



SCDOT Requests Public Comment on a Statewide Transportation Improvement Program Amendment to Include Preliminary Engineering, Right of Way and Other Phases on the I-526 Project from near Virginia Avenue (Exit 20) to near Paul Cantrell Boulevard (Exit 11)

The South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) requests comments from the public on the I-526 project from near Virginia Avenue (Exit 20) to near Paul Cantrell Boulevard (Exit 11) in Charleston County. The SCDOT Commission approved, during its October 21, 2021 meeting, a public comment period for the proposed interstate widening and interchange improvement project.

The public has the opportunity to comment on the action to amend the 2021- 2027 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) to include the project’s preliminary engineering, right of way and other phases of work. SCDOT will receive public comment for a 21-day period from **October 22, 2021** through **November 11, 2021**.

Project Name	Phase of Work	Year	Cost
I-526 from near Virginia Avenue (Exit 20) to near Paul Cantrell Boulevard (Exit 11)	PE	2022	\$25,000,000
	ROW	2023-2026	\$100,000,000
	Utility & Other CON	2023-2026	\$65,000,000

The project proposes improvements to the I-26/I-526 Interchange, including I-526 mainline widening from 4 to 8 lanes from Paul Cantrell Blvd to Virginia Avenue, interchange modifications at North Rhett/Virginia Interchange, and minor modifications at all other service interchanges in order to accommodate the interstate widening.

A summary of substantive comments will be available to the Commission. Pending consideration of public comments, the approval of the phases of work will be recommended for inclusion in a future version of the STIP.

A copy of this press release, along with a copy of the location map, will be available for public review and comment through **November 11, 2021** online at these links:

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<https://bit.ly/scdot526VaAve>

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Comments will be accepted until the close of business on **November 11, 2021** and should be forwarded to Mrs. Christina Lewis, Statewide Planning Chief, SCDOT Office of Planning, 955 Park Street, P.O. Box 191, Columbia, S.C. 29202 or lewisc@scdot.org.

NOTE: Information provided, including name and address, is subject to disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act.