	Project Name	From	To	
Road Widening	Atlas Road Widening	Shop Rd	Garners Ferry Rd	10, 11
Road Widening	Bluff Road Widening Phase 2	National Guard Rd	South Bellline	10
Road Widening	Blythewood Road Area Improvements (2 Locations)			2
	1) Widens McCully St		Main St	
	2) Creech Road Intersection		Blythewood Rd	
Road Widening	Broad River Road Widening	Royal Tower Dr	Dutch Fork Rd	1, 2
Road Widening	Lower Richland Boulevard	Garners Ferry Rd	Rabbit Run	11
Road Widening	Polo Road Widening	Two Notch Rd	Mallet Hill Rd	8, 9
Road Widening	Shop Road Widening	George Rogers Blvd	Mauney Dr	10
Road Widening	Spears Creek Ch Rd	Two Notch Rd	Jacobs Mill Pond Rd	4
Road Improvements	Pineview Road Area Improvements	Shop Rd	Garners Ferry Rd	10, 11
Intersection Improvements	Clemson Rd. and Sparkleberry Ln.			9
Special Projects	Innovista 3 (Williams St.)	Blossom St	Senate St	5
Special Projects	Shop Road Extension Phase 2	Longwood Rd	Kinostgomery Lane	10
Special Projects	Kelly Hill Road	Hardscabble Road	Lake Caroline elementary School	2, 8, 9
Special Projects	Broad River Corridor			4, 5



A resulting list of “currently planned projects” was prepared and comprised of a total of 51 projects, including projects provided from: CMCOG, SCDOT, Richland County, Town of Blythewood and the Town of Irmo. Types of projects identified included roadway widenings, bridge replacements, intersection improvements, sidewalks, and greenways.

The next step in the needs assessment process was to engage the public through a series of public transportation meetings. A meeting was conducted in each of the 11 council districts, which were held during the months of January and February 2024.



The above figure is an example display board from Public Transportation Meetings. See Appendix B for additional information

The purpose of these meetings was to share information on the currently planned projects within the district area as well as to solicit feedback from the public regarding any transportation concerns or future transportation project needs they may be aware of.

The Stantec Team along with Richland County staff were present at each meeting to best serve the public. Representatives were stationed throughout the meeting venues to share information on planned projects, utilizing the project display maps and interacting with the public to encourage participation and input. The meetings were drop-in style to allow citizens the opportunity to show up at any time during the event.







Multiple ways were utilized in which the public could provide their feedback: through filling out a comment sheet with their contact information and dropping it in the collection box, by seeing our representative at the verbal transcription station, by leaving an anonymous

comment on our 3 sticky-note boards set up around the venues, or by mailing and/or emailing comments directly to representatives by the end of the designated comment period (see Appendix D).

In addition, citizens were encouraged to submit comments regarding the currently planned projects that were presented at the individual meetings, as well as their insights into both present and future transportation needs within their district via email through March 8, 2024. These email comments were received by Richland County through their transportation penny email account, [transportationpenny@richlandcountysc.gov](mailto:transportationpenny@richlandcountysc.gov).

The above figure is comment sheet from Public Transportation Meetings. See Appendix D for additional information



As a result of all of these public outreach efforts, a total of 41 additional specific projects were identified to be included in the final draft of the project needs list. There were numerous comments and a plethora of feedback received regarding requests for additional sidewalks and resurfacing to be completed across the County.

Public Input				
Project Type	Project Name	From	To	District
Widening	US 76	Broad River Rd (US 176)	SC 6	1
Widening	US 76	Shadowood Dr	Richland County Line	1
Widening	Langford Rd	Main St	Hardscrabble Rd	2
Widening	Main St (US 21)	I 77 (Ex 24)	Langford	2
Widening	Blythewood Rd	I 77 (Ex 27)	Main St	2
Widening	Longtown Rd	Farrow Rd	Longtown Rd E/W	7
Widening	N Springs Rd	Brickyard Rd	Clemson Rd	8
Widening	Spears Creek Ch Rd	I-20 (ex 82)	Percival Rd	9
Widening	Garners Ferry Rd	Trotter Rd	Lower Richland Blvd	11
Widening	Patterson Rd	Garners Ferry Rd	Caroline Rd	11
Widening	Bookman Rd S-53	Two Notch Rd	Kelly Mill Rd	9
Widening	Percival Rd*	Forest Dr	Decker Blvd	3,6
Widening	Percival Rd*	I-77	Clemson Rd	3,10
Special Project	Creech Rd Ext	Creech Rd	Firetower Ct	2
Special Project	New Connector Rd	Arborwood Rd	Indian Mound Rd	6
Special Project	Shop Rd Ext (Phase 3)	Montgomery Ln	Garners Ferry	11
Intersection	US 176 / Bickley Rd			1
Intersection	Dutch Fork Rd / Mill Place Ct.			1
Intersection	Broad River / Centerfield (Spring Hill HS)			1
Intersection	Assembly / Lady			5
Intersection	Assembly / Gervais			5
Intersection	Huger / Lady			5
Intersection	Huger / Gervais			5
Intersection	Lakeshore Dr / Forest Lake Place			6
Intersection	N Springs / Mill Field Rd			8
Intersection	Clemson Rd / Ashcroft Circle			9
Intersection	Bluff / Lower Richland Blvd			10
Intersection	Bluff Rd / MLK Blvd			10
Intersection	Bluff / Congaree Rd			10
Intersection	Olympia Ave / Bluff Rd			10
Intersection	Bookman Rd / Old Two Notch / Plantation Pt			9
Intersection	Millwood Ave / Carlisle St			6
Intersection	N Springs Rd / S Springs Rd			8
Intersection	Two Notch Rd / Polo Rd			8,9
Intersection	Millwood Ave / Gladden St			6
Intersection	US 601 (McCords Ferry Rd. / Screaming Eagle Rd*)			10
Bikeway	Broad River Rd*	St Andrews Rd	Elmwood Ave	4,5
Bikeway	Beatty Rd*	Fernandina Rd	Broad River Rd	2
Bikeway	Clemson Rd *	Rhame Rd	Sparkleberry Ln	9
Bikeway	Kennerly Rd	Freshly Mill Rd	St Johns Rd	1
Bikeway	Broad River Rd	Beatty Rd	River Hill Circle	2



# STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH

Public involvement and stakeholder outreach efforts focused on providing information about currently planned transportation improvement projects and receiving input on both current and future transportation needs. While at least one (1) meeting was hosted in each Council District, several larger districts either co-hosted sessions with a neighboring district or hosted two (2) meetings to ensure constituents' access to information.

After determining each Council Member's availability, Richland County coordinated meeting logistics by securing venues and advertising each event. The table below presents the marketing methods used to notify the public of each meeting:

## **PAID MEDIA**

- Billboards – 11 locations across the County
- Paid social media ads
- Advertisement in *The State* newspaper

## **EARNED MEDIA**

- Local media coverage
- Local municipalities – social media/website coverage

## **OWNED MEDIA**

- Press releases - three (3) total
- Richland County's website - <https://www.richlandcountysc.gov/>
- Richland Penny's website - <https://www.richlandpenny.com/>
- Richland County's Weekly Newsletter - <https://www.richlandcountysc.gov/Home/News/Weekly-Newsletter>
- RCTV on Spectrum & AT&T
- Social media:
  - Facebook: [www.facebook.com/RichlandSC](http://www.facebook.com/RichlandSC)
  - Instagram: [www.instagram.com/richlandcountysc](http://www.instagram.com/richlandcountysc)



- Twitter: [www.twitter.com/RichlandSC](https://twitter.com/RichlandSC)
- Nextdoor: <https://nextdoor.com/pages/richland-county-government-columbia-sc/>
- LinkedIn: [www.linkedin.com/in/richland-county-sc](https://www.linkedin.com/in/richland-county-sc)
- YouTube: [www.youtube.com/@richlandonline](https://www.youtube.com/@richlandonline)

Each transportation planning meeting was scheduled to begin at 6:00 pm and run drop-in style until 7:30 pm. Stantec's Project Team, which included ForeSight Communications, as well as representatives from various departments within Richland County government, were available at each venue for early arrivals. The table outlines each Council District's meeting location and the attendance.

District	Date	Location	Attendance
1	January 18, 2024	Ballentine Park 1053 Bird Rd. Irmo, SC 29063	32
2 & 4	February 21, 2024	St. Andrews Park 920 Beatty Rd. Columbia, SC 29210	15
2	February 22, 2024	Doko Manor 100 Alvina Hagood Dr. Blythewood, SC 29016	30
3	February 12, 2024	New Castle-Trenholm Acres Community Center 5819 Shakespeare Rd. Columbia, SC 29223	20
4 & 5	January 18, 2024	Richland Library Main 1431 Assembly St. Columbia SC 29201	17
6	February 15, 2024	Richland Library Cooper 5317 N. Trenholm Rd. Columbia, SC 29206	22
7	January 16, 2024	Richland County Adult Activity Center 7494 Parklane Rd. Columbia, SC 29923	25
8 & 10	February 7, 2024	North Springs Park 1320 Clemson Rd. Columbia, SC 29229	7
9 & 10	February 8, 2024	North Springs Park 1320 Clemson Rd. Columbia, SC 29229	8
10	January 23, 2024	Eastover Park 1031 Main St Eastover, SC 29044	28



District	Date	Location	Attendance
11	January 30, 2024	Garners Ferry Adult Activity Center 620 Garners Ferry Rd Hopkins, SC 29061	18

Please see Appendix B for meeting summaries and all complied public comments.

## COST ESTIMATING

This section outlines the approach utilized to calculate the estimation of costs associated with each individual project from the list that was developed as a result of the data needs assessment previously described in section 1 above. These estimates were developed as planning-level cost estimates as no specific detailed information was available for any project outside of its location, the existing conditions, and the expected termini. It should be noted that Stantec understands the significance of a project's cost estimate as it is the one particular aspect of the project that often generates the most public interest and discussion; therefore, effort was made to obtain and utilize the most relevant and recent cost information that was available to utilize in our analysis.

The first step in the development of the project cost estimates was to research and analyze construction bid tabulations and unit prices from recent similar projects let to construction by both SCDOT and Richland County. These costs were then projected to 2024 dollars with estimated growth rates based on historical trends and compared to planning-level estimates from various agencies within South Carolina as well as other states, where available. Based on this information, the below table was prepared to summarize the 2024 planning-level construction costs by project type and planned improvement that were developed for the project cost estimating calculations.



2024 Planning Level Construction Cost Estimates		
<u>Project Type</u>	<u>Project Improvement</u>	<u>Cost Estimate</u>
Widening	2 to 5 Lanes (Curb/Gutter)	\$12M / Mile
Widening	2 to 3 Lanes (Curb/Gutter)	\$9M / Mile
Intersection	Roundabout	\$3.5M
Intersection	4-leg Intersection (left turns all legs)	\$3M
Intersection	T Intersection (left turns all legs)	\$2.5M
Sidewalk	5' Concrete (behind existing Curb/Gutter)	\$140 / LF
Sidewalk	5' Concrete (offset 5-feet)	\$170 / LF
Shared Use Path	10' Concrete (offset 5-feet)	\$240 / LF
Greenway	10' Wooden Boardwalk	\$800 / LF
Bikeway	Due to variability in requirements, \$1M per Bikeway utilized	\$1M

The next step was to review each project identified as a “widening” in the list by using GoogleEarth to identify potential items that may add additional significant costs to the project such as: bridges, railroad crossings, major utilities, and any major drainage crossings. The below table summarizes the associated estimated costs that were included with the project’s base estimated construction cost resulting from the computer aided reviews.

<b>Project Feature</b>	<b>Associated Estimated Costs</b>
Major Utility	Varies
Railroad Crossing	\$1.5M each
Bridge	Varies
Culvert	Varies

Each individual project from the complete list had its 2024 base construction cost increased by 15% to account for contingencies, which is common practice in the transportation industry when developing estimated project costs. The projects from the needs assessment list that were provided by SCDOT were not included in the cost estimating process and also excluded from the final project list, as these will be managed and funded exclusively by SCDOT.



The final step in determining a project's 2024 total cost was to identify all other fees associated with delivery of a project in addition to the costs of the construction. These types of costs include preliminary engineering (also known as the project's planning and design phase), right of way acquisition (including associated administrative/procurement fees), utility costs, and Construction Engineering & Inspection (CE&I) costs. The table below outlines the costs that were estimated for each of these non-construction project related expenses and was used in the calculation of determining final project costs.

<b>Project Component</b>	<b>Estimated Project Costs</b>
Preliminary Engineering	10% of the project's estimated construction cost
Right of Way	20% of the project's estimated construction cost
Utility	15% of the project's estimated construction cost
Construction Engineering / Inspection	15% of the project's estimated construction cost
Total	60% increase to the project's estimated construction cost

The above-described cost estimating process resulted in a total program budget of just over \$1.9B to complete the list of 2024 Richland County needs assessment projects. This \$1.9B total budget estimate did not include the programmatic categories of resurfacing, sidewalks, dirt road paving, or the City of Columbia. Richland County staff provided the costs associated with these programmatic categories to include with the \$1.9B project list budget bringing the total program budget to nearly \$3.2B. The below table highlights the program's budget breakdown.

<b>Project Category</b>	<b>2024 Base Cost (Millions)</b>
Base Project Cost Total (Excludes Programmatic Categories and City of Columbia)	1,233
Associated Project Related Costs (PE, RW, Utility, CEI) @ additional 60%	<u>740</u>
<b>Total Project Only Costs</b>	<b>1,973</b>
Programmatic Categories Budget For Dirt Road Paving, Resurfacing, Sidewalks, and City of Columbia	<u>1,208</u>
<b>Grand Total Program Budget</b>	<b>3.2 Billion</b>



## PLAN SUMMARY

The current 1% transportation sales and use tax is expected to reach its collection limit of \$1.07 billion by December 2026. The County has proposed extending the tax to allow collection of \$4.5 billion over the next 25 years, or until that dollar figure is reached. The inflation-adjusted transportation costs of the projects identified through the needs assessment totals \$8 billion over the next 25 years. This proposed 1% tax (“Penny”) would be subject to referendum approval on November 5, 2024.

On July 16, 2024, County Council approved the final draft of a new penny sales tax program with input and recommendations from both the Transportation Penny Advisory Committee (TPAC) and the Transportation Ad Hoc Committee of County Council. The program, as approved, is summarized below:

- The purpose of the Penny is to provide funding for:
  - County’s Current Needs determined by county-wide Needs Assessment – Assessment process details included in previous sections in the report.
  - Expected future transportation needs:
    - Needs resulting from new or continued growth and development
    - Needs arising because of the aging or obsolescence infrastructure due to normal wear or weather-related event.
- The Penny is to be administered by the County’s Transportation Department with the following guiding principles as established by Council.
  - 2012 Needs – any remaining transportation needs identified in the 2012 project list will be addressed first
  - Programmatic Expenditure Projects – Resurfacing, Sidewalks, and Dirt Road Paving – individual projects to be prioritized in accordance with any applicable



County ordinance, or if lack thereof, its respective Project Score

- Remaining Transportation Needs – The Transportation Department will apply the following criteria to determine its Project Score
  - Additional Funding Sources – up to 10 points
  - Overall Impact and Cost Ratio – up to 20 points
  - Public Safety – up to 25 points
  - Improvement of Overall Condition – up to 10 points
  - Economic Development – up to 20 points
  - Public Support – up to 15 points
- Emerging Needs
  - Transportation Dept. will work with TPAC to establish process to identify, track, and address emerging needs
  - Process to include input from County Administrator, members of County Council, and other stakeholders, including the agencies represented in the Needs Assessment
  - Transp. Dept. to assign Project Scores (criteria described above) to establish priority

In addition, County Council has also established three categories into which the Penny projects shall be grouped along with an exact breakdown of what percentage of the Penny budget will be allocated to each category.

1. Community investment projects (48%) – Projects to address the integrity, safety, reliability, and sustainability of the transportation infrastructure in local communities and impact the day-to-day activities of citizens and local businesses. These projects may include viable and unfunded 2012 penny projects.
2. County advancement projects (30%) – Projects to target the expansion of transportation



infrastructure to achieve, support, and sustain economic growth on a county-wide basis.

3. COMET Enhancement Projects (22%) – Projects that target the operation and expansion of the COMET.

Lastly, to ensure a degree of geographical equity, the approved Penny program includes that each of the 11 county council districts will be guaranteed at least \$20 million for community investment projects in their districts paid for by the tax.





**Appendix A – Currently Planned Projects List Presented to Public**

**Appendix B – Currently Planned Projects Maps Presented to Public**

**Appendix C – Planning Meetings Summary Report**

**Appendix D – Public Comments and Summaries**

**Appendix E – Transportation Needs Assessment June 05, 2024**



# Appendix A-

## Currently Planned Projects List Presented to Public





# Richland County Transportation Plan 2024

## Currently Planned Projects in Richland County



COATS				
Project Type	Project Name	From	To	Council District
Road Widening	Two Notch Road US 1 Pontiac	Steven Campbell Rd (S-407, Kershaw Co.) to end	S-53 Spears Creek Church Rd	9
Road Widening	Leesburg Rd. (SC 262)	Greenlawn Dr	Patricia Dr	11
Road Widening	Kennerley Rd S-129	Hollingshed Rd	Broad River Rd	1, 2
Road Widening	Shady Grove Rd	Broad River Rd	Koon Rd	1
Road Widening	Broad River Rd US 176 North	I-26	Chapin Rd	1
Road Widening	Lost Creek Rd	Broad River Rd	Boat Ramp Rd	1, 2
Road Widening	Hardscrabble Rd North	Langford Rd	Summit Pkwy	2,8,9
Road Widening	Rauch Metz Road	Dutch Fork Rd	I-26 interchange @ US 176	1
Intersection	Assembly Street RR Separation Project			5, 10
Intersection	SC 60 & Columbiana Drive			2
Intersection	North Main Street & Lamar St			4
Intersection	Lawton Street & Monticello Road			4
Intersection	Broad River Road & Shivers Road			2, 4
Intersection	Broad River Road & Riverhill Circle			4, 5
Intersection	Broad River Road & Piney Woods			2, 4
Intersection	Leesburg Road & Patterson Road			11
Intersection	SC 6 at Village Lane & Leamington Way			1
Intersection	North Springs Road & Risdon Way			8, 9
Intersection	Frye Road & US 21			3
Intersection	Hollingshed at Lost Creek Dr & Raintree Dr			1
Intersection	Browning Road (Frontage Rd) S-2892 & Zimelcrest Dr S-672			5
Intersection	Broad River Road & Hopewell Church Road			1
Intersection	Sparkleberry Lane & Wotan Road			9
Intersection	Sparkleberry Lane & Viking Drive			9
Intersection	Polo Road & Running Fox Road West			8, 9
Intersection	Kennerly Rd S-217 & Old Tamah Rd S-244			1
Intersection	McCords Ferry Road & Van Boklen Road			10
Intersection	McCords Ferry Road & Bluff Road			10
Intersection	Bluff Road & St Marks Road			10
Intersection	Intersection Improvement SC 16/S-228			4
Intersection	Intersection Improvements -SC 262 (Leesburg Rd) at Patricia Dr			11
Special Projects	Bridge Replacement of Lorick Road			7
Special Projects	S-1388 (Frick Road) Bridge Replacement			2
Special Projects	US 21 crossing Southern & SCL RR (Blossom St Bridge)			5
Special Projects	Assembly Street Phase II /Safety - Pendleton St Streetscape		Lady St	4, 5
Special Projects	Harden Street Improvements (Phase 11)	Gervais St	Blossom St	5
Greenway	Lower Saluda Greenway Project			5

2012 Richland Penny Funded Projects				
Project Type	Project Name	From	To	
Road Widening	Atlas Road Widening	Shop Rd	Garners Ferry Rd	10, 11
Road Widening	Bluff Road Widening Phase 2	National Guard Rd	South Beltline	10
Road Widening	Blythewood Road Area Improvements (2 locations)			2
	1) Widen McNulty St	Blythewood Rd	Main St	
	2) Creech Road Extension	Blythewood Rd	Main St	
Road Widening	Broad River Road Widening	Royal Tower Dr	Dutch Fork Rd	1, 2
Road Widening	Lower Richland Boulevard	Garners Ferry Rd	Rabbit Run	11
Road Widening	Polo Road Widening	Two Notch Rd	Mallet Hill Rd	8, 9
Road Widening	Shop Road Widening	George Rogers Blvd.	Mauney Dr	10
Road Widening	Spears Creek Ch Rd	Two Notch Rd	Jacobs Mill Pond Rd	9
Road Improvements	Pineview Road Area Improvements	Shop Rd	Garners Ferry Rd	10, 11
Intersection Improvements	Clemson Rd. and Sparkleberry Ln.			9
Special Projects	Innovista 3 (Williams St.)	Blossom St	Senate St	5
Special Projects	Shop Road Extension Phase 2	Longwood Rd	Montgomery Lane	10
Special Projects	Kelly Mill Road	Hardscrabble Road	Lake Carolina Elementary School	2, 8, 9
Special Projects	Broad River Corridor			4, 5



Special Projects	Crane Creek Neighborhood			7
Special Projects	Decker/Woodfield Neighborhood			3, 8
Special Projects	SE Neighborhood (SERN) Neighborhood (Phase 2)	Rabbit Run	Lower Richland High School Dr	11
Special Projects	Trenholm Acres/Newcastle Neighborhood			3
Special Projects	Commerce Drive Improvements			10
Greenway	Crane Creek Greenway	Broad River Canal Headgates	near I-20	4
Greenway	Gills Creek Greenway	Crowson Road	Mikell Lane	6
Greenway	Polo Road / Windsor Lake Boulevard Connector	Polo Rd/Alpine Intersection	Windsor Lake Blvd.	8
Greenway	Smith/Rocky Branch Greenway	Granby Park	Gervais Street	5, 10
Sidewalk	Percival Road Sidewalk	Forest Drive	Decker Blvd	6

2012 Richland Penny Unfunded Projects				
Project Type	Project Name	From	To	
Road Widening	Atlas Road Widening	Shop Rd	Bluff Rd	10
Road Improvements	Pineview Road Area Improvements	Shop Rd	Bluff Rd	10
Road Widening	Broad River Road Widening	I-26 (Exit 97)	Dutch Fork Rd	1

Richland County Resurfacing & Dirt Road Paving Programs	
Program Type	
County Resurfacing	\$6 Million / Year (with 5% annual growth)
County Dirt Road Paving	\$8 Million / Year (fixed annual funding)

SCDOT			
	Project Type	Project Name	
SCDOT	Bridge Replacement	Lakeland Dr (S-40-1600) crossing Unnamed Stream (near Arlene Dr.)	3
SCDOT	Bridge Replacement	Garners Ferry Rd. (US-76) crossing US-601	10
SCDOT	Bridge Replacement	McCords Ferry Rd. (US-601) crossing Colonels Creek	10
SCDOT	Bridge Replacement	River Dr. (US-176) crossing SCL R.R.	4
SCDOT	Bridge Replacement	US-321 crossing Crane Creek	7
SCDOT	Bridge Replacement	Farrow Rd (SC-555) crossing SCL R.R.	3
SCDOT	Bridge Replacement	Lorick Rd (S-40-1436) crossing North Branch	7
SCDOT	Bridge Replacement	Grand St (S-2375) crossing Smith Branch	4
SCDOT	Bridge Replacement	Lake Shore Dr (S-985) crossing Unnamed Stream (near Fleming St.)	6

Town of Blythewood			
Project Type	Project Name		
Intersection	Langford Road/ Wilson Boulevard/Blythewood Road		2
Intersection	Rimer Pond Road and Wilson Boulevard		2

Town of Irmo				
Project Type	Project	From	To	
Special Projects	Salem Church Road	Old Dutch Fork Rd	Dutch Fork Rd	1

City of Columbia	
Potential New Projects	Potential Maintenance Funding
Harden St and Taylor St Intersection	Road resurfacing (400 miles of City streets)
Assembly Phase 2 Streetscape (Pendleton to Lady)	New sidealks (31 miles)
Assembly Rail Separation Project	
Sumter Cycle Track (Elmwood to Blossom)	
Quiet Zone	
Crowson Road Diet	
Garners Ferry Shared Use Path (Trotter to Devine)	
Laurel Cycle Track (Harden to Riverfront Park)	
Washington and Marion St Safety Improvements	



# Appendix B-

## Currently Planned Project Maps Presented to Public

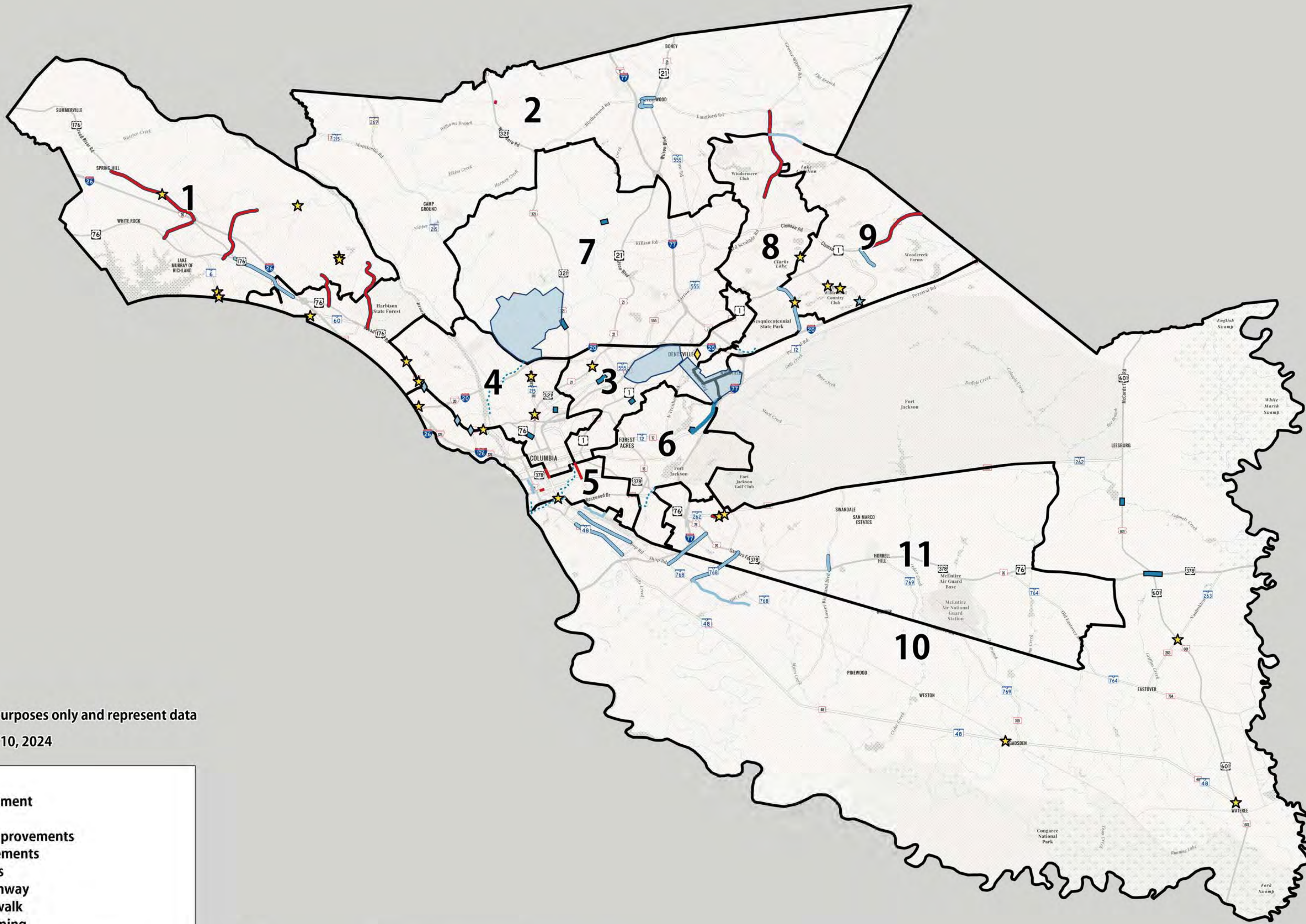






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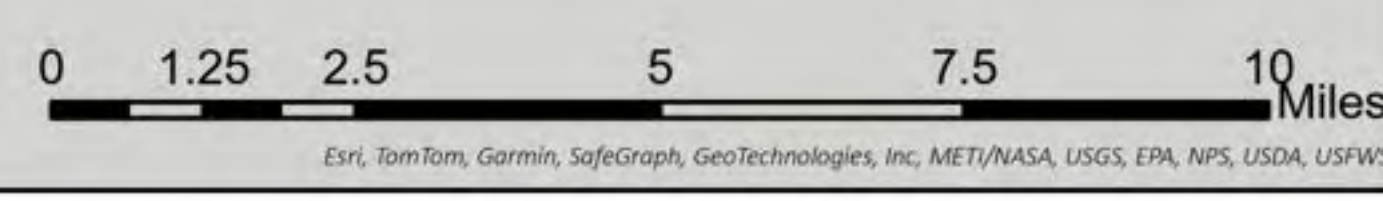


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  - ☆ COATS - Intersection Improvements
  - ◇ COATS - Safety Improvements
  - COATS - Special Projects
  - Richland County - Greenway
  - Richland County - Sidewalk
  - Richland County - Widening
  - ☆ Richland County - Intersection Improvements
  - Richland County - Special (Widening/Extension)
  - Richland County - Special (Neighborhood Improvement)
  - ◇ Richland County - Special (Intersection Improvement)



**Additional Improvements**  
Road resurfacing = \$6 million/year, growing YoY 5%  
Paving Dirt Road = \$8 million/year







# RICHLAND COUNTY TRANSPORTATION PLANNING MEETING 2024

## COUNCIL DISTRICT 1

### CURRENTLY PLANNED PROJECTS



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**Legend**

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- ◆ Richland County - Special (Intersection Improvement)



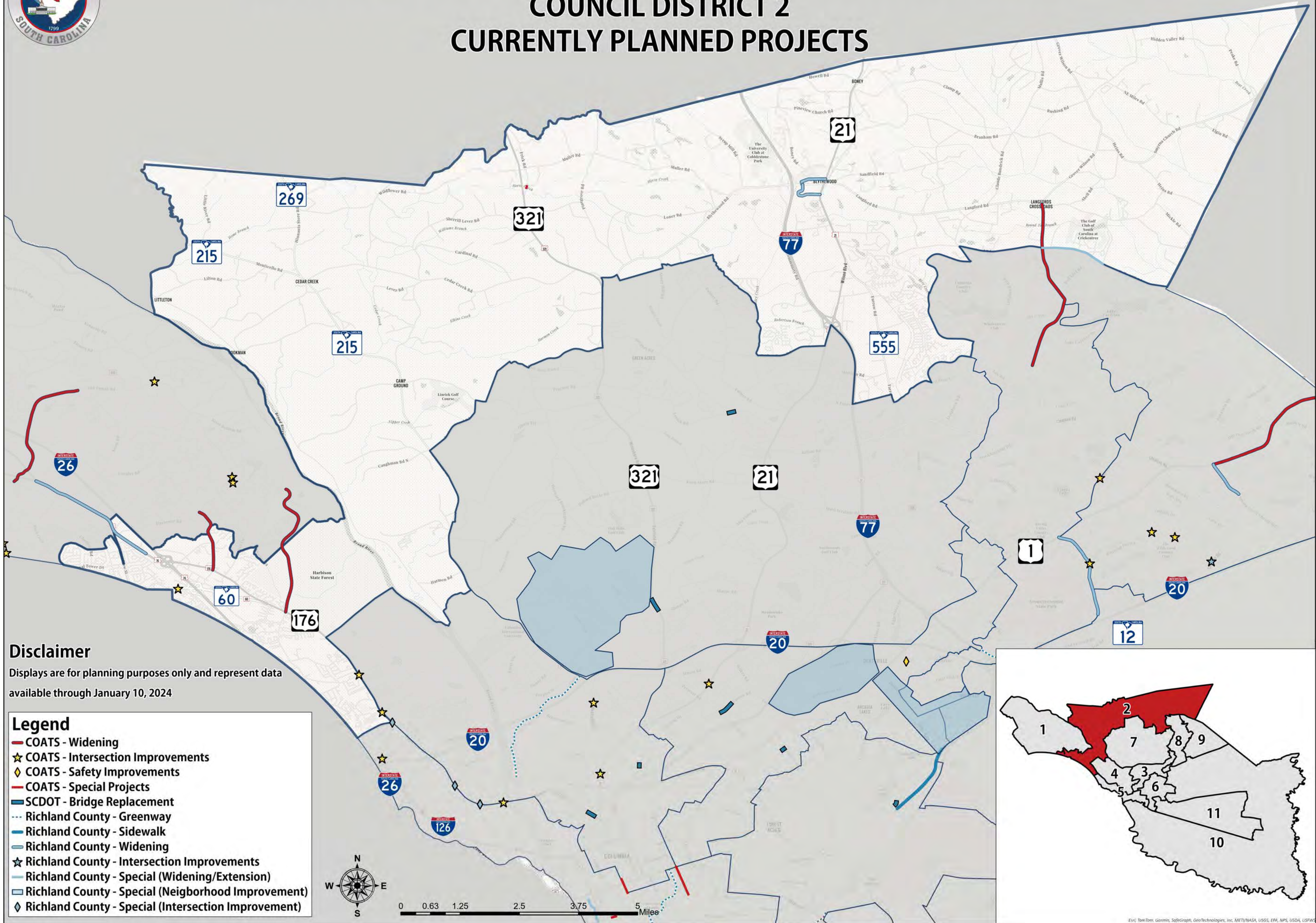




# RICHLAND COUNTY TRANSPORTATION PLANNING MEETING 2024

## COUNCIL DISTRICT 2

### CURRENTLY PLANNED PROJECTS



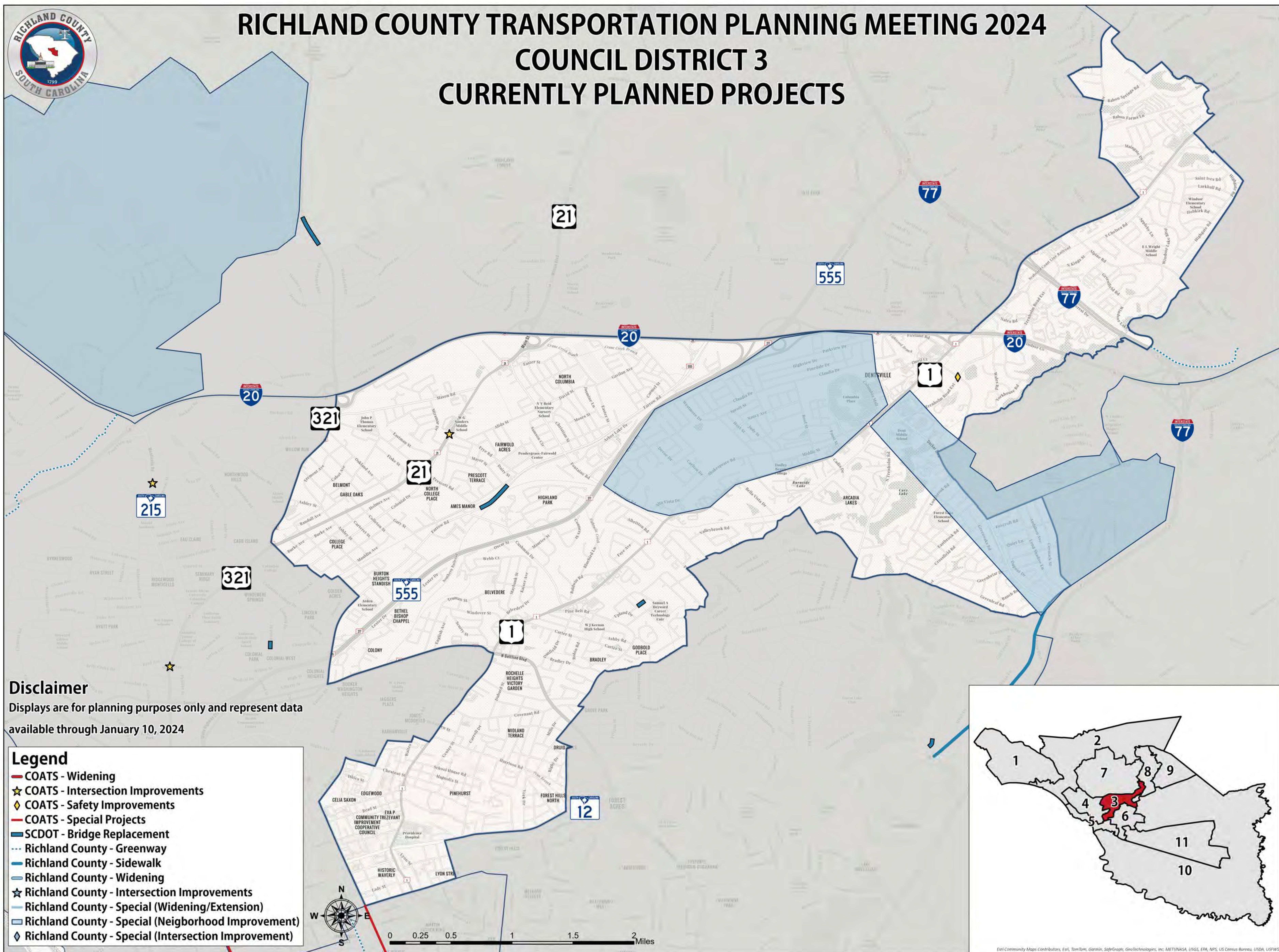




# RICHLAND COUNTY TRANSPORTATION PLANNING MEETING 2024

## COUNCIL DISTRICT 3

### CURRENTLY PLANNED PROJECTS



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  - ★ COATS - Intersection Improvements
  - ◆ COATS - Safety Improvements
  - COATS - Special Projects
  - SCDOT - Bridge Replacement
  - Richland County - Greenway
  - Richland County - Sidewalk
  - Richland County - Widening
  - ★ Richland County - Intersection Improvements
  - Richland County - Special (Widening/Extension)
  - Richland County - Special (Neighborhood Improvement)
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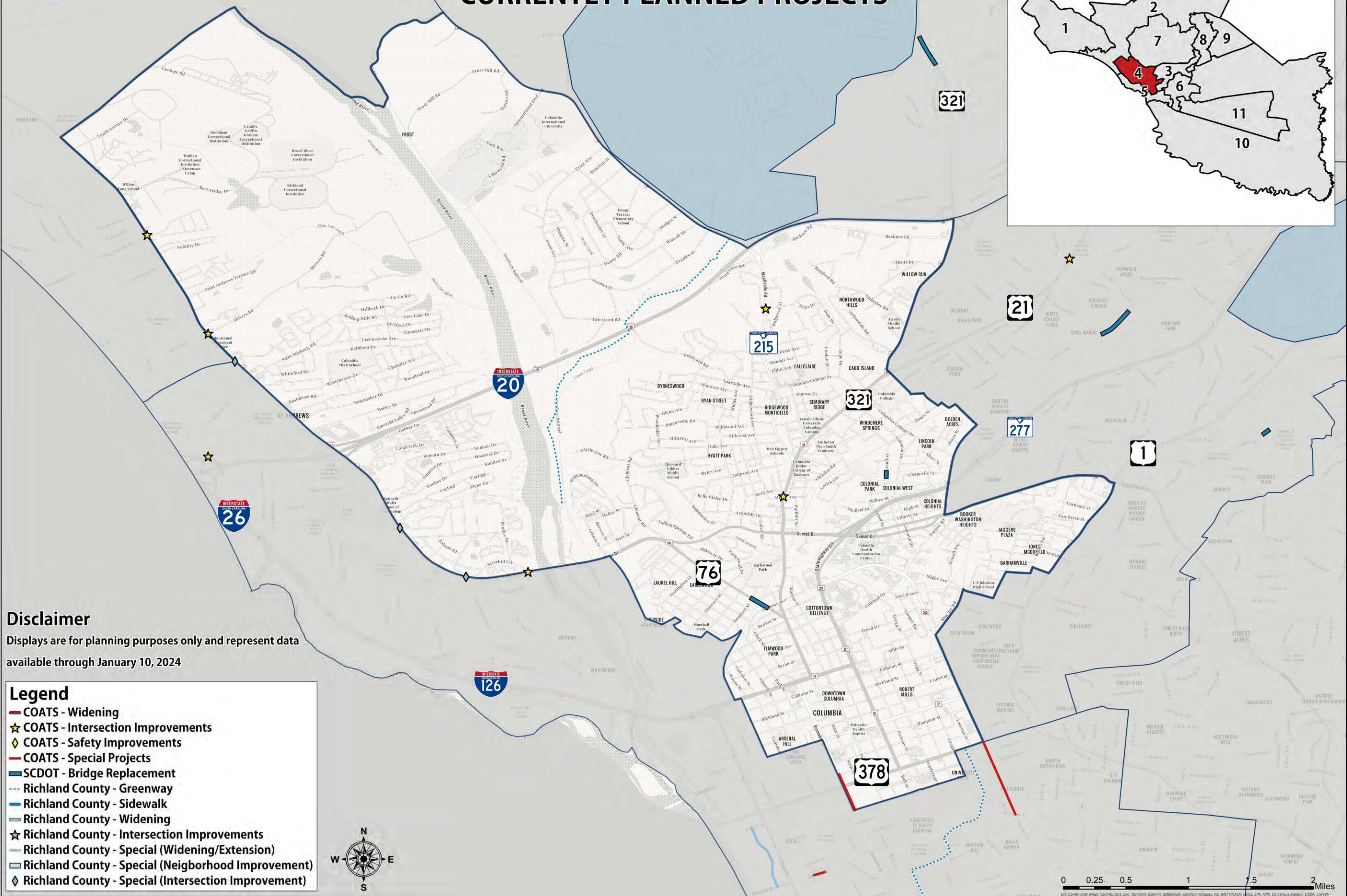
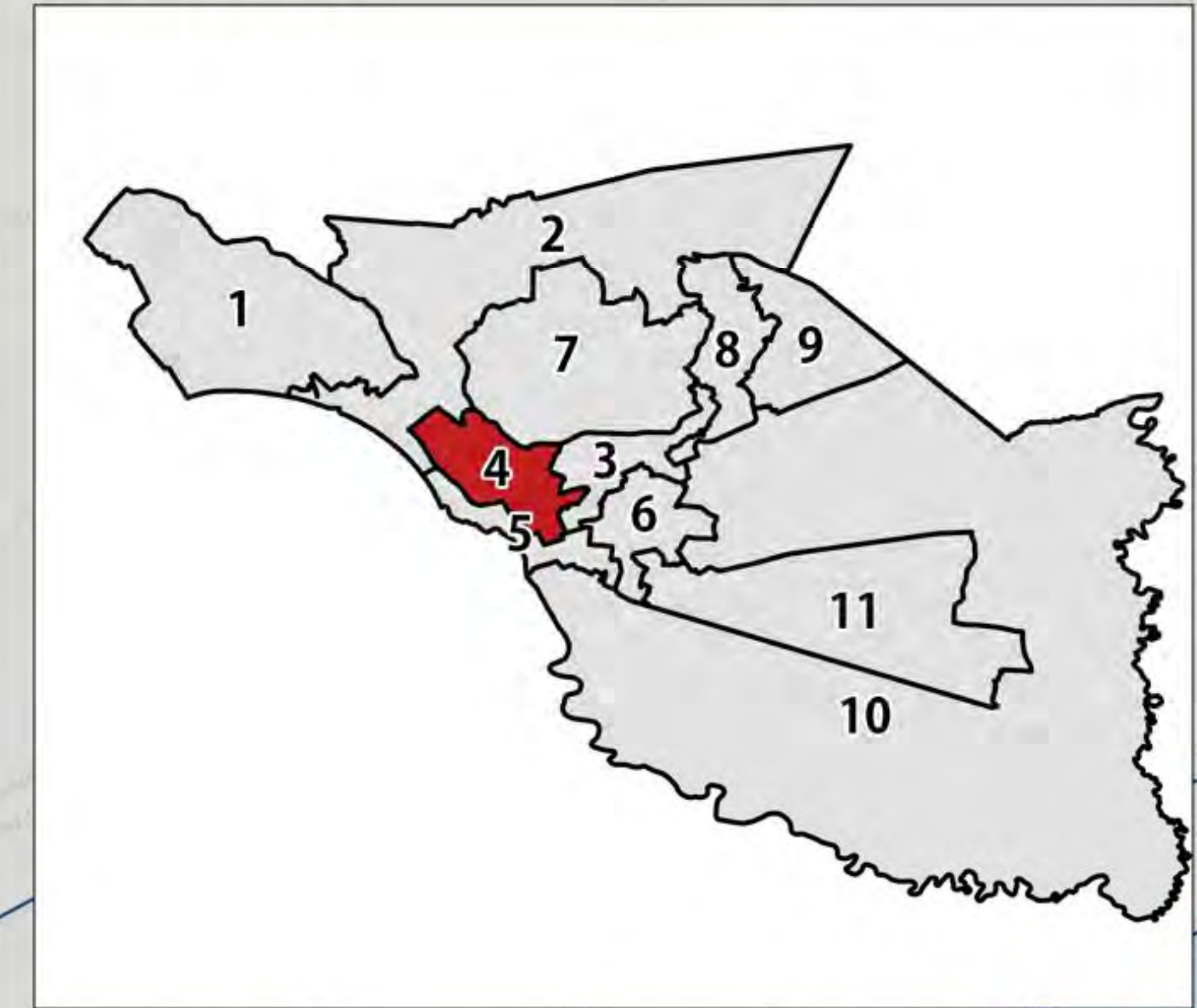




# RICHLAND COUNTY TRANSPORTATION PLANNING MEETING 2024

## COUNCIL DISTRICT 4

### CURRENTLY PLANNED PROJECTS



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- Legend**
- COATS - Widening
  - ☆ COATS - Intersection Improvements
  - ◇ COATS - Safety Improvements
  - COATS - Special Projects
  - SCDOT - Bridge Replacement
  - Richland County - Greenway
  - Richland County - Sidewalk
  - Richland County - Widening
  - ☆ Richland County - Intersection Improvements
  - Richland County - Special (Widening/Extension)
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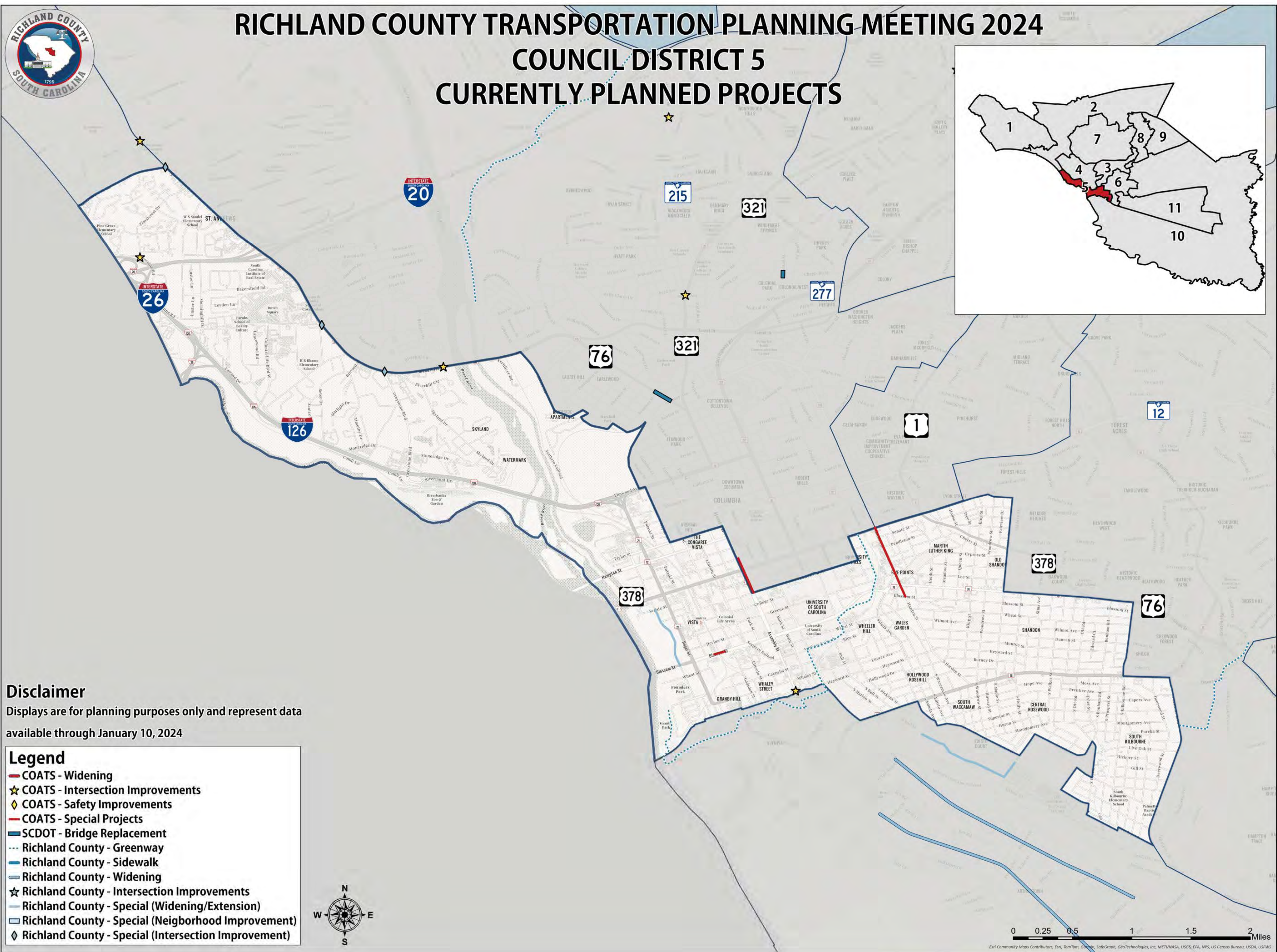
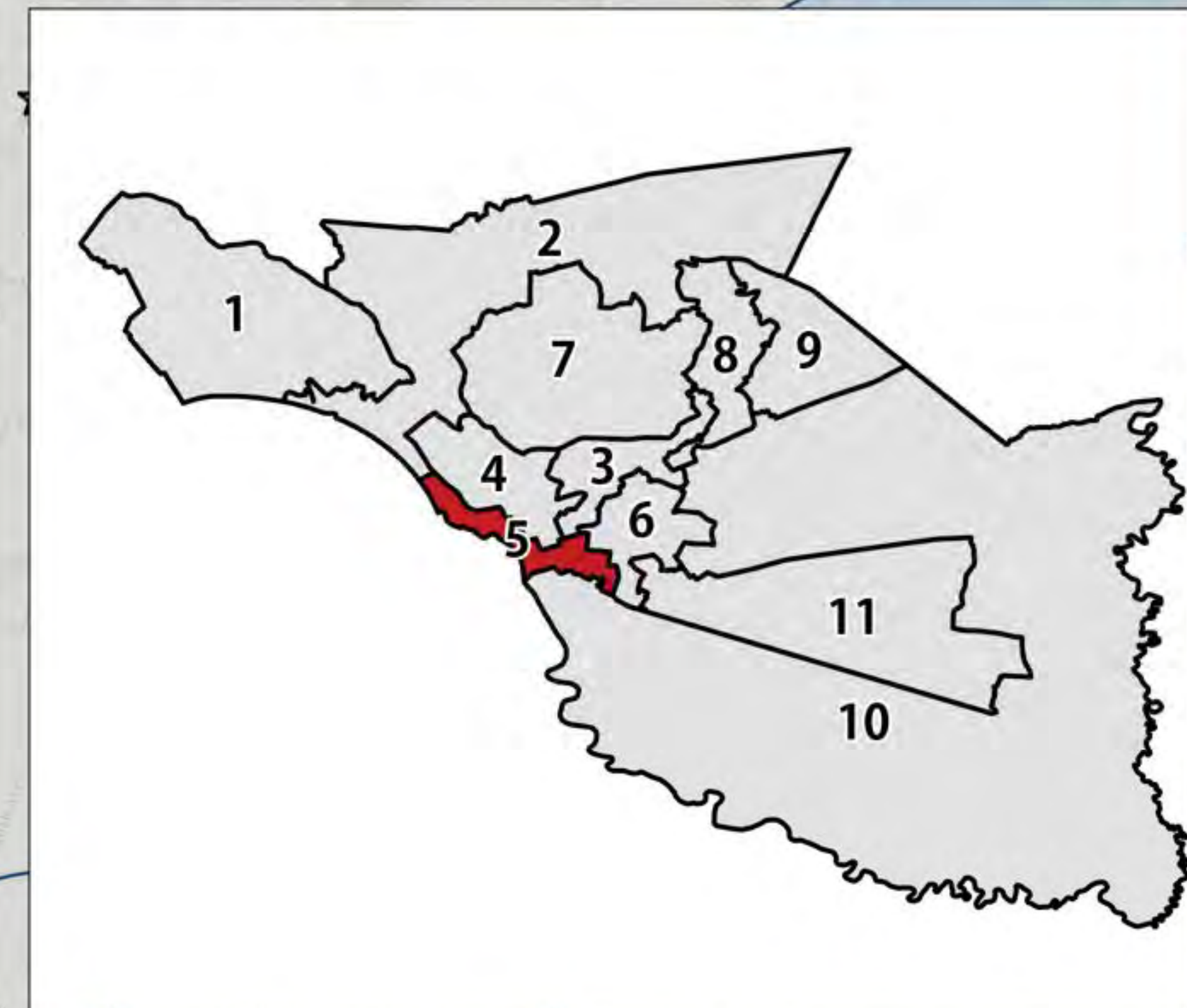




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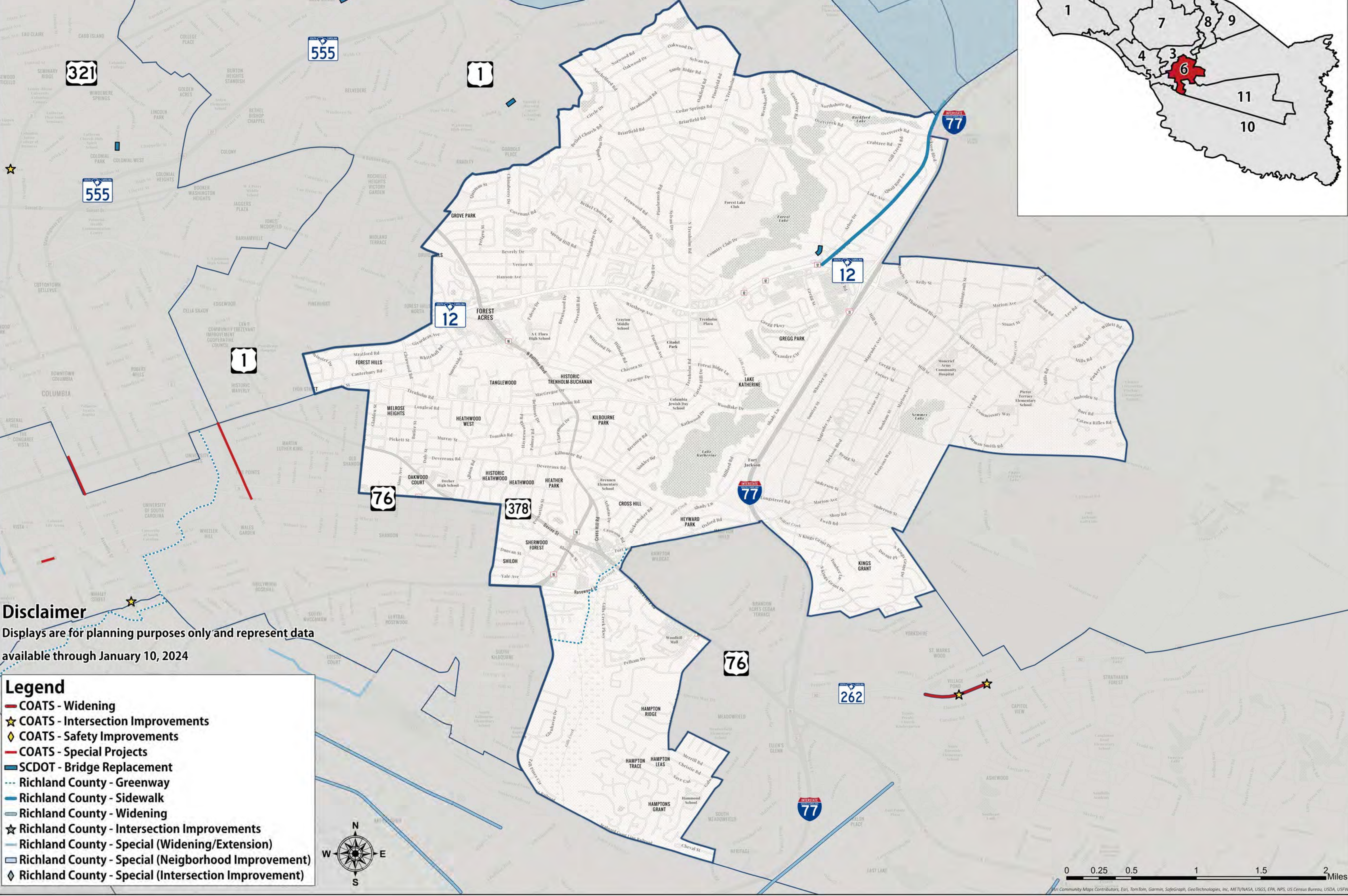
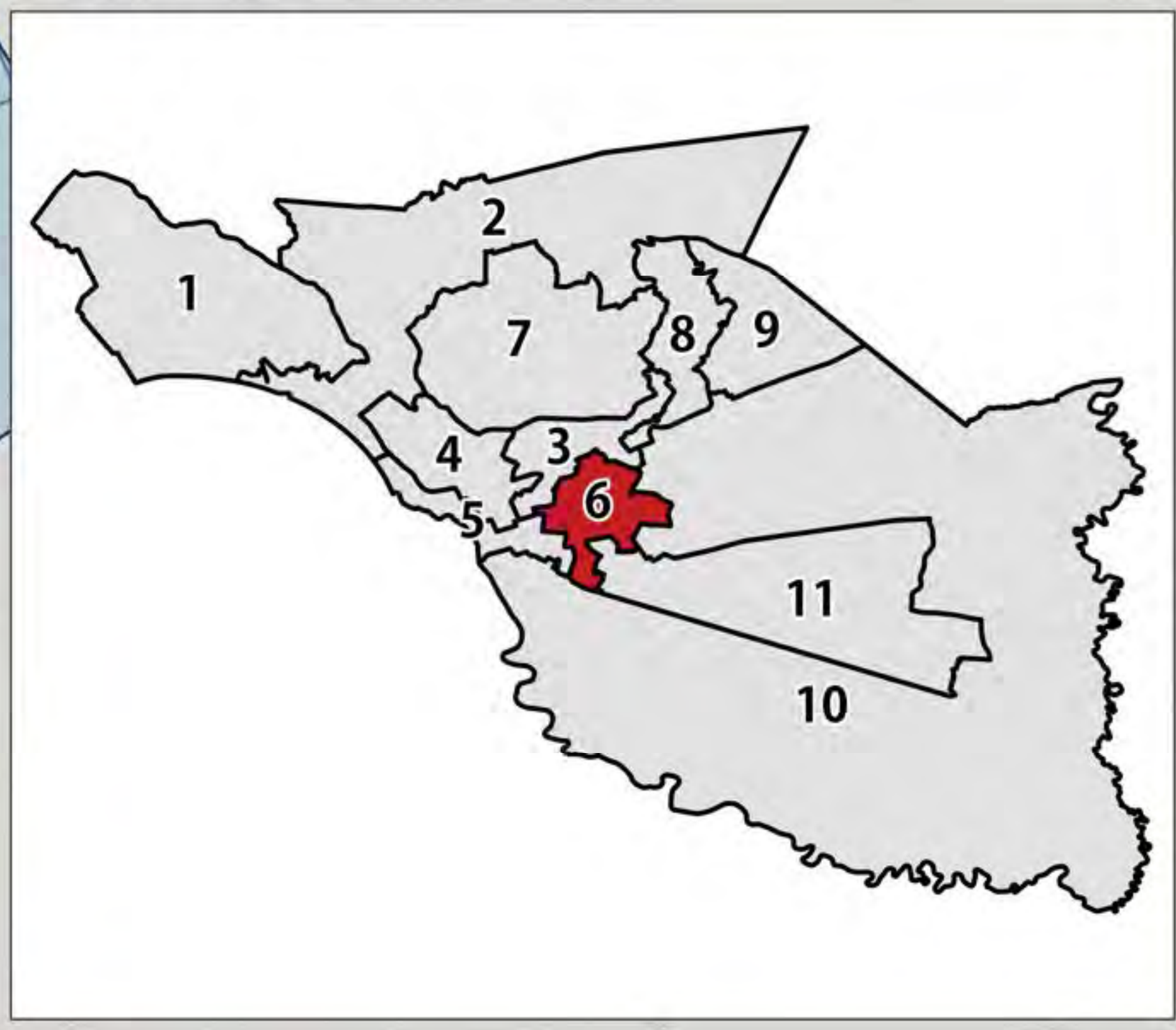




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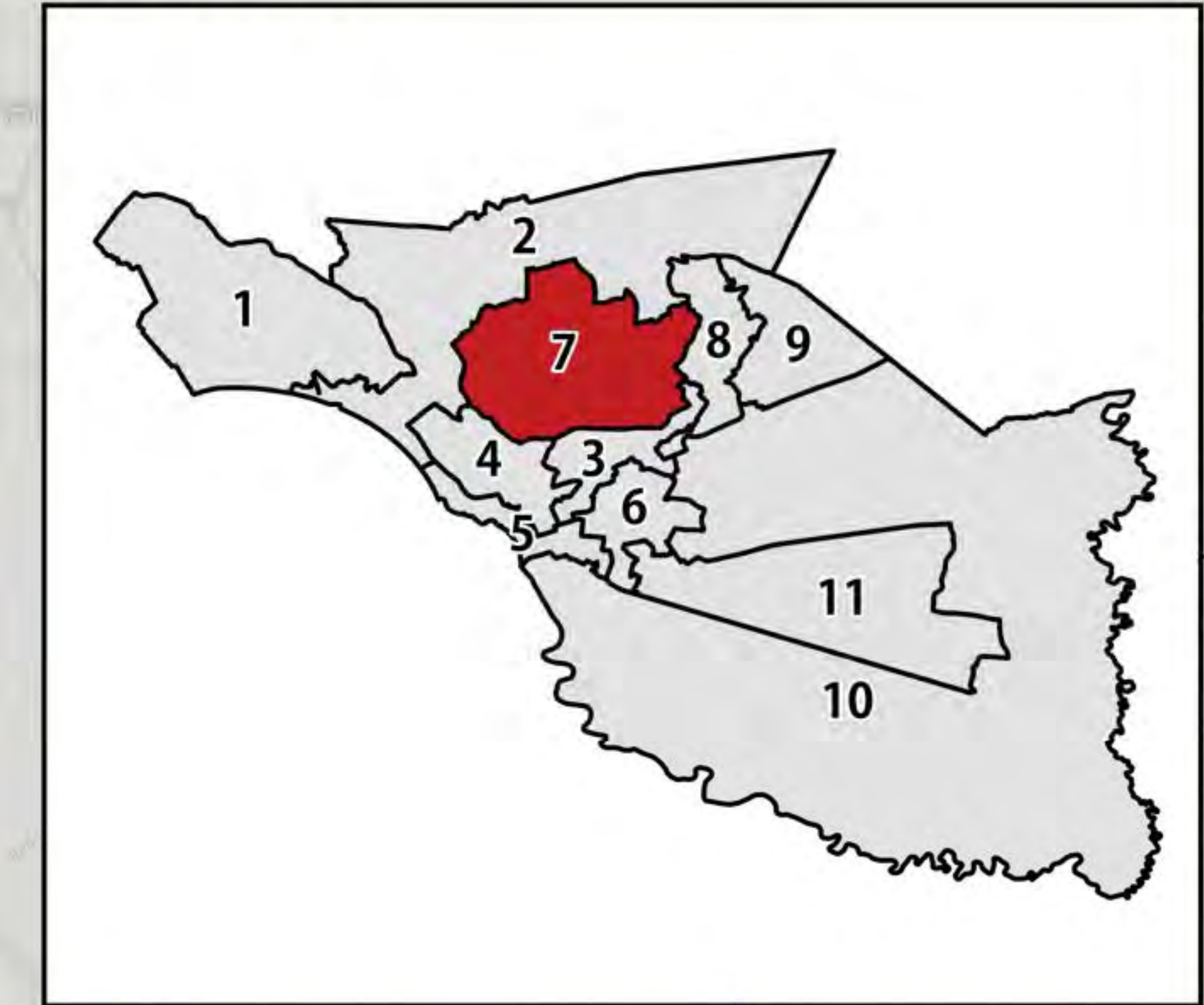




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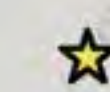
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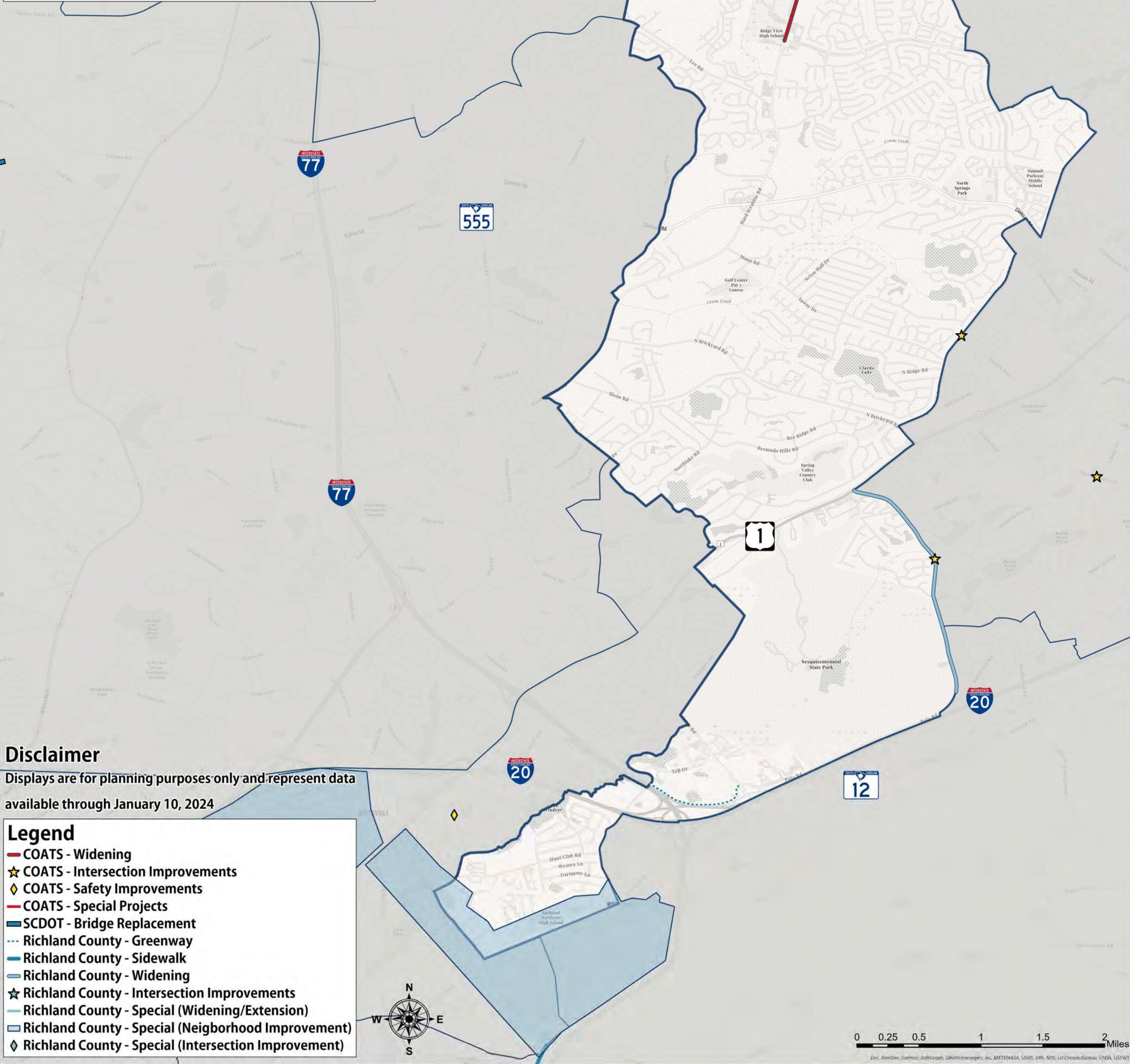
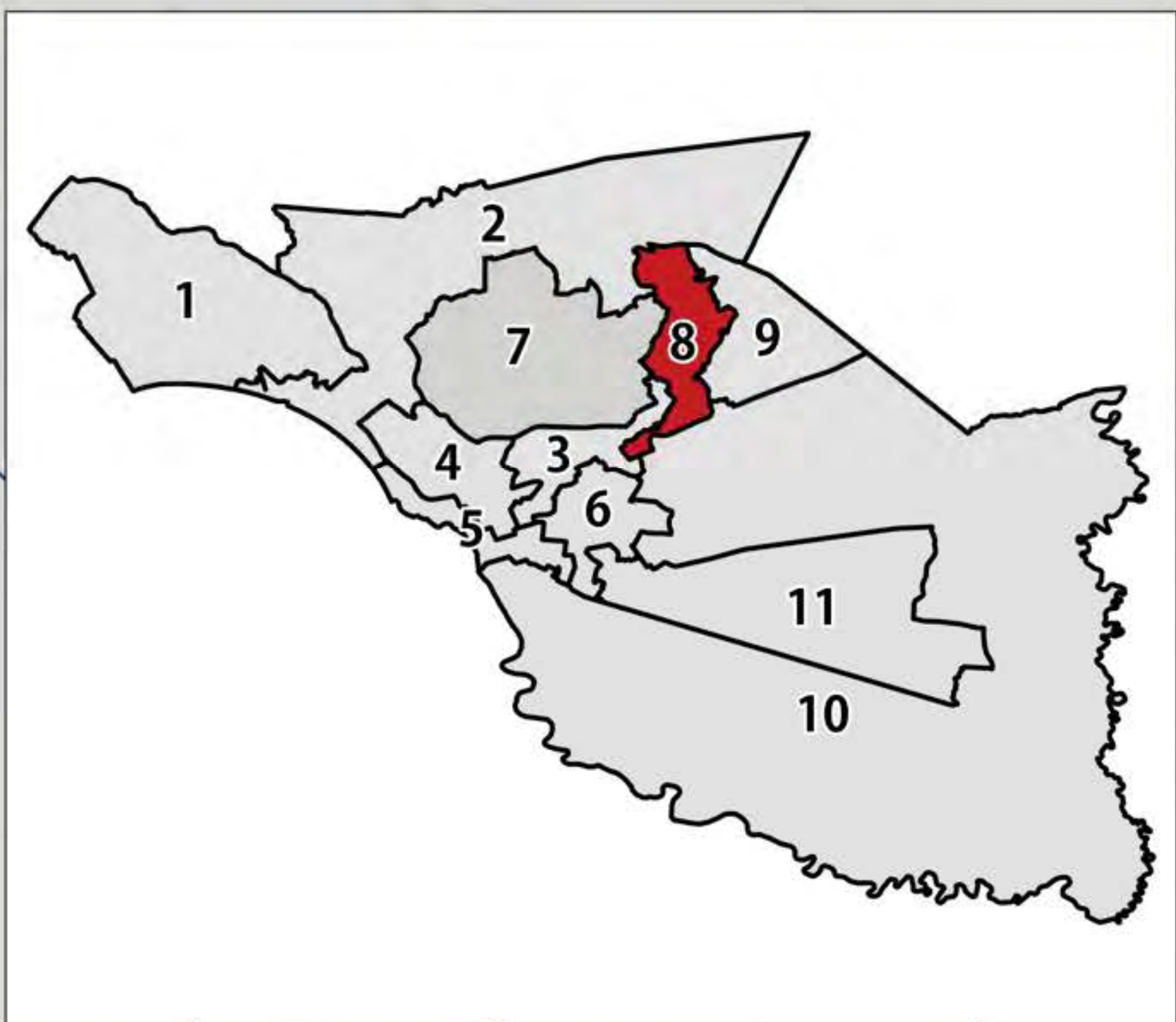




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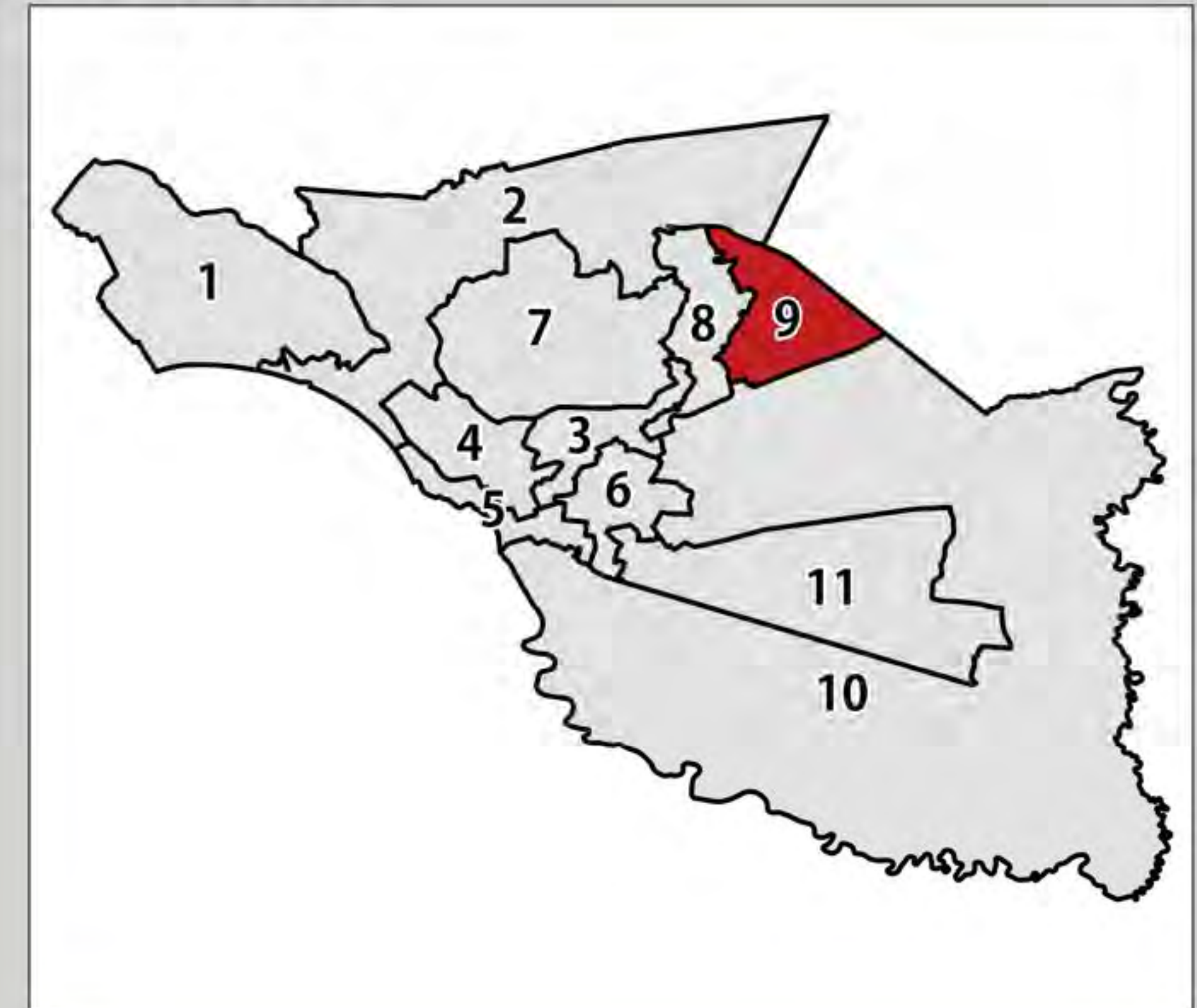




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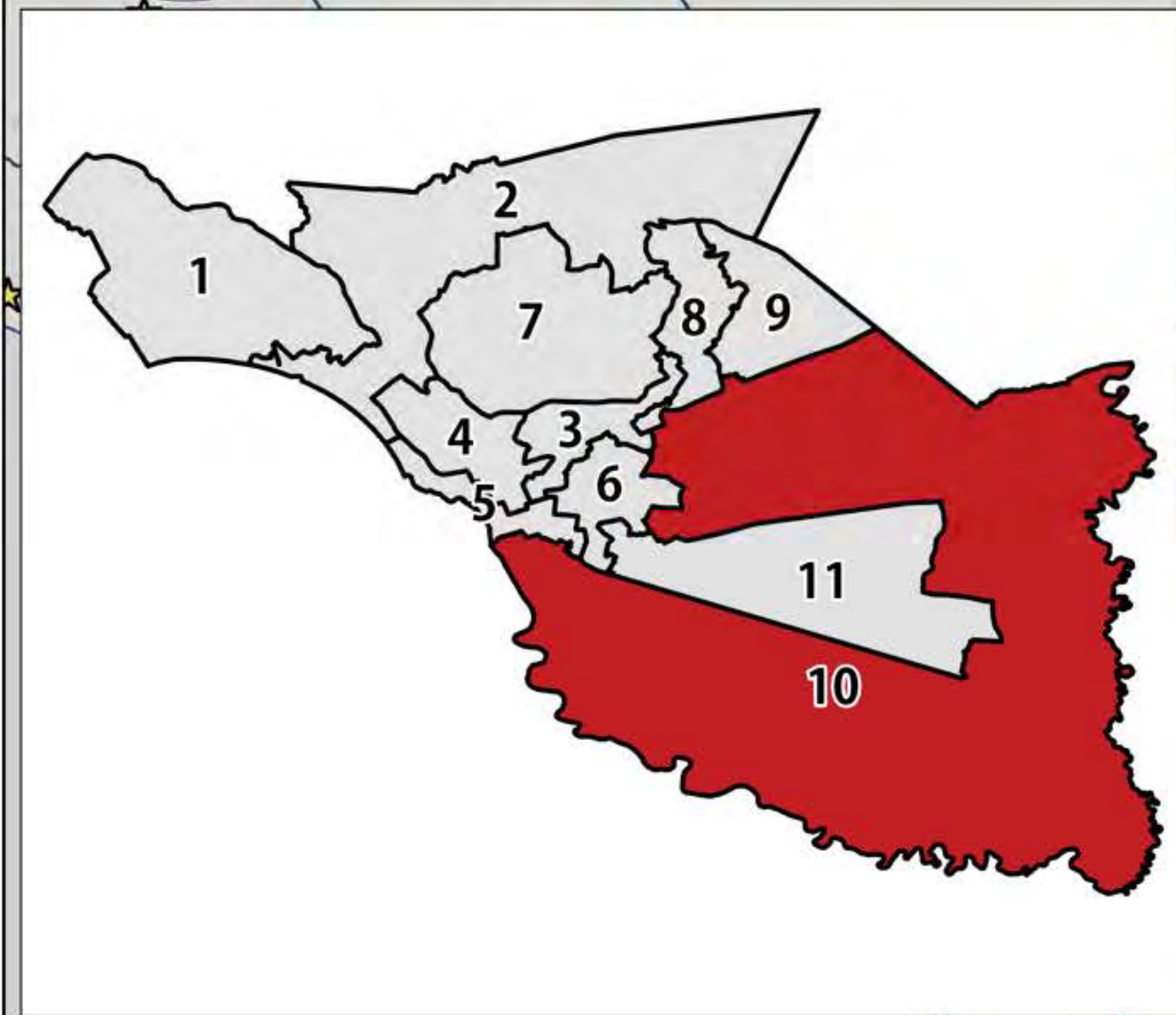




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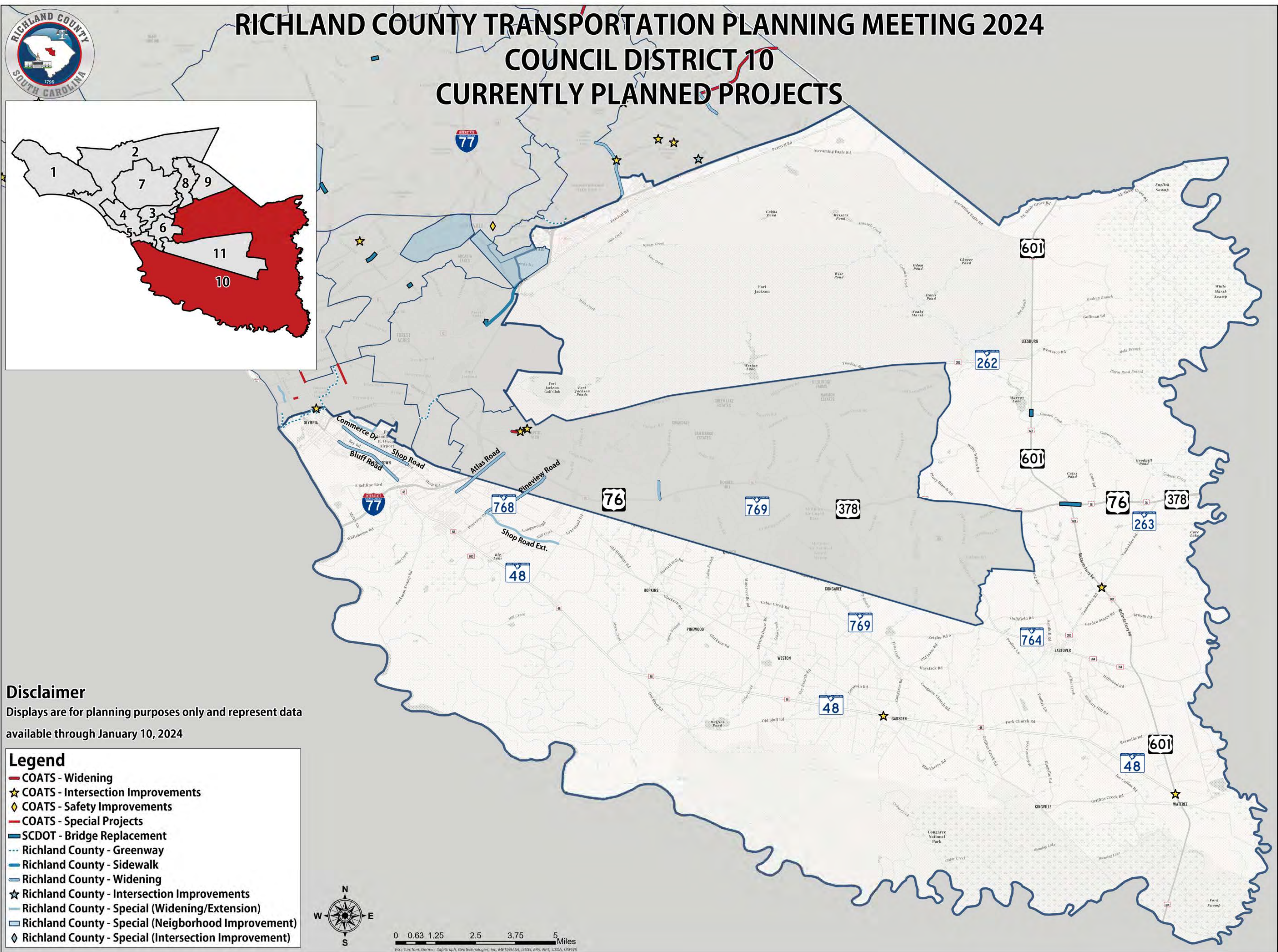
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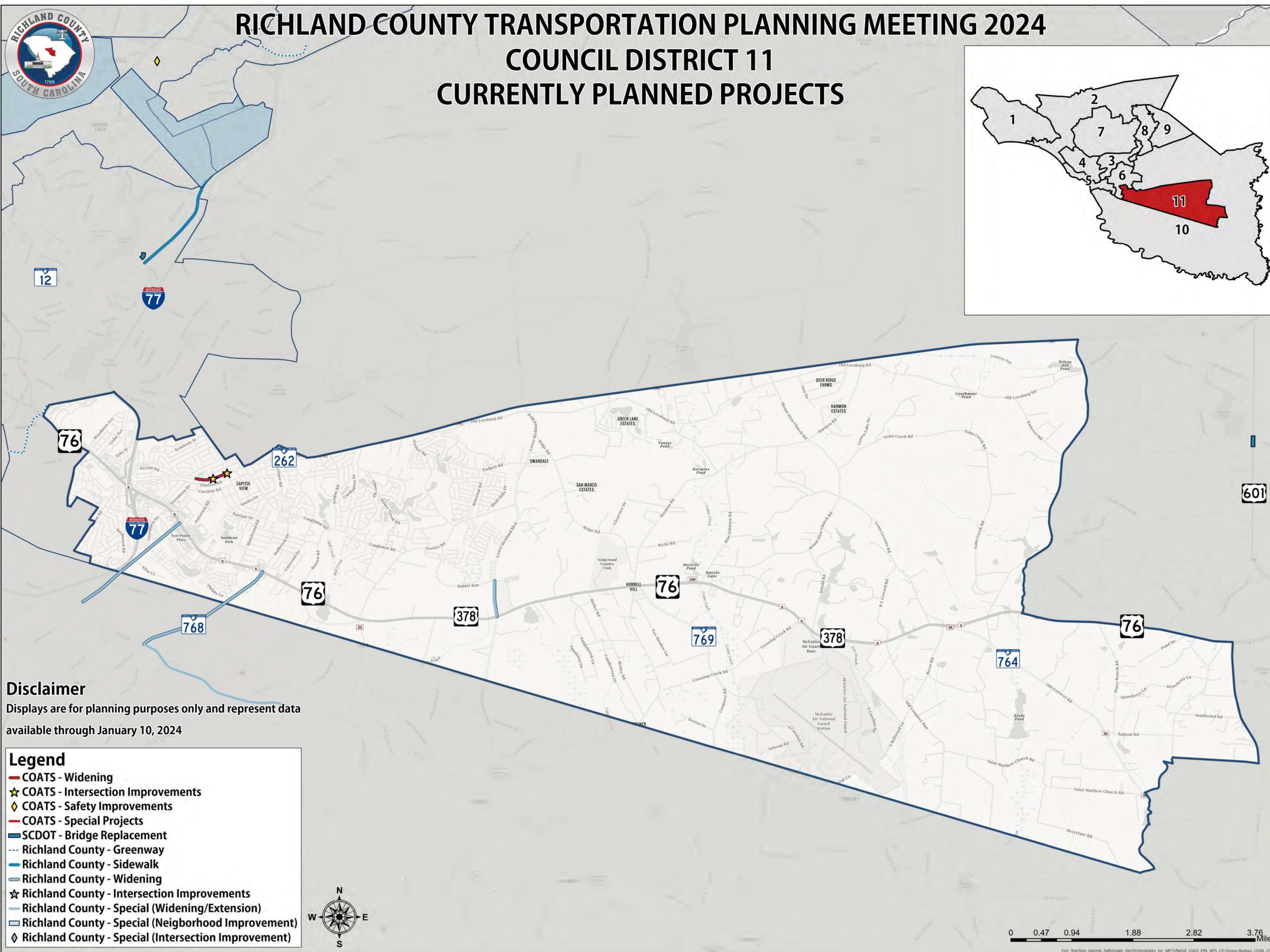
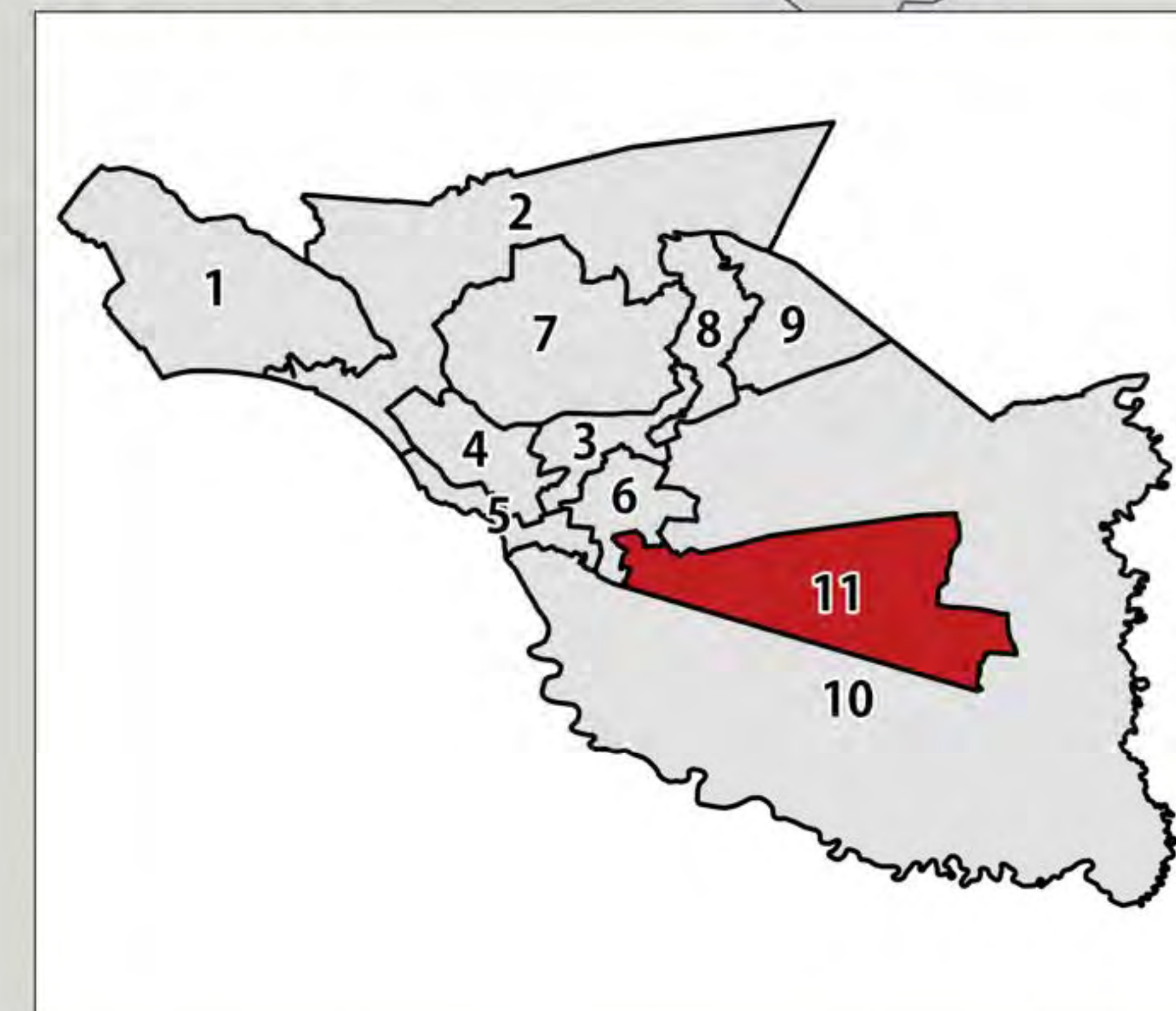




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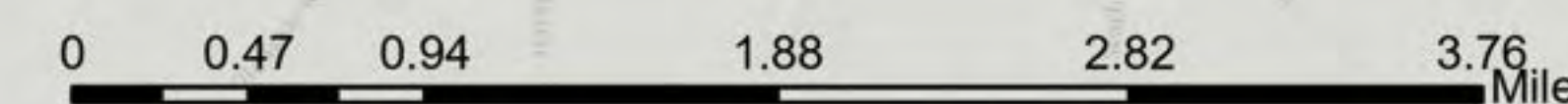
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# Appendix C-

## Planning Meetings Summary Report







## **TRANSPORTATION PLANNING MEETINGS REPORT**

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## **Executive Summary**

The Richland County Transportation Penny Office conducted a study of the existing Transportation Project Plan for existing/pending transportation infrastructure projects. In coordination with Stantec and Richland County 11 meetings across the county were facilitated with key stakeholders including County Council members who play critical roles in transportation planning and executing the development of both the needs assessment and the capital plan.

Foresight Communications was tasked with the following:

- Creating a comprehensive meeting agenda.
- Developing strategies for in-person and digital public input.
- Managing feedback collection, categorization, and reporting.



## **District 1**

January 18, 2024, 6:00 – 7:30 PM

Ballentine Park  
1053 Bird Rd  
Irmo SC 29063

### **Attendees**

32



The meeting in Richland County District #1 was well-attended, with 32 community members coming together to discuss a variety of issues that have been affecting daily commutes and overall traffic safety.

### **Comment Summary -**

Concerns raised included the urgent need for widening the bridge on Dutch Fork Road near Walgreens and extending the widening up to Chick-fil-A. Attendees debated the financial foresight of allocating \$11 million now versus potentially facing a \$20 million expense in the future if delays were incurred. The deteriorating conditions of Cardinal Cone Road and Crystal Manor Drive were also highlighted, with community members calling for immediate remedial actions.

A significant point of discussion was the safety and traffic flow on Marina Road, with a consensus to advocate for lowering the speed limit to 35 mph to enhance road safety. Concerns about a blind spot at the intersection of Bickley Road and US 176 prompted calls for improvement to prevent future accidents.

The meeting also addressed the need for traffic lights at critical intersections such as Dutch Fork and Milplace Roads, as well as Bickley and Broad River Roads. The east ramp of I-26 at Koon Road and the exit ramp at Shady Grove were also discussed, with suggestions including sidewalks at Kennerly Road to facilitate pedestrian movement.

Community suggestions included saving funds by not paving dirt roads that residents do not want paved, and instead using those funds for other paving projects. The continuation of four lanes from Walmart to Ballantine across the bridge was discussed, emphasizing the importance of widening the bridge over railroad tracks and the necessity for sidewalks on Shady Grove Road from Ashford to Dutch Fork High School.

Further, the meeting touched upon the need for additional stoplights at key intersections like Canterfield and Broad River in front of Spring Hill High School, and the continuation of the widening of Hwy 76 to Chapin and Hwy 176 past Chapin Road. The community also voiced a



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strong need for bike lanes on Kennerly Road to accommodate the large number of bicyclists, especially on weekends.

The proposal for a signal light at Caedmon's Creek and Broad River was a significant point of concern, with community members highlighting the impact of widening Broad River on the difficulty of exiting the area. The comparison with the recent addition of a traffic light at Salem Church Rd and N Lake Dr underscored the inconsistencies in traffic management decisions. Participants proposed transforming sidewalks into golf cart paths on Marina Rd and Johnson Marina Rd to add charm to Ballentine, making it a more attractive destination for personal businesses, marinas, and restaurants.

However, frustrations were voiced regarding the lack of specific answers and details provided by the meeting organizers. Attendees expressed dissatisfaction with vague ideas about road widening, intersection improvements, and funding sources. The need for better communication and advertising for future meetings was emphasized, along with a call for a more structured presentation and accessible project lists for residents.

Overall, the meeting shed light on numerous transportation issues facing Richland County District #1, with community members actively participating in the dialogue. Yet, the demand for clearer information, decisive action, and improved communication remained the overriding theme, underscoring the need for more effective engagement and planning in addressing the district's transportation challenges.



## **District 2**

February 21 & 22, 2024, 6:00 – 7:30 PM

### Meeting 1:

St. Andrews Park 920 Beatty Road  
Columbia SC 29210

### Meeting 2:

Doko Manor  
100 Alvina Hagood Drive  
Blythewood SC 29016

### **Attendees**

45



The District #2 transportation meeting opened to a larger-than-usual crowd of 45 attendees, highlighting the community's keen interest in local infrastructure developments. The meeting began on a positive note, with participants expressing satisfaction over the replacement of the bridge on Broad River over I-26, recognizing it as a significant improvement for the district.

### **Comment Summary -**

A major concern that emerged early in the discussion was the need for better lighting along Longcreek Drive, stretching from Broad River to Cambout Street. This initiative was strongly advocated for, given the dangers faced by pedestrians walking on the street in the absence of safer alternatives, especially near Dutch Square Mall.

The conversation during the second meeting for this district shifted to the optimization of traffic flow and safety on US 21 North Main Street, with a proposal to restripe it to three lanes, incorporating one lane in each direction plus a Two-Way Left Turn Lane (TWLTL), and adding separate bike lanes to enhance downtown accessibility. Similarly, there was a push to convert Sumter Street from Cottontown to USC from a five-lane to a three-lane road, including a separate bike lane to facilitate safer access.

Sidewalks were a recurring theme in the discussions, with strong support for their installation on Abingdon Road and throughout the Keenan Terrace area. Attendees highlighted the increased traffic and safety concerns for pedestrians due to speeders, noting that the original neighborhood design included sidewalks that should be restored or added to accommodate growth and ensure pedestrian safety.

The need for infrastructure expansion to accommodate the growing population was also a significant topic. The intersection at Blythewood Rd and Longcreek Rd was identified as a critical area needing expansion due to consistent daily traffic backups. Making the area more



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walkable or bikeable was suggested to enhance the quality of life in the city, allowing residents to enjoy the area with family and friends.

Policy discussions centered on the approach to pothole repairs versus more comprehensive street repairs or resurfacing, particularly given the frequency of repairs needed on certain roads like Turkey Farm. The community expressed frustration over the lack of policy for utility cuts and oversight, noting that pothole repairs often resulted in uneven surfaces, exacerbating the problem rather than resolving it.

Further, there was a call to address the resurfacing of Marthan Road (I-77 Overpass) and repaving US 1, alongside considerations for creating an extra artery near Blythewood and Lake Carolina to better connect with I-20 and I-77. The discussions pointed to a broader concern regarding the prioritization of infrastructure projects and the need for proactive rather than reactive planning.

Overall, the Richland County District #2 transportation meeting reflected a community deeply engaged with the safety, efficiency, and accessibility of their local transportation infrastructure. The dialogue underscored a collective desire for enhancements that would not only address current deficiencies but also anticipate the needs of a growing population, emphasizing the importance of comprehensive planning and community involvement in shaping the future of the district's transportation landscape.



## **District 3**

February 12, 2024, 6:00 – 7:30 PM

New Castle-Trenholm Acres Community Center  
5819 Shakespeare Rd  
Columbia SC 29223

### **Attendees**

20



The transportation planning meeting for Richland County District #3 was marked by an engaged group of 20 community members, all gathered to discuss improvements and safety concerns within their neighborhood streets and traffic systems. The session focused on a variety of key issues identified by the residents, emphasizing the need for infrastructural enhancements to ensure pedestrian safety and traffic efficiency.

### **Comment Summary -**

A primary concern among the attendees was the lack of sidewalks on Roof Street. The street's high hill and poor visibility pose significant risks to pedestrians, making the need for sidewalks an urgent priority. The call for sidewalk installations extended to the Trenholm Acres Neighborhood, specifically on Roof, Shakespeare, Claudia, and Nancy Streets, highlighting a community-wide need for safer pedestrian pathways.

Lighting at the bus stop on Roof Street was another critical issue raised, with attendees pointing out the safety implications of inadequate lighting for public transportation users. Additionally, the soft shoulder near the pond on Roof Street was noted as a hazard, with community members requesting clear signage to alert drivers and protect pedestrians.

An unusual obstruction on the corner of Carlton and Redwood was brought to the attention of the meeting, reported to be blocking traffic and creating a safety concern. However, specific details about the nature of the obstruction were not provided in the discussion summary.

Traffic flow and safety at the intersection of SC-277 and I-20 were also addressed, with suggestions to improve the blind up ramp to SC-277. Proposals included utilizing the right SC lane for right turns and reserving the left lane for through traffic to I-77, coupled with improved signage to facilitate smoother transitions and reduce congestion.

Concerns were voiced about the entrance to the Parklane Adult Active Center, particularly the steep curb and narrow entry from a busy road just past a traffic signal. The difficulty for drivers turning right without bottoming out or needing to stop in the main traffic lane was highlighted as an area needing immediate attention.



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Lastly, the median barrier on Decker Boulevard across from Dentsville School was discussed, with suggestions to remove or modify it to ease left turns into the shopping area. The barrier, described as leading to a "bay to nowhere" following the school's rebuild, was identified as an unnecessary obstruction that could be reevaluated to improve traffic flow and access.

Overall, the Richland County District #3 transportation meeting was a platform for residents to voice their concerns and suggestions for improving the safety and functionality of their local transportation infrastructure. The discussion reflected a community proactive in identifying issues and advocating for changes that would benefit pedestrians, drivers, and public transportation users alike, highlighting the importance of continuous dialogue and collaboration between residents and local authorities to enhance the district's transportation environment.



## **Districts 4 & 5**

January 18, 2024, 6:00 – 7:30 PM

Richland Library Main  
1431 Assembly Street  
Columbia SC 29201

### **Attendees**

17



The joint transportation meeting for Richland County Districts 4 and 5 convened with a group of 17 community members, demonstrating a focused and collaborative effort to address the burgeoning infrastructure and safety concerns amidst growing urban development. The discussion was rich with feedback and proposals aimed at enhancing the living standards and commute within these districts.

### **Comment Summary -**

A critical point of discussion was the need for more detailed information regarding upcoming property projects, both under construction and completed. Attendees expressed a desire for projected prices and a dedicated conference or platform where further details could be accessed, emphasizing the importance of transparency and accessibility of information for residents.

Traffic management at major intersections like Assembly/Lady, Huger/Lady, Assembly/Gervais, Huger/Gervais, and Lady/Gervais was another significant concern. The consensus was that re-timing the traffic lights could alleviate long wait times for commuters, improving the overall flow and efficiency of traffic in these areas.

With the advent of more hotels and USC dorms, the pressing need for additional parking, sidewalks, and crosswalks was highlighted to accommodate the increased foot and vehicle traffic. Inspired by urban designs seen in New York, participants proposed the implementation of mid-street parks, transforming medians or sections of streets into green areas with flowers, enhancing the aesthetic and environmental quality of the districts.

The intersection of Huger and Gervais was specifically pinpointed for improvement due to its congestion and the peril it poses to pedestrians. Attendees advocated for a future traffic study that takes into account various factors such as new construction projects, detours, and normal traffic increases. This study would guide the necessary improvements to reduce congestion and enhance pedestrian safety at this intersection.



The addition of continuous sidewalks from Gervais to Blossom on both sides of Huger was suggested to provide safe and uninterrupted pedestrian access. Furthermore, the meeting touched on the need for pedestrian safety improvements at Gervais and Assembly, proposing comprehensive plans to address these concerns.

Infrastructure enhancements were also discussed for residential areas, with calls for sidewalk installations along Stone Ridge Drive from Greystone Boulevard to Skyland Drive and on River Hill Circle for its entire length intersecting Broad River Road.

With the upcoming replacement of the Blossom Street bridge, there was a request to allow left turns from Assembly Street onto Green Street during construction to ease traffic flow.

Additionally, there was a call for the material from the meeting to be made available on the project website for future reference.

The discussion concluded with a focus on accessibility and safety enhancements, including the addition of crosswalks at critical intersections like Millwood and Maple, ensuring ADA compliance, and the creation of bike and pedestrian paths. The overarching theme was the urgent need for sidewalks along key routes from Gervais to Blossom over Huger and Pulaski to facilitate safer and more accessible pedestrian movements.

Overall, the meeting for Districts 4 and 5 of Richland County reflected a community deeply engaged with the nuances of urban development and transportation safety. It highlighted a collective vision for a more connected, accessible, and aesthetically pleasing urban environment, underscoring the importance of strategic planning, community input, and responsive governance in shaping the future of the districts' transportation infrastructure.



## **District 6**

February 15, 2024, 6:00 – 7:30 PM

Richland Library Cooper  
5317 N. Trenholm Rd  
Columbia SC 29206

### **Attendees**

22



In the heart of District 6, a pivotal transportation planning meeting convened, bringing together 22 dedicated constituents, each with a vested interest in the infrastructural evolution of their communities. The gathering was a testament to the district's commitment to addressing the pressing transportation concerns and ambitions of its residents.

### **Comment Summary -**

The meeting commenced with a wave of approval for the addition of sidewalks, a move towards enhancing pedestrian safety and mobility across the district. A specific concern was raised about the need for speed bumps on Lakeshore Drive, particularly around the corner just before reaching the light at Forest Drive. This request highlighted a hazardous situation for residents trying to exit the Forest Lake Place condos, underscoring the community's plea for measures that would ensure safer and more manageable ingress and egress.

Attention then shifted to the resurfacing of Trenholm Road, stretching from Forrest Drive to Gervais, with a call for improved signal timing at the Trenholm and Forest Drive intersection. The issue of signal timing was also highlighted at Gills Creek Parkway and Rosewood, along with a request for a review of the turn lane from Rosewood onto Gills Creek Parkway, suggesting a broader need for traffic flow and safety improvements.

A proposal for a connector road from Pelham Road onto Indian Mound Road was introduced, reflecting the community's vision for enhanced connectivity within the district. The mention of adaptive signals on Bull Street further emphasized a desire for smart traffic management solutions to accommodate varying traffic volumes and patterns.

Residents expressed concerns about traffic challenges associated with Lakeshore Drive turning onto the new Forest Lake Place bridge Road. The difficulty of exiting from the Forest Lake Place condos was underscored, alongside a plea for paving and the extension of sidewalks behind Old Tuesday Morning to reach the park phase, highlighting a significant gap in pedestrian infrastructure.



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The meeting also echoed a sentiment of appreciation for ongoing transportation projects and construction within the county, with hopes expressed for the continuation of the penny program. A practical suggestion was made for utility companies to ensure manholes are flush with the road surface during the resurfacing of Trenholm Road, addressing a common nuisance that affects driving comfort and vehicle condition.

A heartfelt appeal from a resident of 4800 Brent Haven Rd. brought attention to the deteriorating condition of Valleybrook and Brenthaven roads, contrasting with nearby areas like Crystal Dr and Satchelford Rd, which have seen multiple resurfacing over the past decades. This personal account shed light on the disparities in road maintenance within the district and called for urgent action to repave Satchel Ford Terrace and address sewer and water runoff issues, encapsulating the meeting's overarching theme of seeking equitable and effective solutions to longstanding infrastructure challenges.

The District 6 transportation planning meeting was a clear reflection of a community engaged and proactive in shaping the future of its transportation landscape. It underscored the residents' collective call for safer, more efficient, and more accessible streets and sidewalks, laying a foundation for ongoing dialogue and action toward achieving these vital goals.



## **District 7**

January 16, 2024, 6:00 – 7:30 PM

Richland County Adult Activity Center  
7494 Parklane Rd  
Columbia SC 29923

### **Attendees**

25



In a significant gathering for District 7, 25 concerned constituents came together to voice their frustrations and hopes regarding the district's transportation infrastructure. This meeting was not just a forum but a clear call to action for pressing issues ranging from neglected roadways to the need for enhanced pedestrian safety measures.

### **Comment Summary -**

The meeting opened with a distressing account from a resident of Lincolnshire regarding Clubhouse Road's deterioration into a dirt road, a condition unchanged since the development's inception. This led to a broader discussion on the ownership and maintenance responsibilities of what are perceived to be private roads, revealing a gap in understanding and action on the part of local government agencies.

A long-standing neighbor of Spring Lake raised multiple issues that resonate with many in the district—persistent potholes, insufficient street lighting, and the inconvenience caused by road blockages and resultant traffic rerouting. The quality of repairs and the absence of pavement renewal over three and a half decades in Springpond Lake underscored the community's plea for overdue attention.

Residents highlighted the dire state of infrastructure across areas fed by roads and bridges originating in Blythewood, including Lincolnshire, Fairfield, and parts of Meadow Lake—some of which have not seen pavement since the 1970s. This historical neglect paints a stark picture of the infrastructure challenges facing the district.

The community sought clarity and action on several fronts: the rebuild of Springwood Lake, the prolonged closure of Edgewater, the need for speed bumps to manage rerouted traffic, and the application of the penny tax towards essential neighborhood improvements like community signage and road paving.

The frustration was palpable concerning unfulfilled promises of repaving Edgewater Drive in the Springwood Lakes neighborhood and the inconvenience caused by long-term bridge outages, further isolating parts of the community.



An urgent call for infrastructure improvements was made, highlighting the adverse effects of inadequate drainage systems that channel runoff from commercial areas into residential properties, causing significant flooding and environmental damage. The need for road paving on Bayfield Road, alongside speed bump installations to mitigate speeding, was also emphasized.

Participants appreciated the recent resurfacing of Springcrest Drive but were eager to know when other streets, such as Edgewater and Millbrook, would receive similar treatment. Specific commendations were made to Mr. Malone for his detailed planning insights, signaling a beacon of progress amidst widespread concerns.

Sidewalk proposals on Pisgah Church Road and Wilson Boulevard were discussed as vital for ensuring student safety along dangerous roadways, spotlighting the need for more inclusive project planning within the penny tax allocations for District 7.

The meeting closed with a series of suggestions aimed at addressing water management issues, pedestrian safety, and road widening initiatives. Calls for sidewalk installations along key routes, demands for the reconstruction of the Crescent Lake Dam for better water drainage, and inquiries about the plans to widen Longtown Road reflected the community's diverse infrastructure needs.

This gathering in District 7 was a powerful testament to the community's engagement and advocacy for a safer, more accessible, and well-maintained transportation infrastructure. It underscored the urgent need for local government action and collaboration to address the longstanding and evolving challenges facing the district.



## **District 8**

February 7, 2024, 6:00 – 7:30 PM

North Springs Park  
1320 Clemson Rd  
Columbia, SC 29229

### **Attendees**

7



In the intimate setting of District 8's transportation planning meeting, a small but determined group of 7 attendees gathered to voice critical concerns and suggest improvements for the district's road infrastructure. The focus was sharp, with discussions centering on enhancing safety and preserving the community's value through strategic infrastructure investments.

### **Comment Summary -**

The meeting kicked off with an urgent plea to address the hazardous conditions on N. Springs Rd., stretching from Brickyard to Clemson. Participants highlighted the perilous situation for residents of Spring Valley attempting to make left turns from South Springs Rd., especially during peak traffic times. The consensus was clear: the road's current configuration presents a significant risk to motorists, necessitating a widening project to accommodate safer traffic flow and access.

Further attention was drawn to the intersection of North Springs at Millfield Road, with calls for a comprehensive redesign. Previous attempts to improve safety measures were deemed insufficient by the attendees, who emphasized the critical need for a more effective solution to prevent accidents and ensure the well-being of the district's residents.

The conversation then shifted to the state of the roads in Wildwood, where deteriorating conditions have become a pressing issue for homeowners. The plea was straightforward but underscored a complex challenge: the need to pave all roads within the Wildwood area. Attendees voiced concerns over the impact of neglected roadways on property values, stressing the importance of maintenance and improvements in safeguarding the community's investment and quality of life.

Though the meeting was modest in attendance, the discussions captured the essence of a community deeply invested in the safety and sustainability of its transportation infrastructure. Each comment reflected a shared understanding of the intricate relationship between well-maintained roads, community safety, and property values, highlighting the essential role of strategic planning and action in fostering a thriving district.



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As the meeting concluded, the resolve among the attendees was palpable. There was a collective acknowledgment of the challenges ahead, but also a shared optimism about the potential for meaningful change. The dialogue in District 8's transportation planning meeting served not only as a forum for airing grievances but as a vital step towards mobilizing community support and resources for the much-needed improvements within the district.



## **District 9**

February 8, 2024, 6:00 – 7:30 PM

North Springs Park  
1320 Clemson Rd  
Columbia, SC 29229

### **Attendees**

8



Unlike other district meetings, this gathering was marked not by voiced concerns or specific suggestions but by a reflective consideration of the district's transportation needs and priorities.

### **Comment Summary -**

The absence of comments from attendees did not diminish the importance of the meeting; rather, it underscored the thoughtful contemplation and consensus-building that characterizes District 9's approach to addressing its infrastructure challenges. The meeting served as a platform for collective observation, allowing members to absorb the current state of their roads, public transit options, pedestrian pathways, and bike lanes with a view toward future action.

This meeting highlighted the significance of proactive planning and the value of creating spaces where community members can come together to reflect on their shared infrastructure goals. It was an opportunity for attendees to consider the broader picture of District 9's transportation landscape, including the safety of its roads, the efficiency of traffic flow, the accessibility of public transit, and the inclusivity of its pedestrian and cycling infrastructure.

While specific concerns or projects were not articulated, the very gathering of these community members demonstrated a unified commitment to improving District 9's transportation network. It was an acknowledgment that, sometimes, the path to effective action begins with silent observation and collective reflection.

As the meeting adjourned, the attendees left with a sense of purpose and agreement on the importance of coming together to identify and prioritize the transportation needs of District 9. The gathering may not have produced a list of grievances or requests, but it laid the groundwork for a thoughtful, cohesive approach to planning and implementing transportation solutions that will benefit the entire district.



## **District 10**

January 23, 2024, 6:00 – 7:30 PM

Eastover Park  
1031 Main St  
Eastover, SC 29044

### **Attendees**

28



The District 10 transportation planning meeting was a deeply rooted community event, bringing together 28 residents, many of whom have spent their entire lives in the Lower Richland area. This gathering was a poignant reflection of the community's evolution over seven decades, marked by a mix of growth, challenges, and the collective aspiration for a better future. The attendees shared a common goal: to see their tax dollars effectuate meaningful improvements in their transportation infrastructure, enhancing safety, accessibility, and the overall quality of life in the district.

### **Comment Summary -**

A significant portion of the meeting was dedicated to addressing the urgent need for street lighting at major intersections throughout the lower rural areas of the district. Lifelong residents highlighted the perilous conditions faced when traveling at night, where the absence of adequate lighting renders street signs invisible and intersections dangerously obscure. The community presented a detailed list of locations where they believed street lights, blinking caution lights, and turning lanes could dramatically improve safety and visibility. These suggestions included major thoroughfares such as Old Hopkins Road, Lower Richland Boulevard, Bluff Road, and several critical intersections along these routes.

Another poignant issue raised was the feeling of neglect experienced by residents along the central portion of Atlas Road. Despite their contributions through penny taxes, they felt sidelined in the district's planning and development initiatives. This sentiment underscored a broader desire for inclusivity and equity in the allocation of resources and improvements across the district.

The community's call for enhanced pedestrian infrastructure was loud and clear, with specific requests for sidewalks, pedestrian walkways, and bike paths in Olympia, aiming for completion by 2025. These improvements were seen as essential for fostering a safer, more connected, and active community, encouraging walking and cycling as viable modes of transport.

Drainage issues, pothole repairs, and the maintenance of existing roads and ditches were recurrent themes throughout the discussions. Specific roads like Griffin Creek Road and



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Community Pond Road were cited as examples of the deteriorating infrastructure that requires immediate attention. The community advocated for a focus on repairing and resurfacing existing roads before embarking on new projects, emphasizing the importance of foundational improvements to enhance overall transportation conditions in the district.

Visibility problems caused by overgrown plant life, the need for road aprons to prevent erosion, and the cleaning of clogged ditches and culverts were identified as critical issues affecting road safety and integrity. The community voiced a strong preference for prioritizing these basic yet essential maintenance tasks to prevent further degradation of their transportation network.

In a broader appeal, the residents expressed a desire for more equitable distribution of funds, with a particular call for increased investment in Eastover, contrasting with perceived preferential treatment towards Olympia. This discussion highlighted the community's demand for fairness and balance in addressing the needs of all areas within District 10.

The District 10 transportation planning meeting was a testament to a community united by a shared history and a common vision for progress. It underscored the critical need for targeted investments in infrastructure that not only address current deficiencies but also pave the way for a safer, more inclusive, and prosperous future for all residents of the district.



## **District 11**

January 30, 2024, 6:00 – 7:30 PM

Garners Ferry Adult Activity Center  
620 Garners Ferry Rd  
Hopkins, SC 29061

### **Attendees**

18



In the bustling heart of District 11, a gathering of 18 concerned citizens convened for a pivotal transportation planning meeting. This assembly was driven by a collective determination to address the pressing infrastructure challenges and envision a more connected, safe, and efficient future for the Lower Richland community.

### **Comment Summary -**

The session commenced with a heartfelt appeal from a resident whose road was initially included in the penny tax-funded dirt road paving project but was abruptly halted midway. The plea for paving Cross Creek Lane highlighted the dire conditions residents face daily—navigating treacherous, unmaintained paths, particularly during rain, turning their commute into a perilous endeavor.

Attention quickly shifted to the critical Trotter/Kaufman Road intersection, notorious for its congestion during peak traffic hours. The community's call for a stoplight underscored the urgent need to mitigate risks and streamline traffic flow, coupled with a broader request for enhanced traffic management, including additional personnel and cameras to monitor key entry and exit points of the city/town.

A surprising but vital suggestion emerged for the establishment of a hospital in Southeast Columbia/Hopkins, pointing to a gap in healthcare accessibility that could also impact emergency response times and overall community well-being.

The discussion on infrastructure funding revealed a significant concern regarding the \$200 million owed to Richland County by SCDOT for state road projects funded by the penny tax. This financial intricacy highlighted the complexity of funding and executing infrastructure projects, emphasizing the need for clear agreements and accountability.

The community's wish list extended to the resurfacing of the "celestial" roads—Galaxy, Neptune, Venus, Saturn, and Mars—underscoring a neglected neighborhood yearning for renewal. The call for comprehensive repaving at the Sandview Drive and Caroline Road



intersection, rather than mere pothole fill-ins, echoed a desire for lasting solutions to road maintenance issues.

The widening of Garners Ferry Road, particularly around Lower Richland High School, and the expansion of Leesburg Road were acknowledged as positive developments, yet the community pondered the sufficiency of traffic light planning to accommodate growing traffic volumes.

A strategic suggestion was made to proactively widen roads in anticipation of new developments, rather than reacting post-development when traffic problems have already escalated. This foresight was highlighted as lacking in the ongoing Lower Richland Blvd work, with calls for expedited action.

The narrative of District 11's transportation planning meeting was one of a community at a crossroads, eager to leverage tax initiatives for tangible improvements, yet grappling with the realities of bureaucratic delays and incomplete projects. It was a dialogue marked by specific grievances, yet underscored by a universal yearning for a district that safely and efficiently meets the needs of its residents. The meeting stood as a testament to the power of community engagement, a collective voice urging for transformation, accountability, and foresight in the planning and execution of transportation infrastructure projects.



## **Attachments**

A – [Marketing Materials](#)

[Flyer](#)

[Comment Card](#)

[Public Meeting Plan](#)

B – [Attendance Report](#)

C - [Comments](#)



# Appendix D-

## Public Comments and Summaries







# Richland County Penny Transportation Planning Meeting Comment Sheet



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**We value your feedback regarding the currently planned projects that were presented today, as well as your insights into both present and future transportation needs within your district.**

We need the bridge on Dutch Fork Rd. (near Walgreens) to be widened —  
and the road as well up to Chick-fil-A. \*11 million now or \*20<sup>+</sup> million  
later?

Cardinal Cone Rd. & Crystal Manor Dr. — poor condition

Speed limit on Marina Rd. — please lower to 35 mph

Provide your feedback via email at  
**transportationpenny@richlandcountysc.gov**

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**March 8, 2024**

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District 1

Meeting Date 012224





# Richland County Penny Transportation Planning Meeting Comment Sheet



Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

*We value your feedback regarding the currently planned projects that were presented today, as well as your insights into both present and future transportation needs within your district.*

Bickley Rd @ 176 needs improvement.  
There's a blind spot that's caused  
by the right turning lane (from US 176  
on to Bickley Rd)

Provide your feedback via email at  
[transportationpenny@richlandcountysc.gov](mailto:transportationpenny@richlandcountysc.gov)

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District 1

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# Richland County Penny Transportation Planning Meeting Comment Sheet



Name Jim Egan

Street Address 147 Cabin Dr Irmo

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number 262-331-3089

*We value your feedback regarding the currently planned projects that were presented today, as well as your insights into both present and future transportation needs within your district.*

Traffic light - Dutch Fork & ~~Milbrook~~ Milplace  
- Buckley & Broad River

Exit Ramp off I26 - Koon Rd & Shady Grove

Thank you,  
*JE*

Provide your feedback via email at  
**transportationpenny@richlandcountysc.gov**

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District #1

Meeting Date 1/22/24





# Richland County Penny Transportation Planning Meeting Comment Sheet



Name Connie Turner

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number 803-422-0207

**We value your feedback regarding the currently planned projects that were presented today, as well as your insights into both present and future transportation needs within your district.**

Exit ramp at Shady Grove + I-26

Sidewalks at Kennerly

Save money paving dirt roads where not wanted by residents and use it to pave others

Continue 4 lanes (or 5) from Walmart to Ballentine across the bridge. Widen bridge over railroad tracks.

Sidewalks on widened Shady Grove Road from Ashford to Dutch Fork High School.

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**[transportationpenny@richlandcountysc.gov](mailto:transportationpenny@richlandcountysc.gov)**

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# Richland County Penny Transportation Planning Meeting Comment Sheet



Name Judy Hrinda  
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**We value your feedback regarding the currently planned projects that were presented today, as well as your insights into both present and future transportation needs within your district.**

- ① Add a stop light @ Canterfield + Broad River Rd. in front of Spring Hill High School
- ② Add a stop light @ Bickley Rd + Broad River Rd.
- ③ ~~add~~ Continue widening of Hwy 76 to Chapin + Hwy 176 past Chapin Rd.
- ④ Add bike lanes on Kennerly Rd. beginning at intersection ~~of~~ with Freshly Mill Rd + continue to at least Saint John's Road. There is a huge presence of ~~bikers~~ bicyclists, especially on weekends!

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# Richland County Penny Transportation Planning Meeting Comment Sheet



Name ROBERT RHODES  
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Phone Number 814 931 3580

**We value your feedback regarding the currently planned projects that were presented today, as well as your insights into both present and future transportation needs within your district.**

NEED SIGNAL LIGHT AT CAEDMONS CREEK & BROAD RIVER

I'M TO UNDERSTAND A SIGNAL IS PROPOSED AT FARMING CREEK &  
BROAD RIVER -- CAEDMONS CREEK IS A FEW HUNDRED YARDS

DOWN, WE HAVE OVER 200 HOMES IN COMMUNITY AND MY GUESS IS

OVER 1000-200 CARS EXIT EVERY DAY. YOU ARE MAKING BROAD RIVER

WIDER, WHICH WILL MAKE MORE DIFFICULT TO EXIT. HOWEVER A NEW

LIGHT WAS ADDED AT SALEM CHURCH RD AND N. LAKE DR -- JUST A

FEW HUNDRED YARDS FROM FARMING CREEK AND N. LAKE, WHICH IS ONLY  
A 2 LANE RD. AND DOES NOT HAVE NEARLY THE TRAFFIC

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Transportation Planning Meeting  
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Name Mardi Smith  
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Phone Number 803/530-3338

**We value your feedback regarding the currently planned projects that were presented today, as well as your insights into both present and future transportation needs within your district.**

Concerning the side walks going on  
Marina Rd + Johnson Marina Rd

Please make them nice golf cart paths  
where, of course, walker + joggers can be on.  
Golf carts add such an exciting way  
to travel to school + to stores + to  
neighbors. Ballentine can be full of personality,  
attracting many more personal businesses,  
marinas + restaurants, not chains.

Provide your feedback via email at  
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Thank you for thinking  
outside the box.





# Richland County Penny Transportation Planning Meeting Comment Sheet



Name CAROL SLOOP  
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Phone Number 803 960 6530

**We value your feedback regarding the currently planned projects that were presented today, as well as your insights into both present and future transportation needs within your district.**

- ① SIDEWALK @ KENNERLY
- ② ENTRANCE RAMP @ SHADY GROVE RD
- ③ HIGHLY QUESTION 4 LANES FROM BIRK TO  
FIRE TOWER RD - ???
- ④ PAVE UNPAVED roads where 100% of residents  
want it paved !!! what's the problem ?

Provide your feedback via email at  
**transportationpenny@richlandcountysc.gov**

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**From:** Harrelson, Brett  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 24, 2024 1:09 PM  
**To:** Beaty, David; Derrick, LaTonya; Barbee, Merideth  
**Subject:** RC District 1 PIM Public Comments

Below are my notes for “needed” projects from discussions with the public at the subject meeting. While the installation of a signal isn’t necessarily a potential project, many of these would likely require geometric improvements before DOT would allow a signal installation so something we would have to consider. Thanks.

BH

- Traffic signal – Broad River Rd @ Spring Hill HS
- Traffic signal - US 176 @ Bickley Rd
- Traffic signal - Broad River Rd @Royal Tower Dr
- Traffic signal - Broad River Rd @ Caedmon Creek Dr
- Traffic signal - Broad River Rd @ Farming Creek
- Traffic signal – Dutch Fork Rd @ Mill Place Dr
- Sidewalk along Broad River around Kennerly Rd / Publix area
- Sidewalk along Shady Grove Rd

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6/22 Dist 1

6:04pm

we need a signal light at Caedmon's Creek and Broad river. They recently gave us one at Salem and Farming, but we didn't even need it badly over there like at other places.

(no name)

6:09pm

I second what he said (first guy's friend, no name left).

6:11pm

76 needs to be widened even further, past to Chick-fil-A to Ballentine, and to the Lex. County line.  
(Charles Eleazer)

6:28pm

- I feel as though this meeting was worthless, you guys have no specific answers to give us. There are no cost estimates, no lane numbers given in regard to road widenings, no specific improvements have been decided on at the intersections. No certain answers about the funding. You should've gotten more details first rather than only giving us vague ideas. I learned nothing at the maps. In fact, I hardly knew about this meeting, I only heard through a friend. You need to improve how you advertise.
- Why do we leave traffic lights on at intersections in the middle of the night? It's a waste of resources, we should have flashing lights to the main rd. So things



don't backup.

- If we have to pay another tax it should be levied on everyone in Richland County.
- We're being doubled taxed because we already pay State taxes for road upkeep and improvements, and from taxes paid on gasoline at gas stations.
- Would the new penny tax include buses? The last one did yet we have no buses in district 1, so why do we pay for buses we don't use. Is there another way/means?
- Should have been a presentation rather than a drop-in.
- Should be a printed project list to take home available for residents.
- I was told at one of the boards that a road was being widened to 5-lanes, yet later when I brought it up to Mike Maloney he said he didn't know about specific lane numbers. I kept receiving unorganized or mixed information.

(Bill Malinowski)

6:52pm

An intersection improvement is needed at Bickely rd. and Broad River rd.

(no name).



(803) 932-7202

Malinowski99@xhmo.com

@ Koon Rd +  
Broad River  
- Right Turn lane

Dist. 1

Comments by:  
Phillip  
McCartey

Dist. 1

Dist. 1

Just  
DO  
Something!

Improve  
Traffic Flow  
@ Old Dutch Fork Rd  
turn lane @  
checkfile  
Dist. 1





# Richland County Transportation Planning Meeting Comment Sheet

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**We value your feedback regarding the currently planned projects that were presented today, as well as your insights into both present and future transportation needs within your district.**

Happy about bridge replacement on Broad River over I-26  
would like to see lighting and sidewalks on Longcreek  
Drive (near Dutch Square Mall) from Broad River to Cambert Dr.  
It would benefit many who constantly endanger themselves  
walking on the street for lack of better options.

Provide your feedback via email at  
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District 2 & 4

Meeting Date 2-21-24





# Richland County Transportation Planning Meeting Comment Sheet

Name Brent Dees

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**We value your feedback regarding the currently planned projects that were presented today, as well as your insights into both present and future transportation needs within your district.**

US21 North Main should be restriped to 3 Lane  
(1 lane each direction + TWLTL) with bike lanes separated  
bike lanes to improve accessibility downtown.

In support of converting Sumter St from Cotton Town to USC  
from 2-Lane to 3-Lane with separated bike lane to  
improve access.

~~Re stripe 1 lane~~

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District 2/4

Meeting Date 2/21





# Richland County Transportation Planning Meeting Comment Sheet

Name Kelley Kennedy  
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**We value your feedback regarding the currently planned projects that were presented today, as well as your insights into both present and future transportation needs within your district.**

I believe there are plans to re-pave Abingdon Rd - I would love to see sidewalks on Abingdon & throughout Keenan ~~Sumter~~ Terrace! As Abingdon sees more traffic and the area grows, it feels dangerous to walk bc of speeders. There clearly used to be sidewalks throughout the neighborhood ~~that~~ originally.

Also in support of improving bike lanes on N Main & N Sumter.

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[transportationplanning@richlandcountysc.gov](mailto:transportationplanning@richlandcountysc.gov)

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What meeting did you attend?

District 4

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# Richland County Transportation Planning Meeting Comment Sheet

Name Crasity Roberts  
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**We value your feedback regarding the currently planned projects that were presented today, as well as your insights into both present and future transportation needs within your district.**

I believe that with the increased number of added neighborhoods and jobs here, we really need to expand Blythenwood Rd <sup>intersection</sup> and Langford Rd. Traffic is consistently backed up in these areas daily. We have a small town, with an increasing number of people. It would be great if this area was walkable or bikeable to get around and enjoy our city with family and friends.

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District 2

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TWO NOTCH & POLO ROAD Intersection



Janice Barker  
janice.barker19jb@gmail.com

## DOT Meeting

1. Policy on repeated repairs of potholes on the same street versus repair portion of the street or resurfacing/re-paving

a. For example, Turkey Farm overdue for another extensive repair. US -1/Two Notch from Trenholm, I-77 overpass Dunkin Donut past SV subdivision up to Popeye.

b.

2. Lack of policy on Utility cut ins

a. There is no oversight or follow-up

3. Pothole repairs are sometimes worse than the pot holes themselves. It is applied disproportionately that it is not even or level with the street surface

4. Status of Marthan (I-77 Overpass) Resurface

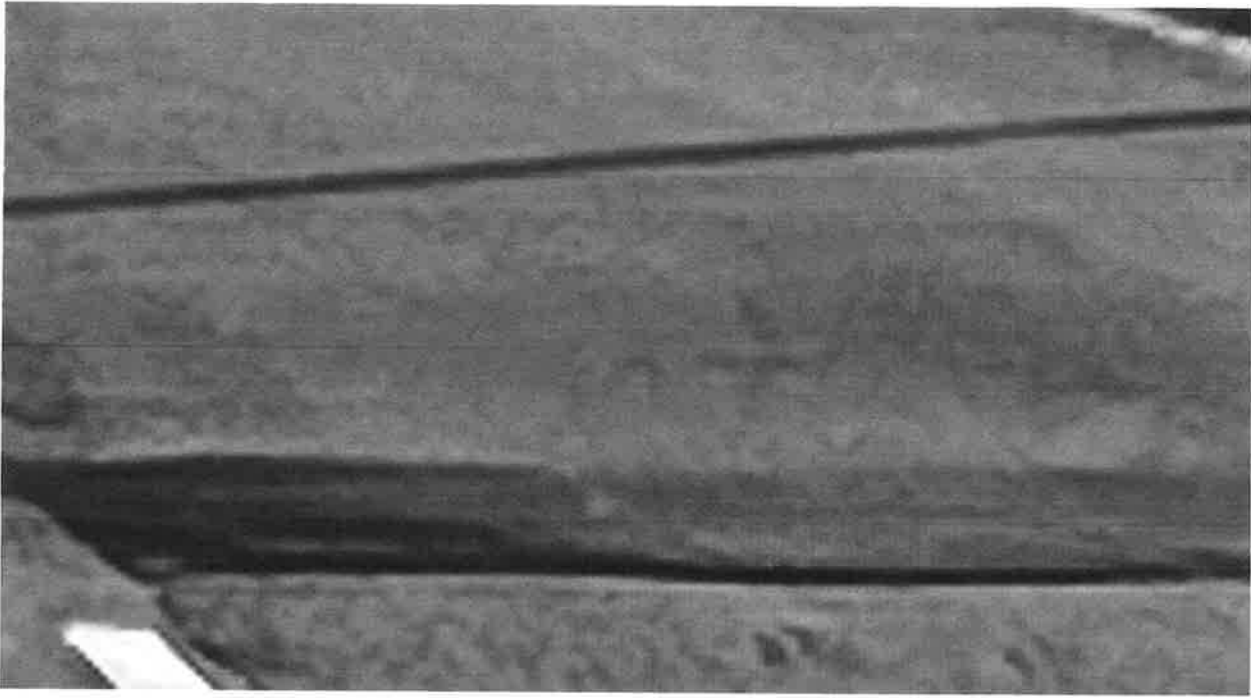
Need: Repave US 1

Extra Artery near  
BW & Lake Carolina for  
I-20 / I-77.

Concerns/ Prioritization i.e.

Scout motors over Residence concerns  
- Infrastructure considered after the fact





Clemson / Killian  
near Hardscrabble  
Intersection





# Richland County Transportation Planning Meeting Comment Sheet

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***We value your feedback regarding the currently planned projects that were presented today, as well as your insights into both present and future transportation needs within your district.***

Side walks on Roof Street. The street has a high  
hill and visibility is not good for ~~ped~~ walkers.

Provide your feedback via email at  
**[transportationplanning@richlandcountysc.gov](mailto:transportationplanning@richlandcountysc.gov)**

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District 3

Meeting Date 2-12-2024





# Richland County Transportation Planning Meeting Comment Sheet

Name Gloria Goodwin  
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Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

***We value your feedback regarding the currently planned projects that were presented today, as well as your insights into both present and future transportation needs within your district.***

Trenholm Acres Neighborhood  
Sidewalk: Roof, Shakespeare and Claudia. Also, Nancy.  
Lighting for bus stop on Roof Street.  
~~Soft~~ Soft shoulder notice near pond on Roof Street.

Provide your feedback via email at  
**[transportationplanning@richlandcountysc.gov](mailto:transportationplanning@richlandcountysc.gov)**

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What meeting did you attend?

District 3

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# Richland County Transportation Planning Meeting Comment Sheet

Name MARVA TERRY  
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Phone Number 867-6789

**We value your feedback regarding the currently planned projects that were presented today, as well as your insights into both present and future transportation needs within your district.**

THERE'S A MED ON THE CORNER OF CASTLEST  
POUNCEY BLOCK IN TALK.

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[transportationplanning@richlandcountysc.gov](mailto:transportationplanning@richlandcountysc.gov)

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District Richland New Can

Meeting Date 2-21-24





# Richland County Transportation Planning Meeting Comment Sheet

Name Jenny Tonroy  
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**We value your feedback regarding the currently planned projects that were presented today, as well as your insights into both present and future transportation needs within your district.**

SC-277 at I-20  
The blind up-ramp  
to SC-277  
would be a great place  
to use the right SC lane  
for right-turns and  
reserve the left-turn lane  
for thru traffic to I-77  
all the way to I-77

Provide your feedback via email at  
[transportationplanning@richlandcountysc.gov](mailto:transportationplanning@richlandcountysc.gov)

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District 3

Meeting Date Feb 12



Improved Signage  
would be part of the  
solution ~~is~~

At least look at it  
with = cameras =





# Richland County Transportation Planning Meeting Comment Sheet

Name Jerry Tonroy  
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cell - mess or text voice

We value your feedback regarding the currently planned projects that were presented today, as well as your insights into both present and future transportation needs within your district.

In Front of the Parklane Adult  
Active Center =

It would nice if the main  
did not a steep curb at the entrance  
and a narrow entry side = Off a busy  
road just past a signal = There is a  
risk of bottoming out - and drivers  
need to practically stop on the main <sup>traffic</sup>  
~~lane~~ lane to turn right

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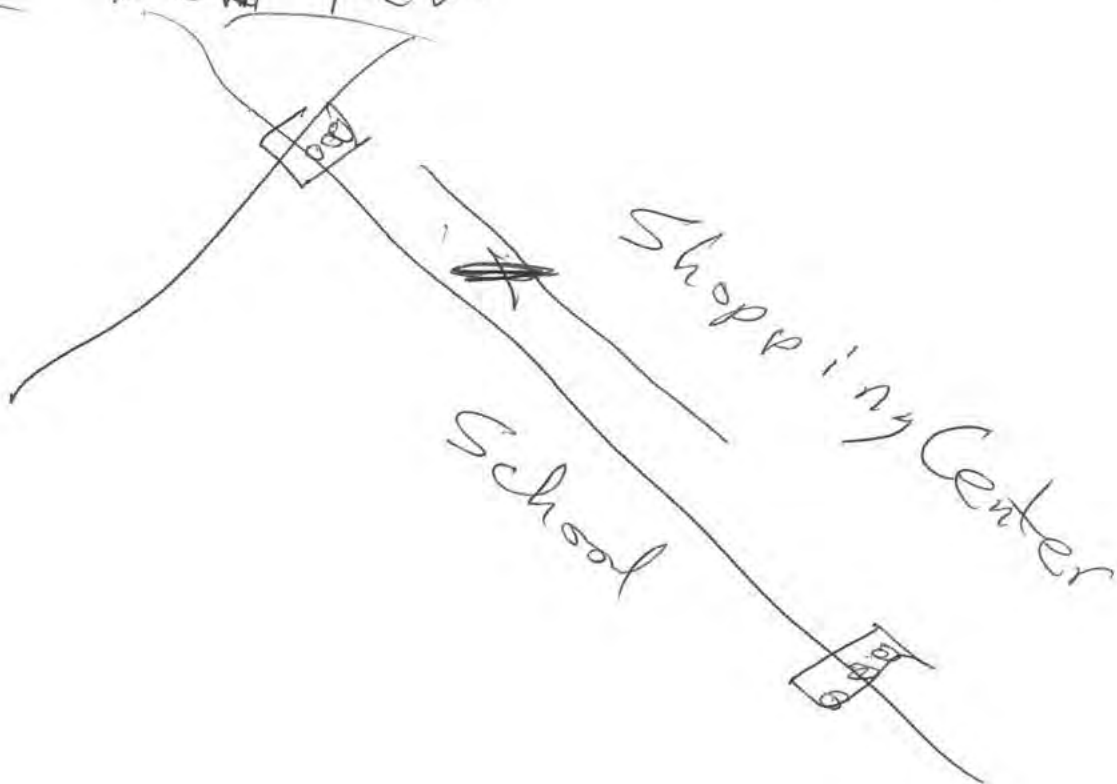
Meeting Date Feb 12



# Decker Boulevard

Across from Deatsville School

It would be nice to  
remove the median barrier  
to ease ~~before~~ left turns  
into the shopping at no longer  
needed bay to nowhere  
after the ~~new~~ school was  
rebuilt. Or at last mark  
it better





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**From:** Derrick, LaTonya  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 15, 2024 11:52 AM  
**To:** Beaty, David  
**Cc:** Harrelson, Brett; Barbee, Merideth  
**Subject:** RC Transportation Planning Meeting: District 3 Notes

During my interactions with guests on Monday, February 12, 2024, I noted the following concerns:

- Residents of New Castle indicated speed humps were previously promised in the neighborhood.
- Please attend a New Castle Neighborhood Association meeting to discuss why we can't get noise walls on Warner Drive.
- Drainage is a significant problem on Warner Drive.
  - When it rains, a huge and dangerous pool of water covers both lanes in two locations:
    - The curve between Saxonbury Drive and Elite Street.
      - The stormwater drain is covered with waste and clearing debris since someone comes every 2 years to clear the lot as if it will be developed.
      - It causes drivers to make bad decisions in that blind curve and some have driven off the road into the fencing that separates the frontage road from the I-277 on-ramp from Fontaine Road.
    - Between Sunglow Court and Coolstream Drive.
- Some paving was started in New Castle but never stopped when they realized they putting good asphalt down but didn't fix the potholes and other damaged roadway. So there are lots of roads that are still unrepaired and haven't been resurfaced.
- There is a huge holes on Redwood Court in the curve after you turn right from Carlton Drive.
- There is very large hold on Oakley Drive that has messed up cars if they don't miss it.
- How was this meeting advertised? We found out about it a few days ago when we saw they road sign on Shakespeare Road.
- Sidewalks are needed throughout Trenholm Acres.
- Baxter Drive from Nancy Avenue to Shakespeare Road and many other roads in Trenholm Acres desperately need maintenance.
- It is difficult to turn onto Baxter Drive and Judy Street.
- The drainage on Humphrey Drive is nonexistent. Yards get backed up with water.
  - After it was paved, there is nowhere for water to drain cause there's no driveway curb/gutters or any other system to direct water to a storm water drain. It is all flat.
- When you paved Humphrey Drive, you left a hole at the intersection at Shakespeare Road that people have to go out of their way to avoid.

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**From:** Barbee, Merideth <Merideth.Barbee@stantec.com>

**Sent:** Tuesday, February 13, 2024 9:04 AM

**To:** Beaty, David <David.Beaty@stantec.com>; Harrelson, Brett <brett.harrelson@stantec.com>; Derrick, LaTonya <LaTonya.Derrick@stantec.com>

**Subject:** 02/12 Public Meeting Comments

Morning All,

Below are the comments I collected from residents at last night's meeting:

- Dirt parking lots up/down Shakespeare and Carlton Dr need to be paved
- Warner and Westmore: ditches need to be filled with drainage pipes under the ground; when it rains water floods into the roads.
- Warner (frontage Rd) needs noise walls in place of the chain link fence separating Warner from the interstate. Last noise study was like 3 decades ago.
- Where Humphrey Dr meets Parkingson Dr: Lots of overgrown foliage, impossible to safely make a left turn onto Parkingson without being all the way into the road; no visibility.
- Warner drive vegetation and drainage is so poor, the residents maintain it every week or so (and are tired of doing so). Plants growing into/over the road and poor drainage all down Warner.

**Merideth Barbee**

*Reception & Administration*

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## Richland County Transportation Project Report - January 2024

### DISTRICT THREE

#### Upcoming Projects

Project Type	Location	Construction Period
Bikeways - Restripe/Narrow	Alpine Rd (changed to sidewalk) *	N/A
Greenways	Columbia Mall	2025-2026
	Polo Road/Windsor Lake Connector *	2025-2026
NIP	Trenholm/Newcastle	2024-2025
	Decker NIP *	2023-2025
Sidewalks	Alpine Rd (Two Notch to Percival) *	2024-2025
	Percival Rd (SC 12) - Forest Dr to Decker Blvd *	2024-2025

#### Under Construction

NO PROJECTS UNDER CONSTRUCTION

#### Completed Projects

Project Type	Location		
NIP	Decker Blvd *		
Pedestrian Improvements	Two Notch and Maingate/Windsor Lake		
Sidewalks	Harrison Rd *		
	Koon Road		
	Lyon St (Gervais to Washington)		
	Magnolia St		
	Pinehurst Rd		
	School House Rd		
	Windover St		
Dirt Road Paving	Roads		
0.13 Miles	Cadia Dr	Hall St	
Resurfacing	Roads		
5.39 Miles	Carriage House Rd	Nevamar Dr	Smithfield Rd
	Cokesbury Dr	Newcastle Dr	Sprott St
	Commerce Dr NE	Oakleaf Rd	Stonegate Dr
	Decker Blvd * (p) (SCDOT)	Ouida St	Wales Rd
	Fontaine Center Dr	Parkinson Dr	Ward Ct
	Greengate Ct	Roxann Dr	Whitmell Ave
	Greengate Dr	Shallow Pond Rd	Woodbranch Rd
	Joye Cir	Sherry Ct	Woodgate Dr
	Maingate Dr		

\*crosses / splits Council Districts : (p) - partial



## DISTRICT 3

→ Resurface - Redwood Ct.

→ Noise - Business all night behind Redwood

→ Water pooling - Oakley - hole - pond in road developed lot Also, Warner at Coolstream.

→ Focus on Westcastle Neighborhood

→ Flags -

→ Claudia - New Pavement

→ Warner

→ Tree (medium) at Carlton & Redwood Ct close to curb.

→ Claudia ~ few lots east of big ditch → big hole possible water leak → when be repaired (find out from Tony Magwood)  
Eddie Nelson - 803 240-1779 (let him know)  
\* Needs steel plate cones not covering hole.



Wild wood → \* Wyldewood 1-4  
Cricket Hill / Leaning Tree - Katie McDougall  
When to be reconstructed? (803) 553-6171  
- Where on list?

\* HOLIDAY RD - Near Beaver Dam Rd.

- Polo Rd Widening Plan Set - On the Website

- Sengui Park needs improvement (County Park)  
improvement - Access & Traffic

check Frasier Bay Rd - Ashley Place Subd. - open cracks  
- Wayne Gilbert 803. 446. 5907 going up the hill  
What's going on w/ Lee Rd. (sidewalks?) right hand side  
before Ashley Place

- Frontage Roads, cut through parking lots.

- Brookfield - Crosswalk location needs improvement  
- Sidewalk project

- No traffic control

- Merie Mirasavich 803 315-4227

→ Columbia Place Mall Greenway - Get it moving (New PM)  
\* Jackson Creek Elementary - should be the name  
of the project  
GW from school district parking lot +



Polo Rd - at first development on east side (Hunters Hill)

- what will happen w/ block/stucco wall? Driveway

- Bill McCracken 803 960-5210

- Landscaping - Irrigation

Mallet Hill - May not need reconfiguration





# Richland County Penny Transportation Planning Meeting Comment Sheet



Name Harvard Bannister  
Street Address 2206 Lincoln Street, Columbia, SC 29204  
Email Address hbc@sc.rr.com  
Phone Number 803-348-4571

**We value your feedback regarding the currently planned projects that were presented today, as well as your insights into both present and future transportation needs within your district.**

Recommendation: The handout with upcoming projects, projects under construction and completed projects would have been more informative and helpful if more information about projects was given/provided or a reference as to where more detail information can be found.

Provide your feedback via email at  
[transportationpenny@richlandcountysc.gov](mailto:transportationpenny@richlandcountysc.gov)

Please provide your input no later than  
**March 8, 2024**

What meeting did you attend?

District 4

Meeting Date 1/18/2024



01/18/2024

6:51pm

Better intersections, specifically:

Assembly St to Lady St

Huger St to Lady St

Assembly St to Gervais St

Huger St to Gervais St

Lady St to Gervais St

★ retune lights, people wait too long.

more hotels/USC dorms but the district needs more parking, sidewalks, and crosswalks to keep up.

★ implement mid-street parks "live in New York".  
make green areas in medians on streets;  
include flowers.

★ more green leading arrows for left turns.



**1. Improve Huger and Gervais traffic congestion and pedestrian safety.**

This intersection is currently congested with traffic and dangerous for pedestrians to cross. I suggest a comprehensive future traffic study be conducted with combined impact expected from:

- new hotels proposed or under construction next to McDonalds and planned for Senate & Huger
- Deter of traffic down Huger and up Gervais during Blossom Street bridge closure
- Proposed new student housing at Huger and Blossom
- Proposed new housing across Huger from Springhill Suites
- Truck traffic from canal repair on Gervais and Huger
- Any other future projects I missed
- Normal expected increases

Use this future traffic study to plan for improvements to Huger & Gervais Intersection to reduce congestion and improve pedestrian safety from current unacceptable levels

**2. Provide continuous sidewalks from Gervais to Blossom on both sides of Huger**

**3. Finalize and implement plans for improvement of pedestrian safety at Gervais and Assembly**

Bart Walrath

1324 Pulaski St., #306  
Columbia SC 29201

803 960 1411

wallycom@aol.com

Rec'd  
01.18.24  
D4/5 Mtg



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**From:** Beaty, David  
**Sent:** Monday, January 22, 2024 3:21 PM  
**To:** Derrick, LaTonya; Harrelson, Brett; McCutchan, Brett  
**Cc:** Barbee, Merideth  
**Subject:** Richland Plan Comments 1-18-24

All,

I noted the following comments from our Richland Transportation Planning meeting 1-18-24:

- Stoneridge Drive needs sidewalk beginning at Greystone Blvd. and extending to Skyland Drive
- Riverhill Circle needs sidewalk over the entire distance from both intersections with Broad River Road

**David Beaty** PE, Assoc. DBIA  
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**From:** McCutchan, Brett  
**Sent:** Friday, January 19, 2024 11:20 AM  
**To:** Beaty, David; Derrick, LaTonya; Harrelson, Brett  
**Subject:** Richland County Planning Drop in Comments

Good morning:

Below are comments I received from citizens last night.

1. When construction begins on the Blossom Street Bridge replacement, I request that left turns be allowed from Assembly Street onto Greene Street.
2. Can the material from tonight's meeting be put on the project website so we can refer to it?

Thanks,

**Brett McCutchan, PE , PTOE**  
Senior Transportation Engineer  
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-millwood  
maple  
intersection  
Crosswalk

ADA - handicap  
accessibility

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↑ bike / pedestrian  
paths

Sidewalks  
from Gervais  
to Blossom  
door Huger

Sidewalks  
from Gervais  
to Blossom  
door Pulaski



SHOMARS  
GREEN FAST

690  
30

20  
0.3

\$ 7

- District 4 -

- Kelley Kennedy 95@gmail.com
- Bdees28@gmail.com
- Czerwinski Jason@gmail.com

COPY

Mr  
Livingston

→ District 2 -

Sidewalks - Spring park sidewalks

Brookhaven - HOA - Sylvia Beall 410 402-0483

900 Piney Woods Rd.

→ Maggie Hipp Rd - stops short of the maintenance area - Horace Brown 803-318-8890 - call ba

→ Tony Magwood - Pine tree on Woodrow needs cut leaning to road.

→ Michael Davis - 200 Tidwell 864 650 3342

↳ Unfunded Dirt Road -  
4th on that list

Process  
to  
get thru  
paused

AECOM - Blythwood Study - COATS  
online

DO

→ Kim March Retirement.

Dist 2 → email → barbara@blywoodonline.com



**From:** BARTON WALRATH <[wallycom@aol.com](mailto:wallycom@aol.com)>

**Sent:** Wednesday, February 28, 2024 2:10 PM

**To:** Transportation Penny <[transportationpenny@richlandcountysc.gov](mailto:transportationpenny@richlandcountysc.gov)>

**Cc:** Allison Terracio <[Allison@allisnterracio.com](mailto:Allison@allisnterracio.com)>; Paul Livingston <[Livingston.Paul@richlandcountysc.gov](mailto:Livingston.Paul@richlandcountysc.gov)>; Carolyn LeeDecker <[caleedecker@gmail.com](mailto:caleedecker@gmail.com)>

**Subject:** Vista Neighborhood Association Penny Tax Input

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Hello,

The Vista Neighborhood Association has the following concerns/suggestions regarding transportation/pedestrian planning for Penny tax revenues:

1. Improve Huger and Gervais traffic congestion and pedestrian safety.

This intersection is currently congested with traffic and dangerous for pedestrians to cross. I suggest a comprehensive future traffic study be conducted with combined impact expected from:

- new hotels proposed or under construction next to McDonalds and planned for Senate &Huger
- Deter of traffic down Huger and up Gevais during Blossom Street bridge closure
- Proposed new student housing at Huger and Blossom
- Proposed new housing across Huger from Springhill Suites
- Truck traffic from canal repair on Gervais and Huger
- Any other future projects I missed
- Normal expected increases

Use this future traffic study to plan for improvements to Huger & Gervais Intersection to reduce congestion and improve pedestrian safety from current unacceptable levels

2. Provide continuous sidewalks from Gervais to Blossom on both sides of Huger and both sides of Pulaski

3. Finalize and implement plans for improvement of pedestrian safety at Gervais and Assembly

4. Provide for more pedestrian friendly passage across Gervais Bridge

5. Perform Traffic study at Hampton and Gadsden due to frequent accidents

Thank you and feel free to contact me for any additional information/clarification,

Barton D. Walrath

Vista Neighborhood Association Vice President

803.960.1411





# Richland County Transportation Planning Meeting Comment Sheet

Name Michele Reap  
Street Address 5025 Forest Lake Place, Columbia, SC 29206  
Email Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number (803) 238-9949

***We value your feedback regarding the currently planned projects that were presented today, as well as your insights into both present and future transportation needs within your district.***

I'm glad to see you are adding sidewalks.  
Speed humps are needed where Lakeshore comes  
around the corner just before you get to the light on  
Forest Drive. It makes it very hard to get out of the  
Forest Lake Place condos.

Provide your feedback via email at  
**[transportationplanning@richlandcountysc.gov](mailto:transportationplanning@richlandcountysc.gov)**

Please provide your input no later than  
**March 8, 2024**

What meeting did you attend?

District 60

Meeting Date 2/15/2024





# Richland County Transportation Planning Meeting Comment Sheet

Name Daniel Atkinson  
Street Address 117 Promentory Rd.  
Email Address d.atkinson@holtconsultingco.com  
Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

***We value your feedback regarding the currently planned projects that were presented today, as well as your insights into both present and future transportation needs within your district.***

- Resurfacing Trenholm Road (Forest Drive to Gervais)
- Signal timing Trenholm @ Forest Drive
- Signal timing Gills Creek Parkway & Rosewood. Also, review of turn lane from Rosewood onto Gills Creek Parkway
- Connector Road from Pehlan Road onto Indian Mound Rd.
- Adaptive Signals on Bull Street

Provide your feedback via email at  
[transportationplanning@richlandcountysc.gov](mailto:transportationplanning@richlandcountysc.gov)

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**March 8, 2024**

What meeting did you attend?

District 6

Meeting Date 2/15/24





# Richland County Transportation Planning Meeting Comment Sheet

Name Jane Jannack  
Street Address 5013 Forest Lake Place  
Email Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number 803-4474873

**We value your feedback regarding the currently planned projects that were presented today, as well as your insights into both present and future transportation needs within your district.**

I'm most concerned with Lake Shore  
traffic turning on to the new Forest  
Lake Place bridge Rd. Exit from  
Forest Lk Pl. Condos is difficult.  
Forest Lake Place (behind old Ties morning)  
needs paving and a side walk to  
reach the Park Phase. A side walk  
continues to the new part.

Provide your feedback via email at  
[transportationplanning@richlandcountysc.gov](mailto:transportationplanning@richlandcountysc.gov)

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**March 8, 2024**

Lake Shore Dr. Side  
What meeting did you attend? walk!

District 6

Meeting Date 2/15/2024





# Richland County Transportation Planning Meeting Comment Sheet

Name Wrenn Barrett  
Street Address 50 Huntwick Ct  
Email Address WrennBarrett@outlook.com  
Phone Number 803 609 0117

**We value your feedback regarding the currently planned projects that were presented today, as well as your insights into both present and future transportation needs within your district.**

Great to see transportation projects being  
planned + construction in the County. Hope  
the Penny Program continues.  
Please have Utility companies make their  
manholes flush with the road surface when  
Trenholm Rd is resurfaced.

Provide your feedback via email at  
**transportationplanning@richlandcountysc.gov**

Please provide your input no later than  
**March 8, 2024**

What meeting did you attend?

District 6 (But I'm in Dist 3)

Meeting Date 2/15/24





# Richland County Transportation Planning Meeting Comment Sheet

Name Kathymarie Davis & Cynthia Rivers  
Street Address 4800 Brenthaven Road  
Email Address Kathymarie@bellsouth.net  
Phone Number (803) 787 7593

**We value your feedback regarding the currently planned projects that were presented today, as well as your insights into both present and future transportation needs within your district.**

Thank you Mr. Maloney for hearing our Complaints  
I've lived at 4800 Brenthaven Rd for 45  
years. Our Roads [valleybrook; Brenthaven  
Road; Kanwood Dr] are Crumbling!! The  
roads around us (Crystal Dr & Satchelford Road)  
have been paved 3 to 4 times in the last 25-30 yrs  
Satchelford Terrace has yet to be repaved.  
"Help!!" in addition we have Sewer & water  
run off issues.

Provide your feedback via email at  
[transportationplanning@richlandcountysc.gov](mailto:transportationplanning@richlandcountysc.gov)

Please provide your input no later than  
**March 8, 2024**

What meeting did you attend?

District 6

Meeting Date 02-15-2024





Jerry & Joyce Tonroy  
3525 Deerfield Dr  
Columbia SC 29204-3703

Planning Meeting  
Feb 15

tonroyj@hotmail.com

Shopping Center

Light

Decker

Trenholm

This bay  
could be reversed  
to allow left turn  
ahead  
to the shopping center  
stop the signal  
Dentville Middle  
School after bay  
remodeling the bay  
goes ~~now~~ to  
nowhere



Decker Corridor ~~door~~  
group may be interested  
in checking this.  
Left-Turn at The  
Light is the only  
1<sup>st</sup> official way in  
from South-bound  
Decker =

but Left-Turn  
against light ~~will~~  
would <sup>be</sup> available  
against the light  
with a left-turn bay  
ahead of the signal light  
before





Jerry & Joyce Torrey  
3525 Deerfield Dr  
Columbia SC 29204-3703

Planning Meeting  
Feb 15

torreyphoto@aol.com



After Work on  
Two Notch = the lane  
were painted to match the  
right lane on Two Notch.  
There could be a remapping  
or easing of the curb.  
(and would) at the junction

JS



## Melrose Heights Transportation Requests

1. Millwood/Carlisle needs further thought/planning to make it safe for pedestrians/cyclist- there are many stores/businesses around this intersection, and we need safe passage for pedestrians/cyclist both to cross Millwood from both sides and to move across Carlisle street.
  - a. We would happily advocate for additional pedestrian crosswalks across Millwood to make the city more walkable as you move from Maple street towards Dreher High School
2. Rework Gladden- Millwood intersection
  - a. There currently is a left hand turning lane from Millwood to Epworth's side entrance that overlaps with cars trying to turn left from Gladden street onto Millwood creating a dangerous intersection for traffic in both directions as it is poorly defined/created
3. ADA compliant sidewalks
  - a. There are only a few sidewalks that have ramps throughout our neighborhoods- curbs/steps are prohibiting use for residents- request that steps or curbs be replaced with ramps that can provide access to all residents.
4. Increased safe bike/pedestrian pathways
5. More interconnected greenways
6. Speed Hump requests
  - a. Gladden Street
  - b. Devereaux
  - c. Shirley Street (towards Millwood)
  - d. Murray Street



DIST 6  
Percival Road

Jaan's Used tires on Percival Road - Violation?  
vector issue

- Projects

① Decker w/ Medians, walking path  
Holes in the Road at O'Neal Court  
- still have intersection project

② Bad Roads

① Neighborhood	Sachel Court Terrace
803-787-7593	Valleybrook
contact - Kathymarte Dexts	Brent Haven #4800 - 4836
contact - Cythra Rivers	Vanwood - stream behind house

⑤ Acadia Springs / Acadia Lakes - holes from water patch  
Acadia Woods - Rebuild

③ Ivy Hall - resurface over 30 years ago

③ Elementary - No sidewalk on Oakhill (on side) / google earth  
Sachel Ford / Treholm Park  
sidewalks around / streets & interconnected  
parks



④ Trash at end of Percival going into Forest La  
- Big bank -

⑤ sidewalk - Briarfield / Bethel Church Rd - to park





# Richland County Penny Transportation Planning Meeting Comment Sheet



Name Patricia W. Gold  
Street Address 320 Lincolnshire Blvd  
Email Address goldpatricia43@gmail.com  
Phone Number 803 414-6175

*We value your feedback regarding the currently planned projects that were presented today, as well as your insights into both present and future transportation needs within your district.*

County roads in Lincolnshire: Clubhouse Road is now  
a dirt road because it has not been paved since  
the development was first built. I have reported  
this to county government many times. I've been told  
that this is a private<sup>road</sup>. If this is the case, who owns  
these roads and who is responsible for making  
the repairs. Help

Provide your feedback via email at  
[transportationpenny@richlandcountysc.gov](mailto:transportationpenny@richlandcountysc.gov)

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**March 8, 2024**

What meeting did you attend?

District 7

Meeting Date 1/16/24





Richland County Penny  
Transportation Planning Meeting  
Comment Sheet



Name dee Jeffcoat  
Street Address 8018 Springlond Rd  
Email Address deejefcoat@bell South. Net  
Phone Number 803 315 6159

**We value your feedback regarding the currently planned projects that were presented today, as well as your insights into both present and future transportation needs within your district.**

I am a meibhy of Springwood Lake for over 35 Year I want to speak on the roads and medal Plavets on the streets for about a year. also the Ligths more Lights to the meiborg hood. Also all the cars that come thru the Streets because of the block off Rd. I really dont Understand the pot holds that are Repaired and test then

Provide your feedback via email at  
[transportationpenny@richlandcountysc.gov](mailto:transportationpenny@richlandcountysc.gov)

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**March 8, 2024**

What meeting did you attend?

District 7 Jan 2024

Meeting Date 16

over



~~the~~ I would say to Maths they have to  
be Report, maybe the Mix that is used  
Like I said I have lived in Springwood  
Lake for 35 year or more, During this  
time the payments have not been Redone  
Please take some time for this meiborhood





**Richland County Penny  
Transportation Planning Meeting**  
Comment Sheet



Name Barbara Roach  
Street Address 204 Penrose Drive  
Email Address bjrslr@aol.com  
Phone Number 803 315 3676

***We value your feedback regarding the currently planned projects that were presented today, as well as your insights into both present and future transportation needs within your district.***

All roads and bridges that begin  
in Blythewood feed into areas  
of Lincolnshire and Fairfield and  
parts of Meadowlake.  
Some areas of Meadowlake have  
"never" been ~~paved~~ paved since the  
70's.

“  
Provide your feedback via email at  
[transportationpenny@richlandcountysc.gov](mailto:transportationpenny@richlandcountysc.gov)

Please provide your input no later than  
**March 8, 2024**

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What meeting did you attend?

District 1

Meeting Date Jan 10, 2024





# Richland County Penny Transportation Planning Meeting Comment Sheet



Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

***We value your feedback regarding the currently planned projects that were presented today, as well as your insights into both present and future transportation needs within your district.***

No resurfacing on Meadowlake Roads off  
Meadowlake Dr since the late 70's.

Provide your feedback via email at  
**transportationpenny@richlandcountysc.gov**

Please provide your input no later than  
**March 8, 2024**

What meeting did you attend?

District \_\_\_\_\_

Meeting Date \_\_\_\_\_





**Richland County Penny  
Transportation Planning Meeting**  
Comment Sheet



Name Helena M. Byrd  
Street Address 7842 Edgewater Drive, 29223  
Email Address Slaunsc@gmail.com  
Phone Number (803) 201-8157

***We value your feedback regarding the currently planned projects that were presented today, as well as your insights into both present and future transportation needs within your district.***

This in reference to Springwood Lake Area. We need more up to date information on the rebuilding of the Lakes. When will the Road closure of Edgewater open up. Are we able to get Speed humps due to the rerouting of Edgewater. There is desperate need for Road paving on Edgewater Drive; Springcrest drive. Does the penny tax cover New Community Signage

Provide your feedback via email at  
**transportationpenny@richlandcountysc.gov**

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**March 8, 2024**

What meeting did you attend?

District 7

Meeting Date 01/16/2023





# Richland County Penny Transportation Planning Meeting Comment Sheet



Name Dorothy Greeter  
Street Address 7912 Clearwater Rd.  
Email Address dorothyag@ADL.com  
Phone Number 803 312 2165

**We value your feedback regarding the currently planned projects that were presented today, as well as your insights into both present and future transportation needs within your district.**

Concerned that promised repaving of  
Edgewater in Springwood Lakes  
neighborhood is not going to get  
done. Also unhappy with bridge(s?)  
being out and causing several roads  
to be blocked - some for longer than 8  
or 9 yrs.

Provide your feedback via email at  
[transportationpenny@richlandcountysc.gov](mailto:transportationpenny@richlandcountysc.gov)

Please provide your input no later than  
**March 8, 2024**

What meeting did you attend?

District 7

Meeting Date Jan. 16, 2024





**Richland County Penny  
Transportation Planning Meeting**  
Comment Sheet



Name SUSAN STROTHER  
Street Address 2216 Davis Smith Rd ColA 29203  
Email Address susan@mbconstructioncompany.com  
Phone Number 803-600-6147

***We value your feedback regarding the currently planned projects that were presented today, as well as your insights into both present and future transportation needs within your district.***

<u>Davis Smith Rd</u>	<u>Infrastructure from</u>
<u>Lib Lucas</u>	<u>N. Pines to Farrow Rd</u>
<u>Killian Loop</u>	<u>Down Killian Road</u>
<u>Albert Allen</u>	<u>Dumps all drainage</u>
<u>Gov. Pond</u>	<u>to the properties listed.</u>

Provide your feedback via email at  
**transportationpenny@richlandcountysc.gov**

Please provide your input no later than  
**March 8, 2024**

What meeting did you attend?

District 7

Meeting Date 4/16/24





# Richland County Penny Transportation Planning Meeting Comment Sheet



Name BISHOP DR. WILLIE SETTON  
Street Address 8225 BAYFIELD RD  
Email Address SETTON POSTER WILL@BENTONOUTH.NET  
Phone Number (803) 422-3580

**We value your feedback regarding the currently planned projects that were presented today, as well as your insights into both present and future transportation needs within your district.**

- (1) BAYFIELD RD HOLES + NEED TO PAVING
- (2) OVERGROWN LAKE
- (3) NEED SPEED BOATS ON BAYFIELD RD

Provide your feedback via email at  
[transportationpenny@richlandcountysc.gov](mailto:transportationpenny@richlandcountysc.gov)

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What meeting did you attend?

District 1

Meeting Date 1/16/24





**Richland County Penny  
Transportation Planning Meeting**  
Comment Sheet



Name Mrs. Georgette Aiken  
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Phone Number 803-422-5957

*We value your feedback regarding the currently planned projects that were presented today, as well as your insights into both present and future transportation needs within your district.*

We noticed that Springcrest Dr was resurfaced.  
We would like to know when the rest of our streets will  
be resurfaced. (Edgewater, Millbrook, and other streets).  
Mr. Malone was very helpful with specific details/planning...

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District 7

Meeting Date 1-16-2024





# Richland County Penny Transportation Planning Meeting Comment Sheet



Name Roslyn Rush White  
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Email Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number 803-446-3016

***We value your feedback regarding the currently planned projects that were presented today, as well as your insights into both present and future transportation needs within your district.***

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What meeting did you attend?

District 7

Meeting Date 1-16-24





# Richland County Penny Transportation Planning Meeting Comment Sheet



Name Algeron Williams  
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Phone Number 803-477-4700

***We value your feedback regarding the currently planned projects that were presented today, as well as your insights into both present and future transportation needs within your district.***

Suggestion concerning: Sidewalk ARE Needed  
ON Pisgah Church Rd & Wilson Blvd. This  
would Allow students to walk in a safe  
space on what is a dangerous roadway.  
The Penny should incorporate this area  
in particular with very few projects in  
District (7). It should be added from  
Hastings Pointe Subdivision up to Pisgah Church Rd.

Provide your feedback via email at  
**transportationpenny@richlandcountysc.gov**

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What meeting did you attend?

District 7

Meeting Date January 14, 2024





**Richland County Penny  
Transportation Planning Meeting**  
Comment Sheet



Name Gena Dow  
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Phone Number 803-807-6439

**We value your feedback regarding the currently planned projects that were presented today, as well as your insights into both present and future transportation needs within your district.**

We need infrastructure help on Killian loop. Davis Smith & Lib Lucas. Water is flooding us from Wal-mart, Kroger etc. Ditches are blocked & drainage is not working. The Crescent Lake Dam must be rebuilt to correct water drainage. Water is making ponds and rivers everywhere with lake being gone. Governors Pond is a disaster. Cleation tape, concrete bags & cones because road is washed out.

Provide your feedback via email at  
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District 7

Meeting Date 1/16/24





**Richland County Penny  
Transportation Planning Meeting**  
Comment Sheet



Name Gloria Cannon  
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Email Address ga-cannon@bellsouth.net  
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**We value your feedback regarding the currently planned projects that were presented today, as well as your insights into both present and future transportation needs within your district.**

Are there any plans within the next  
2-3 years to widen Longtown Road  
from 555 down to Longtown Road  
east/west. Also, there is an increase  
in foot traffic; what is the possibility  
of adding sidewalks?

Provide your feedback via email at  
**transportationpenny@richlandcountysc.gov**

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District 7

Meeting Date 1-16-2024



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**From:** Beaty, David  
**Sent:** Monday, January 22, 2024 3:17 PM  
**To:** Derrick, LaTonya; Harrelson, Brett; McCutchan, Brett  
**Cc:** Barbee, Merideth  
**Subject:** Richland Plan Comments 1-16-24

All,

I noted the following comments from our Richland Transportation Planning meeting 1-16-24:

- Sidewalk desired along Blue Ridge Terrace beginning at Monticello Road
- Sidewalk desired along Blue Ridge Terrace from Forest Heights Elementary to Heyward Brockington
- Desires County website be updated to include displays and project list(s)

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# Richland County Transportation Project Report - January 2024

## DISTRICT SEVEN

### Upcoming Projects

Project Type	Location	Construction Period
Bikeways - Restripe/Narrow	Clemson Rd (Longtown/Brook Hollow){SCDOT}*	2025-2026
NIP	Crane Creek NIP Sidewalks	2024-2025

### Under Construction

Project Type	Location	Construction Period
Dirt Road Paving	Sara Matthews Rd	FY24 Paving

### Completed Projects

Project Type	Location
Intersection Improvements	Farrow Rd and Pisgah Church Rd / Wilson Blvd and Killian Rd
NIP	Crane Creek NIP Master Plan
Widening	Hard Scrabble Rd (Penny funding complete)*

Dirt Road Paving  
4.03 Miles

#### Roads

Allen St	Harold St	Larkin Ct
Boylston Rd	Hattie Rd	Peafowl Dr
Della Mae Ct	India St	Pilgrim Rd
Eastover St	Jeter St	Prestley Dr
Ethels Ave	La Brew Dr S	S Hask Jacobs Rd

Tammy Dr  
Ted St  
Townsend St  
William Duffie Rd  
Winterwood Ct

? Dave Smith  
? Larger Street

Resurfacing  
23.59 Miles

#### Roads

Abberton Ct	Durham Creek Ct	Holly Ridge Ct	Newworth Ct	Summer Vale Ct
Addy Ct	Egret Ct	Holly Ridge Ln	Northfield Ct	Summer Vale Dr
Ashley Crest Dr *	Elafair Ln	Irish Ct	Oak Timber Cir	Swallow Ct
Avocet Court	Elton Ct	Kelly Ct	Ola St	Thornfield Ct
Balfour Ct	Esther Cir	Lancer Ct	Old Oak Dr	Thornfield Rd
Beaver Creek Cir	Fair Oaks Dr	Lansing Cir	Olde Springs Rd *	Tillbury Dr
Beckton Ct	Fairfield Park Rd	Larry Ct	Pelican Cir	Tomafield Ct
Bedford Dr	Fawnwood Ct	Leaf Cir	Pembury Ct *	Torwood Dr
Bennie Dr	Finley Rd	Lee Ridge Ct *	Penelope Ln	Touchfield Ct
Blakesmoor Rd	Finn Ct	Leila Ln	Penhurst Ct	Tweed Ct
Bonbon Ln	Firebridge Rd	Lincolnshire Blvd	Peregrine Ct	Twin Eagles Dr
Bradbury Dr	Frontier Rd	Lincolnshire Ct	Petworth Ct	Valley End Ct
Briercliff Dr	Gale River Rd	Lindevon Ln	Petworth Dr	Warly Ct
Business Park Blvd	Gateway Corporate Blvd	Lionburg Ct	Plover Ct (p)	Watts Ln
Calley Ct	Glen Green Dr	Loblolly Dr	Portchester Ct	Whitehurst Way
Carty Dr	Glenshire Dr	Locklier Rd (SCDOT)	Ralph Ct	Whiteoak Ridge Ln
Cedar Lake Rd	Golden Ct	Maple Ridge Rd	Roundtree Rd	Whiteoak Ridge Rd
Charring Dr	Golden Oak Cir	Meadow Creek Dr	Ruthberry Ct	Whitfield Ct
Chasewood Ct	Great North Ct	Meadowbury Dr (p)	Saddletrail Rd	Windward Ct
Claey Ct	Great North Rd *	Meadowlake Ct	Sagamare Rd (p)	Winslow Ct
Clearidge Ct	Green Rose Rd	Meadowlake Dr (p)	Savannah Dr	Winslow Way
Clearwell Ct	Grinders Mill Rd	Merganser Ct	Silver Oak Cir	Woodfin Ct
Clover Bay Dr	Gristmill Ct	Millhouse Cir	South Shields Rd	Yorkton Ct
Corby Ct	Halton Ct	Millhouse Ct	Springcrest Dr	
Cordova Dr	Hamilton Dr	Millstone Ct	Springtree Dr	
Cranley Ct	Heron Ct	Moss Field Ct	Springwoods Lake Dr	
Cranley Rd	Heron Dr	Moss Field Rd	Springwoods Lake Pt	
Creekfield Ct	Hillvale Ct	N Highland Forest Dr	Stamhope Ct	
Crooked Stick Ct	Hillvale Dr	Newcourt Pl	Stockport Rd	

\* HS on Pisgah Church Rd needs SW.  
Westwood HS has no sidewalk

Springwood Lakes  
Mitochondria

\*crosses / splits Council Districts : (p) - partial

Holman

ghamilton  
803 629 5683

SHED LOANS - FEDERAL

Greenbrook Rd  
- SCDOT  
- Need work  
- Badly sunk





# Richland County Transportation Planning Meeting Comment Sheet

Name Renee J. Gardner  
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Phone Number 803-261-9469

***We value your feedback regarding the currently planned projects that were presented today, as well as your insights into both present and future transportation needs within your district.***

Please with North Springs Rd from Brickyard  
toward Clemson. It is extremely dangerous for  
residents of Spring Valley to turn left from South Springs  
Rd during times of high traffic volume. In addition  
the intersection of North Springs at Mill Field Rd  
needs to be realigned, again for safety reasons.

Provide your feedback via email at  
**transportationplanning@richlandcountysc.gov**

Please provide your input no later than  
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What meeting did you attend?

District 8

Meeting Date 2/7/24





# Richland County Transportation Planning Meeting Comment Sheet

Name Katie McGehee  
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Phone Number 803 553 4711

***We value your feedback regarding the currently planned projects that were presented today, as well as your insights into both present and future transportation needs within your district.***

Please pave our roads in Wildwood HV!  
This condition is negatively affecting property  
values!

Thank you

Provide your feedback via email at  
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**From:** [Harrelson, Brett](#)  
**To:** [Beaty, David](#); [Derrick, LaTonya](#); [Barbee, Merideth](#)  
**Subject:** RC District 8 PIM Public Comments  
**Date:** Thursday, February 8, 2024 9:09:19 AM

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Below are my notes for “needed” projects from discussions with the public at the subject meeting.  
Thanks.

BH

- [Widen N Springs Rd](#)
- [Add sidewalks at/around all public schools \(in particular RNE\)](#)

**D. Brett Harrelson, PE**  
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**From:** [Beaty, David](#)  
**To:** [Derrick, LaTonya](#); [Harrelson, Brett](#); [Barbee, Merideth](#)  
**Subject:** Richland Plan Comments 2-8-24  
**Date:** Thursday, February 8, 2024 9:18:00 AM

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All,

I noted the following comments from our Richland Transportation Planning meeting 2-8-24:

- Wildwood neighborhood roads are in a state of disrepair and need to be resurfaced, specifically Cricket Hill Road, Leaning Tree Road, and Holiday Road
- Mallet Hill Road experiences a large amount of speeding and illegal passing, traffic calming is needed
- Brookfield Road needs sidewalk on the north side of the road in addition to the existing sidewalk on the south side
- The Columbia Mall Greenway needs to be advanced and constructed

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To: MICHAEL MALONEY <[MALONEY.MICHAEL@richlandcountysc.gov](mailto:MALONEY.MICHAEL@richlandcountysc.gov)>

Cc: Brian Parnell <[Roads@svha.us](mailto:Roads@svha.us)>

Subject: Transportation and Penny project updates

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Dear Mr. Maloney,

I hope this email finds you well. I wanted to extend my appreciation for your enlightening presentation at the Richland County Town Hall Council Districts 8 & 9 last night. Your insights were invaluable.

I had hoped to discuss a pressing matter with you after the meeting, however, the sheer volume of attendees made it challenging to connect. Hence, I'm reaching out to you now to address a critical concern regarding safety measures at the intersections of Millfield Road with North Springs Road, and North Springs Road with South Springs Road.

These intersections have become notorious for frequent accidents, particularly due to the extreme skew at the first junction. Moreover, the escalating development in the area has significantly intensified traffic flow along the North Springs Road corridor, making it increasingly hazardous for residents of the Spring Valley subdivision to navigate these intersections, especially during peak hours.

The Spring Valley Homeowners Association has been inundated with complaints regarding this issue, reflecting the urgent need for intervention. Therefore, we respectfully urge Richland County to explore and, if feasible, implement a safety project at these intersections as an interim solution, prioritizing the safety of existing problematic areas over future corridor expansion plans, such as the widening of Two Notch Rd north of Sparkleberry to the county line.

Your prompt attention to this matter would be greatly appreciated. I eagerly anticipate hearing from you soon to discuss potential steps forward.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Warm regards,

Renee S. Gardner

President

803-261-9469



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**From:** Derrick, LaTonya  
**Sent:** Friday, February 9, 2024 10:04 AM  
**To:** Beaty, David; Harrelson, Brett  
**Cc:** Barbee, Merideth  
**Subject:** RC Transportation Planning Meeting: District 9 Notes

During my interactions with guests on Thursday, February 8, 2024, I noted the following concerns:

- Maintenance is needed where Summit Parkway intersects Hard Scrabble
  - Drivers avoiding large holes end up swerving into lanes for oncoming traffic
- Making a left turn out of the Ashcroft Community onto Clemson is a nightmare
- The interchanges at Spears Creek Church Road are horrible
  - Traffic backs onto the interstate due to short ramping
  - The bridge is narrow and it is difficult to turn left from I-20E
- New developments in the vicinity of Spears Creek Church and Percival Roads will result in more traffic and the need for improved ingress/egress from neighborhoods and businesses
- Is there an opportunity for another interchange on the Richland County side (before entering Kershaw County) after Spears Creek Church Road. We need something before White Pond Road.
- It is still hard to make a left from Two Notch Road onto Bookman Road. That intersection is where the Two Notch widening to Pontiac starts but we need help now.
- Two Notch Road needs sidewalks to support people walking to the bus stops
- COMET needs more sheltered bus stops on Two Notch.

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**Richland County Penny  
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Name Carletta T. Wilson  
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***We value your feedback regarding the currently planned projects that were presented today, as well as your insights into both present and future transportation needs within your district.***

see attached sheet

Provide your feedback via email at  
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District 10

Meeting Date 1/23/24



Transportation Planning Penny Tax Meeting Comments/Concerns  
submitted by Carletta & Rufus Wilson 7000 Lower Richland Blvd Hopkins SC 29061  
([wilson2510@bellsouth.net](mailto:wilson2510@bellsouth.net)) January 23, 2024

We are lifelong residents of the Lower Richland area for the past 70 years and witnessed the growth. Some growth positive, some negative and definitely growing pains from every aspect.

Some of the things that we would like to see with our tax dollars are listed below:

- Street lights installed at all major intersections in the Lower Richland rural area. As we travel at night you can't see the street signs or the road if you are not familiar with the area. Also for safety reasons as you approach these intersections or streets you can see if anyone is lurking near. Here is partial list of suggested areas.
  - Old Hopkins Road and Garners Ferry Road
  - Lower Richland Blvd and Air Base Road (4 way stop sign and install a blinking caution night)
  - Old Hopkins Road and Air Base Road
  - Lower Richland Blvd and Cabin Creek
  - Lower Richland Blvd and Horrell Hill Road
  - Lower Richland Blvd and Bluff Road (install a blinking caution light also)
  - Bluff Road and Martin Luther King Blvd.
  - Bluff Road and Clarkson Road
  - Bluff Road and Goodwin Road
  - Bluff Road and Old Bluff Road
  - Bluff Road and Congaree Road
  - Harrell Hill Road and Air Base Road
  - Install turning lanes at Bluff Road to Lower Richland Blvd
  - Install turning lanes at Bluff Road to Martin Luther King
  - Install turning lanes at Bluff Road to Congaree Road
- Install hanging caution lights a major intersections such as Bluff road & Lower Richland Blvd, Clarkson, Goodwin & Congaree Road, & Airbase Road
- Install sidewalk or bike lanes for pedestrians walking on the road. Very hard to see pedestrians at night





# Richland County Penny Transportation Planning Meeting Comment Sheet



Name Reggie Weston  
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**We value your feedback regarding the currently planned projects that were presented today, as well as your insights into both present and future transportation needs within your district.**

Wonderful feedback! However, in these times of  
loneliness; the center portion of Atlas Road ARE Asked  
to contribute (penny taxes, etc.). However, this  
particular portion of Atlas has been left out of  
consideration for numerous benefits; Nonetheless,  
plans/developments surrounds us.

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# Richland County Penny Transportation Planning Meeting Comment Sheet



Name Sherry Jones

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

**We value your feedback regarding the currently planned projects that were presented today, as well as your insights into both present and future transportation needs within your district.**

We need:

sidewalks

pedestrian walkways

bike paths

in Olympia

Let's try for 2025

Provide your feedback via email at  
**[transportationpenny@richlandcountysc.gov](mailto:transportationpenny@richlandcountysc.gov)**

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**Richland County Penny  
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Comment Sheet



Name Sherry Jaco  
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Phone Number 803-719-7138

**We value your feedback regarding the currently planned projects that were presented today, as well as your insights into both present and future transportation needs within your district.**

We need PENNY PROJECTS in  
Olympia.

Specifically at the intersections  
① Olympia Ave / Bluff Road / Virginia Street  
② Olympia Avenue / Heyward Street.

For next year (2025) planning.

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**Richland County Penny  
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Name Rhoda Yarborough  
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Phone Number 803-348-1589

***We value your feedback regarding the currently planned projects that were presented today, as well as your insights into both present and future transportation needs within your district.***

fix & Clean drainage ditches  
fix signs so they don't block view @ intersection  
→ (764 & 378)  
→ fix roads better.  
- Speed bumps in Residential areas

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# Richland County Penny Transportation Planning Meeting Comment Sheet



Name Brenda Jackson

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number (803) 201-3139

***We value your feedback regarding the currently planned projects that were presented today, as well as your insights into both present and future transportation needs within your district.***

Re paved road needed.  
- Griffins Creek Rd to Poultry Ln.  
Road is in poor condition. It has pot holes,  
crumples, ragged edge, etc.

Provide your feedback via email at  
**transportationpenny@richlandcountysc.gov**

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**From:** Beaty, David  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 24, 2024 3:56 PM  
**To:** Derrick, LaTonya; Harrelson, Brett; Barbee, Merideth  
**Subject:** Richland Plan Comments 1-23-24

All,

I noted the following comments from our Richland Transportation Planning meeting 1-23-24:

- Existing paved roads need to be a priority for resurfacing
- Community Pond Road has a persistent drainage issue
- The resident residing along Raven Brook Road does not want the dirt road paved
- Maintaining existing drainage ditches needs to be a priority
- Griffin Creek Road is currently paved, but has narrow lanes and is very rough with numerous potholes

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**Subject:** FW: Richland Plan Comments 1-23-24

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**From:** Barbee, Merideth <Merideth.Barbee@stantec.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 24, 2024 4:01 PM  
**To:** Beaty, David <David.Beaty@stantec.com>; Derrick, LaTonya <LaTonya.Derrick@stantec.com>; Harrelson, Brett <brett.harrelson@stantec.com>  
**Subject:** RE: Richland Plan Comments 1-23-24

I heard virtually the exact same thing from everyone who came and spoke to me.  
Add in them having issues with stop sign visibility due to plant life, and the request for Raven Brook to get an apron to stop rocks from washing into the road.

**Merideth Barbee**  
*Reception & Administration*

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**To:** Derrick, LaTonya <[LaTonya.Derrick@stantec.com](mailto:LaTonya.Derrick@stantec.com)>; Harrelson, Brett <[brett.harrelson@stantec.com](mailto:brett.harrelson@stantec.com)>; Barbee, Merideth <[Merideth.Barbee@stantec.com](mailto:Merideth.Barbee@stantec.com)>  
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0/23 dist. 10

6:02pm

"When they pave a road, more people want to drive down it. That's bad." (no name)

6:33pm

more detail/road names, the display maps are unhelpful. (no name)

6:42pm

TOO dark down roads/at intersections, needs more lighting all over the district. (no name).

6:51pm

We don't need any new projects yet. first, fix the potholes with a paving roller and work on Stop Sign visibility, and cleaning drainage. need road aprons to stop rain washing dirt/rocks from driveways into the roads.

for example:

- Rd. washing out at community pond rd. meeting Raven Brook rd. caused by a slight incline in driveways/roads.
- ditches and culverts are clogged all up & down community pond.
- Stop sign has poor visibility at chain gang rd. meeting community pond rd, caused many near-accidents.
- don't pave Raven Brook
- "fix what's broken before you make something else that'll break" (kandy)



7:12pm

We need more money sent to Eastover not to  
Olympia. (no name).



Was funded? check what changed - Vivian Lowman  
since 2016 - 300 pm Tues

S Crosshill Cir	74	0.38	\$475,000.00	Unfunded
Sara Neal Rd	75	0.22	\$275,000.00	Unfunded
Chappell Creek Ln	76	0.40	\$500,000.00	Unfunded
Dowdy Place Ln	77	0.17	\$212,500.00	Unfunded
Percival Woods Rd	78	0.29	\$362,500.00	Unfunded
C Flemming Rd	79	0.18	\$225,000.00	Unfunded
Martin Rd	80	0.24	\$300,000.00	Unfunded
Garrick Rd	81	0.73	\$912,500.00	Unfunded
Heape Rd	82	0.82	\$1,025,000.00	Unfunded
Sims Creek Rd	83	0.45	\$562,500.00	Unfunded
Lykesland Trl	84	1.61	\$2,012,500.00	Unfunded
Stroy Rd	85	0.39	\$468,000.00	Unfunded
David Goodwin Rd	86	0.26	\$325,000.00	Unfunded
Harry Green Rd	87	0.20	\$250,000.00	Unfunded
Harbort Rd	88	0.41	\$512,500.00	Unfunded
Anderson Portee Rd	89	0.27	\$337,500.00	Unfunded
Drayton Flemming Rd	90	0.55	\$687,500.00	Unfunded
S Goodwin Cir	91	0.76	\$950,000.00	Unfunded
Elise Grant Rd	92	0.36	\$750,000.00	Unfunded
Railbrook Rd	93	0.50	\$625,000.00	Unfunded
Garners Ferry Way	94	0.94	\$1,175,000.00	Unfunded
Andrews Rd	95	0.29	\$362,500.00	Unfunded
Millies Rd	96	0.66	\$792,000.00	Unfunded
Andrews rd	97	0.51	\$637,500.00	Unfunded
Willie Kelly Rd	98	0.22	\$275,000.00	Unfunded
George Wilson Cir	99	0.22	\$275,000.00	Unfunded
McGee Rd	100	0.23	\$287,500.00	Unfunded
		TOTAL	\$16,535,000.00	

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Ander:

Comet - Dart Service - Have they improved  
the service? → brother couldn't get to Appt on ti  
South Scott Rd →

call back → Minnie Green 803 312-2316

Joe Thompson  
will know

St. Marks Rd → Drainage → Crepe Mentels  
→ Joe Thompson & a ditch needs  
clean from St. Martin to behind chu



Mary St	2	0.05	\$62,500.00	dropped
Medlins Dr	3	0.12	\$150,000.00	Dropped
Smith Meyers Rd	6	0.29	\$362,500.00	dropped
Sandhill Estates Rd	10	0.29	\$362,500.00	Dropped
S Scott Rd	11	0.55	\$687,500.00	Dropped
Bluff Oaks Rd	13	0.08	\$100,000.00	Dropped
Hastings Alley	14	0.10	\$125,000.00	Dropped
Pine Thicket Cir	16	0.10	\$125,000.00	Dropped
Henry Thomas Rd	17	0.13	\$162,500.00	Dropped
Goffman Rd	18	0.75	\$937,500.00	Dropped
Lyles Maple St	19	0.18	\$225,000.00	Dropped
House Rd	20	0.19	\$237,500.00	Dropped
Coley Rd	26	0.31	\$387,500.00	Dropped
Anderson St	32	0.13	\$162,500.00	Dropped
Jackson Park Rd	33	0.27	\$337,500.00	Dropped
Lille Rosa Cir	34	0.17	\$212,500.00	dropped
Frasier St	36	0.18	\$225,000.00	dropped
Doretha Ln	37	0.21	\$262,500.00	Dropped
Willow Wind Rd	40	0.61	\$762,500.00	Dropped
Country Place Ln	41	0.22	\$275,000.00	Dropped
Kingsman Rd	42	0.18	\$225,000.00	Dropped
HL Clarkson Rd	43	0.45	\$562,500.00	Dropped
Friend Way Dr	44	0.35	\$437,500.00	Dropped
George Washington Ln	47	0.16	\$200,000.00	Dropped
Pearlott Ln	55	0.27	\$337,500.00	Dropped
S Roy Rd	56	0.18	\$225,000.00	Dropped
Yelton Ln	57	0.18	\$225,000.00	Dropped
Neal Furgess Ln	59	0.14	\$175,000.00	Dropped
William Janie Sims cir	60	0.41	\$512,500.00	Dropped
Claytor Rd	61	0.23	\$287,500.00	Dropped
NE Shady Grove Rd	62	0.56	\$700,000.00	Dropped
Edmonds Farm Rd	63	0.52	\$650,000.00	Dropped
Harriet Dr	64	0.10	\$125,000.00	Dropped
Goodwide Rd	65	0.24	\$300,000.00	Dropped
* 8 Res → Tally Adams Rd	66	0.44	\$550,000.00	Dropped
Haithcock Rd	68	0.41	\$512,500.00	Dropped
Latesha Rd	69	0.41	\$512,500.00	Dropped
House Cir	70	0.31	\$387,500.00	Dropped
Pineboro Ln	72	0.32	\$400,000.00	Dropped
		TOTAL	\$13,487,500.00	

\* Want: it paved (had sent in packet)  
with full consent

Dirt Roads	District Ranking	Mileage	Cost	Status
Lassiter Jacobs rd	73	0.77	\$962,500.00	Unfunded



→ Dry Branch Way	7	0.78	\$975,000.00	FY24
Robert McKenzie	27	0.49	\$612,500.00	FY24
Smithcreek Rd	28	0.25	\$312,500.00	FY24
Old Palmetto Cir	30	0.38	\$475,000.00	FY24
Wood Cone Tr	8	0.30	\$375,000.00	FY25
Mickens Rd	12	0.08	\$100,000.00	FY25
Calvin May Rd	15	0.33	\$412,500.00	FY25
Barberville Lp	21	0.28	\$350,000.00	FY25
Taylor Arch Rd	22	0.17	\$212,500.00	FY25
Old Creek Rd	23	0.21	\$262,500.00	FY25
South Perkins Rd	24	0.30	\$375,000.00	FY25
Goodwin Way	25	0.30	\$375,000.00	FY25
Ravenbrook Rd	31	0.16	\$200,000.00	FY25
Spring Creek Rd	35	0.58	\$725,000.00	FY25
Sulton Johnson Rd	38	0.47	\$587,500.00	FY25
Gene Dr	39	0.11	\$137,500.00	FY25
Prioleau Rd	45	0.56	\$700,000.00	FY25
Wilson McCoy Rd	46	0.36	\$450,000.00	FY25
Sumpter Lp	48	0.32	\$400,000.00	FY25
Poe St	51	0.21	\$262,500.00	FY25
Flatrock Arch	52	0.12	\$150,000.00	FY25
Hampton Williams Rd	54	0.55	\$687,500.00	FY25
Brown Rd	58	0.18	\$225,000.00	FY25
Adams Scott Rd	67	0.66	\$990,000.00	FY25
Amick Ln	71	0.05	\$62,500.00	FY25
		TOTAL	\$10,415,000.00	

- Clarkson Rd - SCDOT - Need resurface @ Hopkins <sup>middle</sup> School
- General Comment: Pavement Markings missing

Carl Hill Road toward Air Base - water ponding  
 • Old Hopkins → East on Air Base  
 • Dark (@ Intersection) → street light to see intersection

Dirt Roads	District Ranking	Mileage	Cost	Status
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Dirt Roads	District Ranking	Mileage	Cost	Status
Kirk Rd	Program Start	0.05	\$62,500.00	Paved
Pleasant Grove Ln	Program Start	0.13	\$162,500.00	Paved
PR Webber Rd	Program Start	0.22	\$275,000.00	Paved
Simons Weston Rd	Program Start	0.13	\$162,500.00	Paved
Sumpter Rd	Program Start	0.32	\$400,000.00	Paved
Dogwood Shores Ln	N/A	0.42	\$525,000.00	Paved
Lake Dogwood Cir S	N/A	0.68	\$850,000.00	Paved
Meadow Ln	N/A	0.20	\$250,000.00	Paved
Wider Rd	N/A	0.10	\$125,000.00	Paved
Tucker Town Court	1	0.06	\$75,000.00	Paved
Ehrlich St	5	0.11	\$137,500.00	Paved
Robert James Rd	9	0.18	\$225,000.00	Paved
South Dr	50	0.32	\$400,000.00	Paved
Rosa Dowdy Ln	53	0.12	\$150,000.00	Paved
		TOTAL	\$3,800,000.00	

Dirt Roads	District Ranking	Mileage	Cost	Status
Jackson Road	4	0.09	\$112,500.00	Construction
Nathan Ridge Lane	29	0.34	\$425,000.00	Construction
		TOTAL	\$537,500.00	

Dirt Roads	District Ranking	Mileage	Cost	Status
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# Richland County Penny Transportation Planning Meeting Comment Sheet



Name George and Ann Anderson  
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Email Address andersonann@bellsouth.net  
Phone Number 803445-3203

**We value your feedback regarding the currently planned projects that were presented today, as well as your insights into both present and future transportation needs within your district.**

My Road was on the original Dirt Road  
paving when it began from penny tax and  
cut off by half way in. We so would like  
Crosscreek Ln paved once this takes off  
again. Right now it's crush and run and when  
it rains it's just a mess. not serviced unless  
called it should be a priority to service  
without calling.

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# Richland County Penny Transportation Planning Meeting Comment Sheet



Name James/Robin McNeill  
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Email Address buddymack310@yahoo.com  
Phone Number (803) 312-1392

***We value your feedback regarding the currently planned projects that were presented today, as well as your insights into both present and future transportation needs within your district.***

- ① Trotter/Coffman Rd intersection real busy doing AM/PM heavy traffic hours, needs stop light.
- ② Hire more traffic help/cameras at major in/out of city/town
- ③ A hospital for S.E. Columbia/Hopkins
- ④ future sidewalks

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# Richland County Penny Transportation Planning Meeting Comment Sheet



Name NORMAN JACKSON

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Email Address ~~dot~~ DOT878@YAHOO.COM

Phone Number 803-429-7719

**We value your feedback regarding the currently planned projects that were presented today, as well as your insights into both present and future transportation needs within your district.**

SHOP ROAD EXTENSION PHASE 2 RELIEVES TRAFFIC FROM  
US 76 SC 378 REDUCING LOS

RICHLAND COUNTY APPROVED AN IGA INTER GOVERNMENT AGREEMENT  
WITH SCDOT  
TO REIMBURSE RICHLAND COUNTY PENNY TAX PROGRAM ON  
ALL STATE ROAD PROJECTS BUILT OR IMPROVED BY THE  
PENNY TAX MONEY. \$200 MILLION IS OWED TO RICHLAND COUNTY  
FROM SCDOT

DIRT ROAD PROGRAM: USE THE TEAM (OBTAIN PERMISSION)  
CITIZENS WILL NOT FEEL THREATENED ON LOSING THEIR LAND

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# Richland County Penny Transportation Planning Meeting Comment Sheet



Name JERRY L. PARKER  
Street Address 1843 Neptune Dr Columbus SC 29209  
Email Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number 803-667-5162

**We value your feedback regarding the currently planned projects that were presented today, as well as your insights into both present and future transportation needs within your district.**

Resurfacing Galaxy  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Neptune  
Venus  
Saturn  
Venus  
MARS

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District #17

Meeting Date JAN 30th





# Richland County Penny Transportation Planning Meeting Comment Sheet



Name Debra Martin  
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Phone Number 803-237-8815

**We value your feedback regarding the currently planned projects that were presented today, as well as your insights into both present and future transportation needs within your district.**

- ①. Intersection at Sanview Dr. and Caroline Rd.  
needs to be completely repaved not just  
pot holes fill in.
- ②. Garners Ferry Rd. needs widening of one  
lane each way (east + west bound)
- ③. Leesburg Rd. expansion is proceeding well.  
I wonder if more traffic lights are  
planned from Fairmont to Trotter Rd.

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**Subject:** Richland Plan Comments 1-30-24

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**From:** Beaty, David <David.Beaty@stantec.com>

**Sent:** Wednesday, January 31, 2024 2:51 PM

**To:** Derrick, LaTonya <LaTonya.Derrick@stantec.com>; Harrelson, Brett <brett.harrelson@stantec.com>; Barbee, Merideth <Merideth.Barbee@stantec.com>

**Subject:** Richland Plan Comments 1-30-24

All,

I noted the following comments from our Richland Transportation Planning meeting 1-30-24:

- Garners Ferry Road needs widened in the Lower Richland High School vicinity
- Caroline Road needs resurfaced
- Access control at businesses needs improved at the intersection of Garners Ferry/Lower Richland opposite LR High School
- Signal timing needs improved along Garners Ferry
- The Galaxy Neighborhood has multiple roads that need resurfaced including Neptune, Saturn, Mars, and Venus
- More sidewalks are needed along Lower Richland Blvd past the LR High School
- Drainage improvements are needed along Caughman between Trotter and Benson

**David Beaty** PE, Assoc. DBIA  
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**Subject:** Richland Plan Comments 1-30-24

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**From:** Barbee, Merideth <Merideth.Barbee@stantec.com>

**Sent:** Wednesday, January 31, 2024 2:55 PM

**To:** Beaty, David <David.Beaty@stantec.com>; Derrick, LaTonya <LaTonya.Derrick@stantec.com>; Harrelson, Brett <brett.harrelson@stantec.com>

**Subject:** RE: Richland Plan Comments 1-30-24

Here are the direct comments I took down at my station:

“Widen roads before or simultaneously to when a new neighborhood or business is being built, not after the development has happened and traffic problems have already occurred.” (In relation to all the new dwellings being built off of two-lane roads)

“it’s taking forever for the Lower Richland Blv work to break ground.”

**Merideth Barbee**

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301 Greenlake

405  
Greenlake



# Richland County Penny Transportation Planning Meeting Comment Sheet



Name Kathi Arbogast  
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Phone Number 803-529-4906

**We value your feedback regarding the currently planned projects that were presented today, as well as your insights into both present and future transportation needs within your district.**

We have a small neighborhood so there are not a lot of streets. When I first moved here, my street, Jadetree & also Raintree (one street over) were newly paved. I thought, that's great, everyone will have nice, newly paved streets. But, it didn't happen. Our entrance street is in need, as

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are others. We would all like to be able to take pride in the appearance of our neighborhood. We would like for the value of our homes to be at their best. Even though we aren't a high income location, we would like to be as attractive as we can make it. Our families should be able to bike, skate, walk, run & play on our streets without fear of getting hurt with ~~in~~ cracks and holes. Please finish paving our streets so our neighborhood can become the best it can be. Thank you,  
Kathi Arbogast





# Richland County Penny Transportation Planning Meeting Comment Sheet



Name ARA ADAMS

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Phone Number 803-422-7653

*"Bring Greenhoke Drive up to current codes"*  
**We value your feedback regarding the currently planned projects that were presented today, as well as your insights into both present and future transportation needs within your district.**

- \* When the last developer in Greenhoke (I) finished <sup>Constructing</sup> Auburn Road a Filling Rock new was required to fix the road (Greenhoke) which is the only way in and out of Greenhoke. Instead of fixing Greenhoke Dr. he asphalted over the existing road making it much higher than the existing curbs. This caused a continuous to cause flooding to most of Greenhoke Drive on the west side. With Greenhoke (II) developer wanting to connect to Greenhoke (I) via Flowerwood a Auburn Road which are both intersections of Greenhoke Drive, could lead to even more problems for the out of code issues with Greenhoke Drive being too high for the existing curbs. More flooding is the last thing residents need in Greenhoke.
- \* Patterson Road off of Garners Ferry Road is also in need of widening or at least sidewalks on the east side between Annie Burns side elementary school & Garners Ferry Road. Local resident walk to the stores & restaurants near Garners Ferry Road & are very hard to see at night. The children also walk in the street as there are no sidewalks.

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District "Garners Ferry Adult Activity Center"

Meeting Date 1/30/2024





# Richland County Penny Transportation Planning Meeting Comment Sheet



Name Jimmy Wilder  
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Phone Number 803-606-4676

**We value your feedback regarding the currently planned projects that were presented today, as well as your insights into both present and future transportation needs within your district.**

If Greenlake Drive going to be a major road for the Development  
Coming and future Development, I feel Greenlake Dr needs to be repave  
and update drainage, The rain water are flowing down Greenlake and  
creat a puddle of water at certain houses on Greenlake<sup>Dr</sup>, We need to know  
the entrance and exit for the new subdivision. Presently there's one  
entrance into Greenlake, I'm hoping that Old Leesburg be an Ent/Exit  
into new Subdivison (w/road pave)<sup>old Leesburg</sup>. Stop the (SEWAGE RATE)  
from increasing.

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What meeting did you attend?

District Several Meetings

Meeting Date

Jimmy Wilder



405  
Greenlake  
301 Greenlake



# Richland County Penny Transportation Planning Meeting Comment Sheet



Name George A Coles III  
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Email Address gcoles84@yahoo.com  
Phone Number 803.3699079

**We value your feedback regarding the currently planned projects that were presented today, as well as your insights into both present and future transportation needs within your district.**

I believe that the whole neighborhood of Greenlakes should be repaved and not just some of the streets. Some streets still have pot holes. My street has a uneven dip going from one side to the other. If that could be repaved and even out would be great.

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What meeting did you attend?

District 11

Meeting Date 2/8/24

Greenlake  
Neighborhood  
Association





# Richland County Penny Transportation Planning Meeting Comment Sheet



Name Carmen Myers  
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Email Address Carmenmyers80@gmail.com  
Phone Number 803-669-4855

**We value your feedback regarding the currently planned projects that were presented today, as well as your insights into both present and future transportation needs within your district.**

With the need roads going on Leesburg Rd  
and I know old Leesburg Rd will have to  
be done because of the new Subdivision.  
They also need to do Greenlakes. Lots of  
pot holes and patch work.  
Greenlake Rd needs to be redone  
bad.

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# Richland County Penny Transportation Planning Meeting Comment Sheet



Name Cynthia Riley with Eddie Riley  
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Phone Number (83)876-9989

**We value your feedback regarding the currently planned projects that were presented today, as well as your insights into both present and future transportation needs within your district.**

please provide speed bumps in greendale Dr In this  
way children of the sub-division will be safe - Also,  
this will prohibit speeding of cars and motorcycles

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District Richland

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# Richland County Penny Transportation Planning Meeting Comment Sheet



Name Thomas Rush  
Cassandra Conyers-Rush Amanda Rush  
Street Address 208 Flowerwood Drive Hopkins SC 29061  
Email Address ccrush208@gmail.com  
Phone Number (803) 783-4956

**We value your feedback regarding the currently planned projects that were presented today, as well as your insights into both present and future transportation needs within your district.**

- fix holes on Flowerwood

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Greenlake  
Neighborhood  
Association





# Richland County Penny Transportation Planning Meeting Comment Sheet



Name Tracey Allen  
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Email Address Samica99.ta@gmail.com  
Phone Number 973-262-4826

**We value your feedback regarding the currently planned projects that were presented today, as well as your insights into both present and future transportation needs within your district.**

Yes our kids do need a play  
area park. We needed them  
to play safe and have some  
where to go in the summer

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District 11

Meeting Date Greenlake  
Neighborhood  
Association





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Transportation Planning Meeting  
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Name STEPHEN YARBROUGH

Street Address 125 Auburnleaf Dr Hopkins SC 29061

Email Address mr. yarbrough @ protonmail.com

Phone Number 951-570-7742

**We value your feedback regarding the currently planned projects that were presented today, as well as your insights into both present and future transportation needs within your district.**

Auburnleaf Dr needs to be redone

Provide your feedback via email at  
[transportationpenny@richlandcountysc.gov](mailto:transportationpenny@richlandcountysc.gov)

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What meeting did you attend?

District 11

Meeting Date Greenlake  
Neighborhood  
Association





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Comment Sheet



Name Tiffany OBerry  
Street Address 301 Greenlake Dr  
Email Address tiffanyoberry@yahoo.com  
Phone Number 803-719-2470

**We value your feedback regarding the currently planned projects that were presented today, as well as your insights into both present and future transportation needs within your district.**

Green Lake Dr. needs repaving and  
repair. There is need for Auburn Leaf  
and Tilting Rock to be redone  
or repaired. The roads have dips and  
holes. Spreading Branch is in need  
of major repair also.

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District 11

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Neighborhood  
Association





# Richland County Penny Transportation Planning Meeting Comment Sheet



Name Evonne Glenn  
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Email Address eglenn2015@gmail.com  
Phone Number 8049213071

**We value your feedback regarding the currently planned projects that were presented today, as well as your insights into both present and future transportation needs within your district.**

The subdivision of Green lakes all roads  
in neighborhood need paving and <sup>entire</sup> Old Leesburg  
Rd.

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District 11-

Meeting Date Greenlake  
Neighborhood  
Association





# Richland County Penny Transportation Planning Meeting Comment Sheet



Name Therese Davis

Street Address 129 Auburnleaf Dr

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

**We value your feedback regarding the currently planned projects that were presented today, as well as your insights into both present and future transportation needs within your district.**

Auburnleaf need new Road  
and Speed Bump

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District 11

Meeting Date Greenlake

Neighborhood  
Association





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Transportation Planning Meeting  
Comment Sheet



Name Linda M. Jackson  
Street Address 401 Greenlake Dr. Hopkings<sup>sc</sup>  
Email Address linda1913@yahoo.com 29061  
Phone Number (803) 606-9876

**We value your feedback regarding the currently planned projects that were presented today, as well as your insights into both present and future transportation needs within your district.**

- fix potholes on Greenlake DR.
- add speedbumps to Greenlake Subdivision
- add city bus transportation
- repave Greenlake DR.

Provide your feedback via email at  
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Please provide your input no later than  
**March 8, 2024**

What meeting did you attend?

District Richland - 11

Meeting Date 2/8/24

Greenlake  
Neighborhood  
Association




# Appendix E-

## Transportation Needs Assessment June 05, 2024





June 5, 2024					
<div><div></div><div>2024 Richland County Transportation Needs Assessment</div></div>					
Central Midlands COG					
Project Type	Project Name	From	To	Council District	2024 Base Project Cost (Millions)
Widening	Two Notch Road US 1 Pontiac	Richland County Line	S-53 Spears Creek	9	38.3
Widening	Kennerly Rd S-129	Hollingshed Rd	Broad River Rd	1, 2	17.3
Widening	Shady Grove Rd	Broad River Rd	Koon Rd	1	33.6
Widening	Broad River Rd US 176 North	I-26	Chapin Rd	1	46.2
Widening	Lost Creek Rd	Broad River Rd	Boat Ramp Rd	1, 2	38.8
Widening	Hardscrabble Rd North	Langford Rd	Kelly Mill Rd	2,8,9	13.6
Widening	Rauch Metz Road	Dutch Fork Rd	Broad River Rd (US176)	1	20.4
Intersection	SC 60 & Columbiana Drive			2	4.2
Intersection	Lawton Street & Monticello Road			4	4.2
Intersection	Broad River Road & Shivers Road			2, 4	4.2
Intersection	Broad River Road & Riverhill Circle			4, 5	4.2
Intersection	Broad River Road & Piney Woods			2, 4	4.2
Intersection	SC 6 at Village Lane			1	2.8
Intersection	SC 6 at Leamington Way			1	2.8
Intersection	Frye Road & US 21			3	3.9
Intersection	Hollingshed at Lost Creek Dr			1	2.8
Intersection	Hollingshed at Raintree Dr			1	2.8
Intersection	Browning Road (Frontage Rd) S-2892 & Zimelcrest Dr S-672			5	3.9
Intersection	Broad River Road & Hopewell Church Road			1	3.9
Intersection	Sparkleberry Lane & Wotan Road			9	3.9
Intersection	Sparkleberry Lane & Viking Drive			9	4.1
Intersection	Kennerly Rd S-217 & Old Tamah Rd S-244			1	5.4
Intersection	Bluff Road & St Marks Road			10	5.5
Intersection	SC 16 (Beltline Blvd) / S-228 (English Ave.)			4	3.9
Bikeway	Two Notch	N. Beltline Blvd	Decker Blvd	3	1
Bikeway	Decker	Two Notch Rd	Percival Rd	3	1
Bikeway	Broad River	Lake Murray Blvd	Greystone Blvd	1	1
Bikeway	Lady	Huger St	Park St	5	1
Bikeway	Saluda	Wheat St	Blossom St/ Devine St/ Greene St	5	1
Bikeway	Hampton St	Huger St	Sumter St	5	1
Bikeway	Washington	Wayne St	Pickens St	4,5	1
Bikeway	Lincoln St	Lady St	College	5	1
Bikeway	Pickens	Park Cir	Wheat St	5	1
Bikeway	Gervais	Park St	Millwood Ave	4,5,3	1
Bikeway	Pickens	Wheat St	Calway Alley	5	1
Bikeway	Greene	Pickens St	Saluda Ave	5	1
Bikeway	Harrison	Two Notch Rd	Forest Dr	3,6	1
Bikeway	Beltline	Valley Rd	Forest Dr	3	1
Bikeway	Assembly St	Calhoun St	Blossom St	4	1
Bikeway	Catawba	Lincoln St	Sumter St	5	1
Bikeway	Whaley	Lincoln St	Pickens St	5	1
Bikeway	Devine St	Harden St	Millwood Ave	5,6	1
Bikeway	Bluff	Norfolk Southern RR	Virginia St	10	1
Bikeway	Covenant	Two Notch Rd	Bethel Church Rd	6,3	1
Bikeway	Wayne	Elmwood Ave	Hampton St	5,4	1
Bikeway	King	Wheat St	Blossom St	5	1
Bikeway	Wheat St	Pickens St	Harden St	5	1
Bikeway	Henderson	Wheat St	St. James St	5	1
Bikeway	Wheat	Harden St	King St	5	1
Remaining 2012 Richland Penny Projects					
Project Type	Project Name	From	To	District	Base Cost
Widening	Pineview Road	Shop Rd	Bluff Rd	10	9
Widening	Broad River Road	I-26 (Exit 97)	Dutch Fork Rd	1	21.6
Greenway	Woodbury\Old Leesburg Con	Connects Woodbury Drive with Old Leesburg Road		11	0.9
Greenway	Dutchman Blvd Conn	Connects Dutchman Blvd.		4	0.85
Greenway	Crane Creek A	Monticello Rd	Three Rivers	4	12.6
Greenway	Crane Creek C	Crane Forest		7	6.5
Greenway	Gills Creek B	Wildcat Creek	Fort Jackson	6,11	22.7
Greenway	Gills Creek C (North)	Trenholm Rd	Lake Katherine	6	2.8
Greenway	Smith\Rocky Branch A	Three Rivers	Clement Rd	4	3.5
Greenway	Smith\Rocky Branch B	Clement Rd	Colonial Dr	4	8.9
Sidewalk	Bluff Road	Simmons	Beltline Blvd	10	9.0
Sidewalk	Shandon St	Wilmot Ave	Wheat St	5	0.15



Sidewalk	Spears Creek Church Rd	I-20	Two Notch Rd	9	8.0
Sidewalk	Shandon St	Rosewood	Heyward	5	0.15
Sidewalk	Prospect	Wilmot Ave	Yale	5	0.45
Sidewalk	Assembly St	Whaley St	Beltline Blvd	5,10	4.9
Sidewalk	Clemson Rd	Longtown	Two Notch Rd	7,8,9	6.7
Sidewalk	Broad River	Harbison Blvd	Bush River Rd	2	7.5
Sidewalk	Two Notch Rd	Alpine Rd	Spears Creek Ch Rd	3,7,8,9	8.5
Sidewalk	Huger St	Blossom St	Gervais St	5	0.9
Sidewalk	Broad River Rd	I-26	Harbison Blvd.	2	3.1
Richland County Programmatic Categories (Dirt Road Paving, Resurfacing, Sidewalks)					
Program Type				District	Base Cost
Resurfacing	\$100M (\$25M in Columbia)			Various	100
Sidewalks	\$50M (\$12.5M in Columbia)			Various	50
Dirt Road Paving	\$100M			Various	100
Town of Blythewood					
Project Type	Project Name			District	Base Cost
Intersection	Langford Road/ Wilson Boulevard/Blythewood Road			2	7.2
Intersection	Rimer Pond Road and Wilson Boulevard			2	5.5
Town of Irmo					
Project Type	Project Name	From	To	District	Base Cost
Special Projects	Salem Church Road	Old Dutch Fork Rd	Dutch Fork Rd	1	2
City of Forest Acres					
Project Type	Project Name	From	To	District	Base Cost
Special Project	Forest Dr Utility Undergrounding	N Beltline Blvd	Trenholm Rd	3	6
Special Project	Traffic Signal Upgrades (9 Locations)			3	6
City of Columbia					
Project Type	Project Name	Description		District	Base Cost
Special Projects	Street Surface Enhancement	Street surface enhancement, with focus on safer streets; possibility of pedestrian and bike enhancements		Various	440
Resurfacing	SCDOT Roadway Enhancements	Pave the roadways within the City limits, not including US or SC highways		Various	125.0
Quiet Zone	Railroad Crossing Improvements	Improvements along the Gadsden-Beltline Corridor to reduce the number of train horns along the 14 crossings		4,5	4.3
Special Projects	Bollard Installation	Installation of Bollards in hospitality districts		Various	14.5
Bikeway	Sumter Street Bike Lane	Bike Lane/Cycle Track/Beautification from Franklin to Blossom		4,5	3.0
Bikeway	Laurel Street Cycle Track	Cycle Track from Harden to Riverfront Park		3,4,5	3.0
Bikeway	Garner’s Ferry Shared Use Path	Shared Use Path from Hazelwood to Devine		6,11	4.0
Bikeway	Hampton Street Bike Lane	Bike Lane from Pickens to Harden		3,4	0.8
Bikeway	Pickens Street Bike Lane	Bike Lane from Washington to Rosewood		4,5,10	1.8
Bikeway	Washington Street Bike Lane	Bike Lane from Lincoln to Pickens		4,5	1.5
Bikeway	Marion Street Bike Lane	Bike Lane from Calhoun to Pendleton		4,5	1.0
Special Projects	Assembly Street Phase 2	Infrastructure improvement project to improve public safety and install ADA enhancements throughout the corridor from Pendleton Street to Lady Street		4,5	5.0
Railroad	Assembly Rail Separation Project	Project will eliminate 15 railroad at-grade crossings along the corridor of Assembly Street from Blossom Street south to Rosewood Drive		5,10	25.0
Special Projects	Gateway Signage	Enhancement of gateway signage, secondary entranceway signage, and internal smaller welcome signage		Various	0.5
Special Projects	Assembly Street Phase 3	Infrastructure improvement project to improve public safety and install ADA enhancements throughout the corridor from Lady Street to Elmwood		4,5	43.2
Special Projects	Harden Street Phase 2	Infrastructure improvement project to and install ADA enhancements throughout the corridor from Gervais Street to Colonial (minus Read Street to Walker Solomon)		3,4,5	75.6
Special Projects	Devine Street Phase 1	Infrastructure improvement project to improve public safety and install ADA enhancements throughout the corridor from Millwood to Harden		5,6	2.0
Special Projects	Devine Street Phase 2	New medians and traffic calming and control measures throughout the corridor from Millwood Avenue to Interstate 77		5,6,11	15.0
Sidewalk	New Sidewalks	Various locations.		Various	97.8
Greenway	Vista Greenway expansion and Columbia Riverwalk	Vista Greenway expansion and Columbia Riverwalk		4,5	94.8
SCDOT Traffic Engineering Staff Input					
Project Type	Project Name	From	To	District	Base Cost
Intersection	US-76 @ Three Dog Road			1	4.2



Intersection	US-76 @ Mt. Vernon Church			1	4.2
Intersection	US-76 @ Johnson Marina Road			1	4.2
Intersection	US-176 @ Columbia Ave			1	4.2
Intersection	US—321 @ Blythewood Road			2	4.2
Intersection	Tobacco Barn/Loner/Blythewood Rd			2	4.2
Intersection	Riverbanks Zoo/Greystone/Candy Ln			5	2.8
Intersection	Olympia/Heyward/Wayne			5	2.8
Intersection	Bethel Church/Atascadero			5	2.8
Intersection	Crane Church/Heyward Brockington/Dubard Boyle			7	3.9
Intersection	US-321/Campground			7	3.9
Intersection	US-321 (Multiple Turnlanes – Muller, Cedar Creek, Lorick, Koon Store, Dubard Boyle)			7	4.2
Intersection	Clemson/Winslow			7	3.9
Intersection	Longtown/Rimer Pond			8	4.2
Intersection	SC-48/Pineview			10	3.9
Intersection	US-378/East Exchange			11	3.9
Intersection	US-378/Pineview			11	4.2
Intersection	US-378/Old Garners Ferry			11	2.8
Intersection	US-378/Trotter/Old Garners Ferry			11	4.2
Intersection	Ridge Road/Lower Richland			11	3.9
Intersection	Ridge Road/Harmon			11	3.9
Intersection	US-378/Old Eastover Road			11	4.2
Widening	Rimer Pond	US-21	Hardscrabble	2	41.4
Widening	Rabon Road	SC-555	US-1	3	20.1
Widening	Beltline Blvd	Elmhurst	River Dr	4	7.8
Sidewalk	US-321	Sharpe	Crane Creek Church	2	1.0
Sidewalk	Rabon Road	Flora Drive	Farrow	3	1.0
Sidewalk	Edgewood Ave			4	1.0
Sidewalk	Sunnyside Dr			6	1.0
Sidewalk	Two Notch Road	Sesqui	Fore Ave	8	1.0
Sidewalk	Greenlawn Dr			11	1.0
Resurfacing	Campground Rd			2	2.0
Resurfacing	Cedar Creek Rd			2	2.0
Resurfacing	Boney Rd			2	2.0
Resurfacing	Trenholm Rd Ext.			3	2.0
Resurfacing	Brookfield Rd			3	2.0
Resurfacing	Sumter St	Elmwood Avenue	Blossom Street	4	0.5
Resurfacing	Rosewood Dr	US-378	Bluff Road	5	5
Resurfacing	Killian/Clemson	I-77	Old Clemson Road	7	5
Resurfacing	Faraway Dr			8	2.0
Resurfacing	Jacobs Mill Pond			9	2.0
Pedestrian Projects	Monticello Rd-Eau Claire HS			4	1.0
Pedestrian Projects	Three Rivers Greenway-River Drive Bridge Pedestrian Access on Southside			5	1.0
Special Projects	US-378- Median Crossover Evaluation			10	1.0
USC					
Project Type	Project Name	From	To	District	Base Cost
Widening	South Stadium Road	Bluff Rd	End	10	4.2
Widening	National Guard Rd	Bluff Rd	End	10	4.2
Widening	Bluff Industrial Blvd	Bluff Rd	Silo Ct.	10	4.2
Widening	Silo Court	Bluff Industrial Blvd	End	10	2.1
Special Project	New Connector Rd	S Stadium Rd	National Guard Rd	10	3.5
Sidewalk	Bluff Rd	Bluff Industrial Blvd	Stadium Plaza	10	1.8
Sidewalk	George Rogers Blvd	Key Road	Shop Road	10	0.35
Sidewalk	Shop Rd	Idlewild Blvd	George Rogers Blvd	10	1.1
Sidewalk	Assembly St	Shop Rd	Rosewood Dr	10	0.65
Sidewalk	Rosewood Dr	George Rogers Blvd	Superior st	5, 10	0.5
Sidewalk	Assembly St	Rosewood Dr	Flora St	10	0.65
Public Input					
Project Type	Project Name	From	To	District	Base Cost
Widening	US 76	Broad River Rd (US 176)	SC 6	1	31.5
Widening	US 76	Shadowood Dr	Richland County Line	1	63.5
Widening	Langford Rd	Main St	Hardscrabble Rd	2	58.7
Widening	Main St (US 21)	I 77 (Ex 24)	Langford	2	42
Widening	Blythewood Rd	I 77 (Ex 27)	Main St	2	10.4
Widening	Longtown Rd	Farrow Rd	Longtown Rd E/W	7	38.6
Widening	N Springs Rd	Brickyard Rd	Clemson Rd	8	17.3
Widening	Spears Creek Ch Rd	I-20 (ex 82)	Percival Rd	9	62.1
Widening	Garners Ferry Rd	Trotter Rd	Lower Richland Blvd	11	28.8



Widening	Patterson Rd	Garners Ferry Rd	Caroline Rd	11	8.3
Widening	Bookman Rd S-53	Two Notch Rd	Kelly Mill Rd	9	24
Widening	Percival Rd*	Forest Dr	Decker Blvd	3,6	15
Widening	Percival Rd*	I-77	Clemson Rd	3,10	52.8
Special Project	Creech Rd Ext	Creech Rd	Firetower Ct	2	3.5
Special Project	New Connector Rd	Arborwood Rd	Indian Mound Rd	6	1.7
Special Project	Shop Rd Ext (Phase 3)	Montgomery Ln	Garners Ferry	11	27
Intersection	US 176 / Bickley Rd			1	2.9
Intersection	Dutch Fork Rd / Mill Place Ct.			1	2.9
Intersection	Broad River / Centerfield (Spring Hill HS)			1	3.5
Intersection	Assembly / Lady			5	0.6
Intersection	Assembly / Gervais			5	0.6
Intersection	Huger / Lady			5	0.6
Intersection	Huger / Gervais			5	0.6
Intersection	Lakeshore Dr / Forest Lake Place			6	2.9
Intersection	N Springs / Mill Field Rd			8	2.9
Intersection	Clemson Rd / Ashcroft Circle			9	2.9
Intersection	Bluff / Lower Richland Blvd			10	4
Intersection	Bluff Rd / MLK Blvd			10	4
Intersection	Bluff / Congaree Rd			10	4
Intersection	Olympia Ave / Bluff Rd			10	3.5
Intersection	Bookman Rd / Old Two Notch / Plantation Pt			9	3.5
Intersection	Millwood Ave / Carlisle St			6	2.9
Intersection	N Springs Rd / S Springs Rd			8	2.9
Intersection	Two Notch Rd / Polo Rd			8,9	2.9
Intersection	Millwood Ave / Gladden St			6	1
Intersection	US 601 (McCords Ferry Rd. / Screaming Eagle Rd*			10	3.5
Bikeway	Broad River Rd*	St Andrews Rd	Elmwood Ave	4,5	1
Bikeway	Beatty Rd*	Fernandina Rd	Broad River Rd	2	1
Bikeway	Clemson Rd *	Rhame Rd	Sparkleberry Ln	9	1
Bikeway	Kennerly Rd	Freshly Mill Rd	St Johns Rd	1	1
Bikeway	Broad River Rd	Beatty Rd	River Hill Circle	2	1
Base Project Cost Total (Excludes Programmatic Categories and City of Columbia)					1,233
Associated Project Related Costs (PE, RW, Utility, CEI) @ additional 60%					740
Programmatic Categories Budget For Dirt Road Paving, Resurfacing, Sidewalks, and City of Columbia					1,208
Grand Total Project List Budget					\$3.2 Billion
<div>Notes:</div> <div>Project list compiled from CMCOG 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan, Richland County, 4 municipalities, SCDOT, USC, and public input. 2024 Base Construction Costs increased 10% PE, 20% ROW, 15% Utility Relocation, and 15% Construction Engineering.</div> <div>City of Columbia costs provided by City of Columbia.</div> <div>Due to variability in requirements, \$1M for each Bikeway utilized.</div>					
COMET					
Program Type				District	Base Cost
Transit	\$1,080M Provided by the COMET			Various	\$1.1 Billion



**RICHLAND COUNTY  
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**Transportation Agenda Briefing**

Prepared by:	Michael Maloney, PE	Title:	Director
Department:	Transportation	Division:	
Date Prepared:	January 29, 2025	Meeting Date:	March 25, 2025
Legal Review	Patrick Wright via email	Date:	March 12, 2025
Budget Review	Maddison Wilkerson via email	Date:	March 11, 2025
Finance Review	Stacey Hamm via email	Date:	March 12, 2025
Approved for consideration:		Assistant County Administrator	John M. Thompson, Ph.D., MBA, CPM, SCCEM
Meeting/Committee	Transportation Ad Hoc		
Subject	On-Call Engineering Team		

**RECOMMENDED/REQUESTED ACTION:**

Staff recommends approval of the list of consultants who submitted to be a part of the On-Call Engineering Team (OET) for public transportation projects.

Request for Council Reconsideration: ☒ Yes

**FIDUCIARY:**

Are funds allocated in the department's current fiscal year budget?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
If not, is a budget amendment necessary?	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No

**ADDITIONAL FISCAL/BUDGETARY MATTERS TO CONSIDER:**

The OET's will provide specific proposals for each and every project requesting their services. The services may range from \$5,000 to \$2,000,000.

*Applicable fund, cost center, and spend category:*

**Fund:** Transportation Tax Roadways

**Cost Center:** Capital Projects

**Spend Category:** Professional Services

**OFFICE OF PROCUREMENT & CONTRACTING FEEDBACK:**

Solicitation for RC-677-Q-25 Transpiration On-Call Engineering Teams was released on August 13, 2024. An evaluation committee reviewed the submittals and determined there were 15 qualified firms.

**COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE FEEDBACK/POSSIBLE AREA(S) OF LEGAL EXPOSURE:**

There are no legal concerns regarding this matter.

**REGULATORY COMPLIANCE:**

Richland County Code of Ordinances Chapter 2, Article 10, Section 2-600 Procurement of professional services and Chapter 2, Article 10, Section 2-591 Expenditure of funds from penny sales tax.



#### TRANSPORTATION PROJECT IMPACT:

Project Referendum:	2012 and 2024 Transportation Penny		
Project Name:	As needed		
From:	not applicable	To:	not applicable
Project Category:	All		
Project Services:	Design		
Project Type <small>(2024 Referendum Only)</small>	Community Investment		

#### Transportation Project Budgetary Impact:

Total Project Budget:	\$
Requested Amount:	\$
Remaining Project Budget:	\$

#### MOTION OF ORIGIN:

There is no associated Council motion of origin.

#### STRATEGIC & GENERATIVE DISCUSSION:

The list of qualified On-Call Engineering Teams will be used in the selection and distribution of requested consultant services for each project. The Transportation Penny requires an approved list for the professional design and construction services in the 2012 Referendum and the 2024 Referendum projects. Existing contracts must be renewed and the needs of the 2024 Referendum must also be considered.

With the 2024 Referendum and the large commitment to community investment projects, the County will utilize the on-call engineering teams for program work such as resurfacing, dirt road paving, intersection improvements, sidewalk additions, and other bike and pedestrian improvements. The range of firms received will allow the Transportation Penny to receive qualified engineering for these projects as well as County Advancement projects such as road widenings and roadway extensions. The Director of Transportation will track project assignments so that each OET will gain one assignment before repeating assignments. Firms will be granted additional assignments by exhibiting both quality and schedule driven assignment completion.

The Procurement department received fifteen submittals. After reviewing the proposals, all fifteen firms are selected for use in the Penny. Each firm will be utilized to distribute projects and specialized workload.

#### ASSOCIATED STRATEGIC GOAL, OBJECTIVE, AND INITIATIVE:

**Goal:** Plan for Growth through Equitable and Inclusive Infrastructure

#### ATTACHMENTS:

1. Listing Firm Memorandum



**RICHLAND COUNTY GOVERNMENT  
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Attachment 1



Date: February 18, 2025

To: Michael Maloney, Interim Director of Transportation

From: Tamar Black, Assistant Director of Procurement

Subject: Ranking Report for Solicitation RC-677-Q-25, Transportation On-Call Engineering Teams

This memorandum is to provide a written report of the results of the selection committee's evaluation of RC-677-Q-25, Transportation On-Call Engineering Teams. After a thorough evaluation of the submittals for the above-named Request for Solicitation Method, the qualified firms are listed in alphabetical order:

- BCC Engineering, LLC
- Carolina Transportation Engineers & Associates
- CECS, Inc
- Chao & Associates, Inc
- Cox and Dinkins, Inc.
- Davis & Floyd, Inc.
- Holt Consulting Company, LLC
- Johnson, Mirmiran & Thompson, Inc. (JMT)
- Kimley-Horn
- Kisinger Campo and Associates, Corp. (KCA)
- Mead & Hunt
- Parrish and Partners, LLC
- RK&K
- Stantec
- Thomas & Hutton



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**Agenda Briefing**

Prepared by:	Lori Thomas	Title:	Assistant County Administrator
Department:	Administration	Division:	
Date Prepared:	March 14, 2025	Meeting Date:	March 25, 2025
Legal Review	Patrick Wright via email	Date:	March 18, 2025
Budget Review	Maddison Wilkerson via email	Date:	March 18, 2025
Finance Review	Stacey Hamm via email	Date:	March 18, 2025
Approved for consideration:		County Administrator	Leonardo Brown, MBA, CPM
Meeting/Committee	Strategic Planning Ad Hoc		
Subject	Critical Infrastructure Projects General Obligation Bond		

**RECOMMENDED/REQUESTED ACTION:**

Staff requests Council to consider approval of the issuance of \$70 million in general obligation bonds to fund two critical infrastructure projects in Richland County: (1) Richland County Emergency Operations Center, and the (2) Safe Housing Unit at Alvin S. Glenn Detention Center. The financial descriptions and impacts were presented at the 2025 Strategic Planning forum and are included as an attachment to this document.

Request for Council Reconsideration: ☒ Yes

**FIDUCIARY:**

Are funds allocated in the department's current fiscal year budget?	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No
If not, is a budget amendment necessary?	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No

**ADDITIONAL FISCAL/BUDGETARY MATTERS TO CONSIDER:**

This initiative would be funded by debt millage and would not require any increase to taxpayers.

*Applicable fund, cost center, and spend category:* Not applicable

**OFFICE OF PROCUREMENT & CONTRACTING FEEDBACK:**

Not applicable.

**COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE FEEDBACK/POSSIBLE AREA(S) OF LEGAL EXPOSURE:**

There are no legal concerns regarding this matter.

**REGULATORY COMPLIANCE:**

If approved, the issuance of these bonds will require a bond ordinance with three readings and a public hearing as well as a reimbursement resolution to begin the projects prior to the actual funding of the bonds.



#### MOTION OF ORIGIN:

“... the committee recommended moving forward with the following priorities from the Strategic Planning Forum...”

Council Member	Recommendation of the Strategic Planning Ad Hoc Committee
Meeting	Special Called
Date	February 11, 2025

#### STRATEGIC & GENERATIVE DISCUSSION:

Staff requests Council to consider approval of the issuance of \$70 million in general obligation bonds to fund two critical infrastructure projects in Richland County:

*Construction of a New Emergency Operations Center (EOC):* The current EOC facilities are outdated and lack the capacity to effectively coordinate emergency responses to natural disasters, public health crises, and other emergencies. A modern EOC is essential for efficient disaster management and public safety.

*Construction of a Special Housing Dorm at the Alvin S. Glenn Detention Center:* The detention center faces overcrowding and lacks specialized housing for inmates with unique needs, such as those requiring medical or mental health care. This project aims to enhance inmate safety, improve rehabilitation efforts, and ensure compliance with legal standards.

The proposal aligns with established best practices for each type facility as described below:

*Emergency Operations Center:* The new EOC will adhere to FEMA's guidelines, and will be designed to be flexible, sustainable, secure, and strategically located. The center will be fully interoperable, addressing identified deficiencies and needs for the residents of Richland County in the event of emergency situations.

*Detention Center Housing:* The addition of specialized housing aligns with the Alvin S. Glenn Detention Center's mission to provide constitutional levels of service to those incarcerated, ensuring public and institutional safety.

The process for these projects would be as follows:

- *Planning and Design:* Engage architects and planners to develop designs that meet operational requirements and best practices.
- *Funding Approval:* Secure Council approval for the bond issuance to finance the projects.
- *Construction:* Initiate and oversee construction, ensuring adherence to timelines and budgets.
- *Commissioning:* Equip the new facilities, followed by rigorous testing to ensure operational readiness.

The proposal directly impacts the County's mandate to ensure public safety and effective emergency management. The new EOC enhances disaster response capabilities, while the detention center improvements address inmate welfare and facility compliance. Both are critical to maintaining public trust and safety.



The Emergency Operations Center will provide enhanced emergency response to the residents of Richland County. It will facilitate coordinated responses to emergencies, reducing response times and mitigating impacts on residents.

The Special Housing Unit at Alvin S. Glenn Detention Facility will ensure that detainees receive appropriate care, reduce incidents within the facility and promote rehabilitation, thereby enhancing overall community safety.

If Council were to opt to not proceed with these projects, the County may be limited in its ability to manage effectively emergencies, potentially leading to increased harm and slower recovery for residents. Additionally, failure to address overcrowding and the lack of specialized housing at Alvin S. Glenn Detention Center may result in legal challenges, decreased safety for both detainees and staff, and hindered rehabilitation efforts.

While staff continues to seek alternative funding, such as federal or state grants that may reduce the need for bonds, those alternative sources may delay projects due to competitive application processes and limited availability. Such alternatives present challenges in terms of timeliness, sufficiency, and control, making the proposed bond issuance the most viable option to promptly and effectively address the County's needs.

#### **ASSOCIATED STRATEGIC GOAL, OBJECTIVE, AND INITIATIVE:**

**Goal:** Plan for Growth through Inclusive and Equitable Infrastructure

*Objective:* Create excellent facilities

*Initiative:* Prioritize improvements to County infrastructure based on County priorities as established in strategic plan, budget and capital improvement plan and community priorities

#### **ATTACHMENTS:**

1. 2025 Strategic Planning Forum Capital and Funding Description



# FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Critical Infrastructure Projects General Obligation Bonds





# RICHLAND COUNTY STRATEGIC GOALS

- Foster Good Governance
- Invest in Economic Development
- Commit to Fiscal Responsibility
- Plan for Growth through Inclusive and Equitable Infrastructure
- Achieve Positive Public Engagement
- Establish Operational Excellence





# PROPOSED EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER

- Budget - \$36,000,000
- Scope- To build an emergency operations center to house all emergency medical and emergency services staff and all emergency vehicles approximately 70,000 sq. ft.
- Currently working to identify location and update cost proposal for design and construction
- Estimated time for design and construction- 3 years





# CURRENT EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER

- Located in garage basement of 2020 Hampton in 22,000 sq. ft.
- Ventilation does not support appropriate ventilation
- Inadequate parking in a public parking lot
- Growing call volume for emergency services

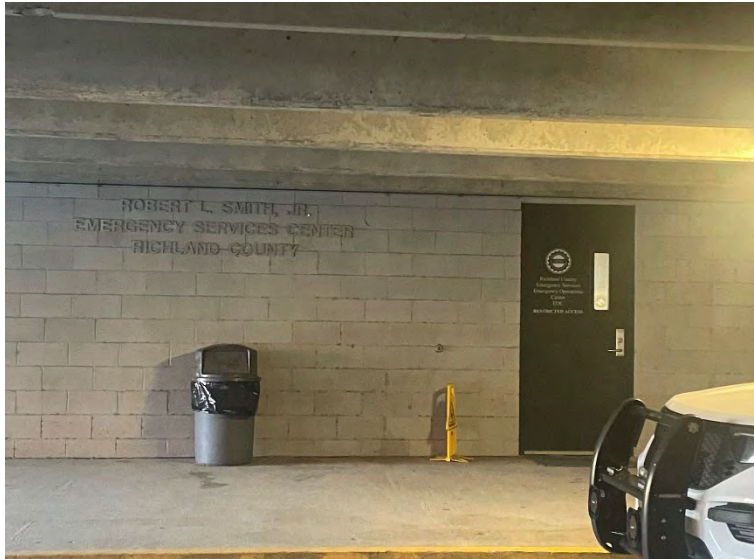
2017	77,920
2018	80,140
2019	81,282
2020*	78,341
2021	83,654
2022	85,853
2023	90,235

\*COVID-19 lockdown





# CURRENT EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER





# PROPOSED DETENTION BUILDING

- Budget - \$40,233,119.06
- Scope- To build a 3-story, 288 bed detention building on current site.
- Preliminary cost proposal for design and construction received from Mosely Architects.
- Estimated time for design and construction- 3 years

OPINION OF PROBABLE TOTAL PROJECT COST					
MOSELEYARCHITECTS A PROFESSIONAL CORPORATION					
Client: Richland County, SC		Date: August 14, 2024			
Project Name: ASG Detention Center Addition		Computed By: JH			
Description: Inmate housing		Checked By: JH			
Project #691986		Sheet Number: 1 of 1			
57,100 SF - Three Story Option - 288 beds					
Item No.	Description	Area	Unit	Unit Cost	Total Cost
Construction Costs					
1	New Housing Construction - Three Floors	51,900	SF	\$550.00	\$28,545,000.00
2	New Recreation Yard Construction	5,200	SF	\$400.00	\$2,080,000.00
3	Security Integration with Existing Facility	N/A	SF	lump sum est.	\$250,000.00
4	Site Development / Demolition	N/A	N/A	lump sum est.	\$2,000,000.00
7	Emergency Access Road	N/A	N/A	lump sum est.	\$150,000.00
5	Construction / Design Contingency	N/A	%	5.00%	\$1,651,250.00
6	Cost Escalation Contingency (12 months)	N/A	%	5.00%	\$1,733,812.50
	Subtotal				\$36,410,062.50
	Estimated Construction Cost - Building and Sitework	57,100	SF	\$637.85	\$36,410,062.50
Misc. Project Costs					
1	Fixtures, Furnishings & Equipment (FF&E of finished space)	N/A	%	1.50%	\$546,150.94
2	Site and Construction Testing	N/A	%	0.50%	\$182,050.31
3	A/E Fees / Costs	N/A	%	8.50%	\$3,064,855.31
4	Property Acquisition	N/A	N/A	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Subtotal				\$3,823,056.56
	TOTAL ESTIMATED PROJECT BUDGET				\$40,233,119.06
Notes:					
New Housing - (6) 48 bed double-celled units					
Various program and support spaces					
Security system integration into existing facility					
Indirect supervision model					



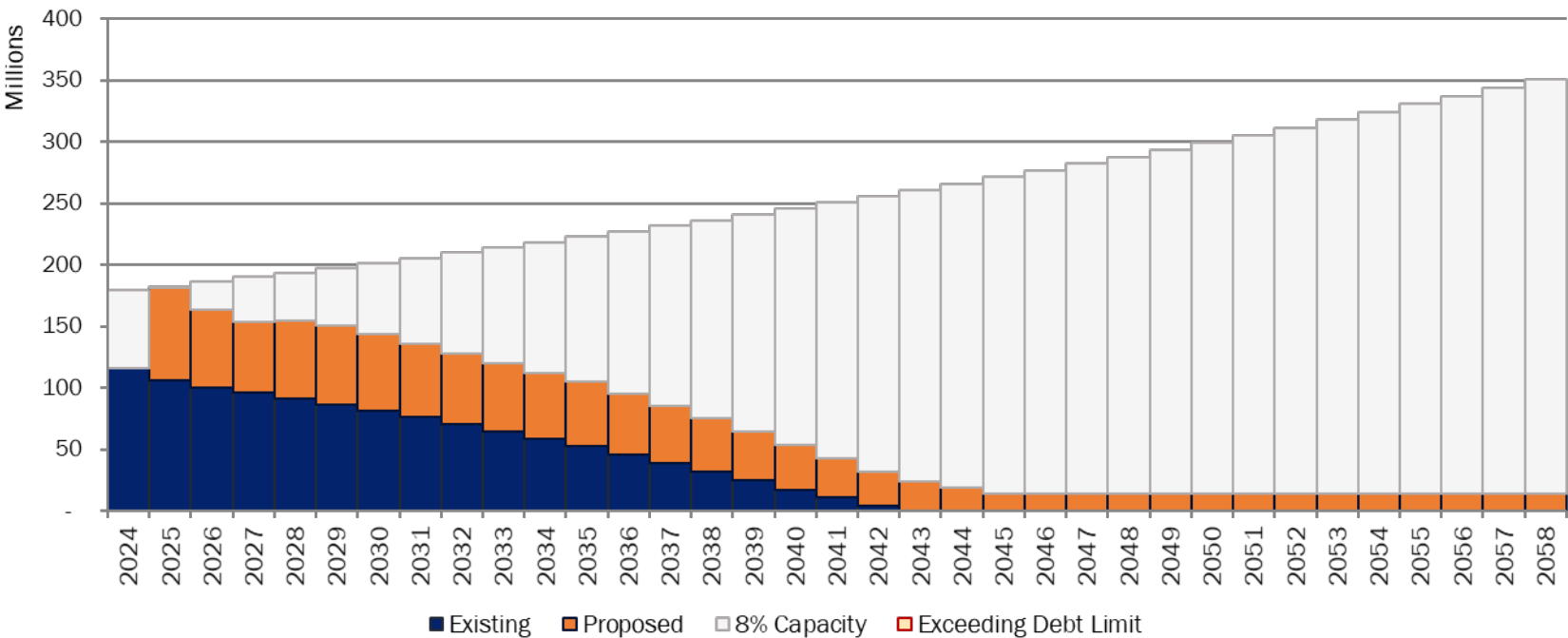


# FUNDING MODELS

## Projects Under Consideration

2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Description	Amount	Project/Par Amount	Issued (CY)	Funding Type	Eight Percent / Referendum	Funding Source	Structure	Term	Principal Deferral	Rate
Emergency Operations Center / ASG DC / Design	75,000,000	Par Amount	2025	G.O.	Eight Percent	DS Millage	Structured 1			
Courthouse	200,000,000	Par Amount	2027	I.P.R.B.		DS Millage	Structured 3	30	0	5.00%

## 8% Debt Capacity Over Time





# QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS?





**RICHLAND COUNTY  
ADMINISTRATION**

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**Agenda Briefing**

Prepared by:	Pam Green	Title:	Director
Department:	Office of Small Business Opportunity	Division:	
Date Prepared:	March 4, 2025	Meeting Date:	March 25, 2025
Legal Review	Patrick Wright via email	Date:	March 12, 2025
Budget Review	Maddison Wilkerson via email	Date:	March 12, 2025
Finance Review	Stacey Hamm via email	Date:	March 12, 2025
Approved for consideration:		County Administrator	Leonardo Brown, MBA, CPM
Meeting/Committee	OSBO Ad Hoc		
Subject	SLBE Program Eligibility Adjustments		

**RECOMMENDED/REQUESTED ACTION:**

The Office of Small Business Opportunity staff requests an increase in the current “Schedule of Size Standards” for the following certifying industry categories:

Industry Category	Current Size Standard	Requested Size Standard
Construction	\$7M	\$10M
Architecture	\$3M	\$5M
Engineering	\$2.5M	\$5M

The increase represents averaged annual gross revenues within primary North American Industry Classification System (NAIC)s code over a three-year period.

The OSBO staff also requests to change the certification period from two (2) years to three (3) years to better align with similar programs and the timeline of requested documentation for certification.

Request for Council Reconsideration: ☐ Yes

**FIDUCIARY:**

Are funds allocated in the department’s current fiscal year budget?	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No
If not, is a budget amendment necessary?	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No

**ADDITIONAL FISCAL/BUDGETARY MATTERS TO CONSIDER:**

The requested actions have no budgetary impact.

*Applicable fund, cost center, and spend category:* not applicable.

**OFFICE OF PROCUREMENT & CONTRACTING FEEDBACK:**

Not applicable.

**COUNTY ATTORNEY’S OFFICE FEEDBACK/POSSIBLE AREA(S) OF LEGAL EXPOSURE:**

There are no legal concerns regarding this matter.



#### **REGULATORY COMPLIANCE:**

Originating Ordinance No. 049-13HR, October 2, 2013. Ordinance No. 016-14HR, Sections II, III, IV- SLBE Schedule of Size Standard Eligibility Requirements effective May 6, 2014. Division 7: Small Business Procurement Requirements Sec.2-641 Eligibility for SLBE program.

#### **MOTION OF ORIGIN:**

There is no associated Council motion of origin.

#### **STRATEGIC & GENERATIVE DISCUSSION:**

Small Local Business Enterprise (SLBE) eligibility requirements have remained the same since inception of the program; however, the County Ordinance requires an annual review of program and eligibility components with periodic adjustments to meet current market conditions. Additionally, the COVID-19 pandemic has had a direct impact on the cost of doing business across all industry categories, with construction seeing a huge increase in the cost of goods sold.

Staff reviewed current size standards and certification periods and compared them to standards established by the Small Business Association (SBA), cities, and counties with demographics similar to Richland County. SBA size standards in Construction, Architecture, and Engineering are \$39.5M, \$7.5M, and \$16.5M, respectively. Similar City/County standards are \$10-12M for Construction and \$5M for architecture and engineering (A/E).

The requests make necessary adjustments to reflect changes in the market and brings the County in alignment with similar counties. The size adjustments also help to provide additional opportunities and build increased capacity for local small businesses. Local businesses will engage in a larger, robust pool with increased competition to support contract work for Public Works, Transportation, Utilities and other departments within the County.

For the certification period, staff reviewed certification across other cities, counties and states, and found timeframes ranging from three to five (3-5) years. Three years provides ample time for SLBEs to understand the program and properly source for opportunities provided by OSBO. The timeframe also allows staff to effectively log business credentials and licenses. All current SLBE certifications would be extended a year to reflect the change.

#### **ASSOCIATED STRATEGIC GOAL, OBJECTIVE, AND INITIATIVE:**

**Goal:** Invest in Economic Development

**Goal:** Establish Operational Excellence

#### **ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Redlined ordinances with recommended changes



STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY  
COUNCIL FOR RICHLAND COUNTY  
ORDINANCE NO. 049-13HR

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE RICHLAND COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 2, ADMINISTRATION; ARTICLE X, PURCHASING; BY ADDING A NEW DIVISION ENTITLED 7, SMALL LOCAL BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PROCUREMENT REQUIREMENTS; AND AMENDING CHAPTER 2, ADMINISTRATION; ARTICLE XI, INQUIRIES AND INVESTIGATIONS; SO AS TO RENUMBER THE PARAGRAPHS THEREIN.

Pursuant to the authority granted by the Constitution and the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina, BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL FOR RICHLAND COUNTY:

SECTION I. The Richland County Code of Ordinances; Chapter 2, Administration; Article XI, Inquiries and Investigation; Section 2-639, Short title; is hereby renumbered to read as Section 2-647, and all remaining paragraphs in Article XI are renumbered in appropriate chronological order.

SECTION II. The Richland County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 2, Administration; Article X, Purchasing; is hereby amended by the creation of a new Division, to read as follows:

DIVISION 7. SMALL LOCAL BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PROCUREMENT  
REQUIREMENTS

Sec. 2-639. General Provisions.

(a) *Purpose*

The purpose of this division is to provide a race- and gender-neutral procurement tool for the County to use in its efforts to ensure that all segments of its local business community have a reasonable and significant opportunity to participate in County contracts for construction, architectural & engineering services, professional services, non-professional services, and commodities. The Small Local Business Enterprise ("*SLBE*") Program also furthers the County's public interest to foster effective broad-based competition from all segments of the vendor community, including, but not limited to, minority business enterprises, small business enterprises, and local business enterprises. This policy is, in part, intended to further the County's compelling interest in ensuring that it is neither an active nor passive participant in private sector marketplace discrimination, and in promoting equal opportunity for all segments of the contracting community to participate in County contracts. Moreover, the SLBE Program provides additional avenues for the development of new capacity and new sources of competition for County contracts from the growing pool of small and locally based businesses.

(b) *Scope and Limitations*

This SLBE Program may be applied by the County on a contract-by-contract basis to the maximum practicable extent permissible under federal and state law.

(c) *Definitions*

*Affirmative Procurement Initiatives* – refers to any procurement tool to enhance contracting opportunities for SLBE firms including: bonding / insurance waivers, bid incentives, price preferences, sheltered market, mandatory subcontracting, competitive business development demonstration projects, and SLBE evaluation preference points in the scoring of proposal evaluations.



*Award*- the final selection of a bidder or offeror for a specified prime contract or subcontract dollar amount. Awards are made by the County to prime contractors or vendors or by prime contractors or vendors to subcontractors or sub-vendors, usually pursuant to an open invitation to bid ("ITB") or request for proposal ("RFP") process. (Contract awards are to be distinguished from contract payments in that they only reflect the anticipated dollar amounts instead of actual dollar amounts that are to be paid to a bidder or offeror under an awarded contract.)

*Bid Incentives* – additional inducements or enhancements in the bidding process that are designed to increase the chances for the selection of SLBE firms in competition with other firms. These bid incentives may be applied to all solicitations, contracts, and letter agreements for the purchase of Architectural & Engineering services, Construction, Professional Services, Non-professional Services, and Commodities including change orders and amendments.

*Centralized Bidder Registration System ("CBR")* -- a web-based software application used by the County of Richland to track and monitor SLBE availability and utilization (i.e., "Spend" or "Payments") on County contracts.

*County*- refers to the County of Richland, South Carolina.

*Commercially Useful Function* – an SLBE performs a commercially useful function when it is responsible for execution of the work of the contract and is carrying out its responsibilities by actually performing, managing, and supervising the work involved. To perform a commercially useful function, the SLBE must also be responsible, with respect to materials and supplies used on the contract, for negotiating price, determining quantity and quality, ordering the material, and installing (where applicable) and paying for the material itself. To determine whether an SLBE is performing a commercially useful function, an evaluation must be performed of the amount of work subcontracted, normal industry practices, whether the amount the SLBE firm is to be paid under the contract is commensurate with the work it is actually performing and the SLBE credit claimed for its performance of the work, and other relevant factors. Specifically, an SLBE does not perform a commercially useful function if its role is limited to that of an extra participant in a transaction, contract, or project through which funds are passed in order to obtain the appearance of meaningful and useful SLBE participation, when in similar transactions in which SLBE firms do not participate, there is no such role performed.

*Emerging SLBE* – an emerging firm that meets all of the qualifications of a Small Local Business Enterprise, and that is less than five years old, but has no more than five full-time employees and annual gross sales as averaged over the life of the firm that are less than \$1 million.

*Goal* – a non-mandatory annual aspirational percentage goal for SLBE contract participation is established each year for Architectural & Engineering services, Construction, Professional Services, Non-professional Services, and Commodities contracts. Mandatory percentage goals for SLBE subcontract participation may be established on a contract-by-contract basis by either the Director of Procurement or a Goal Setting Committee.

*Goal Setting Committee* – a committee established by the Director of Procurement for the County (including a representative of the Procurement Department and a representative of the end-user agency) and chaired by the Director of Procurement that establishes SLBE Program goals and selects appropriate SLBE Affirmative Procurement Initiatives to be applied to each contract for the County based upon industry categories, vendor availability, and project-specific characteristics. The Director of Procurement may establish as many as five separate Goal Setting Committees (i.e., one for each industry category).



*Good Faith Efforts* -documentation of the Bidder's intent to comply with SLBE Program goals and procedures, including, but not limited to the following: (1) documentation within a bid submission or proposal reflecting the Bidder's commitment to comply with SLBE Program goals as established by the Director of Procurement or a Goal Setting Committee for a particular contract; or (2) documentation of efforts made towards achieving the SLBE Program goals (e.g., timely advertisements in appropriate trade publications and publications of wide general circulation; timely posting of SLBE subcontract opportunities on the County web site; solicitations of bids from all qualified SLBE firms listed in the County's SLBE Directory of certified SLBE firms; correspondence from qualified SLBE firms documenting their unavailability to perform SLBE contracts; documentation of efforts to subdivide work into smaller quantities for subcontracting purposes to SLBE firms; documentation of efforts to assist SLBE firms with obtaining financing, bonding, or insurance required by the bidder; and documentation of consultations with trade associations and consultants that represent the interests of small and local businesses in order to identify qualified and available SLBE subcontractors.)

*Graduation* -An SLBE firm permanently graduates from the County's SLBE program when it meets the criteria for graduation set forth in this policy.

*Independently Owned, Managed, and Operated* – ownership of an SLBE firm must be direct, independent, and by individuals only. Business firms that are owned by other businesses or by the principals or owners of other businesses that cannot themselves qualify under the SLBE eligibility requirements shall not be eligible to participate in the SLBE program. Moreover, the day-to-day management of the SLBE firm must be direct and independent of the influence of any other businesses that cannot themselves qualify under the SLBE eligibility requirements.

*Industry Categories* – procurement groupings for County contracts for purposes of the administration of Affirmative Procurement Initiatives shall be inclusive of Architectural & Engineering, Construction, Professional Services, and Non-professional Services, and Commodities procurements. Industry Categories may also be referred to as "business categories."

*Joint Venture* - an association of two or more persons or businesses carrying out a single business enterprise for which purpose they combine their capital, efforts, skills, knowledge and/or property. Joint ventures must be established by written agreement.

*Local Business Enterprise ("LBE")* - a firm having a Principal Place of Business or a Significant Employment Presence in Richland County, South Carolina. This definition is subsumed within the definition of Small Local Business Enterprise.

*Non-professional Services* – non-construction, non-architectural, and non-engineering services that are other than Professional Services, and such "other" services that do not require any license or highly specialized training and credentials to perform.

*Points* – the quantitative assignment of value for specific evaluation criteria in the selection process.

*Prime Contractor* – The vendor or contractor to whom a purchase order or contract is awarded by the County for purposes of providing goods or services to the County.

*Principal Place of Business* – a location wherein a firm maintains a company headquarters or a physical office and through which it obtains no less than fifty percent of its overall customers or sales dollars, or through which no less than twenty-five percent of its employees are located and domiciled in the County of Richland and/or Richland County.



*Professional Services* – any non-construction and non-architectural & engineering services that require highly specialized training and / or licensed credentials to perform, such as legal, accounting, scientific, technical, insurance, investment management, medical, or real estate services.

*Responsive* - a firm's bid or proposal conforms in all material respects to the invitation to bid or request for proposal and shall include compliance with SLBE Program requirements.

*Sheltered Market* – An affirmative Procurement Initiative designed to set aside a County contract bid for bidding exclusively among SLBE firms.

*Significant Employee Presence*- no less than twenty-five percent of a firm's total number of full and part-time employees are domiciled in Richland County.

*Small Local Business Enterprise ("SLBE")*- an independently owned firm that is not dominant in its industry, and that satisfies all requirements of being both a "Small Business Enterprise" and a "Local Business Enterprise."

*SLBE Plan Execution Certification (SLBE Form – C)* - The form certifying the general contractor's intent to use a SLBE subcontractor, verifying that an agreement has been executed between the prime and the SLBE.

*SLBE Directory* - A listing of the small local businesses that have been certified by the Procurement Department for participation in the SLBE Program.

*SLBE Certification/Re-certification Application (SLBE Form – R)* – This form shall be completed by Small Local Business Enterprises (SLBEs) when applying for and/or recertifying SLBE status for participation in the County's Small Local Business Enterprise Program. This form shall be completed every two years by certified Small Local Business Enterprises by the anniversary date of their original certification.

*SLBE Schedule for Subcontractor Participation (SLBE Form – S)* – This form must be completed by all non-SLBE firms that subcontract to SLBE firms. A form must be submitted for each SLBE subcontractor. This form(s) must be reviewed and approved by the Director of Procurement before contract award.

*SLBE Unavailability Certification (SLBE Form- U)* -This form demonstrates a bidder's unsuccessful good faith effort to meet the small, local participation requirements of the contract. This form will only be considered after proper completion of the outreach and compliance efforts and methods used to notify and inform SLBE firms of contracting opportunities have been fully exhausted.

*Small Business Enterprise ("SBE")* a small business enterprise is any for-profit enterprise as defined by South Carolina Code of Laws, Title 33, Chapter 31 that is not a broker, that is independently owned and operated, that is not a subsidiary of another business, and that is not dominant in its field of operation; and that also meets the following size standard limitations: (1) the SBE must have no more than fifty full-time employees; and (2) the SBE must have annual gross revenues within its largest primary NAICS commodity code as averaged over its most recent past three fiscal years of not more than \$10 million for construction firms, specialty trade contractors, and manufacturing firms; not more than \$5 million for architectural firms; not more than \$3 million for professional services firms (e.g., scientific, real estate, insurance, accounting, legal, etc.); not more than \$2.5 million for engineering firms; and not more than \$2 million for wholesale operations, retail firms, and all other services firms (e.g., truck transportation, administrative support services, repair and maintenance services). If a business has not existed for 3 years, the employment and gross sales limits described above shall be applied based upon the annual averages over the course of the existence of the business not to exceed the three years. Once the gross annual receipts of a



business exceed the gross sales average limits, it should no longer be eligible to benefit as an SLBE firm and should be graduated from the program. The size standards in number of employees and annual gross revenue dollars should be reviewed annually and adjusted periodically to meet economic changes. Joint ventures must be certified on a bid-by-bid basis. The joint venture shall not be subject to the average gross receipts and employee limits imposed by this section. However, each individual business participating in the joint venture must be certified by the Procurement Department as an SBE. *This definition is subsumed within the definition of Small Local Business Enterprises.*

*Small Local Business Enterprise ("SLBE")*- A Local Business Enterprise that is also a Small Business Enterprise.]

*Spend Dollars* – dollars actually paid to prime and / or subcontractors and vendors for County contracted goods and/or services.

*Subcontractor* – any vendor or contractor that is providing goods or services to a Prime Contractor in furtherance of the Prime Contractor's performance under a contract or purchase order with the County.

*Suspension* – the temporary stoppage of a SLBE firm's participation in the County's contracting process under the SLBE Program for a finite period of time due to the cumulative contract payments the SLBE received during a fiscal year.

Sec. 2-640. Program Objectives and General Responsibilities.

(a) To meet the objectives of this Program, the County is committed to:

1. Increasing the participation of Small Local Business Enterprises ("SLBEs") in County contracting, and, to the extent possible, ameliorating through race- and gender-neutral means, any disparities in the participation of minority business enterprises or women business enterprises on County contracts.
2. Regular evaluation regarding the progress of the Program using accumulated availability and utilization data to determine specific program provisions that require modification, expansion, and/or curtailment;
3. Establishing one or more Goal Setting Committee(s) ("GSCs") to provide guidance on the implementation of the rules under this Policy;
4. Continuous review and advice of the GSC in administering the policy and goals herein. The County's Director of Procurement shall determine the size of each GSC that is to be chaired by the Procurement Director. The Procurement Director shall also appoint the remaining members of the GSC from the County's procurement personnel and other County departments affected by this Program; and
5. Providing accountability and accuracy in setting goals and in reporting program results through the implementation of a mandatory centralized bidder registration process capable of identifying with specificity the universe of firms that are available and interested in bidding on and /or performing on County contracts, and of providing the means of tracking actual County bids, contract awards, and prime contract and subcontract payments to registered bidders on the basis of firm ownership status, commodity or sub-industry codes, firm location, and firm size. Accordingly, Prime Contractors and Subcontractors will be required to register and input data into the CBR or other related forms and systems as a condition of engaging in business with the County.

(b) At a minimum, the Procurement Director shall:



- 1. Report to the County Administrator and the County Council on at least an annual basis as to the County's progress towards satisfying SLBE program objectives;
- 2. Formulate Program waivers, improvements and adjustments to the GSC goal-setting methodology and other Program functions;
- 3. Have substantive input in a contract specification review process to be undertaken in advance of the issuance of County's RFPs and bid solicitations to ensure that contract bid specifications are not unnecessarily restrictive and unduly burdensome to small, local, minority-owned, and other businesses;
- 4. Receive and analyze external and internal information including statistical data and anecdotal testimonies it deems appropriate to effectively accomplish its duties; and
- 5. Monitor and support the implementation of the rules under this Program, and where appropriate, make recommendations to the County Administrator for approval of changes to established size standards for SLBE firms, and provide notice of all approved changes to the County Council.

(c) At a minimum, each Goal Setting Committee shall:

- 1. Meet as often as it deems necessary to accomplish its duties but not less than twice annually;
- 2. Develop the SLBE goal setting methodology to be implemented by the Director of Procurement on a contract-by-contract basis; and
- 3. Monitor and support the implementation of the rules under this Program policy.

**Sec. 2-641. Eligibility for the SLBE Program.**

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(a) For the purpose of this program, a firm will be certified as a Small and Local Business Enterprise (*SLBE*) with the Procurement Department upon its submission of a completed certification form (SLBE Form-R), supporting documentation, and a signed affidavit stating that it meets all of the SLBE eligibility criteria as set forth below:

- 1. It is an independently owned and operated for-profit business concern as defined by South Carolina Code of Laws, Title 33, Chapter 31 that is not a broker, that is not a subsidiary of another business, that is not dominant in its field of operation; whose owners are actively involved in day-to-day management and control of the business, and that also is performing a commercially useful function;
- 2. It meets size standard eligibility requirements for Small Business Enterprises as defined below:

a. Construction firms, specialty trade firms, and manufacturing firms have not employed more than 50 full-time persons at any time during the last three years, and the gross annual revenues of the business for its largest primary NAICS code have not exceeded an average of \$7-10million in its most recently completed 3 fiscal years;

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b. Architectural business firms have not employed more than 50 persons at any time during the last three years, and the gross annual revenues of the business for its largest primary NAICS code have not exceeded an average of \$3-5million in its most recently completed 3 fiscal years;

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c. Professional services business firms have not employed more than 50 persons at any time during the last three years, and the gross annual revenues of the business for its largest primary NAICS code have not exceeded an average of \$3 million in its most recently completed 3 fiscal years;

d. Engineering business firms, have not employed more than 50 persons at any time during the last three years, and the gross annual revenues of the business for its largest primary NAICS code have not exceeded an average of ~~\$2.5~~ \$5 million in its most recently completed 3 fiscal years;

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e. Wholesale operations, retail firms, and all other services business firms have not employed more than 50 persons at any time during the last three years, and the gross annual revenues of the business for its largest primary NAICS code have not exceeded an average of \$2 million in its most recently completed 3 fiscal years; and

If a business has not existed for 3 years, the employment and gross revenue limits described above shall be applied based upon the annual averages not to exceed three years.

Once the gross annual revenues of a business exceed the three-year average gross annual revenue limits, it should no longer be eligible to benefit as an SLBE firm and should be permanently graduated from the program. The size standards in number of employees and annual gross revenue dollars should be reviewed annually and adjusted periodically to meet changes in market conditions. Joint ventures must be certified on a bid-by-bid basis. The joint venture itself shall not be subject to the size standard limitations imposed by this section. However, each individual business participating in the joint venture must be certified by the Procurement Department as an SLBE in order for the joint venture to receive the benefits of the SLBE program.

*This definition is subsumed within the definition of Small Local Business Enterprises.*

3. The firm is a Local Business Enterprise as defined by this Policy with a principal place of business or significant employment presence in Richland County, SC as defined herein;

4. The firm has been established for at least one year or the managing principals of the business each have at least three years of relevant experience prior to forming or joining the business; and

5. In the year preceding the date of the initial certification application, the applicant has not received more than \$1,000,000 in County contract payments as a result of contract awards from the County achieved through an open competitive bidding process.

(b) Upon receipt of SLBE certification or re-certification applications, the Director of Procurement or designated Procurement Department staff shall review all enclosed forms affidavits and documentation to make a prima facie determination as to whether the applicant satisfies the SLBE eligibility requirements as set forth in this policy. Applicants determined ineligible to participate as a SLBE shall receive a letter from the Director of Procurement stating the basis for the denial of eligibility. Applicants determined ineligible shall not be eligible to submit a new application for one year after the date of the notice of denial of eligibility.

(c) Applicants determined eligible to participate in the SLBE program shall submit a completed re-certification form (SLBE-R) every ~~two~~ three years to the Procurement OSBO Department for review and continued certification. However, upon application for re-certification, a SLBE firm must be an independently owned and operated business concern, and maintain a Principal Place of Business or

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Significant Employment Presence in the County of Richland in accordance with this Section 2-641 of Division 7, "Eligibility for the SLBE Program," of this Policy. To qualify for recertification, an SLBE's maximum employment numbers and annual gross revenues average for the three fiscal years immediately preceding the application for recertification shall not exceed the size standard eligibility requirements.

(d) In the course of considering the certification or re-certification status of any SLBE firm, the Director of Procurement or his or her designees shall periodically conduct audits and inspect the office, job site, records, and documents of the firm, and shall interview the firm's employees, subcontractors, and vendors as reasonably necessary to ensure that all eligibility standards are satisfied and that the integrity of the SLBE Program is maintained.

(e) For purposes of this Program, a firm will be certified as an *Emerging SLBE* by the Procurement Department upon its submission of a completed certification form (SLBE Form-R), supporting documentation, and a signed affidavit stating that it meets all of the Emerging SLBE eligibility criteria as set forth below:

1. The firm complies with SLBE criteria as specified above in Sec. 2-641 (a)(1) and (a)(3);
2. The firm has been in existence for less than five years;
3. The firm has no more than five full-time employees; and
4. The firm's annual gross revenues as averaged over the life of the firm are less than **\$1** million.

**Sec. 2-642. Graduation and Suspension Criteria.**

(a) A bidder may not count towards its SLBE or Emerging SLBE participation the amount subcontracted to an SLBE or Emerging SLBE firm that has graduated or been suspended from the program as follows:

1. An SLBE firm shall be permanently graduated from the SLBE Program after it has received a cumulative total of \$5 million of County-funded prime contract or subcontract payments in at least five separate contracts since its initial certification as an SLBE firm;
2. An SLBE firm shall be permanently graduated from the SLBE program after its three fiscal year average gross sales exceeds the size standard eligibility requirements;
3. An SLBE firm shall be temporarily suspended by the Director of Procurement for the balance of any fiscal year after it has received a cumulative total of \$1.5 million in payments as a prime contractor and / or subcontractor for that fiscal year; provided, however, that the SLBE firm shall be eligible to participate in Affirmative Procurement Initiatives in the following fiscal year so long as the firm has not yet satisfied the graduation criteria;
4. An SLBE firm may have its SLBE eligibility permanently revoked by the Director of Procurement if it fails to perform a Commercially Useful Function under a contract, or if it allows its SLBE status to be fraudulently used for the benefit of a non-SLBE firm or the owners of a non-SLBE firm so as to provide the non-SLBE firm or *firm* owners benefits from Affirmative Procurement Initiatives for which the non-SLBE firm and its owners would not otherwise be entitled;
5. An Emerging SLBE firm shall be permanently graduated from Emerging SLBE status after it has received a cumulative total of \$2.5 million of County-funded prime contracts or subcontract payments in at least five separate contracts since its initial certification as an Emerging SLBE firm;



6. An Emerging SLBE firm shall be permanently graduated from Emerging SLBE status once its three-year average annual gross sales exceeds \$2 million; and

7. An Emerging SLBE firm shall be temporarily suspended from Emerging SLBE status by the Director of Procurement for the balance of any fiscal year after it has received a cumulative total of \$750,000 in payments as a prime contractor and / or subcontractor for that fiscal year; provided, however, that the Emerging SLBE firm shall be eligible to continue participating in Affirmative Procurement Initiatives as an SLBE firm for the remainder of the fiscal year, and may also participate in Affirmative Procurement Initiatives as an Emerging SLBE firm in the following fiscal year so long as the firm has not yet satisfied the graduation criteria for such status.

(b) The Director of Procurement shall provide written notice to the SLBE firm or Emerging SLBE firm upon graduation or suspension from the SLBE program, and such notice shall clearly state the reasons for such graduation or suspension.

**Sec. 2-643. Appeals.**

A business concern that is denied eligibility as an SLBE or as an Emerging SLBE, or who has its eligibility revoked, or who has been denied a waiver request can appeal the decision to the County Administrator. A written notice of appeal must be received by the County Administrator within 15 days of the date of the decision. Upon receipt of a timely notice of appeal and request for hearing, the Director of Procurement, or designee (other than the Director of Procurement), shall also participate in a hearing conducted by the County Administrator or the County Administrator's designee soon as practicable. The decision of the County Administrator, or designee, shall be the final decision of the County.

**Sec. 2-644. Affirmative Procurement Initiatives for Enhancing SLBE and Emerging SLBE Contract Participation.**

(a) The County in conjunction with the appropriate Contract Officer and the Director of Procurement may utilize the following Affirmative Procurement Initiatives in promoting the award of County contracts to SLBEs or Emerging SLBEs.

1. *Bonding and Insurance Waiver:* The County, at its discretion, may waive or reduce the bonding, or insurance requirements depending on the type of contract and whether the County determines that the bonding and or insurance requirements would deny the SLBE or Emerging SLBE an opportunity to perform the contract which the SLBE or Emerging SLBE has shown itself otherwise capable of performing.

2. *Price Preferences:* The County may award a contract to a SLBE or Emerging SLBE which submits a bid within 10% (inclusive) of a low bid by a non-SLBE. However, this price preference would not apply if the award to the SLBE would result in a total contract cost that is, on an annual basis, more than \$25,000 higher than the low bid; nor would it apply on a contract in which the total contract cost would exceed the County's budgeted price for the contract.

3. *Evaluation Preferences:* The County may reserve up to 20% of the total points available for evaluation purposes for respondents to an RFP to firms that are certified as SLBE or Emerging SLBE firms, or to joint ventures that have SLBE and/or Emerging SLBE partners

a. For Architectural & Engineering, Professional Services, Other Services, and design / build or CM at risk contracts that are awarded based on evaluation criteria, there shall be SLBE or Emerging SLBE participation criterion for all contracts let at predetermined percentage of the total points awarded. The



determination will be made using the suggested model outlined in the "Point Evaluation Table" below:

POINT EVALUATION TABLE

10 Points for SLBE Participation	20 Points for SLBE Participation
>51%=10 points	>51%= 20 points
> 45% = 7 points	> 45% = 17 points
> 40% = 6 points	> 40% = 16 points
> 35% = 5 points	> 35% = 14 points
> 30% = 4 points	> 30% = 12 points
> 25% = 3 points	> 25% = 10 points
> 20% = 2 points	>20%= 8 points
> 15% = 1 points	> 15%= 6 points
	> 10%= 4 points

Contractors may be evaluated on their SLBE or Emerging SLBE participation by utilizing the following schedule, which is most often used by Architectural & Engineering:

Points Awarded	% of Participation Criteria
5.0 51-100	Proposals by registered SLBE owned and/or controlled firms
4.0 36-50	Majority pnme with registered SLBE participation
3.0 30-35	Majority prime with registered SLBE participation
2.0 24-29	Majority pnme with registered SLBE participation
0 0-23	Less than the goal for registered SLBE participation

4. *Mandatory Subcontracting:*
- a. The Goal Selection Committee may, on a contract-by-contract basis, at its discretion, require that a predetermined percentage of a specific contract, up to 40%, be subcontracted to eligible SLBEs or to eligible Emerging SLBEs, provided however, that if the prime contractor is a certified SLBE or Emerging SLBE, then the prime contractor shall be able to count the dollar value of the work performed by its own forces towards satisfaction of the Mandatory Subcontracting goal for that contract.

b. An SLBE or Emerging SLBE prime contractor may not subcontract more than 49% of the contract value to a non-SLBE.

c. A prospective bidder on a County contract shall submit at the time of bid SLBE – Form S providing the name of the SLBE or Emerging SLBE subcontractor or subcontractors and describing both the percentage of subcontracting by the SLBE or Emerging SLBE, and the work to be performed by the SLBE or Emerging SLBE. A bidder may request a full or partial waiver of this mandatory subcontracting requirement from the Director of Procurement for good cause by submitting the SLBE Unavailability Certification form to the Director of Procurement at the time of bid. Under no circumstances shall a waiver of a mandatory subcontracting requirement be granted without submission of adequate documentation of Good Faith Efforts by the bidder and careful review by the Director of Procurement. The Director of Procurement shall base his or her determination on a waiver request on the following criteria:

(1) Whether the requestor of the waiver has made Good Faith Efforts to subcontract with qualified and available SLBEs or Emerging SLBEs;



(2) Whether subcontracting would be inappropriate and/or not provide a "Commercially Useful Function" under the circumstances of the contract; and

(3) Whether there are no certified SLBE or Emerging SLBE firms that are qualified and available to provide the goods or services required.

d. In the absence of a waiver granted by the Director of Procurement, failure of a Prime Contractor to commit in its bid or proposal to satisfying the mandatory SLBE subcontracting goal shall render its bid or proposal non-responsive.

e. In the absence of a waiver granted by the Director of Procurement, failure of a Prime Contractor to attain a mandatory subcontracting goal for SLBE participation in the performance of its awarded contract shall be grounds for termination of existing contracts with the County, debarment from performing future County contracts, and / or any other remedies available under the terms of its contract with the County or under the law.

f. A Prime Contractor is required to notify and obtain written approval from the Director of Procurement in advance of any reduction in subcontract scope, termination, or substitution for a designated SLBE or Emerging SLBE Subcontractor. Failure to do so shall constitute a material breach of its contract with the County.

5. *Sheltered Market:*

a. The Director of Procurement and the appropriate County Contracting Officer may select certain contracts which have a contract value of \$250,000 or less for award to a SLBE or a joint venture with a SLBE through the Sheltered Market program. Similarly, the Director of Procurement and the appropriate County Contracting Officer may select certain contracts that have a value of \$50,000 or less for award to an Emerging SLBE firm through the Sheltered Market program.

b. In determining whether a particular contract is eligible for the Sheltered Market Program, the County's Contracting Officer and Director of Procurement shall consider: whether there are at least three SLBEs or Emerging SLBEs that are available and capable to participate in the Sheltered Market Program for that contract; the degree of underutilization of the SLBE and Emerging SLBE prime contractors in the specific industry categories; and the extent to which the County's SLBE and Emerging SLBE prime contractor utilization goals are being achieved.

c. If a responsive and responsible bid or response is not received for a contract that has been designated for the Sheltered Market Program or the apparent low bid is determined in the Procurement Director's discretion to be too high in price, the contract shall be removed from the Sheltered Market Program for purposes of rebidding.

6. *Competitive Business Development Demonstration Project:*

a. With the concurrence of the Director of Procurement, the appropriate County Contracting Officer may reserve certain contracts for placement into a Competitive Business Development Demonstration Project ("CBD Demonstration Project") wherein those contracts require the purchase of goods or services from an industry that routinely has too few sources of bidders to provide meaningful or sufficient competition for such County contracts. The purpose for the placement of a contract into the CBD Demonstration Project shall be to encourage the development of new capacity within an industry to competitively bid on the future supply of specialized goods or services to the County.

b. Contracts reserved for CBD Demonstration Projects shall be subject to a Request for Proposals process whereby the selected firm will be required to be a



joint venture between an established firm or experts in that relevant industry and an SLBE firm. The scope of work for the selected joint venture shall include teaching a hands-on curriculum to SLBE firms that have expressed an interest in diversifying into the relevant industry, in addition to performing the customary functions of the contract. This curriculum shall include both administrative skills (e.g. cost estimating, bidding, staffing, project management) and technical skills (e.g., hands-on demonstration of how to perform necessary tasks in the field) required to qualify for future County contracts and to successfully compete in the industry.

c. The Director of Procurement shall be required to select SLBE candidate firms for participation on such CBD Demonstration Projects on the basis of an assessment of their current capabilities and their likely success in diversifying into the new relevant industry once given technical assistance, training, and an opportunity to develop a performance track record in the industry.

#### Sec. 2-645. SLBE Program Performance Review.

(a) The Director of Procurement or designee shall monitor the implementation of this Policy and the progress of this Program. On at least an annual basis, the Director of Procurement or designee shall report to the County Administrator and County Council on the progress of achieving the goals established for awards to certified SLBE and Emerging SLBE firms, reporting both dollars awarded and expended. In addition, the Director of Procurement or designee shall report on the progress in achieving the stated Program Objectives, including, but not limited to, enhancing competition, establishing and building new business capacity, and removing barriers to and eliminating disparities in the utilization of available minority business enterprises and women business enterprises on County contracts.

(b) The County shall periodically review the SLBE Program to determine whether the various contracting procedures used to enhance SLBE contract participation need to be adjusted or used more or less aggressively in future years to achieve the stated Program Objectives. The County Council shall conduct a public hearing at least once every two years in order to solicit public comments on the Program.

#### Sec. 2-646. Conflicts.

To the extent language in this Division conflicts with other language in Article X, the language in this Division controls only with respect to contracts wherein the Small Local Business Enterprise Program is being applied by the Director of Procurement. In all other respects, prior language in this Article shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION III. Severability. If any section, subsection, or clause of this ordinance shall be deemed to be unconstitutional or otherwise invalid, the validity of the remaining sections, subsections, and clauses shall not be affected thereby.

SECTION IV. Conflicting Ordinances Repealed. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION V. Effective Date. This ordinance shall be effective from and after September 17, 2013.

RICHLAND COUNTY COUNCIL

BY:   
Kelvin E. Washington, Sr., Chair



Attest this – ---day of  
October, 2013.  
Michelle Ogley

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COUNTY COUNCIL FOR RICHLAND COUNTY  
ORDINANCE NO. 016-14HR

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AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE RICHLAND COUNTY ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 2, ADMINISTRATION; ARTICLE X, PURCHASING; DIVISION 7, SMALL LOCAL BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PROCUREMENT REQUIREMENTS; SO AS TO AMEND CERTAIN SECTIONS REFERENCING SIZE STANDARDS TO DELETE SUCH STANDARDS FROM THE ORDINANCE AND REPLACE WITH LANGUAGE ALLOWING THE RICHLAND COUNTY COUNCIL TO SET SUCH STANDARDS IN A SEPARATE "SLBE SCHEDULE OF SIZE STANDARD ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS"; AND AMENDING THE RICHLAND COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 2, ADMINISTRATION; ARTICLE X, PURCHASING; BY ADDING A NEW DIVISION ENTITLED 8, COMMERCIAL NONDISCRIMINATION ORDINANCE.

WHEREAS, on September 17, 2013, Richland County Council enacted the Small Local Business Enterprise Procurement Requirements (Richland County Code of Ordinances sections 2-639 et seq.); and

WHEREAS, as a part of said ordinance, Richland County Council adopted certain size standards for eligible businesses, making the standards part of the ordinance language; and

WHEREAS, Richland County Council now desires to remove the size standards from the ordinance to allow for greater flexibility in amending the size standards commensurate with data gathered during Program implementation; and

WHEREAS, Richland County Council desires to adopt a separate "SLBE Schedule of Size Standard Eligibility Requirements," which it will do concurrently with third reading of this ordinance;

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority granted by the Constitution and the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina, BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL FOR RICHLAND COUNTY:

SECTION I. The Richland County Code of Ordinances; Chapter 2, Administration; Article XI, Inquiries and Investigation; Section 2-647, Short title; is hereby renumbered to read as Section 2-649, and all remaining paragraphs in Article XI are renumbered in appropriate chronological order.

SECTION II. The Richland County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 2, Administration; Article X, Purchasing; Division 7, Small Local Business Enterprise Procurement Requirements; Section 2-639, General Provisions; Subsection (c), Definitions; is hereby amended by the insertion of the following language, to be alphabetized accordingly:

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*SLBE Schedule of Size Standard Eligibility Requirements* – a document, separate and apart from this ordinance, adopted by the Richland County Council, which defines the SLBE size standard eligibility requirements, in number of employees and annual gross revenue dollars, applicable to the SLBE Program. The size standards shall be reviewed not less than annually and adjusted periodically by the Richland County Council to meet changes in market conditions.

SECTION III. The Richland County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 2, Administration; Article X, Purchasing; Division 7, Small Local Business Enterprise Procurement Requirements; Section 2-639, General Provisions; Subsection (c), Definitions; Subparagraph entitled Small Business Enterprise ("SBE"); is hereby amended to read as follows:

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*Small Business Enterprise ("SBE")* - a small business enterprise is any for-profit enterprise as defined by South Carolina Code of Laws, Title 33, Chapter







31 that is not a broker, that is independently owned and operated, that is not a subsidiary of another business, and that is not dominant in its field of operation; and that also meets the size standard limitations as adopted and periodically amended in the SLBE Schedule of Size Standard Eligibility Requirements. Once the gross annual receipts of a business exceed the gross sales average limits, it should no longer be eligible to benefit as an SLBE firm and should be graduated from the program. The size standards in number of employees and annual gross revenue dollars should be reviewed annually and adjusted periodically to meet economic changes. Joint ventures must be certified on a bid-by-bid basis. The joint venture shall not be subject to the average gross receipts and employee limits imposed by this section. However, each individual business participating in the joint venture must be certified by the Procurement Department as an SLBE.

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SECTION IV. The Richland County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 2, Administration; Article X. Purchasing; Division 7, Small Local Business Enterprise Procurement Requirements; Section 2-641, Eligibility for the SLBE Program; Subsection (a)(2); is hereby amended to read as follows:

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2. It meets size standard eligibility requirements for Small Business Enterprises as adopted and periodically amended in the SLBE Schedule of Size Standard Eligibility Requirements.

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Once the gross annual revenues of a business exceed the three-year average gross annual revenue limits, it should no longer be eligible to benefit as an SLBE firm and should be permanently graduated from the program. The size standards in number of employees and annual gross revenue dollars should be reviewed annually and adjusted periodically to meet changes in market conditions. Joint ventures must be certified on a bid-by-bid basis. The joint venture itself shall not be subject to the size standard limitations imposed by this section. However, each individual business participating in the joint venture must be certified by the Procurement Department as an SLBE in order for the joint venture to receive the benefits of the SLBE program.

SECTION V. The Richland County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 2, Administration; Article X. Purchasing; is hereby amended by the creation of a new Division, to read as follows:

#### DIVISION 8: COMMERCIAL NONDISCRIMINATION ORDINANCE

##### Sec. 2-647. General Provisions.

###### (a) *Statement of Policy.*

It is the policy of the County not to enter into a contract or to be engaged in a business relationship with any business entity that has discriminated in the solicitation, selection, hiring or commercial treatment of vendors, suppliers, subcontractors or commercial customers on the basis of race, color, religion, ancestry or national origin, sex, age, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, or on the basis of disability or any otherwise unlawful use of characteristics regarding the vendor's, supplier's or commercial customer's employees or owners; provided that nothing in this policy shall be construed to prohibit or limit otherwise lawful efforts to remedy the effects of discrimination" that have occurred or are occurring in the relevant marketplace.

###### (b) *Implementation .*

The Small Local Business Enterprise Division shall implement this Ordinance by periodically conducting outreach and distributing educational materials to the County's contracting and vendor community and related trade associations to advise such contractors, vendors and prospective Offerors of this Ordinance and



the procedures to be followed in submitting complaints alleging violations of this Ordinance. The Director of Procurement, in consultation with the County Attorney, shall promulgate regulations and procedures to establish due process for the filing of complaints pursuant to this Ordinance, as well as for the investigation of complaints, the conduct of administrative hearings, the issuance of factual determinations, the establishment of an appeals process, and the establishment and application of sanctions and other remedies pursuant to this Ordinance. In addition, the County Administrator or designee, the Director of Procurement, and the County Attorney's Office shall insure that the following commercial nondiscrimination clause language is set forth in, and incorporated into, all the County contracts that result from formally advertised solicitations:

1. Every contract and subcontract shall contain a nondiscrimination clause that reads as follows:

As a condition of entering into this agreement, the Contractor represents and warrants that it will comply with the County's Commercial Nondiscrimination Ordinance, as described under Section 2-647 of the Richland County Code of Ordinances. As part of such compliance, the Contractor shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, ancestry or national origin, sex, age, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, or on the basis of disability or other unlawful forms of discrimination in the solicitation, selection, hiring or commercial treatment of subcontractors, vendors, suppliers, or commercial customers, nor shall the Contractor retaliate against any person for reporting instances of such discrimination. The Contractor shall provide equal opportunity for subcontractors, vendors and suppliers to participate in all of its public sector and private sector subcontracting and supply opportunities, provided that nothing contained in this clause shall prohibit or limit otherwise lawful efforts to remedy the effects of marketplace discrimination that have occurred or are occurring in the County's relevant marketplace. Moreover, the Contractor affirms that it will cooperate fully with any County inquiries regarding Contractor's compliance with this Ordinance. The Contractor understands and agrees that a material violation of this clause shall be considered a material breach of this agreement and may result in termination of this agreement, disqualification of the Contractor from participating in County contracts, or other sanctions. This clause is not enforceable by or for the benefit of, and creates no obligation to, any third party.

2. All Formal Solicitations issued for County contracts shall include the following certification to be completed by the Offeror:

The undersigned Offeror hereby certifies and agrees that the following information is correct:

In preparing its response on this project, the Offeror has considered all proposals submitted from qualified, potential subcontractors and suppliers, and has not engaged in "discrimination" as defined in the County's Commercial Nondiscrimination Ordinance, Section 2-647; to wit: discrimination in the solicitation, selection or commercial treatment of any subcontractor, vendor, supplier or commercial customer on the basis of race, color, religion, ancestry or national origin, sex, age, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, or on the basis of disability or other unlawful forms of discrimination. Without limiting the foregoing, "discrimination" also includes retaliating against any person or other entity for reporting any incident of "discrimination". Without limiting any other provision of the solicitation for responses on this project, it is understood and agreed that, if this certification is false, such false certification will constitute grounds for the County to reject the response submitted by the Offeror.



on this project, and terminate any contract awarded based on the response. As part of its response, the Offerer shall provide to the County a list of all instances within the immediate past 4 years where there has been a final adjudicated determination in a legal or administrative proceeding in the State of South Carolina that the Offeror discriminated against its subcontractors, vendors, suppliers or commercial customers, and a description of the status or resolution of that complaint, including any remedial action taken. As a condition of submitting a response to the County, the Offeror agrees to comply with the County's Commercial Nondiscrimination Ordinance, Section 2-647 of the Richland County Code of Ordinances, and further agrees to fully cooperate with the County in its inquiries relating to compliance with this Ordinance.

SECTION VI. The Richland County, South Carolina, SLBE Schedule of Size Standard Eligibility Requirements (the "Schedule") attached to this Ordinance is hereby adopted. Amendments to this Schedule shall hereafter be approved by Resolution of Richland County Council duly and lawfully adopted.

SECTION VII. Severability. If any section, subsection, or clause of this ordinance shall be deemed to be unconstitutional or otherwise invalid, the validity of the remaining sections, subsections, and clauses shall not be affected thereby.

SECTION VIII. Conflicting Ordinances Repealed. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION IX. Effective Date. This ordinance shall be effective from and after May 6, 2014.

RICHLAND COUNTY COUNCIL

BY:

Norman Jackson, Chair

Attest this 27th day of

May, 2014.

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Interim Clerk of Council

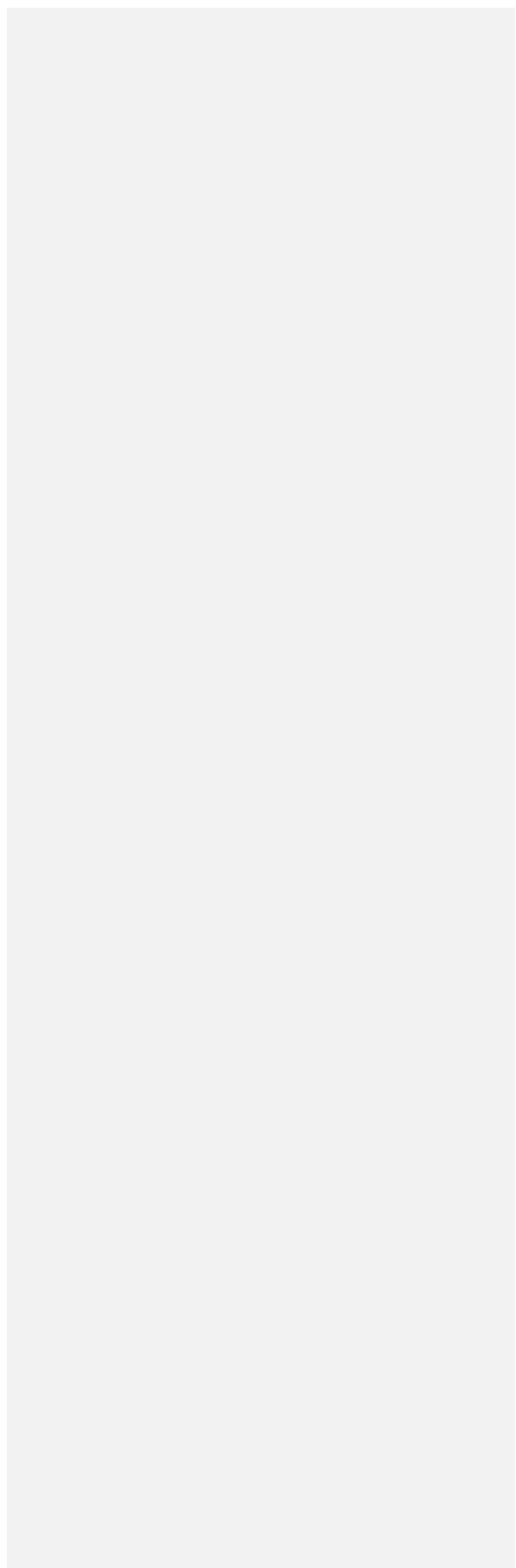
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1. Small Business Enterprise ("SBE")

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A Small Business Enterprise, as defined by Section 2-639 of the Richland County Code of Ordinances, effective May 6, 2014, shall have the following size limitations:

a. The SBE must not have employed more than five (5) full-time employees at any one time during the last three years; and

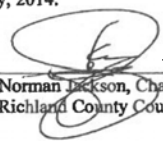
b. The SBE must have annual gross revenues within its largest primary NAICS commodity code as averaged over its most recent past three ~~fiscal~~ ~~years~~ years of not more than ~~\$7-\$10 million~~ for construction firms, specialty trade contractors, and manufacturing firms; not more than \$35 million for architectural firms; not more than \$3 million for professional services firms (e.g., scientific, real estate, insurance, accounting, legal, etc.); not more than \$2.5 million for engineering firms; and not more than \$2 million for wholesale operations, ~~retail~~ ~~retail firms~~ firms, and all other services firms (e.g., truck transportation, administrative support services, repair and maintenance services).

c. If a business has not existed for 3 years, the employment and gross sales limits described above shall be applied based upon the annual averages over the course of the existence of the business not to exceed the three years. Once the gross annual receipts of a business exceed the gross sales average limits, it should no longer be eligible to benefit as an SLBE firm and should be graduated from the program.

2. Eligibility for the SLBE Program

To be certified as being eligible to benefit from the SLBE Program as an "SLBE" firm or an "SLBE Joint Venture", per Section 2-641 (a)(2) of the Richland County Code of Ordinances, a firm (or each member firm of the Joint Venture) must comply with the size standards outlined in section 1 above. To be certified as being eligible to benefit from the SLBE Program as an "Emerging SLBE" firm, a firm must comply with the requirements of Sections 2-641 (c)(1) - (c)(4) of the Richland County Code of Ordinances.

**ADOPTED THIS** the 6th day of May, 2014.

  
Norman Jackson, Chair  
Richland County Council

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## DIVISION 7. SMALL BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PROCUREMENT REQUIREMENTS

### Sec. 2-639. General provisions.

(a) Purpose. The purpose of this division is to provide a race- and gender-neutral procurement tool for the county to use in its efforts to ensure that all segments of its local business community have a reasonable and significant opportunity to participate in county contracts for construction, architectural and engineering services, professional services, non-professional services, and commodities. The small local business enterprise ("SLBE") Program also furthers the county's public interest to foster effective broad-based competition from all segments of the vendor community, including, but not limited to, minority business enterprises, small business enterprises, and local business enterprises. This policy is, in part, intended to further the county's compelling interest in ensuring that it is neither an active nor passive participant in private sector marketplace discrimination, and in promoting equal opportunity for all segments of the contracting community to participate in county contracts. Moreover, the SLBE program provides additional avenues for the development of new capacity and new sources of competition for county contracts from the growing pool of small and locally based businesses.

(b) Scope and limitations. This SLBE program may be applied by the county on a contract-by-contract basis to the maximum practicable extent permissible under federal and state law.

#### (c) Definitions.

Affirmative procurement initiatives. Refers to any procurement tool to enhance contracting opportunities for SLBE firms including: bonding/ insurance waivers, bid incentives, price preferences, sheltered market, mandatory subcontracting, competitive business development demonstration projects, and SLBE evaluation preference points in the scoring of proposal evaluations.

Award. The final selection of a bidder or offeror for a specified prime contract or subcontract dollar amount. Awards are made by the county to prime contractors or vendors or by prime contractors or vendors to subcontractors or sub-vendors, usually pursuant to an open invitation to bid ("ITB") or request for proposal ("RFP") process. (Contract awards are to be distinguished from contract payments in that they only reflect the anticipated dollar amounts instead of actual dollar amounts that are to be paid to a bidder or offeror under an awarded contract.)

Bid incentives. Additional inducements or enhancements in the bidding process that are designed to increase the chances for the selection of SLBE firms in competition with other firms. These bid incentives may be applied to all solicitations, contracts, and letter agreements for the purchase of architectural and engineering services, construction,



professional services, non-professional services, and commodities including change orders and amendments.

Centralized bidder registration system ("CBR"). A web-based software application used by the County of Richland to track and monitor SLBE availability and utilization (i.e., "spend" or "payments") on county contracts.

County. Refers to the County of Richland, South Carolina.

Commercially useful function. An SLBE performs a commercially useful function when it is responsible for execution of the work of the contract and is carrying out its responsibilities by actually performing, managing, and supervising the work involved. To perform a commercially useful function, the SLBE must also be responsible, with respect to materials and supplies used on the contract, for negotiating price, determining quantity and quality, ordering the material, and installing (where applicable) and paying for the material itself. To determine whether an SLBE is performing a commercially useful function, an evaluation must be performed of the amount of work subcontracted, normal industry practices, whether the amount the SLBE firm is to be paid under the contract is commensurate with the work it is actually performing and the SLBE credit claimed for its performance of the work, and other relevant factors. Specifically, an SLBE does not perform a commercially useful function if its role is limited to that of an extra participant in a transaction, contract, or project through which funds are passed in order to obtain the appearance of meaningful and useful SLBE participation, when in similar transactions in which SLBE firms do not participate, there is no such role performed.

Emerging SLBE. An emerging firm that meets all of the qualifications of a small local business enterprise, and that is less than five (5) years old, but has no more than five (5) full-time employees and annual gross sales as averaged over the life of the firm that are less than one million (\$1,000,000) dollars.

Goal. A non-mandatory annual aspirational percentage goal for SLBE contract participation is established each year for architectural and engineering services, construction, professional services, non-professional services, and commodities contracts. Mandatory percentage goals for SLBE subcontract participation may be established on a contract- by-contract basis by either the director of the Office of Small Business Opportunity or a goal setting committee.

Goal setting committee. A committee established by the director of the Office of Small Business Opportunity for the county (including a representative of the procurement department and a representative of the end-user agency) and chaired by the director of the Office of Small Business Opportunity that establishes SLBE program goals and selects appropriate SLBE affirmative procurement initiatives to be applied to each contract for the county based upon industry categories, vendor availability, and project-specific characteristics. The director of the Office of Small Business Opportunity may establish as many as five (5) separate goal setting committees (i.e., one (1) for each industry category).

Good faith efforts. Documentation of the bidder's intent to comply with SLBE program goals and procedures, including, but not limited to the following: (1) documentation within



a bid submission or proposal reflecting the bidder's commitment to comply with SLBE program goals as established by the director of the Office of Small Business Opportunity or a goal setting committee for a particular contract; or (2) documentation of efforts made towards achieving the SLBE program goals (e.g., timely advertisements in appropriate trade publications and publications of wide general circulation; timely posting of SLBE subcontract opportunities on the county web site; solicitations of bids from all qualified SLBE firms listed in the county's SLBE directory of certified SLBE firms; correspondence from qualified SLBE firms documenting their unavailability to perform SLBE contracts; documentation of efforts to subdivide work into smaller quantities for subcontracting purposes to SLBE firms; documentation of efforts to assist SLBE firms with obtaining financing, bonding, or insurance required by the bidder; and documentation of consultations with trade associations and consultants that represent the interests of small and local businesses in order to identify qualified and available SLBE subcontractors.)

**Graduation.** An SLBE firm permanently graduates from the county's SLBE program when it meets the criteria for graduation set forth in this policy.

**Independently owned, managed, and operated.** Ownership of an SLBE firm must be direct, independent, and by individuals only. Business firms that are owned by other businesses or by the principals or owners of other businesses that cannot themselves qualify under the SLBE eligibility requirements shall not be eligible to participate in the SLBE program. Moreover, the day-to-day management of the SLBE firm must be direct and independent of the influence of any other businesses that cannot themselves qualify under the SLBE eligibility requirements.

**Industry categories.** Procurement groupings for county contracts for purposes of the administration of affirmative procurement initiatives shall be inclusive of architectural and engineering, construction, professional services, and nonprofessional services, and commodities procurements. Industry categories may also be referred to as "business categories."

**Joint venture.** An association of two (2) or more persons or businesses carrying out a single business enterprise for which purpose they combine their capital, efforts, skills, knowledge and/or property. Joint ventures must be established by written agreement.

**Local business enterprise ("LBE").** A firm having a principal place of business or a significant employment presence or a significant business presence in Richland County, South Carolina. This definition is subsumed within the definition of "small local business enterprise."

**Non-professional services.** Non- construction, non-architectural, and non-engineering services that are other than professional services, and such "other" services that do not require any license or highly specialized training and credentials to perform.

**Office of Small Business Opportunity.** The office which shall manage and administer the SLBE Program (see Section 2-639 et seq.) and shall undertake other functions and duties as assigned by the county administrator or county council.



Points. The quantitative assignment of value for specific evaluation criteria in the selection process.

Prime contractor. The vendor or contractor to whom a purchase order or contract is awarded by the county for purposes of providing goods or services to the county.

Principal place of business. A location wherein a firm maintains a company headquarters or a physical office and through which it obtains no less than fifty percent (50%) of its overall customers or sales dollars, or through which no less than twenty-five percent (25%) of its employees are located and domiciled in the County of Richland and/or Richland County.

Professional services. Any non-construction and non-architectural and engineering services that require highly specialized training and/or licensed credentials to perform, such as legal, accounting, scientific, technical, insurance, investment management, medical, or real estate services.

Responsive. A firm's bid or proposal conforms in all material respects to the invitation to bid or request for proposal and shall include compliance with SLBE program requirements.

Sheltered market. An affirmative procurement initiative designed to set aside a county contract bid for bidding exclusively among SLBE firms.

Significant business presence. A physical office within Richland County through which a firm obtains no less than fifty percent (50%) of its overall customers or sales dollars.

Significant employee presence. Having a physical office within Richland County and no less than twenty-five percent (25%) of a firm's total number of full and part-time employees are domiciled in Richland County.

SLBE certification/re-certification application (SLBE Form-R). This form shall be completed by small local business enterprises (SLBEs) when applying for and/or recertifying SLBE status for participation in the county's small local business enterprise program. This form shall be completed every two (2) years by certified small local business enterprises by the anniversary date of their original certification.

SLBE directory. A listing of the small local businesses that have been certified by the procurement department for participation in the SLBE program.

SLBE plan execution certification (SLBE Form-C). The form certifying the general contractor's intent to use a SLBE subcontractor, verifying that an agreement has been executed between the prime and the SLBE.

SLBE schedule for subcontractor participation (SLBE Form-S). This form must be completed by all non-SLBE firms that subcontract to SLBE firms. A form must be submitted for each SLBE subcontractor. This form(s) must be reviewed and approved by the director of the Office of Small Business Opportunity before contract award.



SLBE schedule of size standard eligibility requirements. A document separate and apart from this division, adopted by the county council, which defines the SLBE size standard eligibility requirements, in number of employees and annual gross revenue dollars, applicable to the SLBE program. The size standards shall be reviewed not less than annually and adjusted periodically by the county council to meet changes in market conditions.

SLBE unavailability certification (SLBE Form-U). This form demonstrates a bidder's unsuccessful good faith effort to meet the small, local participation requirements of the contract. This form will only be considered after proper completion of the outreach and compliance efforts and methods used to notify and inform SLBE firms of contracting opportunities have been fully exhausted.

Small business enterprise ("SBE"). A small business enterprise is any for-profit enterprise as defined by S.C. Code 1976, Title 33, Chapter 31 that is not a broker, that is independently owned and operated, that is not a subsidiary of another business, and that is not dominant in its field of operation; and that also meets the size standard limitations as adopted and periodically amended in the SLBE schedule of size standard eligibility requirements. Once the gross annual receipts of a business exceed the gross sales average limits, it should no longer be eligible to benefit as an SLBE firm and should be graduated from the program. The size standards in number of employees and annual gross revenue dollars should be reviewed annually and adjusted periodically to meet economic changes. Joint ventures must be certified on a bid-by-bid basis. The joint venture shall not be subject to the average gross receipts and employee limits imposed by this section. However, each individual business participating in the joint venture must be certified by the procurement department as an SLBE.

Small local business enterprise ("SLBE"). An independently owned firm that is not dominant in its industry, and that satisfies all requirements of being both a "small business enterprise" and a "local business enterprise."

Spend dollars. Dollars actually paid to prime and/or subcontractors and vendors for county contracted goods and/or services.

Subcontractor. Any vendor or contractor that is providing goods or services to a prime contractor in furtherance of the prime contractor's performance under a contract or purchase order with the county.

Suspension. The temporary stoppage of a SLBE firm's participation in the county's contracting process under the SLBE program for a finite period of time due to the cumulative contract payments the SLBE received during a fiscal year.

(Ord. No. 049-13HR, § II, 9-17-13; Ord. No. 016-14HR, §§ II, III, 5-6-14; Ord. No. 050-14HR, § I, 10-21-14; Ord. No. 058-16HR, § II, 12-6-16)

Sec. 2-640. Program objectives and general requirements.



(a) To meet the objectives of this program, the county is committed to:

(1) Increasing the participation of small local business enterprises ("SLBEs") in county contracting, and, to the extent possible, ameliorating through race- and gender- neutral means, any disparities in the participation of minority business enterprises or women business enterprises on county contracts;

(2) Regular evaluation regarding the progress of the program using accumulated availability and utilization data to determine specific program provisions that require modification, expansion, and/or curtailment;

(3) Establishing one (1) or more goal setting committee(s) ("GSCs") to provide guidance on the implementation of the rules under this policy;

(4) Continuous review and advice of the GSC in administering the policy and goals herein. The county's director of the Office of Small Business Opportunity shall determine the size of each GSC that is to be chaired by the procurement director. The procurement director shall also appoint the remaining members of the GSC from the county's procurement personnel and other county departments affected by this program; and

(5) Providing accountability and accuracy in setting goals and in reporting program results through the implementation of a mandatory centralized bidder registration process capable of identifying with specificity the universe of firms that are available and interested in bidding on and/or performing on county contracts, and of providing the means of tracking actual county bids, contract awards, and prime contract and subcontract payments to registered bidders on the basis of firm ownership status, commodity or sub-industry codes, firm location, and firm size. Accordingly, prime contractors and subcontractors will be required to register and input data into the CBR or other related forms and systems as a condition of engaging in business with the county.

(b) At a minimum, the procurement director shall:

(1) Report to the county administrator and the county council on at least an annual basis as to the county's progress towards satisfying SLBE program objectives;

(2) Formulate program waivers, improvements and adjustments to the GSC goal-setting methodology and other program functions;

(3) Have substantive input in a contract specification review process to be undertaken in advance of the issuance of county's RFPs and bid solicitations to ensure that contract bid specifications are not unnecessarily restrictive and unduly burdensome to small, local, minority- owned, and other businesses;

(4) Receive and analyze external and internal information including statistical data and anecdotal testimonies it deems appropriate to effectively accomplish its duties; and

(5) Monitor and support the implementation of the rules under this program, and where appropriate, make recommendations to the county administrator for approval of changes to established size standards for SLBE firms, and provide notice of all approved changes to the county council.



(c) At a minimum, each goal setting committee shall:

(1) Meet as often as it deems necessary to accomplish its duties but not less than twice annually;

(2) Develop the SLBE goal setting methodology to be implemented by the director of the Office of Small Business Opportunity on a contract-by-contract basis; and

(3) Monitor and support the implementation of the rules under this program policy.

(Ord. No. 049-13HR, § II, 9-17-13; Ord. No. 058-16HR, § III, 12-6-16)

#### Sec. 2-641. Eligibility for SLBE program.

(a) For the purpose of this program, a firm will be certified as a small and local business enterprise (SLBE) with the ~~procurement OSBO~~ department upon its submission of a completed new/renewal certification ~~form application (SLBE Form-R)~~, supporting documentation, and a signed affidavit stating that it meets all of the SLBE eligibility criteria as set forth below:

(1) It is an independently owned and operated for-profit business concern as defined by S.C. Code 1976, Title 33, Chapter 31 that is not a broker, that is not a subsidiary of another business, that is not dominant in its field of operation; whose owners are actively involved in day-to-day management and control of the business, and that also is performing a commercially useful function;

(2) It meets size standard eligibility requirements for small business enterprises as adopted and periodically amended in the SLBE schedule of size standard eligibility requirements;

Once the gross annual revenues of a business exceed the three (3)-year average gross annual revenue limits, it should no longer be eligible to benefit as an SLBE firm and should be permanently graduated from the program. The size standards in number of employees and annual gross revenue dollars should be reviewed annually and adjusted periodically to meet changes in market conditions. Joint ventures must be certified on a bid-by-bid basis. The joint venture itself shall not be subject to the size standard limitations imposed by this section. However, each individual business participating in the joint venture must be certified by the ~~procurement OSBO~~ department as an SLBE in order for the joint venture to receive the benefits of the SLBE program;

(3) The firm is a local business enterprise as defined in this division with a principal place of business or significant employee presence or significant business presence in Richland County as defined herein;

(4) The firm has established its principal place of business or significant employee presence or significant business presence in Richland County for at least one (1) year prior to seeking certification as an SLBE; and



(5) In the year preceding the date of the initial certification application, the applicant has not received more than one million (\$1,000,000) dollars in county contract payments as a result of contract awards from the county achieved through an open competitive bidding process.

(b) Upon receipt of SLBE certification or re-certification applications, the director of the Office of Small Business Opportunity or designated ~~procurement-OSBO~~ department staff shall review all enclosed forms affidavits and documentation to make a prima facie determination as to whether the applicant satisfies the SLBE eligibility requirements as set forth in this policy. Applicants determined ineligible to participate as a SLBE shall receive a letter from the director of the Office of Small Business Opportunity stating the basis for the denial of eligibility. Applicants determined ineligible shall not be eligible to submit a new application for one (1) year after the date of the notice of denial of eligibility.

(c) Applicants determined eligible to participate in the SLBE program shall submit a completed re-certification ~~form (SLBE Form-R)-application~~ every ~~two-three~~ (32) years to the ~~procurement-OSBO~~ department for review and continued certification. However, upon application for re-certification, an SLBE firm must be an independently owned and operated business concern, and maintain a principal place of business or significant employment presence in Richland County in accordance with this Section 2-641. To qualify for re-certification, an SLBE's maximum employment numbers and annual gross revenues average for the three (3) fiscal years immediately preceding the application for re-certification shall not exceed the size standard eligibility requirements.

(d) In the course of considering the certification or re-certification status of any SLBE firm, the director of the Office of Small Business Opportunity or his or her designees shall periodically conduct audits and inspect the office, job site, records, and documents of the firm, and shall interview the firm's employees, subcontractors, and vendors as reasonably necessary to ensure that all eligibility standards are satisfied and that the integrity of the SLBE program is maintained.

(e) For purposes of this program, a firm will be certified as an emerging SLBE by the ~~procurement-OSBO~~ department upon its submission of a completed certification form (SLBE Form-R), supporting documentation, and a signed affidavit stating that it meets all of the emerging SLBE eligibility criteria as set forth below:

(1) The firm complies with SLBE criteria as specified above in Section 2-641 (a)(1), (a)(3) and (a)(4);

(2) The firm has been in existence for less than five (5) years;

(3) The firm has no more than five (5) full-time employees; and

(4) The firm's annual gross revenues as averaged over the life of the firm are less than one million (\$1,000,000 dollars).

(Ord. No. 049-13HR, § II, 9-17-13; Ord. No. 016-14HR, § IV, 5-6-14; Ord. No. 050-14HR, § II, 10-21-14; Ord. No. 058-16HR, § III, 12-6-16)



Sec. 2-642. Graduation and suspension criteria.

(a) A bidder may not count towards its SLBE or emerging SLBE participation the amount subcontracted to an SLBE or emerging SLBE firm that has graduated or been suspended from the program as follows:

(1) An SLBE firm shall be permanently graduated from the SLBE program after it has received a cumulative total of five million (\$5,000,000) dollars of county- funded prime contract or subcontract payments in at least five (5) separate contracts since its initial certification as an SLBE firm;

(2) An SLBE firm shall be permanently graduated from the SLBE program after its three (3) fiscal year average gross sales exceeds the size standard eligibility requirements;

(3) An SLBE firm shall be temporarily suspended by the director of the Office of Small Business Opportunity for the balance of any fiscal year after it has received a cumulative total of one and one-half million (\$1,500,000) dollars in payments as a prime contractor and/or subcontractor for that fiscal year; provided, however, that the SLBE firm shall be eligible to participate in affirmative procurement initiatives in the following fiscal year so long as the firm has not yet satisfied the graduation criteria;

(4) An SLBE firm may have its SLBE eligibility permanently revoked by the director of the Office of Small Business Opportunity if it fails to perform a commercially useful function under a contract, or if it allows its SLBE status to be fraudulently used for the benefit of a non-SLBE firm or the owners of a non-SLBE firm so as to provide the non-SLBE firm or firm owners benefits from affirmative procurement initiatives for which the non-SLBE firm and its owners would not otherwise be entitled;

(5) An emerging SLBE firm shall be permanently graduated from emerging SLBE status after it has received a cumulative total of two and one-half million (\$2,500,000) dollars of county-funded prime contracts or subcontract payments in at least five (5) separate contracts since its initial certification as an emerging SLBE firm;

(6) An emerging SLBE firm shall be permanently graduated from emerging SLBE status once its three (3)-year average annual gross sales exceeds two million (\$2,000,000) dollars; and

(7) An emerging SLBE firm shall be temporarily suspended from emerging SLBE status by the director of the Office of Small Business Opportunity for the balance of any fiscal year after it has received a cumulative total of seven hundred fifty thousand (\$750,000) dollars in payments as a prime contractor and/or subcontractor for that fiscal year; provided, however, that the emerging SLBE firm shall be eligible to continue participating in affirmative procurement initiatives as an SLBE firm for the remainder of the fiscal year, and may also participate in affirmative procurement initiatives as an emerging SLBE firm in the following fiscal year so long as the firm has not yet satisfied the graduation criteria for such status.



(b) The director of the Office of Small Business Opportunity shall provide written notice to the SLBE firm or emerging SLBE firm upon graduation or suspension from the SLBE program, and such notice shall clearly state the reasons for such graduation or suspension.

(Ord. No. 049-13HR, § II, 9-17-13; Ord. No. 058-16HR, § III, 12-6-16)

#### Sec. 2-643. Appeals.

A business concern that is denied eligibility as an SLBE or as an emerging SLBE, or who has its eligibility revoked, or who has been denied a waiver request can appeal the decision to the county administrator. A written notice of appeal must be received by the county administrator within fifteen (15) days of the date of the decision. Upon receipt of a timely notice of appeal and request for hearing, the director of the Office of Small Business Opportunity, or designee (other than the director of the Office of Small Business Opportunity), shall also participate in a hearing conducted by the county administrator or the county administrator's designee soon as practicable. The decision of the county administrator, or designee, shall be the final decision of the county.

(Ord. No. 049-13HR, § II, 9-17-13; Ord. No. 058-16HR, § III, 12-6-16)

#### Sec. 2-644. Affirmative procurement initiatives for enhancing SLBE and emerging SLBE contract participation.

(a) The county in conjunction with the appropriate contract officer and the director of the Office of Small Business Opportunity may utilize the following affirmative procurement initiatives in promoting the award of county contracts to SLBEs or emerging SLBEs.

(1) Bonding and insurance waiver. The county, at its discretion, may waive or reduce the bonding, or insurance requirements depending on the type of contract and whether the county determines that the bonding and or insurance requirements would deny the SLBE or emerging SLBE an opportunity to perform the contract which the SLBE or emerging SLBE has shown itself otherwise capable of performing.

(2) Price preferences. The county may award a contract to a SLBE or emerging SLBE which submits a bid within ten percent (10%) (inclusive) of a low bid by a non-SLBE. However, this price preference would not apply if the award to the SLBE would result in a total contract cost that is, on an annual basis, more than twenty- five thousand (\$25,000) dollars higher than the low bid; nor would it apply on a contract in which the total contract cost would exceed the county's budgeted price for the contract.

(3) Evaluation preferences. The county may reserve up to twenty percent (20%) of the total points available for evaluation purposes for respondents to an RFP to firms that are certified as SLBE or emerging SLBE firms, or to joint ventures that have SLBE and/or emerging SLBE partners:



a. For architectural and engineering, professional services, other services, and design/build or CM at risk contracts that are awarded based on evaluation criteria, there shall be SLBE or emerging SLBE participation criterion for all contracts let at predetermined percentage of the total points awarded. The determination will be made using the suggested model outlined in the Point Evaluation Table below:

#### POINT EVALUATION TABLE

10 Points for SLBE Participation

20 Points for SLBE Participation

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> 51% = 10 points

> 51% = 20 points

> 45% = 7 points

> 45% = 17 points

> 40% = 6 points

> 40% = 16 points

> 35% = 5 points

> 35% = 14 points

> 30% = 4 points

> 30% = 12 points

> 25% = 3 points

> 25% = 10 points

> 20% = 2 points

> 20% = 8 points

> 15% = 1 point

> 15% = 6 points

> 10% = 4 points



Contractors may be evaluated on their SLBE or emerging SLBE participation by utilizing the following schedule, which is most often used by architectural and engineering:

Points Awarded	% of Participation Criteria
5.0 51- 100	Proposals by registered SLBE owned and/or controlled firms
4.0 36-50	Majority prime with registered SLBE participation
3.0 30-35	Majority prime with registered SLBE participation
2.0 24-29	Majority prime with registered SLBE participation
0 0-23	Less than the goal for registered SLBE participation

(4) Mandatory subcontracting.

a. The goal selection committee may, on a contract-by-contract basis, at its discretion, require that a predetermined percentage of a specific contract, up to forty percent (40%), be subcontracted to eligible SLBEs or to eligible emerging SLBEs, provided however, that if the prime contractor is a certified SLBE or emerging SLBE, then the prime contractor shall be able to count the dollar value of the work performed by its own forces towards satisfaction of the mandatory subcontracting goal for that contract.

b. An SLBE or emerging SLBE prime contractor may not subcontract more than forty-nine percent (49%) of the contract value to a non-SLBE.

c. A prospective bidder on a county contract shall submit at the time of bid SLBE - Form S providing the name of the SLBE or emerging SLBE subcontractor or subcontractors and describing both the percentage of subcontracting by the SLBE or emerging SLBE, and the work to be performed by the SLBE or emerging SLBE. A bidder may request a full or partial waiver of this mandatory subcontracting requirement from the director of the Office of Small Business Opportunity for good cause by submitting the SLBE unavailability certification form to the director of the Office of Small Business Opportunity at the time of bid. Under no circumstances shall a waiver of a mandatory subcontracting requirement be granted without submission of adequate documentation of good faith efforts by the bidder and careful review by the director of the Office of Small Business Opportunity. The director of the Office of Small Business Opportunity shall base his or her determination on a waiver request on the following criteria:

1. Whether the requestor of the waiver has made good faith efforts to subcontract with qualified and available SLBEs or emerging SLBEs;

2. Whether subcontracting would be inappropriate and/or not provide a "commercially useful function" under the circumstances of the contract; and



3. Whether there are no certified SLBE or emerging SLBE firms that are qualified and available to provide the goods or services required.

d. In the absence of a waiver granted by the director of the Office of Small Business Opportunity, failure of a prime contractor to commit in its bid or proposal to satisfying the mandatory SLBE subcontracting goal shall render its bid or proposal non-responsive.

e. In the absence of a waiver granted by the director of the Office of Small Business Opportunity, failure of a prime contractor to attain a mandatory subcontracting goal for SLBE participation in the performance of its awarded contract shall be grounds for termination of existing contracts with the county, debarment from performing future county contracts, and/or any other remedies available under the terms of its contract with the county or under the law.

f. A prime contractor is required to notify and obtain written approval from the director of the Office of Small Business Opportunity in advance of any reduction in subcontract scope, termination, or substitution for a designated SLBE or emerging SLBE subcontractor. Failure to do so shall constitute a material breach of its contract with the county.

(5) Sheltered market.

a. The director of the Office of Small Business Opportunity and the appropriate county contracting officer may select certain contracts which have a contract value of five hundred thousand (\$500,000) dollars or less for award to a SLBE or a joint venture with a SLBE through the sheltered market program. Similarly, the director of the Office of Small Business Opportunity and the appropriate county contracting officer may select certain contracts that have a value of fifty thousand (\$50,000) dollars or less for award to an emerging SLBE firm through the sheltered market program.

b. In determining whether a particular contract is eligible for the sheltered market program, the county's contracting officer and director of the Office of Small Business Opportunity shall consider: whether there are at least three (3) SLBEs or emerging SLBEs that are available and capable to participate in the sheltered market program for that contract; the degree of underutilization of the SLBE and emerging SLBE prime contractors in the specific industry categories; and the extent to which the county's SLBE and emerging SLBE prime contractor utilization goals are being achieved.

c. If a responsive and responsible bid or response is not received for a contract that has been designated for the sheltered market program or the apparent low bid is determined in the procurement director's discretion to be too high in price, the contract shall be removed from the sheltered market program for purposes of rebidding.

(6) Competitive business development demonstration project.

a. With the concurrence of the director of the Office of Small Business Opportunity, the appropriate county contracting officer may reserve certain contracts for placement into a competitive business development demonstration project ("CBD demonstration project") wherein those contracts require the purchase of goods or services from an industry that



routinely has too few sources of bidders to provide meaningful or sufficient competition for such county contracts. The purpose for the placement of a contract into the CBD demonstration project shall be to encourage the development of new capacity within an industry to competitively bid on the future supply of specialized goods or services to the county.

b. Contracts reserved for CBD demonstration projects shall be subject to a request for proposals process whereby the selected firm will be required to be a joint venture between an established firm or experts in that relevant industry and an SLBE firm. The scope of work for the selected joint venture shall include teaching a hands-on curriculum to SLBE firms that have expressed an interest in diversifying into the relevant industry, in addition to performing the customary functions of the contract. This curriculum shall include both administrative skills (e.g. cost estimating, bidding, staffing, project management) and technical skills (e.g., hands-on demonstration of how to perform necessary tasks in the field) required to qualify for future county contracts and to successfully compete in the industry.

c. The director of the Office of Small Business Opportunity shall be required to select SLBE candidate firms for participation on such CBD demonstration projects on the basis of an assessment of their current capabilities and their likely success in diversifying into the new relevant industry once given technical assistance, training, and an opportunity to develop a performance track record in the industry.

(Ord. No. 049-13HR, § II, 9-17-13; Ord. No. 028-16HR, § I, 7-26-16; Ord. No. 058-16HR, § III, 12-6-16)

#### Sec. 2-645. SLBE program performance review.

(a) The director of the Office of Small Business Opportunity or designee shall monitor the - implementation of this policy and the progress of this program. On at least an annual basis, the director of the Office of Small Business Opportunity or designee shall report to the county administrator and county council on the progress of achieving the goals established for awards to certified SLBE and emerging SLBE firms, reporting both dollars awarded and expended. In addition, the director of the Office of Small Business Opportunity or designee shall report on the progress in achieving the stated program objectives, including, but not limited to, enhancing competition, establishing and building new business capacity, and removing barriers to and eliminating disparities in the utilization of available minority business enterprises and women business enterprises on county contracts.

(b) The county shall periodically review the SLBE program to determine whether the various contracting procedures used to enhance SLBE contract participation need to be adjusted or used more or less aggressively in future years to achieve the stated program objectives. The county council shall conduct a public hearing at least once every two years in order to solicit public comments on the program.



(Ord. No. 049-13HR, § II, 9-17-13; Ord. No. 058-16HR, § III, 12-6-16)

Sec. 2-646. Conflicts.

To the extent language in this division conflicts with other language in Article X, the language in this division controls only with respect to contracts wherein the small local business enterprise program is being applied by the director of the Office of Small Business Opportunity. In all other respects, prior language in this article shall remain in full force and effect.

(Ord. No. 049-13HR, § II, 9-17-13; Ord. No. 058-16HR, § III, 12-6-16)

DIVISION 8. COMMERCIAL NONDISCRIMINATION ORDINANCE

Sec. 2-647. General provisions.

(a) Statement of policy. It is the policy of the county not to enter into a contract or to be engaged in a business relationship with any business entity that has discriminated in the solicitation, selection, hiring or commercial treatment of vendors, suppliers, subcontractors or commercial customers on the basis of race, color, religion, ancestry or national origin, sex, age, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, or on the basis of disability or any otherwise unlawful use of characteristics regarding the vendor's, supplier's or commercial customer's employees or owners; provided that nothing in this policy shall be construed to prohibit or limit otherwise lawful efforts to remedy the effects of discrimination that have occurred or are occurring in the relevant marketplace.

(b) Implementation. The small local business enterprise division shall implement this ordinance by periodically conducting outreach and distributing educational materials to the county's contracting and vendor community and related trade associations to advise such contractors, vendors and prospective offerors of this ordinance and the procedures to be followed in submitting complaints alleging violations of this ordinance. The director of procurement, in consultation with the county attorney, shall promulgate regulations and procedures to establish due process for the filing of complaints pursuant to this ordinance, as well as for the investigation of complaints, the conduct of administrative hearings, the issuance of factual determinations, the establishment of an appeals process, and the establishment and application of sanctions and other remedies pursuant to this ordinance. In addition, the county administrator or designee, the director of procurement, and the county attorney's office shall insure that the following commercial nondiscrimination clause language is set forth in, and incorporated into, all the county contracts that result from formally advertised solicitations:

(1) Every contract and subcontract shall contain a nondiscrimination clause that reads as follows:



As a condition of entering into this agreement, the Contractor represents and warrants that it will comply with the County's Commercial Nondiscrimination Ordinance, as described under Section 2-647 of the Richland County Code of Ordinances. As part of such compliance, the Contractor shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, ancestry or national origin, sex, age, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, or on the basis of disability or other unlawful forms of discrimination in the solicitation, selection, hiring or commercial treatment of subcontractors, vendors, suppliers, or commercial customers, nor shall the Contractor retaliate against any person for reporting instances of such discrimination. The Contractor shall provide equal opportunity for subcontractors, vendors and suppliers to participate in all of its public sector and private sector subcontracting and supply opportunities, provided that nothing contained in this clause shall prohibit or limit otherwise lawful efforts to remedy the effects of marketplace discrimination that have occurred or are occurring in the County's relevant marketplace. Moreover, the Contractor affirms that it will cooperate fully with any County inquiries regarding Contractor's compliance with this Ordinance. The Contractor understands and agrees that a material violation of this clause shall be considered a material breach of this agreement and may result in termination of this agreement, disqualification of the Contractor from participating in County contracts, or other sanctions. This clause is not enforceable by or for the benefit of, and creates no obligation to, any third party.

(2) All formal solicitations issued for county contracts shall include the following certification to be completed by the offeror:

The undersigned Offeror hereby certifies and agrees that the following information is correct:

In preparing its response on this project, the Offeror has considered all proposals submitted from qualified, potential subcontractors and suppliers, and has not engaged in "discrimination" as defined in the County's Commercial Nondiscrimination Ordinance, Section 2-647; to wit: discrimination in the solicitation, selection or commercial treatment of any subcontractor, vendor, supplier or commercial customer on the basis of race, color, religion, ancestry or national origin, sex, age, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, or on the basis of disability or other unlawful forms of discrimination. Without limiting the foregoing, "discrimination" also includes retaliating against any person or other entity for reporting any incident of "discrimination". Without limiting any other provision of the solicitation for responses on this project, it is understood and agreed that, if this certification is false, such false certification will constitute grounds for the County to reject the response submitted by the Offeror on this project, and terminate any contract awarded based on the response. As part of its response, the Offeror shall provide to the County a list of all instances within the immediate past 4 years where there has been a final adjudicated determination in a legal or administrative proceeding in the State of South Carolina that the Offeror discriminated against its subcontractors, vendors, suppliers or commercial customers, and a description of the status or resolution of that complaint, including any remedial action taken. As a condition of submitting a response to the County, the Offeror agrees to comply with the County's Commercial Nondiscrimination Ordinance, Section 2-647 of the Richland County Code of Ordinances, and further agrees to fully cooperate with the County in its inquiries relating to compliance with this Ordinance.



(Ord. No. 016-14HR, § V, VI, 5-6-14)

## DIVISION 9. PROMPT PAYMENT REQUIRED

### Sec. 2-648. Prompt payment required.

#### (a) Right of county prime contractor and subcontractor to prompt payment.

(1) Performance by a prime contractor in accordance with the provisions of its Richland County contract entitles prime contractor to payment from the county in a prompt manner. Provided there are no bona fide disputes relating to the adequacy of performance by the contractor, the county shall pay contractor no later than thirty (30) days after receipt of a proper invoice from the contractor that summarizes the services provided or goods delivered to county by contractor and the cost of same. For each thirty (30)-day interval that payment from the county is late, contractor shall be entitled to interest penalty payments from the county equal to five percent (5%) of the late balance. This late penalty fee payment shall be in addition to the payment of the undisputed original balance due by the county.

(2) Performance by a subcontractor in accordance with the provisions of its subcontract agreement with county's prime contractor while providing goods or services on behalf of Richland County entitles subcontractor to payment from the prime contractor in a prompt manner. Provided there are no bona fide disputes relating to the adequacy of performance by the subcontractor, the prime contractor shall pay subcontractor no later than seven (7) days after prime contractor has received payment from the county for the goods or services that subcontractor has properly invoiced prime contractor for by summarizing the goods or services delivered on behalf of the county through the prime contractor.

Alternatively, in instances where, through no fault of subcontractor, prime contractor has not been paid by the county for goods or services rendered by subcontractor, and more than thirty-seven (37) days have lapsed since prime contractor received a proper invoice from subcontractor, the prime contractor shall authorize the county to pay subcontractor's undisputed invoice directly and to then deduct subcontractor's payment portion from prime contractor's account receivables due under its contract with the county. For each thirty (30)-day interval beyond thirty-seven (37) days that payment to subcontractor is late, subcontractor shall be entitled to an interest penalty fee equal to five percent (5%) of the late balance. This late penalty fee shall be in addition to the payment of the undisputed original balance due by the prime contractor, and shall be payable by either the prime contractor or the county depending upon which party is responsible for the late payment under these terms.

(3) The county shall place language establishing these prompt payment terms as described above in (1) and (2) in any county bid solicitation and resulting contract awarded under county ordinance, Chapter 2, Administration, Article X, Purchasing, § 2-591



and in each instance wherein the county determines to apply the provisions of county ordinance, Chapter 2, Administration, Article X, Purchasing, Division 7 to a solicitation. In addition, each prime contractor shall be required to include similar prompt payment flow-down provisions for each tier of subcontractors that perform services or provide goods on behalf of the county through the prime contractor or a subcontractor.

(4) Any prevailing party that makes a final written demand for payment and late penalty fees to the responsible party pursuant to this ordinance and fails to receive payment in full within thirty (30) days, and subsequently takes legal recourse to enforce these prompt payment provisions, shall also be entitled to the award of reasonable attorneys' fees by a court of competent jurisdiction.

(b) Grounds on which county, prime contractor, or subcontractor may withhold application and certification for payment; contract terms unaffected.

(1) Nothing in this ordinance prevents the county, the contractor, or a subcontractor from withholding application and certification for payment because of the following: unsatisfactory job progress, defective construction not remedied, disputed work, third party claims filed or reasonable evidence that claim will be filed, failure of contractor or subcontractor to make timely payments for labor, equipment, and materials, damage to county, contractor, or another subcontractor, reasonable evidence that contract or subcontract cannot be completed for the unpaid balance of the contract or subcontract sum, or a reasonable amount for retainage.

(2) Nothing in this ordinance requires that payments due a contractor from the county be paid any more frequently than as set forth in the construction documents, nor shall anything in this ordinance affect the terms of any agreement between the county and any lender.

(c) Failure of contractor or subcontractor to make timely payments. In addition to the interest on late payments provided in section (a), if any contractor or subcontractor makes late payments more than three (3) times during the course of a contract, unless sufficient justification is made to the county and the county determines not to count the payment as late, the county can withhold the amount of the late payment due from the contractor to the subcontractor or to the lower tier subcontractor and make such late payment directly to the subcontractor or the lower tier subcontractor.

(Ord. No. 029-14HR, § I, 6-3-14)

## ARTICLE XI. INQUIRIES AND INVESTIGATIONS

State law reference(s)--Investigative powers of council, S.C. Code 1976, § 4-9-660.

Sec. 2-649. Short title.



This article shall be known and may be cited as the "Inquiries and Investigations Ordinance of Richland County."

(Code 1976, § 2-9001; Ord. No. 526-79, § 1, 3-21-79; Ord. No. 049-13HR, § I, 9-17-13; Ord. No. 016-14HR, § I, 5-6-14)

#### Sec. 2-650. Definitions.

For the purpose of this article, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings respectively ascribed to them by this section unless a contrary intention is clearly evident:

**Chair.** The person duly selected by the county council to chair the county council or the vice-chair in the absence of the chair.

**County attorney.** The person duly selected by the county council to serve as county attorney or any member of the staff of the legal department in the absence of the county attorney.

**Department head.** Head of any department of government of the county whether permanent, temporary or otherwise, acting in the course and scope of his employment and in his official capacity.

**Employee.** Any person officially employed by the county whether permanent, temporary or otherwise, acting in the course and scope of his employment in his official capacity. Unless otherwise specified, "employee" shall include the county administrator and department heads.

**Inquiry.** A request for information or a systematic investigation often of a matter of public interest.

**Investigation.** A systematic examination or an official inquiry.

**Major problems or complaints.** Those matters relating to the operations of the county and conduct of employees, department heads and/or other members of the county family constituting criminal conduct; dereliction of duty; misuse of county funds, property or personnel; gross abuse of discretion; misfeasance, malfeasance or nonfeasance.

**Member of council.** Any duly qualified and acting member of county council in his official capacity.

**Member of the general public.** Any person, including a member of the county council not acting in an official capacity.

**Minor problems or complaints.** Those matters relating to the operations of the county and conduct of employees, department heads and/or other members of the county family not reaching the level of major problems or complaints, including, but not limited to, road and street repairs, failures to repair, request for information, missing signs, garbage collection and other services as well as the conduct and attitude of such employees while in the course and scope of their employment with the county.



Public interest. A matter pertaining to the operation and conduct of the departments and business of the county government.

Private reprimand. A private censure or reprimand by a majority vote of council after opportunity for hearing.

Public reprimand. A public censure or reprimand by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of council after opportunity for hearing.

(Code 1976, § 2-9002; Ord. No. 526-79, § 2, 3-21-79; Ord. No. 049-13HR, § I, 9-17-13; Ord. No. 016-14HR, § I, 5-6-14)

Cross reference(s)--Rules of construction and definitions generally, § 1-2.

#### Sec. 2-651. Policy.

It shall be the policy of the county to encourage citizens' inquiries and to expeditiously resolve their problems and complaints when the public interest is involved. As a matter of policy, department heads should be given an opportunity to resolve complaints pertaining to their departments regardless of whether or not the complaint originates from a member of the general public, an employee or a member of council. When a member of council receives a citizen's complaint or is otherwise aware of a problem, he should immediately pass it on in accordance with the directions and policies set forth herein. It is anticipated that all county personnel will exercise common sense and good judgment in dealing with the public and in carrying out their duties and responsibilities. Employees are expected to act quickly and efficiently with a view toward realizing a minimum of delay. Nothing contained herein shall be so construed as to prohibit any member of council, employee or other person from immediately reporting major problems or complaints to the proper authorities including the sheriff, the solicitor, the coroner, the state law enforcement division and/or the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

(Code 1976, § 2-9003; Ord. No. 526-79, § 3, 3-21-79; Ord. No. 049-13HR, § I, 9-17-13; Ord. No. 016-14HR, § I, 5-6-14)

#### Sec. 2-652. Conduct of investigations.

(a) It shall be deemed a violation of this article and of section 4-9-660 of the 1976 South Carolina Code of Laws for any member of the county council to individually do any of the following:

(1) Commence any official investigation or utilize the manpower or facilities of the county for any such official investigation without first obtaining the approval of the county council. For purposes of this article, an official investigation shall be one which is a systematic investigation, examination or official inquiry. A request for information shall not be deemed an official investigation, although council members are encouraged to make such requests through the county administrator's office.



(2) To give orders or instructions to any employee subject to the direction and supervision of the county administrator.

(3) To give orders or instructions to any employee concerning the hiring, firing, reprimanding, promotion, demotion or other personnel action concerning any employee subject to, or who will be subject to, the direction and supervision of the county administrator.

(b) It shall not be deemed a violation of this chapter and of section 4-9-660 of the 1976 South Carolina Code of Laws for a member of council to individually do any of the following:

(1) Contact the proper department head and/or employee concerning potholes, missing signs, garbage collection or otherwise relate minor problems and/or complaints directly to the proper person when the public health, welfare and/or safety is involved.

(2) Make a request for public information on behalf of any citizens although it should be considered that such request ought to be in writing on a form provided signed by the person who actually seeks the information.

(3) Visit departments of the county, observe operations thereof and generally demonstrate a genuine interest in the operations of the county government.

(c) The council may initiate an investigation of any member of council, employee or other person by a majority vote of council in regular, special, executive or open session provided the notice requirements for the particular type of meeting have been met. Such investigation may be conducted:

(1) By the council;

(2) By a duly appointed committee of council of no less than five (5) members;

(3) By the county administrator and/or county attorney;

(4) By any duly constituted law enforcement agency;

(5) By the independent auditing firm;

(6) By the chair of council upon the authorization of seven (7) members of council or in the absence of a majority of council from the confines of the county. Such authority shall immediately terminate upon the return of a majority of the council to the confines of the county;

(7) By a private C.P.A., attorney and/or investigator upon the authorization of seven (7) members of council; provided, however, that funds for such shall be made available as soon as possible under legal budgeting and appropriating procedure;

(8) All such hearings, reports, investigations and minutes thereof shall be confidential and for council members only until such time as council has officially disposed of such investigations. In the event eight (8) members of council vote to seal the investigative



record, it shall be a violation of this article for any member of council, employee, witness or other person to disclose any proceedings so long as such record remains sealed.

(d) Subpoenas.

(1) The council, by and through its chair, may for the purposes of this article, subpoena witnesses, administer or cause to be administered oaths and examine or cause to be examined such parts of the books and records necessary to proceedings as relate to investigations and inquiries.

(2) In the event a witness fails to comply with any such subpoena, the council may enforce same by application for writ, show cause or other proceedings to the court of common pleas for the county.

(Code 1976, § 2-9004; Ord. No. 526-79, § 4, 3-21-79; Ord. No. 049-13HR, § I, 9-17-13; Ord. No. 016-14HR, § I, 5-6-14)

State law reference(s)--Freedom of Information Act, S.C. Code 1976, § 30-4-10 et seq.

Sec. 2-653. Reports.

Upon the completion of the investigation, however, and by whomever conducted, each member of council shall receive a confidential copy thereof. Public release thereof shall not be had until council completes its action thereon subject to the restraints of section 2-642(c)(8) of this article. Nothing contained herein shall be construed as an effort to avoid the requirements of the Freedom of Information Act, South Carolina Code 1976, § 30-4-10 et seq.

(Code 1976, § 2-9005; Ord. No. 526-79, § 5, 3-21-79; Ord. No. 049-13HR, § I, 9-17-13; Ord. No. 016-14HR, § I, 5-6-14)

Sec. 2-654. Decisions.

The council may reach any of the following decisions:

- (1) No merit to investigation.
- (2) Results should be referred to appropriate law enforcement, appointing and/or funding agency.
- (3) Recommend civil suit.
- (4) Recommend criminal prosecution.
- (5) Recommend reprimand of employee.
- (6) Recommend termination of employee.



(7) Public reprimand of member of council by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of council.

(8) Private reprimand of member of council by a majority vote of council.

(Code 1976, § 2-9006; Ord. No. 526-79, § 6, 3-21-79; Ord. No. 049-13HR, § I, 9-17-13; Ord. No. 016-14HR, § I, 5-6-14)

#### Sec. 2-655. Interference with investigation.

It shall be unlawful for any person to interfere with, hinder or molest any person carrying out any phase of any duly authorized investigation in the performance of his duty or seek to obtain information concerning such investigation other than as provided herein.

(Code 1976, § 2-9007; Ord. No. 526-79, § 7, 3-21-79; Ord. No. 049-13HR, § I, 9-17-13; Ord. No. 016-14HR, § I, 5-6-14)





## **REQUEST OF ACTION**

**Subject:** FY25 - District 3 Hospitality Tax Allocations

### **A. Purpose**

County Council is being requested to approve a total allocation of **\$1,000** for District 3.

### **B. Background / Discussion**

For the 2024 - 2025 Fiscal Year, County Council approved designating the Hospitality Discretionary account funding totaling \$82,425.00 for each district Council member. The details of these motions are listed below:

**Motion List (3<sup>rd</sup> reading) for FY17:** Hospitality Tax discretionary account guidelines are as follows: (a) Establish a H-Tax discretionary account for each Council District; (b) Fund the account at the amount of \$164,850.00; (c) Council members will recommend Agencies to be funded by their allocation. Agencies and projects must meet all of the requirements in order to be eligible to receive H-Tax funds; (d) All Council recommendation for appropriations of allocations to Agencies after the beginning of the fiscal year will still be required to be taken back to Council for approval by the full Council prior to the commitment of funding. This would only require one vote.

**Motion List (3<sup>rd</sup> reading) for FY25, Regular Council Meeting – June 18, 2024:** Establish Hospitality Tax discretionary accounts for each district in FY25 at the amount of \$82,425. Move that up to \$300,000 of unallocated district specific H-Tax funding for FY23-24 be carried over and added to any additional funding for FY24-25.

Pursuant to Budget Memorandum 2017-1 and the third reading of the budget for FY25 each district Council member was approved \$82,425.00 to allocate funds to Hospitality Tax eligible organizations of their own discretion. As it relates to this request, District 3 H-Tax discretionary account breakdown and its potential impact is listed below:



Initial Discretionary Account Funding	\$ 82,425
FY2024 Remaining	\$113,250
Fortitude Foundation	\$ 1,000
<b>Total Allocation</b>	<b>\$ 1,000</b>
<b>FY25 Approved Allocations YTD</b>	<b>\$175,000</b>
<b>Remaining FY2025 Balance</b>	<b>\$ 19,675</b>

### **C. Legislative / Chronological History**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading of the Budget – June 8, 2017
- Regular Session - May 15, 2018
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading of the Budget FY19- June 21, 2018
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading of the Budget FY20- June 10, 2019
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading of the Budget FY21- June 11, 2020
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading of the Budget FY22- June 10, 2021
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading of the Budget FY23- June 7, 2022
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading of the Budget FY24- June 6, 2023
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading of the Budget FY25- June 18, 2024

### **D. Alternatives**

1. Consider the request and approve the allocation.
2. Consider the request and do not approve the allocation.

### **E. Final Recommendation**

Staff does not have a recommendation regarding this as it is a financial policy decision of County Council. The funding is available to cover the request. Staff will proceed as directed.





## **REQUEST OF ACTION**

**Subject:** FY25 - District 6 Hospitality Tax Allocations

### **A. Purpose**

County Council is being requested to approve a total allocation of **\$3,000** for District 6.

### **B. Background / Discussion**

For the 2024 - 2025 Fiscal Year, County Council approved designating the Hospitality Discretionary account funding totaling \$82,425.00 for each district Council member. The details of these motions are listed below:

**Motion List (3<sup>rd</sup> reading) for FY17:** Hospitality Tax discretionary account guidelines are as follows: (a) Establish a H-Tax discretionary account for each Council District; (b) Fund the account at the amount of \$164,850.00; (c) Council members will recommend Agencies to be funded by their allocation. Agencies and projects must meet all of the requirements in order to be eligible to receive H-Tax funds; (d) All Council recommendation for appropriations of allocations to Agencies after the beginning of the fiscal year will still be required to be taken back to Council for approval by the full Council prior to the commitment of funding. This would only require one vote.

**Motion List (3<sup>rd</sup> reading) for FY25, Regular Council Meeting – June 18, 2024:** Establish Hospitality Tax discretionary accounts for each district in FY25 at the amount of \$82,425. Move that up to \$300,000 of unallocated district specific H-Tax funding for FY23-24 be carried over and added to any additional funding for FY24-25.

Pursuant to Budget Memorandum 2017-1 and the third reading of the budget for FY25 each district Council member was approved \$82,425.00 to allocate funds to Hospitality Tax eligible organizations of their own discretion. As it relates to this request, District 6 H-Tax discretionary account breakdown and its potential impact is listed below:



Initial Discretionary Account Funding	\$ 82,425
FY2024 Remaining	\$300,000
Historic Columbia Foundation	\$ 3,000
<b>Total Allocation</b>	<b>\$ 3,000</b>
<b>FY25 Approved Allocations YTD</b>	<b>\$ 89,000</b>
<b>Remaining FY2025 Balance</b>	<b>\$290,425</b>

### **C. Legislative / Chronological History**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading of the Budget – June 8, 2017
- Regular Session - May 15, 2018
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading of the Budget FY19- June 21, 2018
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading of the Budget FY20- June 10, 2019
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading of the Budget FY21- June 11, 2020
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading of the Budget FY22- June 10, 2021
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading of the Budget FY23- June 7, 2022
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading of the Budget FY24- June 6, 2023
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading of the Budget FY25- June 18, 2024

### **D. Alternatives**

1. Consider the request and approve the allocation.
2. Consider the request and do not approve the allocation.

### **E. Final Recommendation**

Staff does not have a recommendation regarding this as it is a financial policy decision of County Council. The funding is available to cover the request. Staff will proceed as directed.





## **REQUEST OF ACTION**

**Subject:** FY25 - District 8 Hospitality Tax Allocations

### **A. Purpose**

County Council is being requested to approve a total allocation of **\$2,500** for District 8.

### **B. Background / Discussion**

For the 2024 - 2025 Fiscal Year, County Council approved designating the Hospitality Discretionary account funding totaling \$82,425.00 for each district Council member. The details of these motions are listed below:

**Motion List (3<sup>rd</sup> reading) for FY17:** Hospitality Tax discretionary account guidelines are as follows: (a) Establish a H-Tax discretionary account for each Council District; (b) Fund the account at the amount of \$164,850.00; (c) Council members will recommend Agencies to be funded by their allocation. Agencies and projects must meet all of the requirements in order to be eligible to receive H-Tax funds; (d) All Council recommendation for appropriations of allocations to Agencies after the beginning of the fiscal year will still be required to be taken back to Council for approval by the full Council prior to the commitment of funding. This would only require one vote.

**Motion List (3<sup>rd</sup> reading) for FY25, Regular Council Meeting – June 18, 2024:** Establish Hospitality Tax discretionary accounts for each district in FY25 at the amount of \$82,425. Move that up to \$300,000 of unallocated district specific H-Tax funding for FY23-24 be carried over and added to any additional funding for FY24-25.

Pursuant to Budget Memorandum 2017-1 and the third reading of the budget for FY25 each district Council member was approved \$82,425.00 to allocate funds to Hospitality Tax eligible organizations of their own discretion. As it relates to this request, District 8 H-Tax discretionary account breakdown and its potential impact is listed below:



Initial Discretionary Account Funding	\$ 82,425
FY2024 Remaining	\$142,800
Fortitude Foundation	\$ 2,500
<b>Total Allocation</b>	<b>\$ 2,500</b>
<b>FY25 Approved Allocations YTD</b>	<b>\$ 71,500</b>
<b>Remaining FY2025 Balance</b>	<b>\$151,225</b>

### **C. Legislative / Chronological History**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading of the Budget – June 8, 2017
- Regular Session - May 15, 2018
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading of the Budget FY19- June 21, 2018
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading of the Budget FY20- June 10, 2019
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading of the Budget FY21- June 11, 2020
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading of the Budget FY22- June 10, 2021
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading of the Budget FY23- June 7, 2022
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading of the Budget FY24- June 6, 2023
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading of the Budget FY25- June 18, 2024

### **D. Alternatives**

1. Consider the request and approve the allocation.
2. Consider the request and do not approve the allocation.

### **E. Final Recommendation**

Staff does not have a recommendation regarding this as it is a financial policy decision of County Council. The funding is available to cover the request. Staff will proceed as directed.





## **REQUEST OF ACTION**

**Subject:** FY25 - District 9 Hospitality Tax Allocations

### **A. Purpose**

County Council is being requested to approve a total allocation of **\$9,500** for District 9.

### **B. Background / Discussion**

For the 2024 - 2025 Fiscal Year, County Council approved designating the Hospitality Discretionary account funding totaling \$82,425.00 for each district Council member. The details of these motions are listed below:

**Motion List (3<sup>rd</sup> reading) for FY17:** Hospitality Tax discretionary account guidelines are as follows: (a) Establish a H-Tax discretionary account for each Council District; (b) Fund the account at the amount of \$164,850.00; (c) Council members will recommend Agencies to be funded by their allocation. Agencies and projects must meet all of the requirements in order to be eligible to receive H-Tax funds; (d) All Council recommendation for appropriations of allocations to Agencies after the beginning of the fiscal year will still be required to be taken back to Council for approval by the full Council prior to the commitment of funding. This would only require one vote.

**Motion List (3<sup>rd</sup> reading) for FY25, Regular Council Meeting – June 18, 2024:** Establish Hospitality Tax discretionary accounts for each district in FY25 at the amount of \$82,425. Move that up to \$300,000 of unallocated district specific H-Tax funding for FY23-24 be carried over and added to any additional funding for FY24-25.

Pursuant to Budget Memorandum 2017-1 and the third reading of the budget for FY25 each district Council member was approved \$82,425.00 to allocate funds to Hospitality Tax eligible organizations of their own discretion. As it relates to this request, District 9 H-Tax discretionary account breakdown and its potential impact is listed below:



Initial Discretionary Account Funding	\$ 82,425
FY2024 Remaining	\$232,935
Fortitude Foundation	\$ 2,500
RC Recreation Commission-Summer Concert Series	\$ 7,000
<b>Total Allocation</b>	<b>\$ 9,500</b>
<b>FY25 Approved Allocations YTD</b>	<b>\$ 87,000</b>
<b>Remaining FY2025 Balance</b>	<b>\$218,860</b>

### **C. Legislative / Chronological History**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading of the Budget – June 8, 2017
- Regular Session - May 15, 2018
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading of the Budget FY19- June 21, 2018
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading of the Budget FY20- June 10, 2019
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading of the Budget FY21- June 11, 2020
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading of the Budget FY22- June 10, 2021
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading of the Budget FY23- June 7, 2022
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading of the Budget FY24- June 6, 2023
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading of the Budget FY25- June 18, 2024

### **D. Alternatives**

1. Consider the request and approve the allocation.
2. Consider the request and do not approve the allocation.

### **E. Final Recommendation**

Staff does not have a recommendation regarding this as it is a financial policy decision of County Council. The funding is available to cover the request. Staff will proceed as directed.