

Projects at a Glance

A LOOK AT I-526 AREA PROJECTS



Official Name

- Mark Clark Extension
- Formerly known as the Mark Clark Expressway and the I-526 Completion*

- I-526 Lowcountry Corridor West
- I-526 LCC West

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Start/End Points

Extension from the end of existing I-526 in West Ashley through Johns Island to James Island tying into the existing James Island Connector

Existing I-526 from Virginia Avenue in North Charleston to Paul Cantrell Boulevard in West Ashley

Existing I-526 from Virginia Avenue in North Charleston to U.S. 17 in Mount Pleasant

Focus

Potential extension of existing roadway

Potential improvements to existing I-526 roadway such as interchange improvements and increased capacity

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Purpose

Increase the capacity of the regional transportation system, improve safety, and enhance mobility to and from the West Ashley, Johns Island and James Island areas of the Charleston metro area

Increase capacity and improve operations at the I-26/I-526 interchange and along the I-526 mainline from Paul Cantrell Boulevard to Virginia Avenue

Surveys, environmental studies and traffic studies are being conducted to determine the needs; Feasibility studies are currently being conducted to examine the possible options for increasing the roadway capacity given the significant river crossings



Study Type

Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS)

Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)

Planning and Environment Linkages (PEL) Study

Timeline/History

This project dates back to the 1970s, but most recently, a DEIS was signed (2010); In early 2019, funding sources were identified, and the project was reinitiated; Due to the length of time that had transpired, FHWA determined a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement is required

After initial analysis (2016), it was determined that the environmental review for the I-526 LCC West project should be elevated from an Environmental Assessment (EA) to an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) (2018)

The I-526 LCC East project kicked off as a planning study in 2018 and has recently been formalized as a PEL Study (2019) to continue those efforts

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