

# Central Midlands Council of Governments

## Board Meeting

Thursday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023



Call to Order

*Will Brennan, Chair*

Determination of Quorum

Approve Order and Contents of the Overall Agenda

Invocation

Introduction of Guests and New Staff

Lilnora White – HR Manager

Chairman's Introduction

*Will Brennan*

Good News from CMCOG - Around the Region

*Will Brennan*



**Good News  
Around the Midlands**

# Meeting Street & US-1 Improvements

The City of West Columbia announced plans for transformative improvements enhancing both aesthetics and access on Meeting Street and the US-1 corridor, funded by the American Rescue Plan Act and in partnership with SCDOT



Photo Credit: COLAtoday

Beginning early next year, plans include:

- On-street parking
- Dedicated turn lanes
- Pedestrian crosswalks
- Shared-use paths
- Stamped crosswalks + mast arm traffic signals for pedestrian safety
- Concrete + landscaped medians



# Richland County Supports Small Business

Richland County Office of Small Business Opportunities Hosted the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Small Business Conference

Photo Credit: Richland County



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The conference was free to attend and featured panel discussions, workshop sessions, wisdom and insights from keynote speaker, Matt Vaadi, CEO of guHRoo



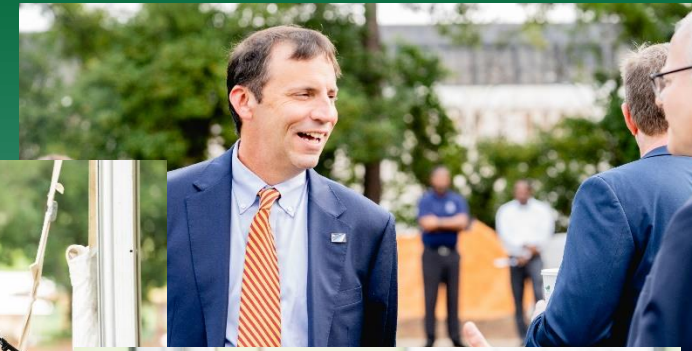
# Groundbreaking Ceremony for Finlay Park

The City of Columbia held a Groundbreaking Ceremony for Finlay Park

Photo Credit: City of Columbia



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The revitalization efforts will include:

- Repairing the iconic spiral fountain
- Accessibility upgrades
- Constructing multi-use structures for events and park activation, including a new band stage
- New amenities such as strolling gardens, multiple walkways, an overlook plaza, restrooms, a shade shelter, a destination playground and so much more.



# Darby Nursing & Health Science Center Ribbon Cutting

Mayor Foster Senn and Senator Ronnie Cromer welcome Newberry College's new Nursing and Health Science Center



Photo credit: City of Newberry



Photo credit: City of Newberry

The 11,000-square-foot facility will be the state-of-the-art home of the College's growing healthcare programs. The daytime clinic will not only serve as an urgent care center for the community, but as a prime location for students to get hands-on experience without leaving campus.

# Town of Winnsboro has completed over 100 annexations requests in last 2 years

“We have seen a large increase in interest in annexing into the town of Winnsboro,” Jason Taylor, Town Manager of Winnsboro.

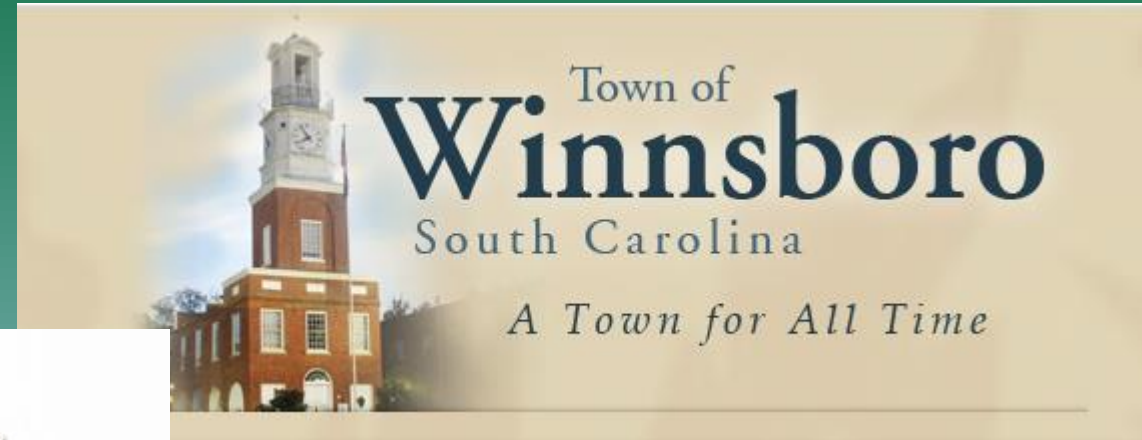


Photo credit: Town of Winnsboro



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“With the growth that will be coming associated with SCOUT and really coming in this direction we anticipate potentially annexing a lot more residential developments, not just individual residential lots but residential developments and commercial developments,”



# **ACTION**

## Consent Agenda Items

1. Approval of the Minutes of the Board Meeting – 24 August 2023 (*Enclosure 1*)

# **ACTION**

## **Regular Agenda Items**

1. **Monthly Financial Status Report (August 2023) *(Enclosure 2)***
2. **Resolution of the CMCOG Board of Directors Bylaws *(Enclosure 3)***
3. **Resolution to apply for Federal and State Grants *(Enclosure 4)***



**ACTION**

# Monthly Financial Status Report (August 2023)

*(Enclosure 2)*

*Missi Labbe,  
Finance Director*

# ACTION

## Resolution on the CMCOG Board of Directors Bylaws

*(Enclosure 3)*

*Will Dillard*



# ACTION

## Resolution to apply for Federal and State Grants

*(Enclosure 4)*

*Reginald Simmons,  
Deputy Executive Director / Director - Transportation*

# **FEDERAL & STATE GRANT RESOLUTION**

By

Reginald Simmons

CMCOG Board of Directors

September 28, 2023



# **FEDERAL & STATE GRANT RESOLUTION**

- Staff requests a recommendation of approval to execute the current Federal & State Grant Resolution.



# FEDERAL & STATE GRANT RESOLUTION

- ◎ Each year staff requests approval of a resolution that allows the Executive Director to file and execute federal and state grants.
- ◎ Grant opportunities are provided to CMCOG by the FTA, FHWA, SCDOT, etc.
- ◎ CMCOG uses these grants to assist in the development of transportation plans, studies, projects, and the payment of salaries



# FEDERAL & STATE GRANT RESOLUTION

- These projects, plans, and studies are identified in either our, LRTPs, Work Programs (Urban and/or Rural) or the TIPs (Urban and/or Rural)
- Projects, plans, and studies are developed to meet all federal and state requirements which includes:
  - Title VI requirements
  - DBE participation
- In order to continue our transportation planning efforts, we request your approval of this resolution.
- Questions



# INFORMATION

## Status Updates on Transportation Projects

*Darren Ledbetter,  
SCDOT*

# CMCOG Transportation Project Updates

September 28, 2023

Darren Ledbetter, PE  
Assistant Program Manager

# Agenda

- Common Acronyms
- COATS/CMCOG Widenings
- COATS/CMCOG Intersections
- COATS/CMCOG Interchanges
- Bridge Replacement Projects
- Interstate Projects
- Resurfacing Projects



# Common Acronyms

- PE – Preliminary Engineering
- R/W or ROW – Right-of-Way
- CE&I – Construction Engineering and Inspection

# Hard Scrabble Road Widening

- Construction is underway
- Current Completion Date Summer 2024



# Leesburg Road Widening

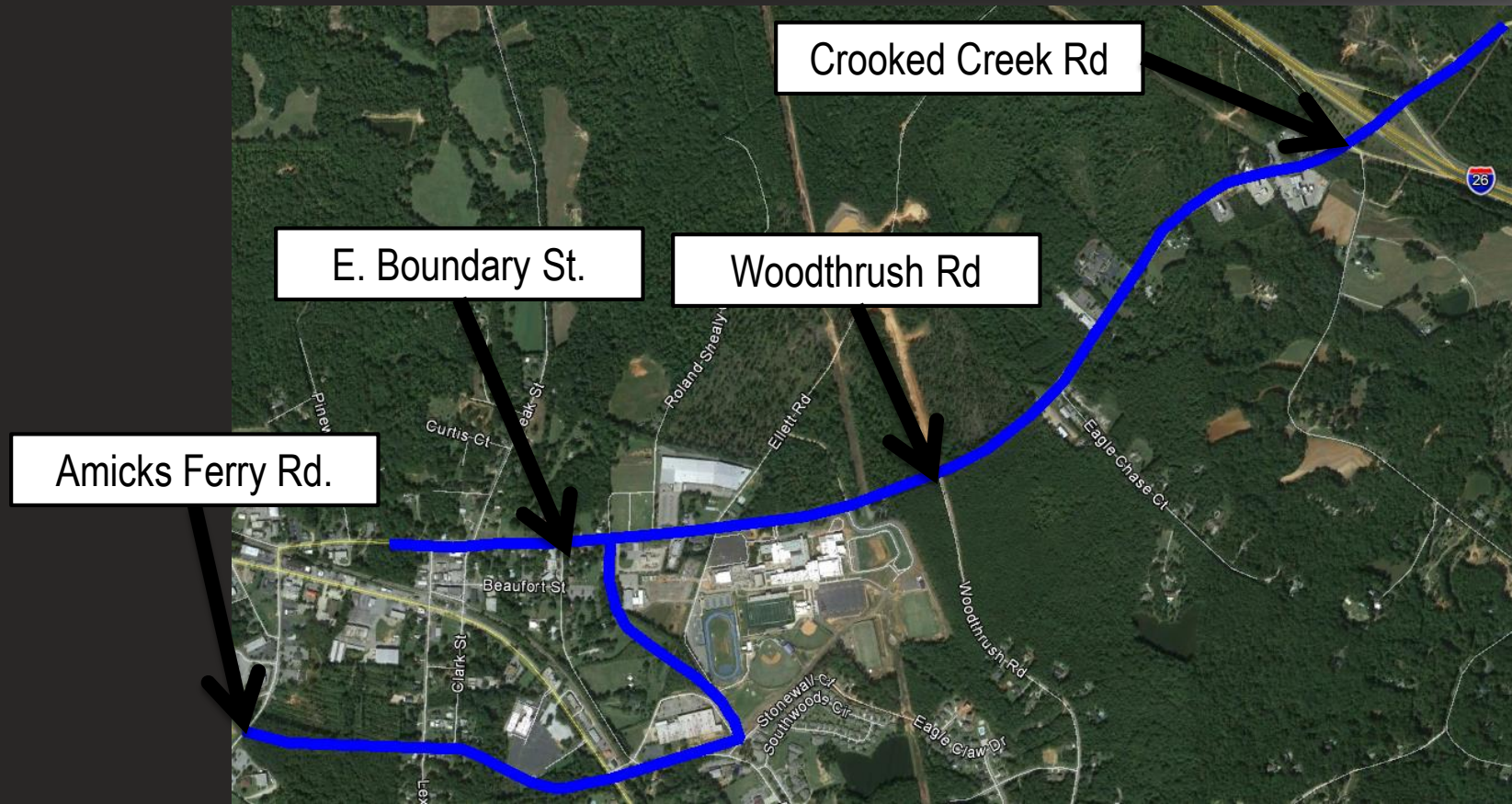
- Construction is underway
- Anticipated completion Fall 2025





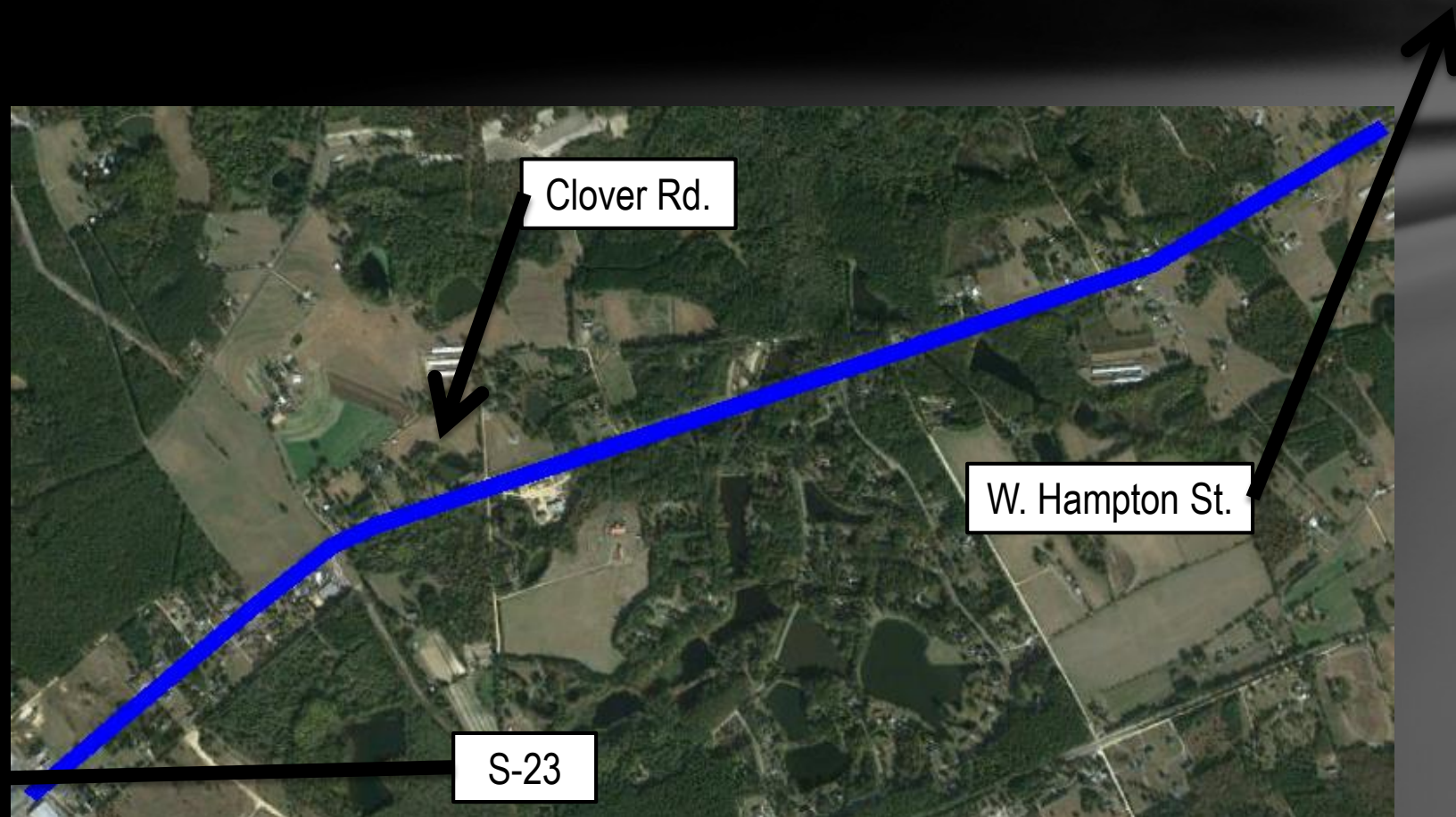
# S-48 Widening

- ROW underway
- Construction anticipated to begin Fall 2024

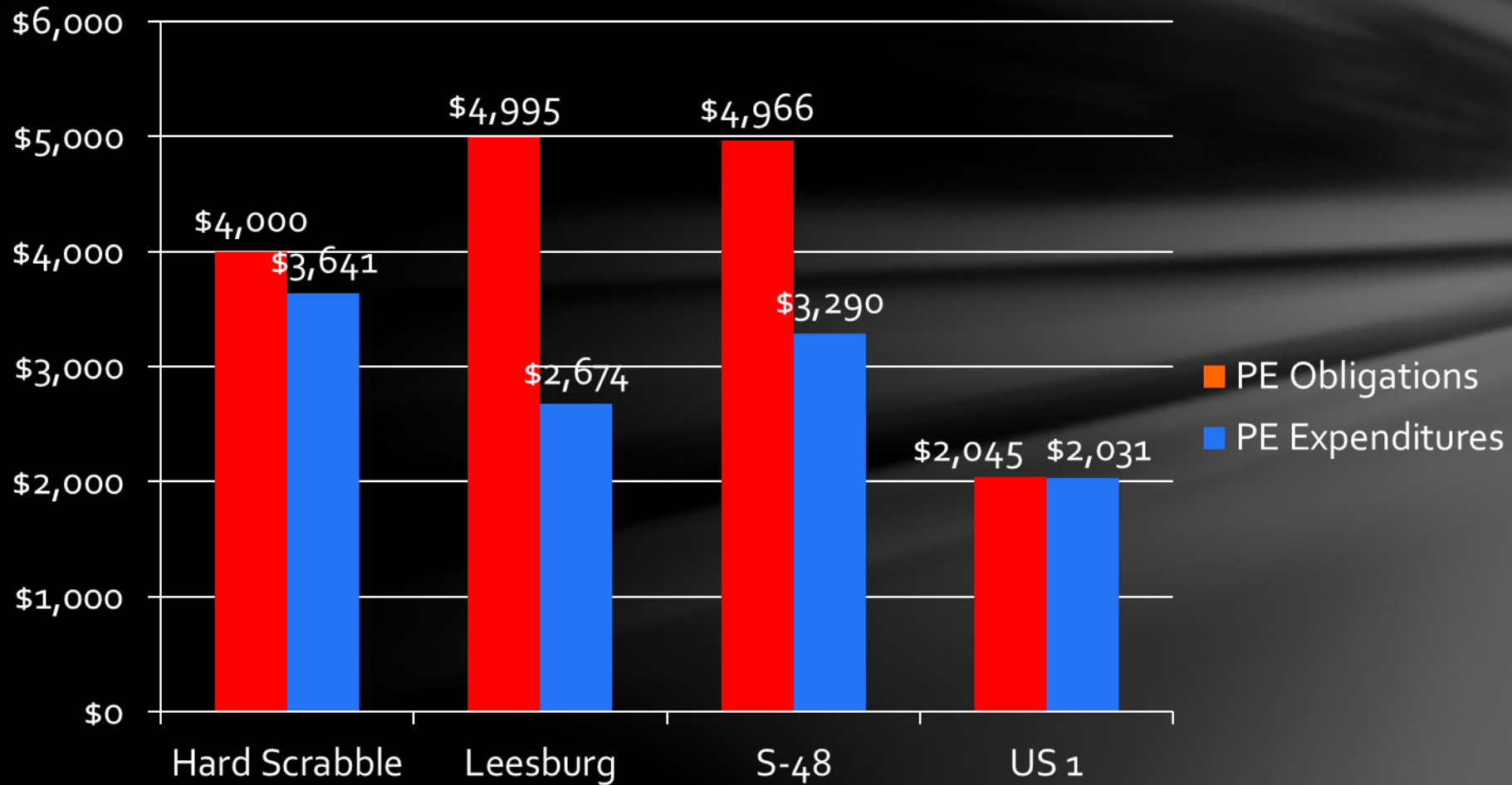


# US 1 Widening – Phase II

- Under construction
- Substantially complete



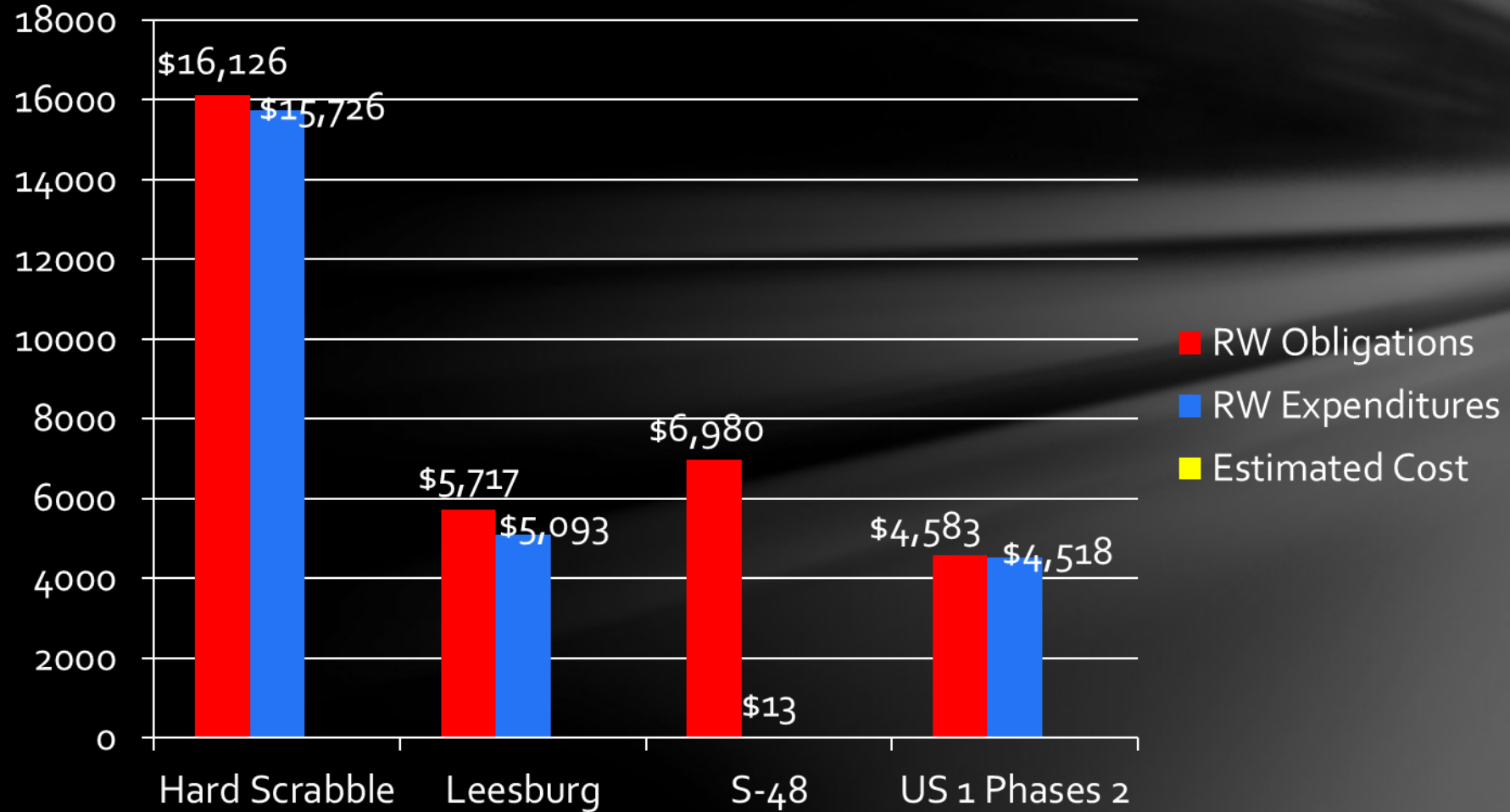
# PE Funding



\*Costs are in Thousands

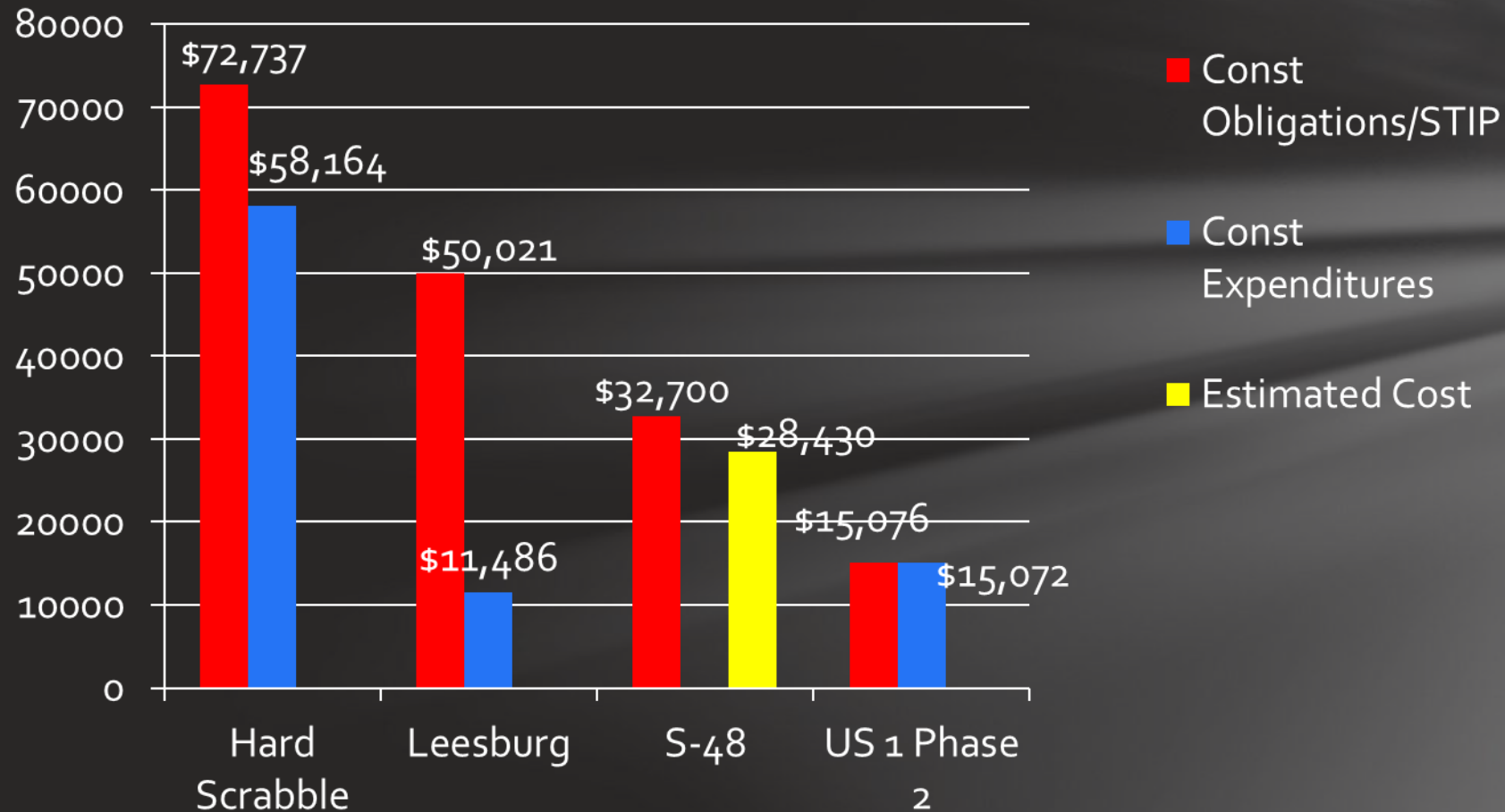


# RW Funding



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# Construction Funding



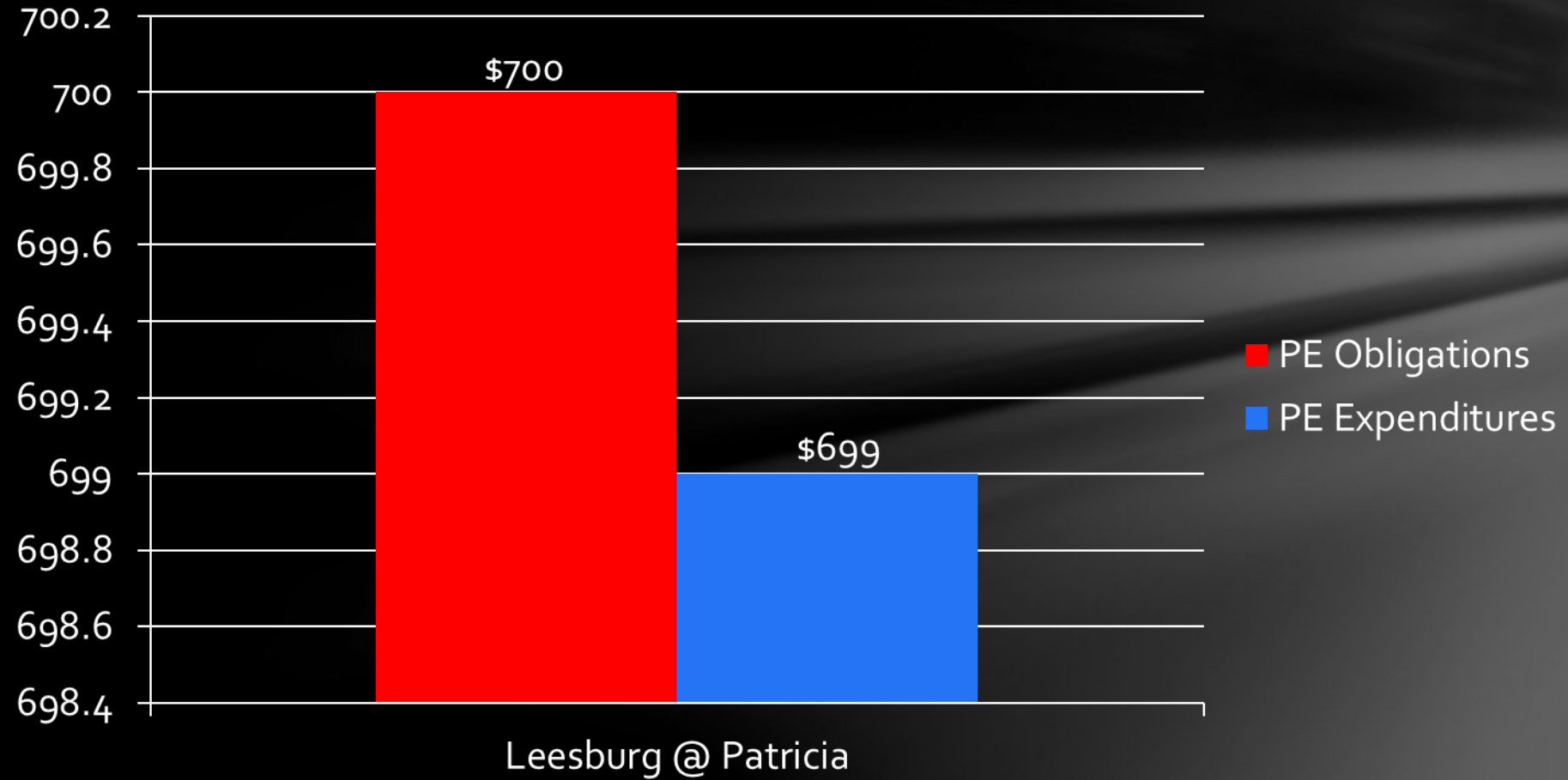
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# Leesburg @ Patricia Drive Intersection

- Construction is underway
- Anticipated completion Fall 2025



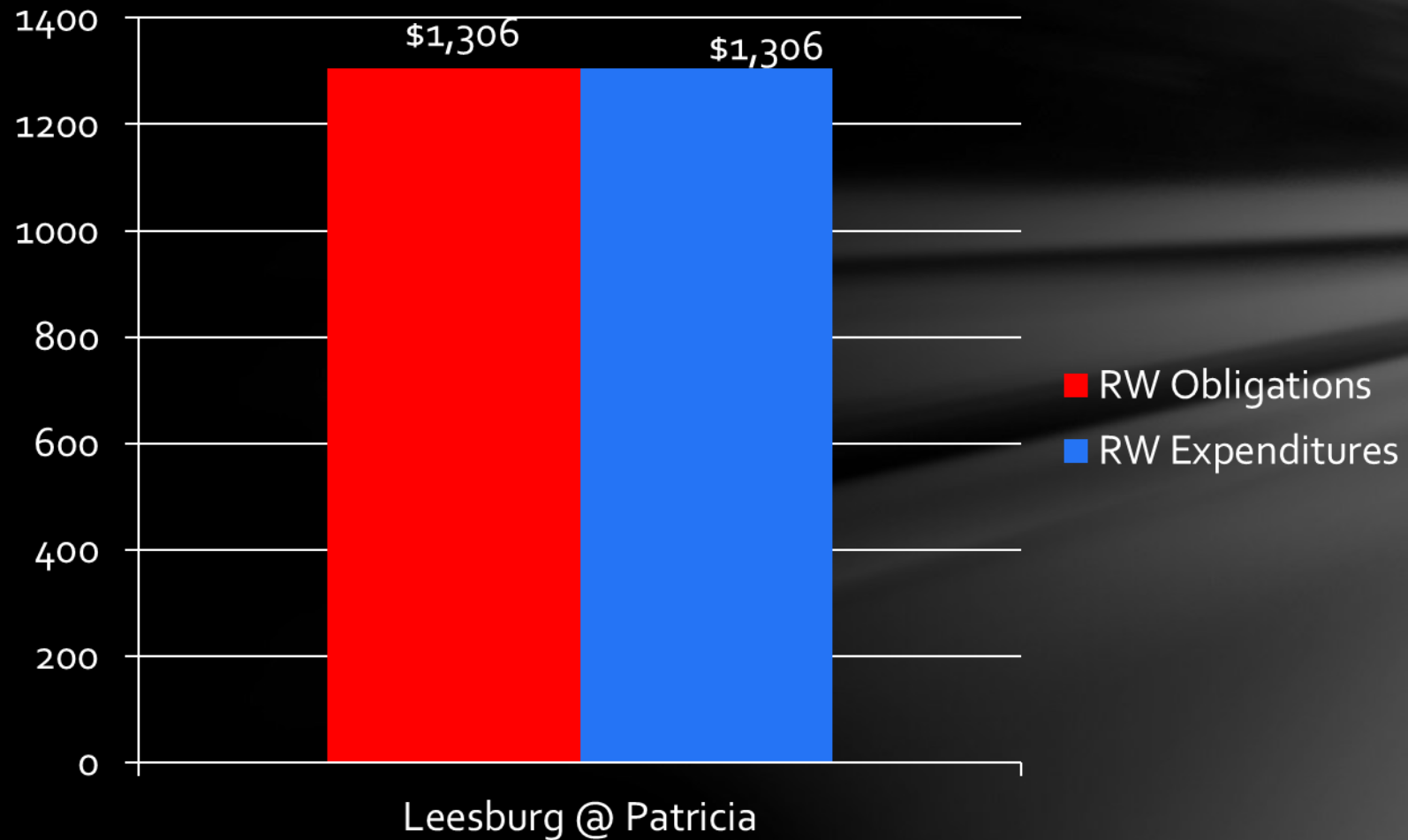
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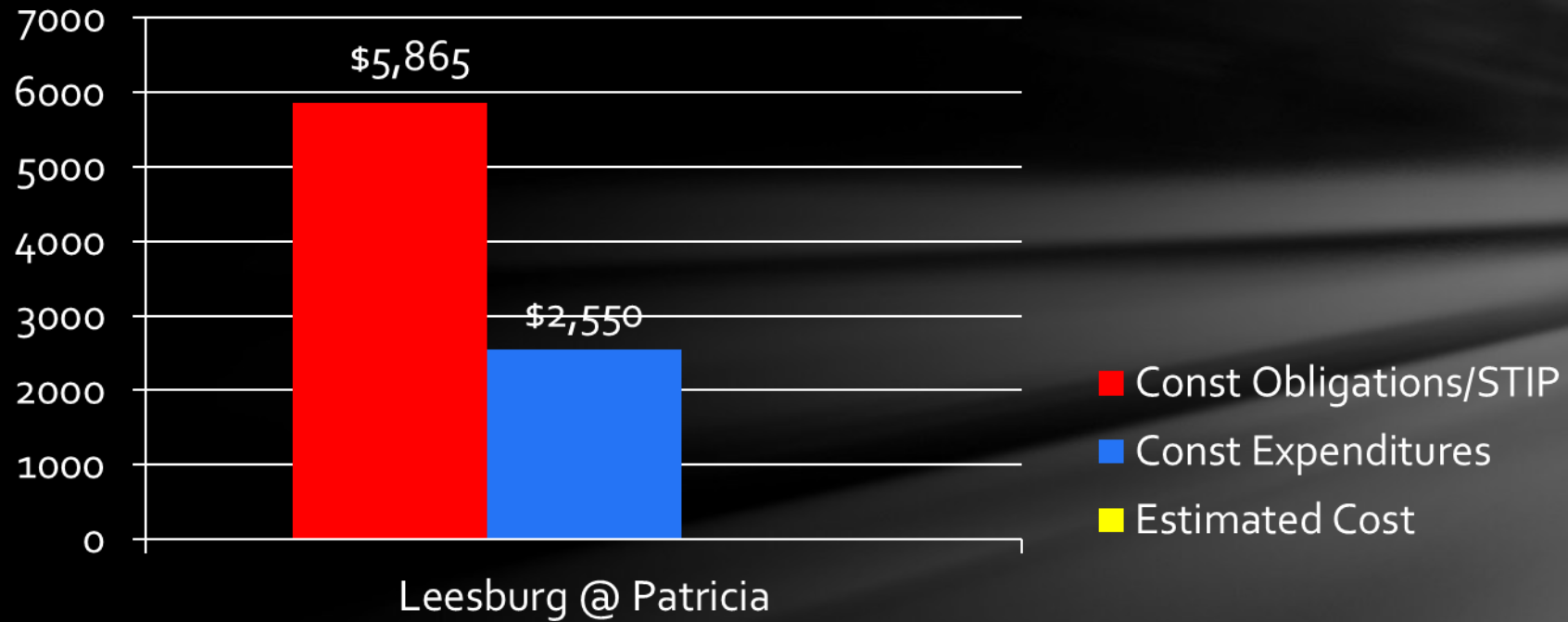


# RW Funding



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# Construction Funding



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# I 26 and US 21 (Exit 119)

- Reconfigure Existing I-26 @ US 21 Interchange
- Project let March 2023
- Anticipated completion Summer 2026



# Bridge Replacement Schedule

Project	Status
SC 555 over SCL Railroad (Richland)	Expected to let Fall 2024
US 21 over Congaree Creek (Lexington)	Expected to let Winter 2023

# Bridge Replacement Schedule

Project	Status
SC 34 over NS Railroad (Newberry)	Expected completion Fall 2023
I-126 (Elmwood Ave) over SCL RR (Richland)	Preliminary Design Underway
US 176 (River Dr) over SCL RR (Richland)	Preliminary Design Underway
US 21 (Blossom St) over Southern & SCL RR (Richland)	ROW Underway

# Interstate Project Schedule

Project	Status
I-26 Rehab MM 75-85 (Newberry)	Anticipated completion Fall 2025
I-26 Widening from Exit 85 to Exit 101	Expected completion Winter 2024



# Resurfacing Schedule

Project	Status
Longtown Rd. Resurfacing	Expected to let Fall 2023
Macedonia Church Rd. Resurfacing	Expected to let Fall 2024

# QUESTIONS?

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803-737-0172



# INFORMATION

## Executive Director's Report

*Britt Poole,  
Executive Director*



## CALLING ALL MIDLANDS BUSINESSES WITH APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS

JOIN US AT THE MIDLANDS  
APPRENTICESHIP FAIR ON  
OCTOBER 12TH, 2023 FROM  
9-1:30, AT DUTCH SQUARE  
CENTER



Are you passionate about nurturing talent and investing in the future workforce? Look no further than the Midlands Apprenticeship Fair.

### Should We Participate?

The event is intended to showcase the wide variety of careers available through apprenticeship. This event will give you an opportunity to highlight your company to a diverse group of potential and current job seekers and build your talent pipeline.

### Why Attend?

- **Access top-tier talent:** Attract ambitious individuals who are eager to kick-start their careers and learn from industry experts within your organization.
- **Boost your workforce:** Bridge the skills gap by nurturing young apprentices who can be trained to meet your specific business needs.
- **Strengthen your brand:** Demonstrate your commitment to local development and showcase your company's dedication to investing in the community.
- **Network with peers:** Connect with other businesses that share your passion for apprenticeships, exchange best practices, and explore potential collaborations.



To reserve your spot or inquire about further details, please contact our event organizers at [bbuchanan@midlandsworkforce.org](mailto:bbuchanan@midlandsworkforce.org) or Call 803.744.1680.

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### Intro

CMCOG provides local and regional planning services and technical assistance to local governments.

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Join us at the Midlands Apprenticeship Fair on October 12, 2023, from 9:00 AM to 1:30 PM at Dutch Square Center

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November 2, 2023 | 11:15 a.m.  
Central Midlands Council of Governments  
236 Stoneridge Drive  
Columbia, SC 29210

City/County Administrators/Managers  
Networking Gathering

11:15 a.m.		Networking
11:30 a.m.		Welcome and Introductions
11:45 a.m.		Legislative Update – MASC & SCAC
12:15 p.m.		Lunch
12:30 p.m.		Central Midlands COG Update



**Central Midlands Council of Governments**

**Board of Directors Information Form**

**Name:**

**Suffix:**  **Name Preference:**   
(Name for Name Badge)

**Title:**   
(Title for Name Badge)

**Preferred Email:**

**Secondary Email:**   
If Applicable

**Mailing Address:**

SC

**Board Packet Preference:**

Only Email Agenda ☒

Email and Mail Agenda ☐

Email Agenda and Have one  
Printed for me at the Meeting ☐

**Birthday:**

Day Month

**Primary Phone:**  ☒ ☐ ☐  
Mobile Work Home

**Secondary Phone:**  ☒ ☐ ☐

**Social Media Link:**   
(If you would like to be tagged in social media post in or near your jurisdiction)



*South Carolina Council of Governments*  
*2023 Annual Conference*  
**November 19 – 21, 2023**  
**Embassy Suites, Myrtle Beach**  
**9800 Queensway Blvd, North Myrtle Beach**

**CONFERENCE REGISTRATION**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

- ☐ NO, I do not plan to attend  
☐ YES, I plan to attend  
☐ YES, my spouse/guest will also attend. (Spouse/Guest Registration Fee is \$75.)

(NAME: \_\_\_\_\_)

Please include me/us in the following:

☐ Opening Reception Sunday Night      How Many? \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Monday Luncheon      How Many? \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Dietary Needs?    Diabetic \_\_\_\_\_ Vegetarian \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Dinner - On your Own/COG – Monday Night    How Many? \_\_\_\_\_  
Place: \_\_\_\_\_      Time: \_\_\_\_\_

**HOTEL RESERVATIONS**

- ☐ YES, I will need a hotel room:  
    ☐ Sunday Night, November 19  
    ☐ Monday Night, November 20  
        ☐ King    ☐ Two Doubles    ☐ Handicap Room Needed
- ☐ NO, I do not need a hotel room.

**DEADLINE for returning completed form to the COG is**  
**MONDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2023**  
***A room is not guaranteed after this date.***



*In Memory of*  
**Jonathan "Joe" Goforth Perry**  
1962 - 2023



**Thank you,  
Midlands Technical College!!**

- Special Thanks to Midlands Technical College for hosting the CMCOG Board Meetings!



**Old/New Business**

**Other Business**

**Next Meeting – 26 October 2023**

**Adjourn**