

# PUBLIC WORKSHOP #1

August 29, 2023

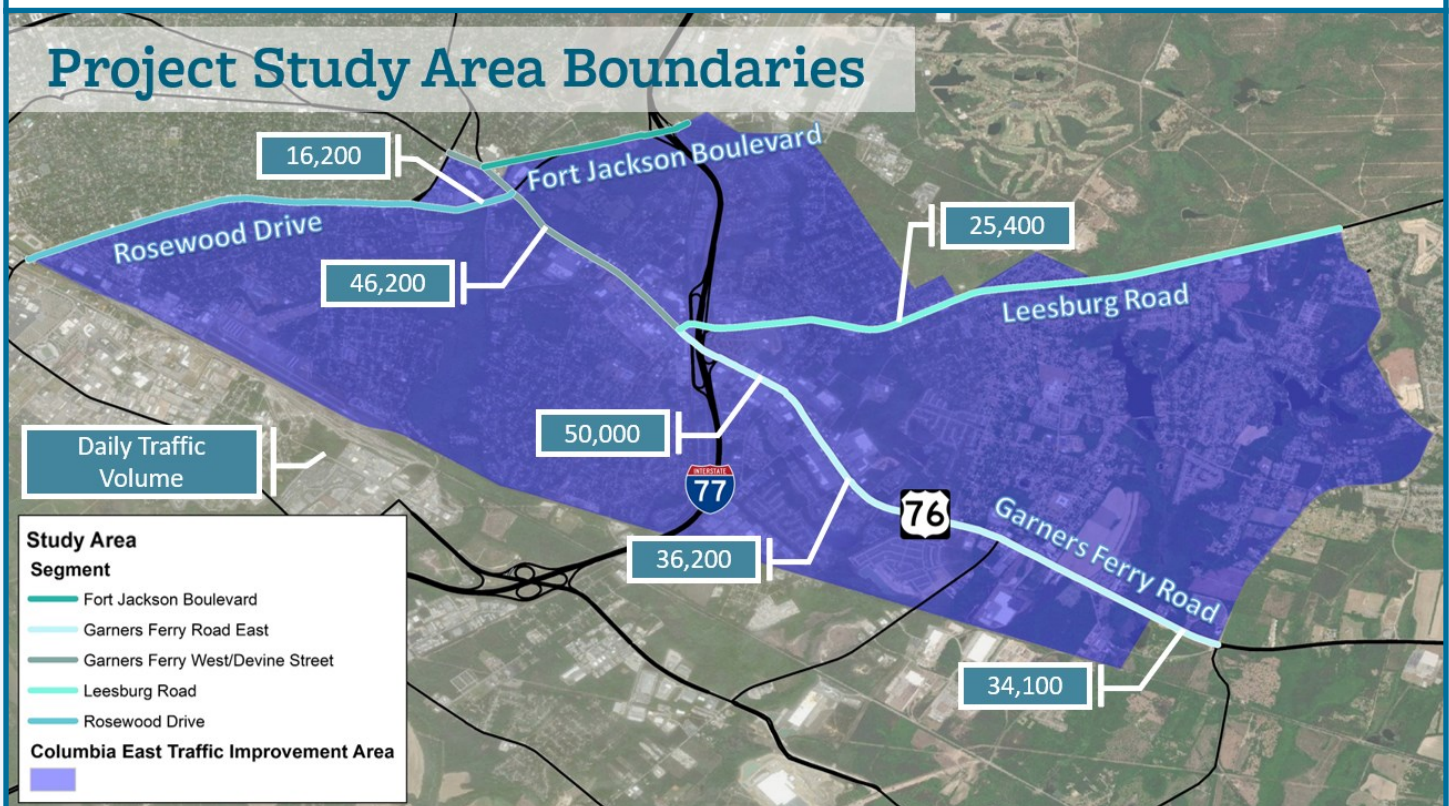
## WELCOME

- Central Midlands Council of Governments (CMCOG) is pleased to have you participate in this important Public Workshop on the Columbia East Traffic Improvement Area Plan in Columbia and Richland County, SC.
- The purpose of this meeting is to present preliminary findings from the study and gather public feedback on the information presented.
- Staff are available to discuss the project and answer any questions that you may have.

### To provide your input:

- Fill out a Comment Form and drop into the comment box provided, or mail to **CMCOG 236 Stoneridge Dr Columbia, SC 29210**, or email to [joseph.robertson@kimley-horn.com](mailto:joseph.robertson@kimley-horn.com)

**Comments will be accepted through September 29, 2023**



## PROJECT BACKGROUND

- The study area encompasses nearly 11,000 acres in southeast Columbia and Richland County. The primary focus of this transportation study is the Garners Ferry Road (US 76) corridor from Fort Jackson Boulevard to Trotter Road.
- This area has experienced rapid growth in recent years including residential, commercial, industrial, and institutional uses. However, portions of the corridor remain undeveloped and some land uses are changing.
- The roadway serves as Columbia's southeast gateway and provides access to I-77, the VA Hospital, the USC School of Medicine, and Fort Jackson.

## PROJECT PURPOSE

- The study's main goal is to identify cost-effective transportation solutions that support and encourage compact, pedestrian-friendly, and mixed-use development.
- This study will guide CMCOG and local efforts to address present and future development along the corridor. High priority projects will be recommended to address driver, cyclist, and pedestrian safety as well as traffic congestion.

## PROJECT SCHEDULE

**April 2023**—Project Kickoff

**August 2023**—Public Workshop #1

**Early 2024**—Public Workshop #2

**Mid 2024**—Project Completion

## QUESTIONS?

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