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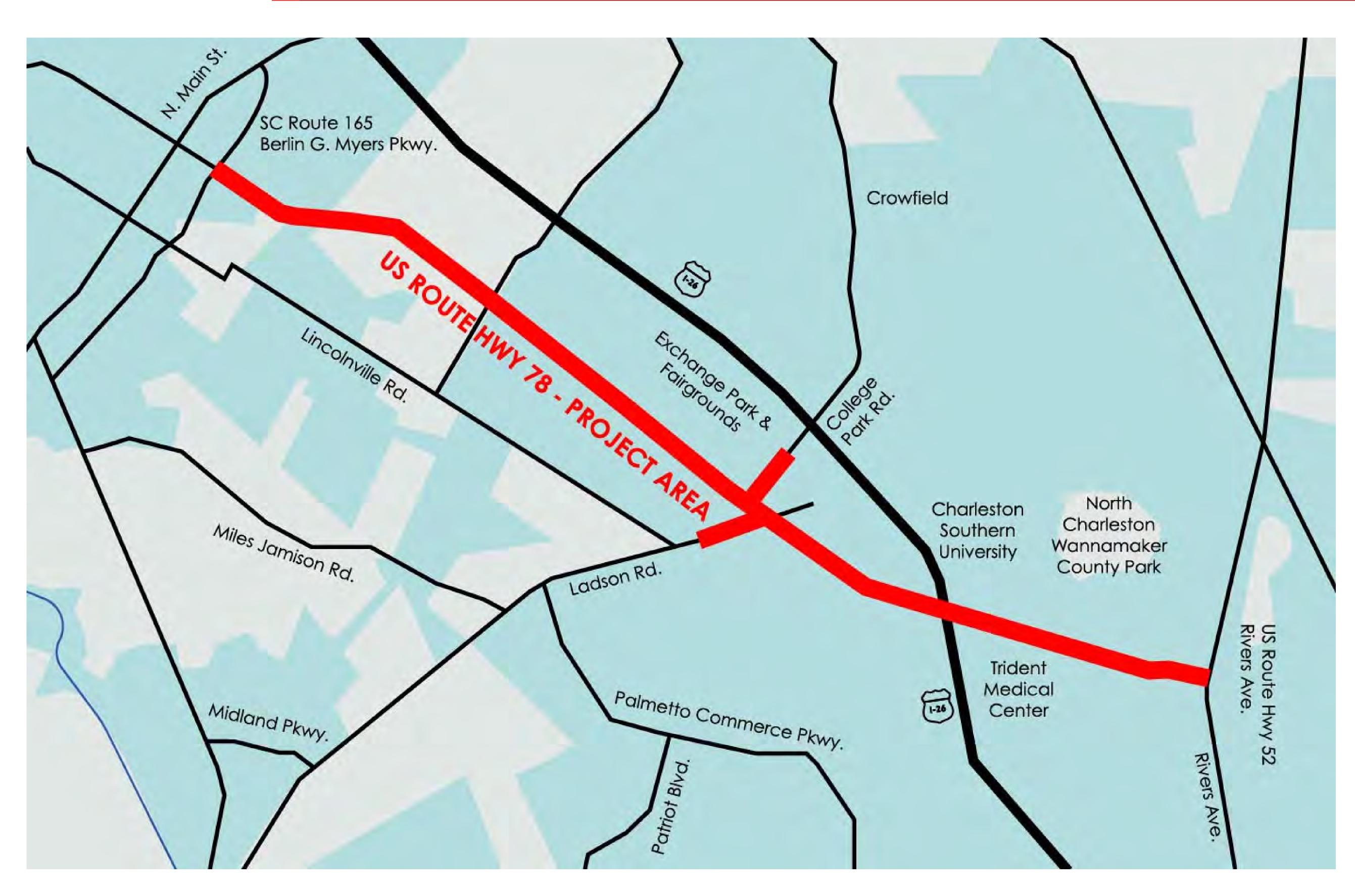
## THE PURPOSE OF TODAY'S PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING IS TO:

- Introduce the project to the community,
- Gather initial comments from the public,
- Identify the needs for the project, and
- Identify concerns about the improvements or impacts to the natural and human environment.

Your attendance and feedback are very important components of the project develoment process.



## PROJECT STUDY AREA





## PROJECT GOALS



Improve capacity along
Hwy 78 from Rivers
Avenue (US 52) to Berlin G.
Myers Parkway (SC 165).



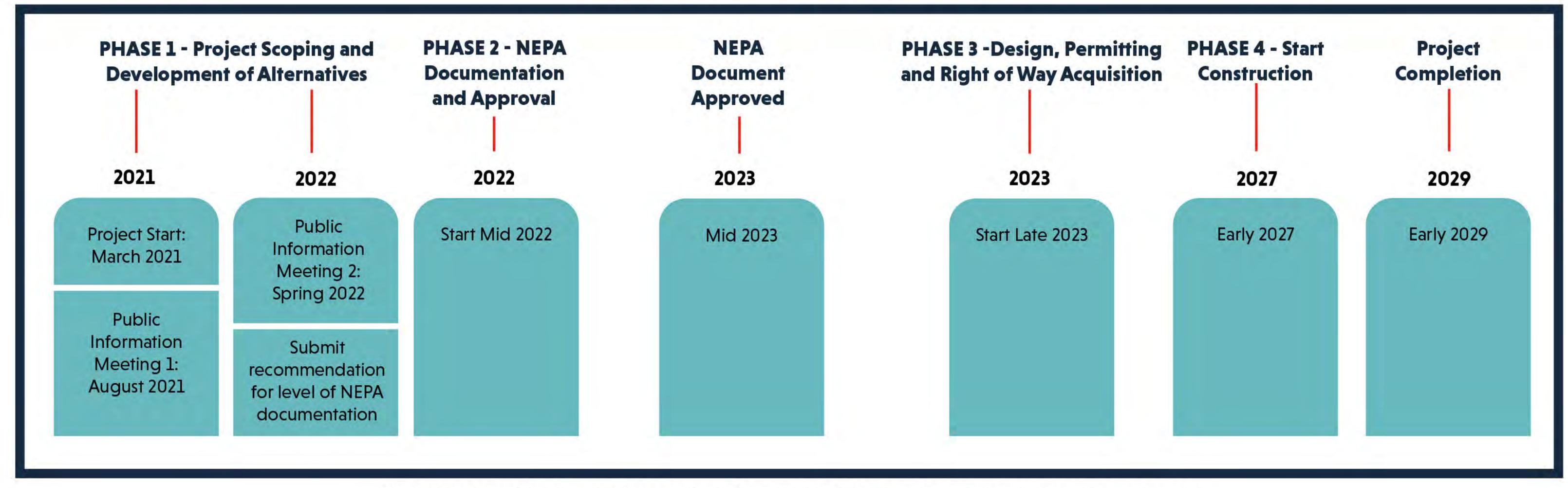
Provide safe opportunities for bicyclists and pedestrians.



Reduce congestion and increase capacity at key intersections along the project corridor.



## PROJECT SCHEDULE



All dates are subject to change and will be updated as the project development progresses.



## PHASE 1 PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

#### **TRAFFIC**

The following Traffic related tasks would occur during Phase 1:

- Establish existing traffic conditions on corridor including:
  - Congestion and delay
  - Crash history
  - Origin/ Destination characteristics
- Analyze and compare future projected conditions for the following scenarios:
  - Future No-Build alternative
  - Corridor widening alternatives
  - Intersection improvement alternatives
- Develop preferred alternative(s) based on transportation analysis results
- Project is being coordinated with other transportation efforts in the area such as Lowcountry Rapid Transit

#### ENVIRONMENTAL

The following Environmental related tasks would occur during Phase 1:

- Agency and stakeholder scoping
- Public involvement
- Identification of potential natural and human environmental issues
- Alternative Analysis
  - Comparing ability of alternatives to meet project purpose and need, costs, environmental impacts, and results of project scoping and public involvement efforts.
- Recommendation of feasible alternatives to be carried forward



## NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT (NEPA)

### A NEPA document is required for projects involving a federal action to:

- Provide for an informed decision making process
- Include public in the process
- Consider a wide variety of factors

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#### **Collect Data**

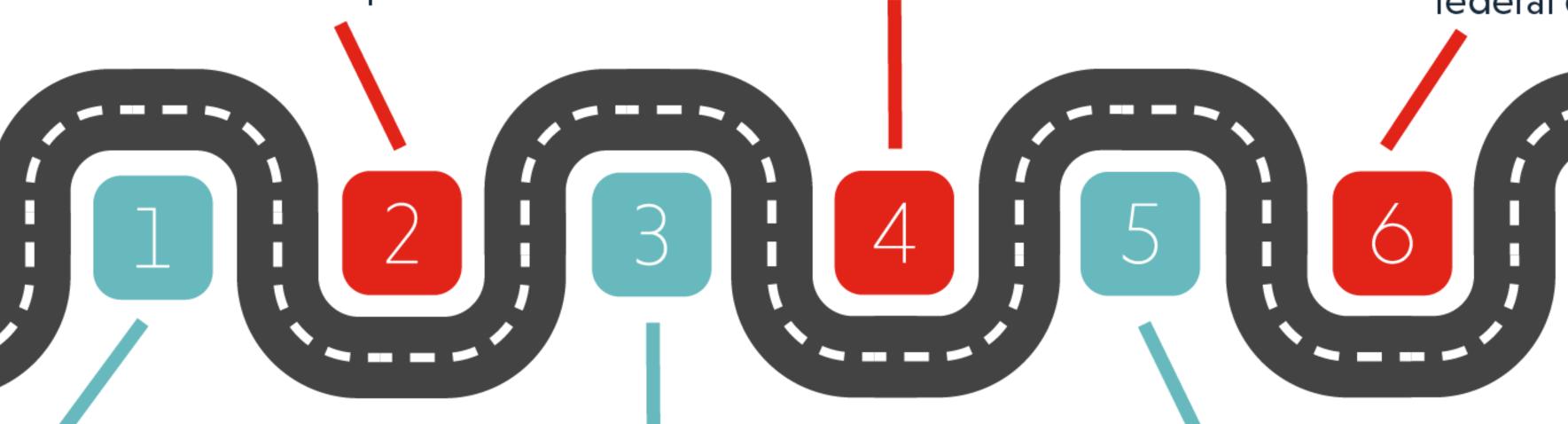
- Analyze existing conditions
- Identify needed studies
- Begin preparation of the environmental report

### Publish Draft Environmental Document

- Release draft environmental report
- Conduct public hearing
- Hold public comment period
- Review all public/agency comments received

#### **Make Decision**

-Prepare and publish federal decision



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#### Initiate the Environmental process

- Develop the Purpose & need
- Conduct agency & public scoping meetings
- Begin developing alternatives

#### **Analyze Alternatives**

- Begin alternatives analysis
- Analyze the environmental impacts of alternatives

#### **Publish Final Environmental Document**

- Review & develop responses to comments on the draft environmental report
- Prepare final environmental report addressing public/agency comments
- Hold public reviewing period



## PURPOSE AND NEED

Charleston County will continue to develop and refine the Project Purpose and Need with the project team, local and federal government agencies, and stakeholders based on data gathered during Phase 1 of the proposed project. The Purpose and Need as currently defined is described below.

### Preliminary Project Purpose and Need

The purpose of the proposed project is to accommodate projected increases in traffic volume by improving roadway capacity, efficiency of key intersections, and system continuity throughout the project limits. This section of roadway serves as a principal arterial that has historically experienced an increase in traffic due to regional growth and currently sustains operations that exceed the capacity of the current roadway system which are projected to worsen over time.



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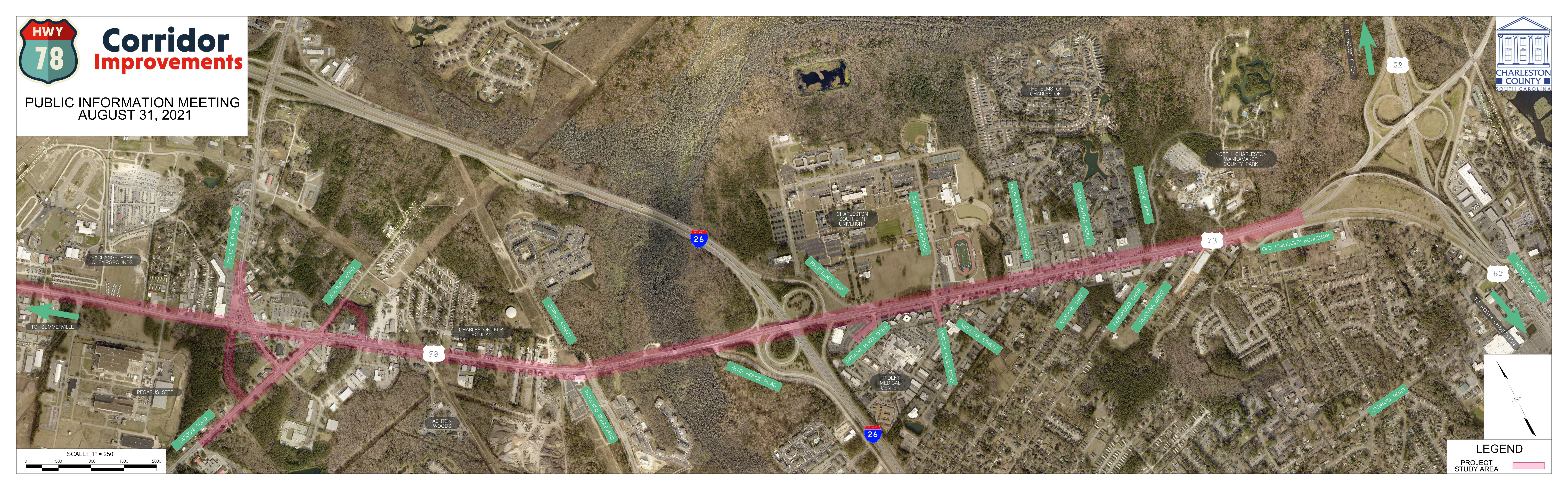


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