CHAPTER 11: SECURITY

11.1 Introduction

Residents and visitors are free to travel throughout the Midlands region without security concerns. The 2035 LRTP seeks to develop and maintain a transportation system that provides increased security for all of its users.

This section addresses these goals:
- Consultation
- Security

11.2 Security in the COATS

Security for the transportation system and its users involves numerous federal, state, regional, and local agencies. In this region, security is included in emergency management planning, which is coordinated by the public safety community. Key agencies include:

- U.S. Department of Homeland Security
- Federal Emergency Management Agency
- National Incident Management System (NIMS)
- South Carolina Public Safety
- South Carolina Emergency Management Division
- Regional Emergency Management (REM) Program

11.3 Regional Emergency Management (REM) Program

The REM for our area consist of coordination with emergency management personnel for Region 3, which covers Calhoun, Fairfield, Kershaw, Lexington, Newberry, Richland, and Saluda Counties, as illustrated in Figure 11.1. The mission of the REM program is to represent the state emergency management program at the local level, enabling effective preparation for, and efficient response to, emergencies and disasters in order to save lives, reduce human suffering and reduce property loss. REMs act as the State's link between county EM during actual emergencies and serves as a liaison to the State Emergency Operations Center.

Several aspects of security incidents must be planned for such as prevention measures, response plans, coordination and communication protocols, monitoring, and information distribution. According to emergency management officials, all of the US and Interstate Highways are designated as official routes for moving hazardous materials throughout the COATS region. The following section lists various strategies or projects respective transportation-related agencies

are doing to further ensure safe travel of people and goods across the region.

11.4 Security Improvements

The security of transportation users, facilities and property can be improved through coordinating with homeland security planning groups and public safety agencies to define and implement critical infrastructure protection measures, such as:

- Installing security cameras on buses, Park-n-Ride lots, transit stations, major bus stops, and critical roadway infrastructure
- Patrolling of roadways, transit facilities, and airports by law enforcement and private security personnel
- Inspection of trucks and railroad tracks
- Screening and security measures at airports

In support of emergency management response and recovery, operate and maintain ITS mechanisms to:

- Monitor roadway and traffic conditions and implement traffic flow adjustments
- Distribute information through strategically located dynamic message signs, highway advisory radio and other means to help direct traffic in an emergency.

11.5 Objectives Strategies

1. **Work with transportation partners to identify critical transportation issues, and determine the principles for implementation.**

   - Coordinate with federal, state, regional and local agencies to implement elements of the REM Program.

2. **Support homeland security and safeguard the personal security of all motorized and non-motorized users.**

   - Assess threats to and vulnerabilities of the transportation system, including consideration of national and regional homeland security initiatives, and establish and implement resolution processes in response.
   - Develop and implement projects and strategies that enhance security of transportation facilities and users including air and

transit passengers, and aid in the efficient movement of people and vehicles during emergency situations.