

SCDOT Requests Public Comment on a Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Amendment to Include Preliminary Engineering, Right of Way, and Construction Phases on the I-26 Corridor Improvement Project from Exit 145 (US 601 – St Matthews Rd) to Exit 165 (SC 210 – Vance Rd)

The South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) requests comments from the public on the I-26 Corridor Improvement Project from Exit 145 (US 601-St Matthews Rd) to Exit 165 (SC 210 – Vance Rd) in Orangeburg County. The SCDOT Commission approved a public comment opportunity for the proposed corridor improvement project during its July 21, 2022 meeting.

The public has the opportunity to comment on the action to amend the STIP to include the preliminary engineering, right of way and construction phases of work. SCDOT will accept public comment for a 21-day period from July 22, 2022 through August 11, 2022.

Project Name	Phase of Work	Year	Cost
I-26 Corridor Improvement from Exit	PE	2022	\$60,540,000
145 (US 601 – St Matthews Rd) to Exit	ROW	2026	\$30,000,000
165 (SC 210 - Vance Rd) Project	CON	2028	\$570,000,000

The project proposes to widen I-26 to address existing congestion, accommodate future traffic volumes, geometric deficiencies and freight mobility along the I-26 corridor.

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 added to a subsequent version of the STIP.

A copy of this press release, along with a copy of the location map, is available for public review and comment online through **August 11, 2022** at these links:

English: https://bit.ly/SCDOT165

To assist those who do not have internet access, a hard copy of this press release and any supporting information are available for public review and comment at the following locations:

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6355 Fain Blvd. North Charleston, SC 29406 (843) 740-1665 Comments will be accepted until the close of business on <u>August 11, 2022</u> 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 <u>lewisc@scdot.org.</u>

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