

# PUBLIC HEARING

## PALMETTO COMMERCE INTERCHANGE

### WHAT TO EXPECT TONIGHT

The purpose of tonight's hearing is to present the proposed preferred alternative and to provide the opportunity for the public to review project information, ask questions of the design team and make comments regarding the Palmetto Commerce Interchange project.

- **5:30** - Meeting begins with displays and discussion with project team
- **6:30** - Formal presentation and verbal comment period
- **7:30** - Meeting adjourned

### Submit written comments to Charleston County:

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PALMETTO COMMERCE  
INTERCHANGE

## PROJECT GOALS



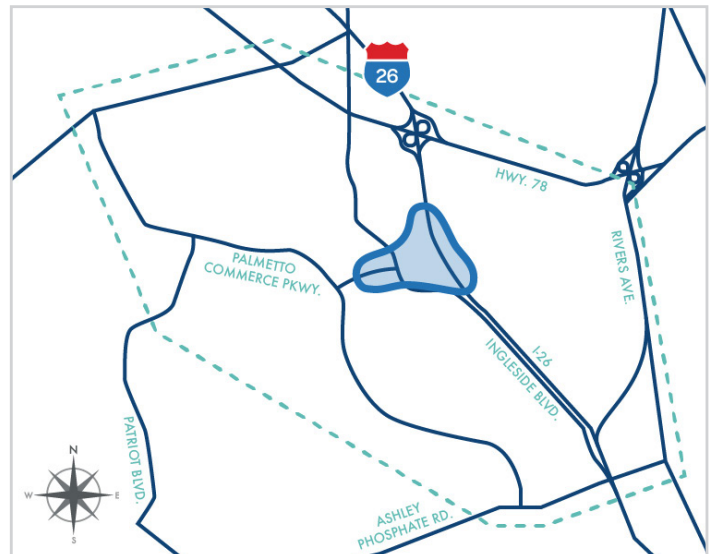
REDUCED TRAVEL TIME

INCREASED MOBILITY  
AND CONNECTIVITY



ENHANCED COMMUTES

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### STUDY AREA

Located in a rapidly growing area of the Interstate 26 corridor, the Palmetto Commerce Interchange is being designed to reduce travel times, improve access, increase traffic mobility in the I-26/Ashley Phosphate Road area, and provide more efficient commute options.

PROJECT LOCATION | STUDY AREA | ROADS

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## PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE: URBAN DIAMOND INTERCHANGE

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), Charleston County focused on minimizing social, economic, and environmental impacts and reaching national, state, and local environmental protection goals, while providing safe and efficient transportation. Thorough traffic analysis and public feedback helped narrow eight possible alternatives down to three reasonable ones. The three remaining reasonable alternatives continued through the NEPA process, in which the Project Team studied impacts to wetlands, streams, existing communities, protected species, noise, traffic, cost, and more for each option.

The project team weighed all of these important factors to find the best possible solution for the surrounding community. The three reasonable options presented similar wetland, stream, traffic, and noise impacts, so the primary deciding factor was impacts to existing communities.

The Urban Diamond Interchange would have the smallest footprint while meeting the traffic capacity and functionality requirements for this project.

Also, the Urban Diamond would directly connect Ingleside Boulevard and Palmetto Commerce Parkway through Weber Boulevard. Eastbound ramps on I-26 would provide free-flow access on and off the interstate along Weber Boulevard without a traffic signal.

A bridge would cross the interstate, providing I-26 westbound motorists access to and from Weber Boulevard. A traffic light at the north end of the interchange would manage westbound traffic on Weber Boulevard.

A multi-use path along Weber Drive crosses the bridge and connects the communities on both sides of the interstate. Barriers would protect bikers and pedestrians from interstate traffic along the ramp and bridge.

Trees and shrubs would be planted along the new embankment on the north side of the interchange to create a visual barrier for Deerhaven residents.



### PROJECT TIMELINE

- **Summer 2017** - Public Information Meeting
- **Winter 2019** - Preliminary Design & Selection of Preferred Alternative
- **Summer 2019** - Public Hearing
- **Fall 2019** - Final Environmental (NEPA) Decision
- **Spring 2020** - Final Construction Plans
- **Summer 2020** - Begin Construction

### PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Public comments will be accepted through July 15. All comments received by this date will be responded to directly.

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