

Central Midlands Council of Governments

Board Meeting

Thursday, October 26th, 2023



Call to Order

Will Brennan, Chair

Determination of Quorum

Approve Order and Contents of the Overall Agenda

Invocation

Introduction of Guests

Chairman's Introduction

Will Brennan

Good News from CMCOG - Around the Region

Will Brennan



**Good News
Around the Midlands**

Midlands STEM Charter School Groundbreaking

The City of Winnsboro and Fairfield County officials participated in the Midlands STEM Charter School (MSCS) groundbreaking ceremony on October 18.



Photo Credit: Fairfield County



MSCS is a 4k-12 public tuition-free charter school. The building will be 46,000 sq. ft and include:

- Science labs
- Student club space
- Gym
- Outdoor activity space

Newberry Trails

Newberry County and the City of Newberry both celebrated ribbon cuttings on new trails on October 25!

HIDDEN LAKE TRACK TRAIL

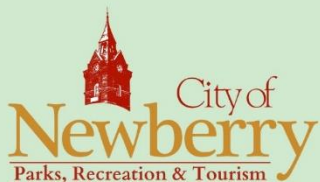


Grand Opening

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25 | 4:30 PM

NEWBERRY RECREATION COMPLEX
1786 GLENN STREET EXTENSION | NEWBERRY, SC

GUIDED HIKE TO FOLLOW RIBBON CUTTING



JOIN US
NEWBERRY COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION
BLUE RIDGE PARKWAY FOUNDATION
KIDS IN PARKS



Opening Ceremony
2:30 PM

Ribbon Cutting
2:50 PM

Guided Hike
3:00 PM

Grand Opening

Kids in Parks provides a nationwide network of trails for kids and families designed to engage users in outdoor recreation to foster lifelong wellness and meaningful connections to public lands.





Wednesday, October 25, 2023

Lynch's Woods Park @ Picnic Shelter
Behind Newberry County Sheriff's Department
520 Wilson Rd, Newberry, SC

Wear your hiking shoes



As part of the Blue Ridge Parkway Foundation's Kids in Parks program The City of Newberry opened the Hidden Lake Trail and Newberry County opened the Lynch's Woods Park TRACK Trail.

Kids in Parks offers an expanding network of family-friendly outdoor adventures to get kids outside enjoying nature.

Fire Prevention Parade Kicks off Fire Prevention Week

The Columbia-Richland Fire Department hosted its annual fire prevention parade. This event featured County Councilmembers Chakisse Newton, Don Weaver and City Councilman Will Brennan as well as a community block party afterward where guests got fire safety tips and other info.



Photo Credits: City of Columbia Fire



Litter Clean-up on Lake Murray



Keep the Midlands Beautiful organized a litter clean-up day on Lake Murray. With locations in Newberry, Lexington, and Richland Counties 470 volunteers removed over 9,200 pounds of litter from in and around the lake.

ACTION

Consent Agenda Items

1. Approval of the Minutes of the Board Meeting – 28 September 2023 (*Enclosure 1*)

ACTION

Regular Agenda Items

1. Monthly Financial Status Report (August 2023) *(Enclosure 2)*
2. CMCOG Procurement Policy *(Enclosure 3)*
3. * 2020 – 2027 TIP Amendment – Guidesshare Increase *(Enclosure 4)*
4. * 2020 – 2027 TIP Amendment – Match & Maintenance Guidance *(Enclosure 5)*

** Denotes item is a Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Urbanized Area Request*

ACTION

Monthly Financial Status Report (August 2023)

(Enclosure 2)

*Missi Labbe,
Finance Director*

ACTION

CMCOG Procurement Policy

(Enclosure 3)

*Britt Poole,
Executive Director*

ACTION

2020 – 2027 TIP Amendment – Guideshare Increase

(Enclosure 4)

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

2020 – 2027 MPO TIP AMENDMENT – GUIDESHARE FUNDS

By

Reginald Simmons

CMCOG Board of Directors

October 26, 2023

2020 – 2027 MPO TIP AMENDMENT

- Staff requests first reading approval to amend the 2020 – 2027 MPO TIP to add the following guideshare allocation beginning in FFY 2024 & 2025.
- COATS MPO Urban TIP - \$27,687,683 per year beginning in 2024
- COATS MPO Urban TIP - \$30,724,974 per year beginning in 2025

2020 – 2027 MPO TIP AMENDMENT

- Historically, SCDOT has provided funding to COGs and MPOs through their System Upgrade Program.
- The program distributes funding, known as guideshare, to the COGs and MPOs for the purpose maintaining and improving their transportation network.
- Since 2018, \$138 million has been divided between the 10 COGs and 11 MPOs.
- SCDOT has historically revisited the funding formula approximately 2 years after the census to capture any changes in census defined urbanized area population.

2020 – 2027 MPO TIP AMENDMENT

- SCDOT has recently changed the System Upgrade Program to the Regional Mobility Program.
- The purpose of the Regional Mobility Program is to:
 - Optimize the existing network by increasing volume through spot improvements
 - Incorporate more access management
 - Incorporate more Signal System and ITS solutions
 - Address more safety issues as identified through Road Safety Audits
 - Expand the network through road widenings, building new locations roads and incorporating bike/ped solutions

2020 – 2027 MPO TIP AMENDMENT

- With the introduction to this new program, SCDOT decided to increase the guideshare total from \$138 million to \$238 million
- This \$100 million boost would be ramped up incrementally over 4 years at an average of \$25 million per year.
 - \$26M - \$50M - \$75M - \$100M

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
Current	\$138	\$138	\$138	\$138	\$138	\$138	\$138	\$138	\$138	\$138
Proposed	\$138	\$138	\$138	\$138	\$164	\$188	\$213	\$238	\$238	\$238

Regional Mobility Program Allocation

Now that the 2020 Census data and boundaries have essentially been finalized, calculate the fully phased-in allocations for year 4 @ \$238M and ramp up half that amount for FFY2024-25. Retain minimum guarantee of \$5M for any MPO/COG.

COG	FFY 2021 Guideshare (Baseline)	FFY 2022 Guideshare (1st Increase)	FFY 2023 Guideshare (2nd Increase)	FFY 2024 Guideshare (3rd Increase)	Fully Phased-in Prorata Share Based on Population	Additional Allocation to get to \$5M minimum	Fully Phased-in FFY 2025 Guideshare (4th Increase)
Appalachian	\$7,579,497	\$8,690,986	\$9,802,475	\$10,032,996	\$10,263,517		\$10,263,517
BCD	\$2,181,422	\$4,000,000	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000	\$2,802,948	\$2,197,052	\$5,000,000
Catawba	\$4,903,284	\$5,622,322	\$6,341,360	\$6,918,095	\$7,494,830		\$7,494,830
Central Midlands	\$2,883,809	\$4,000,000	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000	\$4,210,034	\$789,966	\$5,000,000
Lowcountry	\$2,688,118	\$4,000,000	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000	\$3,898,306	\$1,101,694	\$5,000,000
Lower Savannah	\$5,489,253	\$6,294,220	\$7,099,187	\$7,395,664	\$7,692,140		\$7,692,140
Pee Dee	\$6,622,076	\$7,593,165	\$8,564,254	\$8,915,021	\$9,265,788		\$9,265,788
Santee Lynches	\$3,208,717	\$4,000,000	\$5,000,000	\$5,370,057	\$5,740,113		\$5,740,113
Upper Savannah	\$6,263,156	\$7,181,611	\$8,100,067	\$8,650,149	\$9,200,230		\$9,200,230
Waccamaw	\$3,187,564	\$4,000,000	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000	\$4,588,094	\$411,906	\$5,000,000
Sub-Total	\$45,006,896	\$55,382,305	\$64,907,344	\$67,281,981	\$65,156,000	\$4,500,618	\$69,656,618
MPO	FFY 2021 Guideshare (Baseline)	FFY 2022 Guideshare (1st Increase)	FFY 2023 Guideshare (2nd Increase)	FFY 2024 Guideshare (3rd Increase)	Fully Phased-in Prorata Share Based on Population	Additional Allocation to get to \$5M minimum	Fully Phased-in FFY 2025 Guideshare (4th Increase)
ANATS	\$2,815,237	\$4,000,000	\$5,000,000	\$6,657,977	\$8,315,955		\$8,315,955
ARTS (TMA)	\$3,593,769	\$4,103,890	\$5,000,000	\$5,855,426	\$6,710,851		\$6,710,851
CHATS (TMA)	\$19,026,279	\$21,726,983	\$24,427,686	\$28,971,698	\$33,515,710		\$33,515,710
COATS (TMA)	\$19,199,741	\$21,925,067	\$24,650,393	\$27,687,683	\$30,724,974		\$30,724,974
FLATS	\$3,107,082	\$4,000,000	\$5,000,000	\$5,321,178	\$5,642,356		\$5,642,356
GPATS (TMA)	\$18,077,921	\$20,644,009	\$23,210,097	\$26,204,779	\$29,199,461		\$29,199,461
GSATS (TMA)	\$7,599,944	\$8,678,725	\$9,757,507	\$12,708,110	\$15,658,714		\$15,658,714
LATS	\$4,625,288	\$5,281,829	\$5,938,370	\$7,228,409	\$8,518,448		\$8,518,448
RFATS (TMA)	\$6,035,144	\$6,891,808	\$7,748,473	\$10,079,784	\$12,411,095		\$12,411,095
SPATS	\$6,376,359	\$7,281,457	\$8,186,556	\$10,414,261	\$12,641,966		\$12,641,966
SUATS	\$2,536,368	\$4,000,000	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000	\$4,204,469	\$795,531	\$5,000,000
Sub-Total	\$92,993,132	\$108,533,768	\$123,533,092	\$146,129,306	\$167,544,000	\$795,531	\$168,339,531
	\$138,000,028	\$163,916,073	\$188,440,436	\$213,411,287	\$232,700,000	\$5,296,149	\$237,996,149

**Proposed Regional
Mobility Guideshare
Funding Allocation
for:
FY 2023 of ≈ \$213M
FY 2024 of ≈ \$238M**



2020 – 2027 MPO TIP AMENDMENT

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- Questions

ACTION

2020 – 2027 TIP Amendment – Match & Maintenance Guidance

(Enclosure 5)

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

2020 – 2027 TIP AMENDMENT MATCH & MAINTENANCE GUIDANCE

By

Reginald Simmons

CMCOG Board of Directors

October 26, 2023

MATCH & MAINTENANCE RESPONSIBILITY

- Staff requests approval to amend the 2020 – 2027 TIP to include SCDOT Policy 3 regarding the match and maintenance responsibility for using guideshare funds.

MATCH & MAINTENANCE RESPONSIBILITY

- The South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) Commission has established a policy for Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)s and Council of Government (COG)s regarding the use of guideshare funds and the responsibilities for matching funds & maintenance.
- In the past, guideshare funds could only be used for capital improvements which specifically meant the laying of asphalt.

MATCH & MAINTENANCE RESPONSIBILITY

- In most recent years, the use of the funding has been expanded to include planning analysis and non-asphalt related projects.
- With this expansion, SCDOT has revised its policies to denote the eligible uses for guideshare and the matching requirements.

MATCH & MAINTENANCE RESPONSIBILITY

- Overview Items
 - Cannot be used for pavement preservation or rehab projects.
 - Cannot be used for bridge replacement or rehab projects
 - Funded projects should meet the SCDOT's Complete Streets Policy.
 - If a project does not meet the core goals under the Regional Mobility Program, then it will require a 20% match.
 - C-Funds can be used as a local match as well as count towards the CTC annual commitment.
 - May not be used for debt service without the Secretary's approval.
 - May not be used for the SIB or grant application without Policy Committee and the Secretary's approvals

MATCH & MAINTENANCE RESPONSIBILITY

- Guideshare eligible items
 - Capacity expansion w/ bike and ped accommodations
 - Intersections w/ bike and ped accommodations
 - Park and Ride facilities
 - Safety Projects
 - Road diets
 - Bus pull-outs
 - Traffic Signals and Systems
 - Streetscape/hardscape
 - Complete Streets compliant sidewalk, bicycle and multi-use path projects
 - Corridor and project specific feasibility studies

MATCH & MAINTENANCE RESPONSIBILITY

- Local Match Required
 - Landscaping
 - Mast Arms
 - Traffic calming
 - Underground utilities
 - Decorative Lighting
 - Transit
 - Traditional Planning Activities
 - Upgrades to roads that are not on the State system

MATCH & MAINTENANCE RESPONSIBILITY

- Questions

INFORMATION

Carbon Reduction Program Overview

(Enclosure 6)

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

CARBON REDUCTION PROGRAM

By

Reginald Simmons

CMCOG Board of Directors

October 26, 2023

CARBON REDUCTION PROGRAM

- The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law established a new program known as the Carbon Reduction Program.
- The program purpose is to reduce transportation emissions through the development of State DOTs carbon reduction strategies and by funding projects designed to reduce transportation emissions.
- By November 15th, States DOTs are required to develop Carbon Reduction Strategy in consultation with any MPO designated within the State.

CARBON REDUCTION PROGRAM

- Strategies or projects must be identified in the STIP/TIP and be consistent with Long-Range Transportation Plan(s) and Metropolitan Transportation Plan(s).
- SCDOT is currently working on strategies and projects in our planning area for us to consider.
- Their approach is focused on signal performance on key transportation corridors that have the highest levels of delay.

CARBON REDUCTION PROGRAM

- Once SCDOT completes their list, it will be reviewed by the MPO.
- The final list will be provided to the MPO Policy Committee and the SCDOT Commission for approval.
- Each fiscal year, funds must be distributed to:
 - Urbanized areas of more than 200k population
 - Urbanized areas between 50k – 200k population
 - Urban areas between 5k and 49.9k population

CARBON REDUCTION PROGRAM

Signal Improvements

Planning Area	Funding per year, FY24 to FY27	Total Funding Available per Area
ARTS	\$ 401,841	\$ 1,607,365
CHATS	\$ 2,129,108	\$ 8,516,430
COATS	\$ 2,134,438	\$ 8,537,752
GPATS	\$ 2,022,984	\$ 8,091,936
GSATS	\$ 757,159	\$ 3,028,636
RFATS	\$ 675,983	\$ 2,703,932
ACATS	\$ 293,903	\$ 1,175,612
FLATS	\$ 347,694	\$ 1,390,776
LATS	\$ 267,876	\$ 1,071,504
SPATS	\$ 701,878	\$ 2,807,512
SUATS	\$ 283,829	\$ 1,135,316
Each SCDOT Engineering District	\$ 237,132	\$ 948,529
TOTAL PROGRAM FUNDS	\$ 11,676,617	\$ 46,706,468

CARBON REDUCTION PROGRAM

- Next Steps
 - Review the list that is being developed by SCDOT
 - Provide a list of projects to our Board for approval in December.
 - Develop a Transportation Signal Improvement Program for our LRTP.
- Questions

INFORMATION

Congestion Management Plan (CMP) Project Overview

*Joe Robertson,
Kimley-Horn*

COATS Congestion Management Process



Policy Committee
October 26, 2023

SCDOT Pilot Project



Public Engagement

The Public Engagement Plan (PEP) communicates the expectations for engaging the public and stakeholders throughout the planning process of the CMP. The PEP is divided into four sequential steps:

- 1** Define Congestion – We are here!
- 2** Select Metrics
- 3** Analyze Data
- 4** Identify Strategies

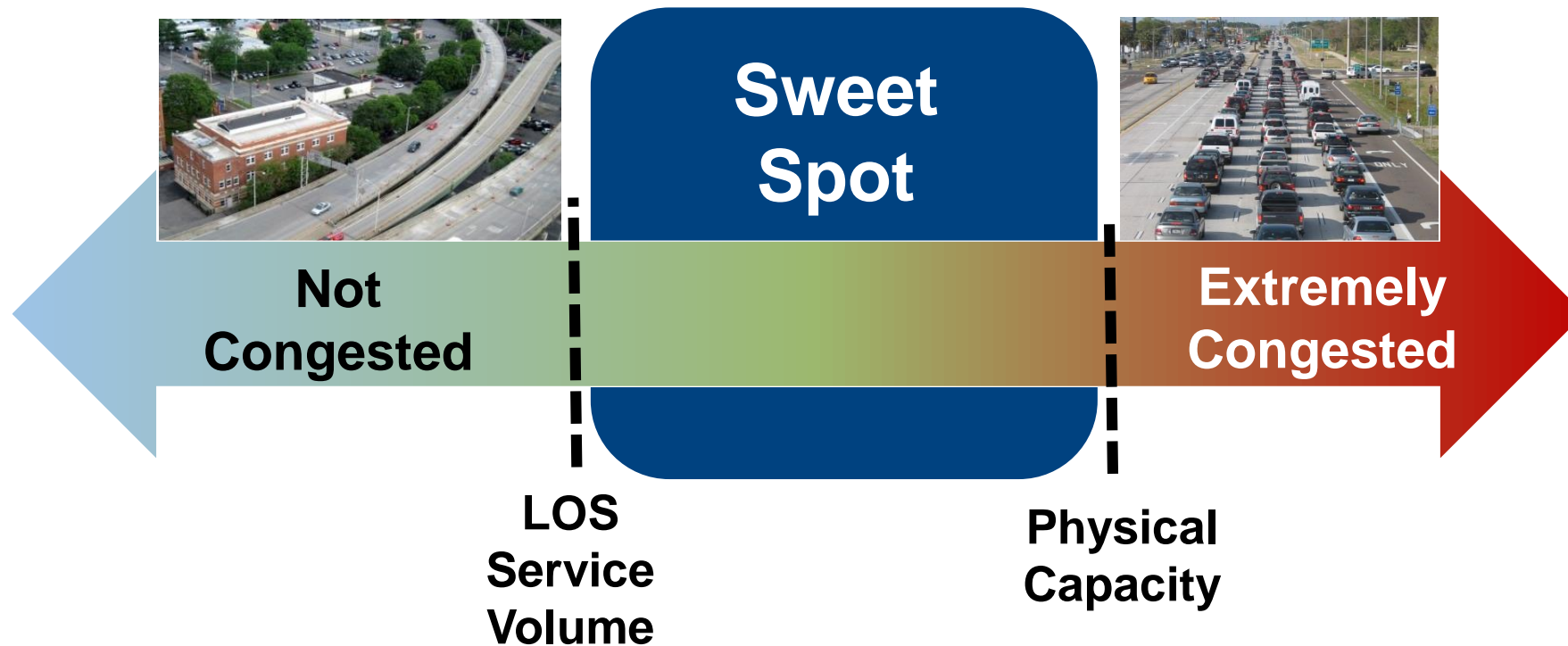
Congestion Management Process



A Congestion Management Process (CMP) is a *systematic, regional approach* for managing congestion that provides accurate information on transportation system performance and assesses strategies for congestion.

A CMP is required in metropolitan areas with populations over 200,000 people. The CMP uses a *performance-based, objectives-driven* approach to planning for congestion.

CMP Sweet Spot

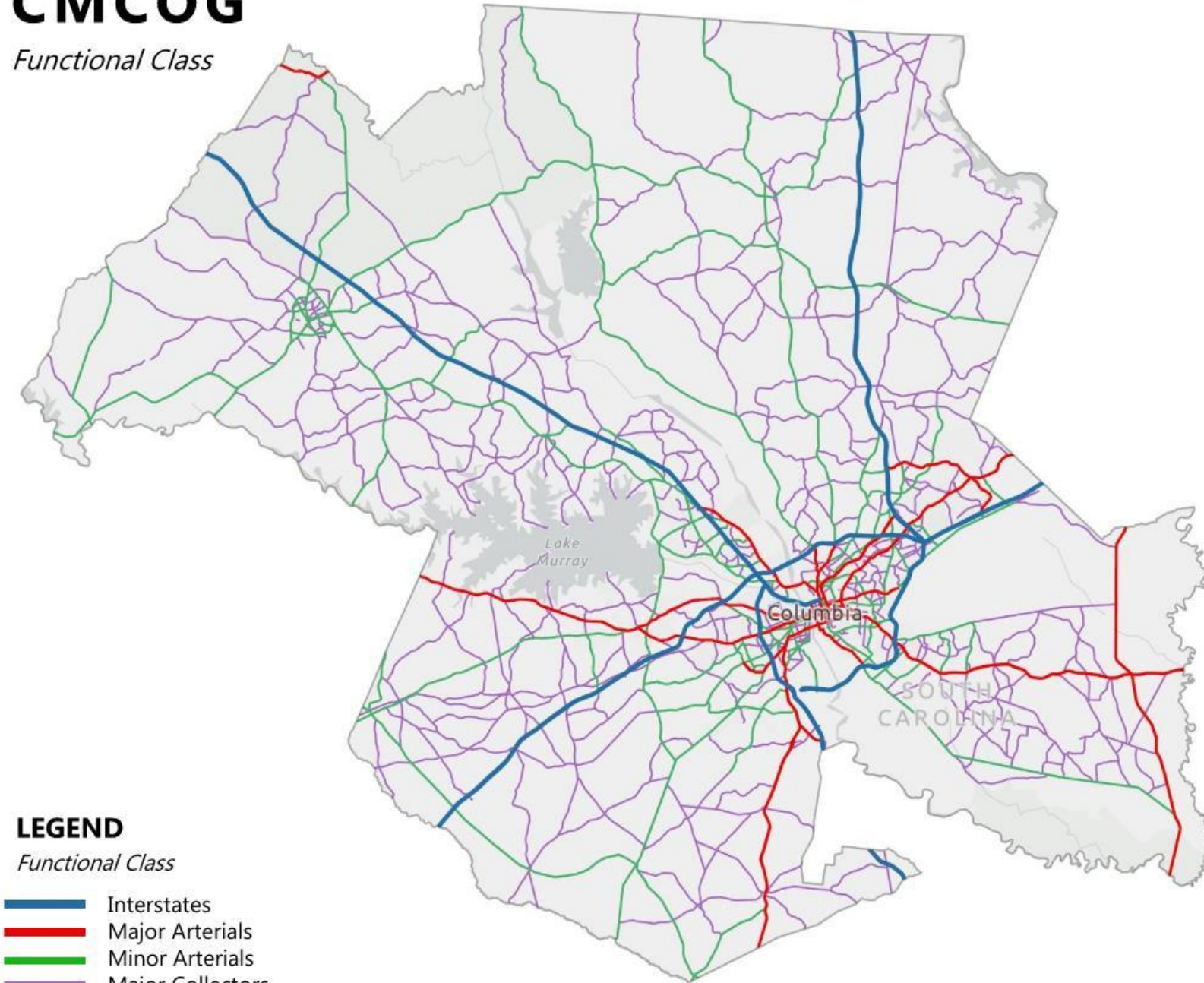


Congestion Management Process



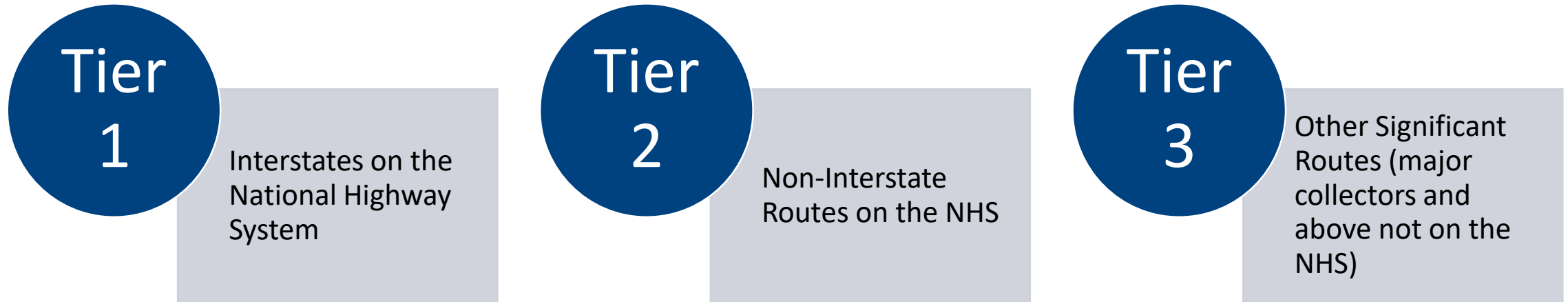
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Functional Class



Define the Network: Geographic Area

Define the Network

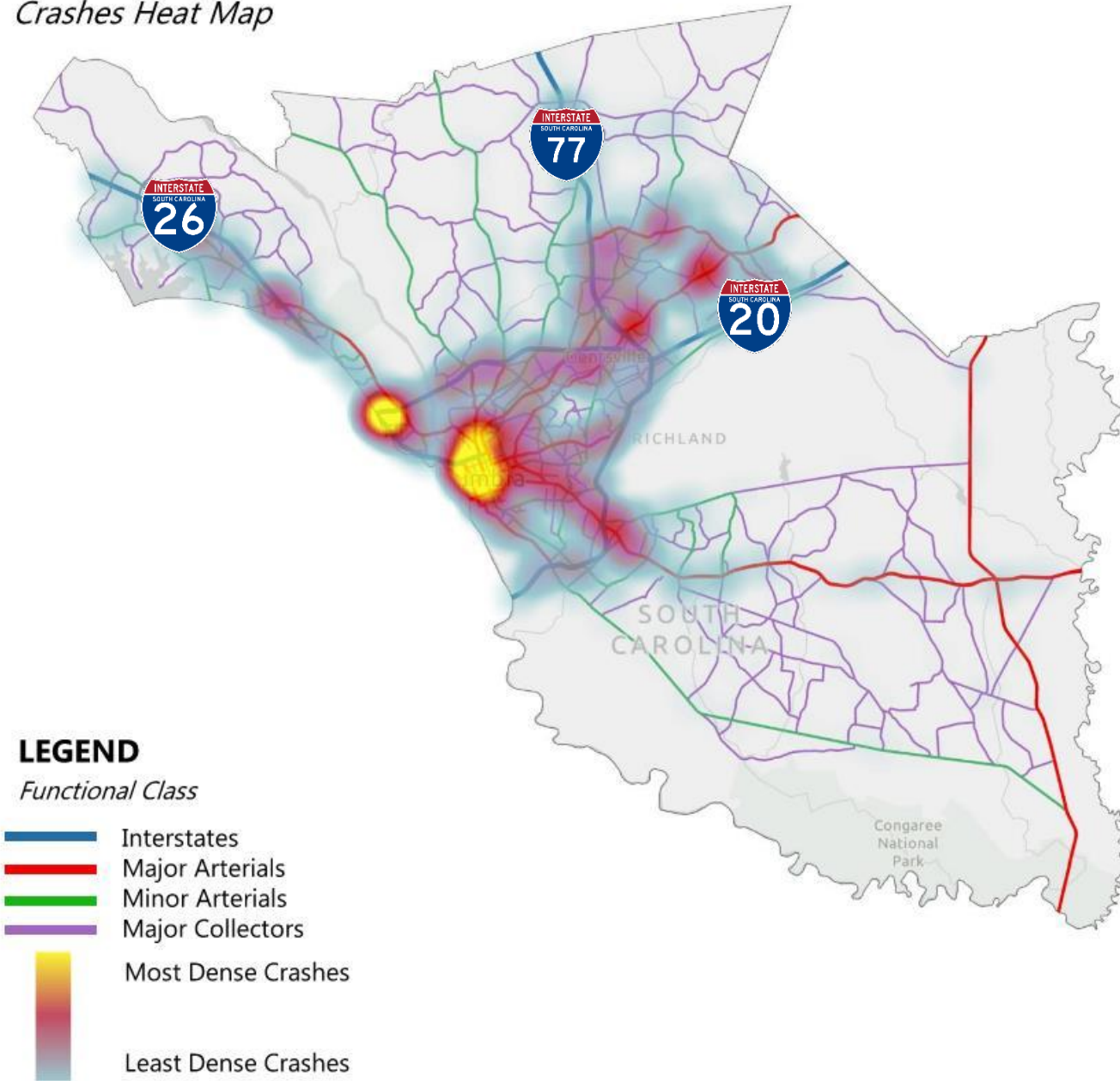


Define the Network

- All modes of travel are considered
- Tier 1 and Tier 2 streamline and align with federal performance reporting requirements
- Consideration given for:
 - Freight routes
 - Evacuation routes
 - Transit facilities
 - Bridges and rail crossings
 - Non-recurrent congestion (crashes, events, seasonal)

Richland County

Crashes Heat Map

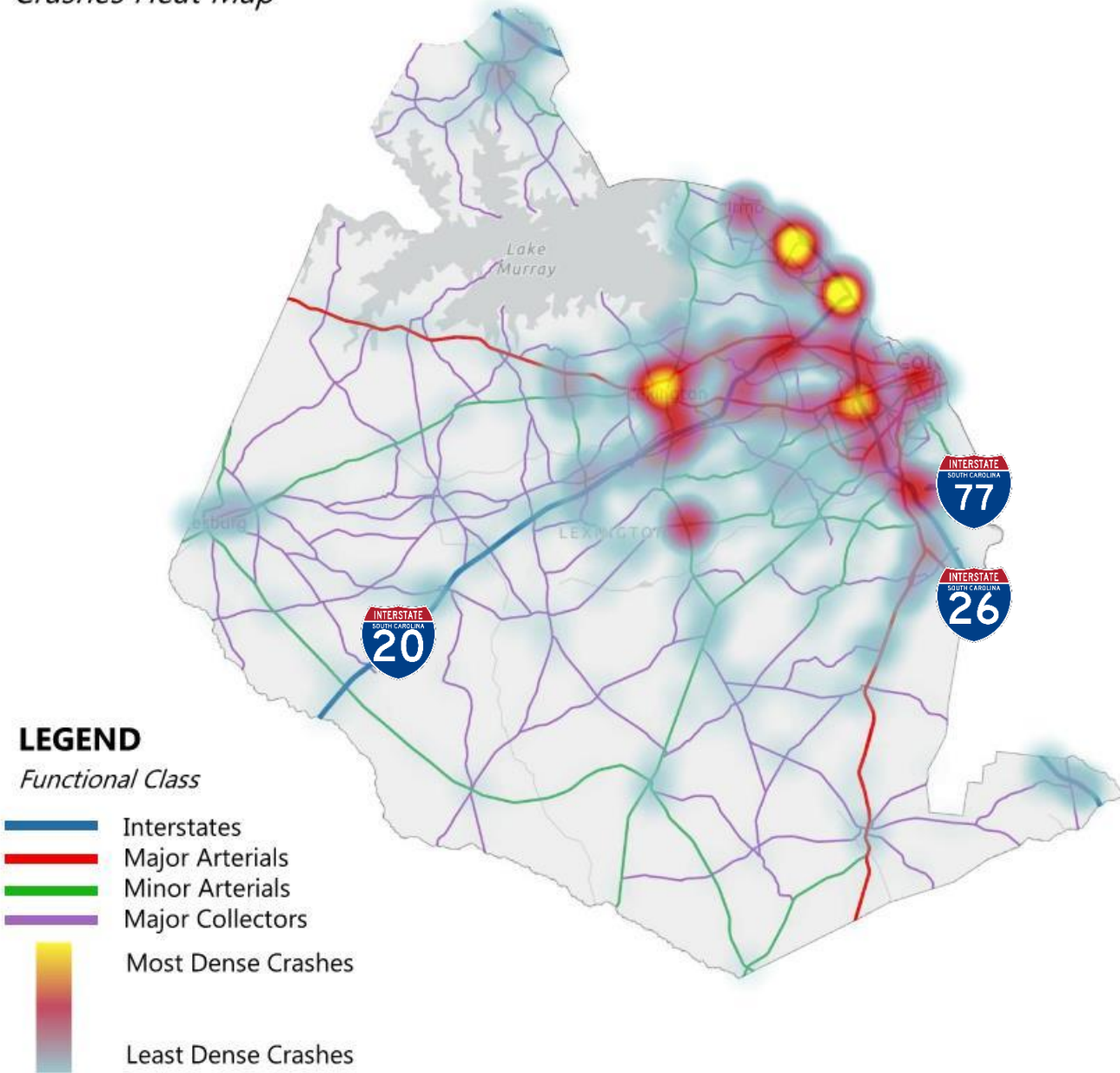


Define the Network: Crash Congestion

Lexington County

Crashes Heat Map

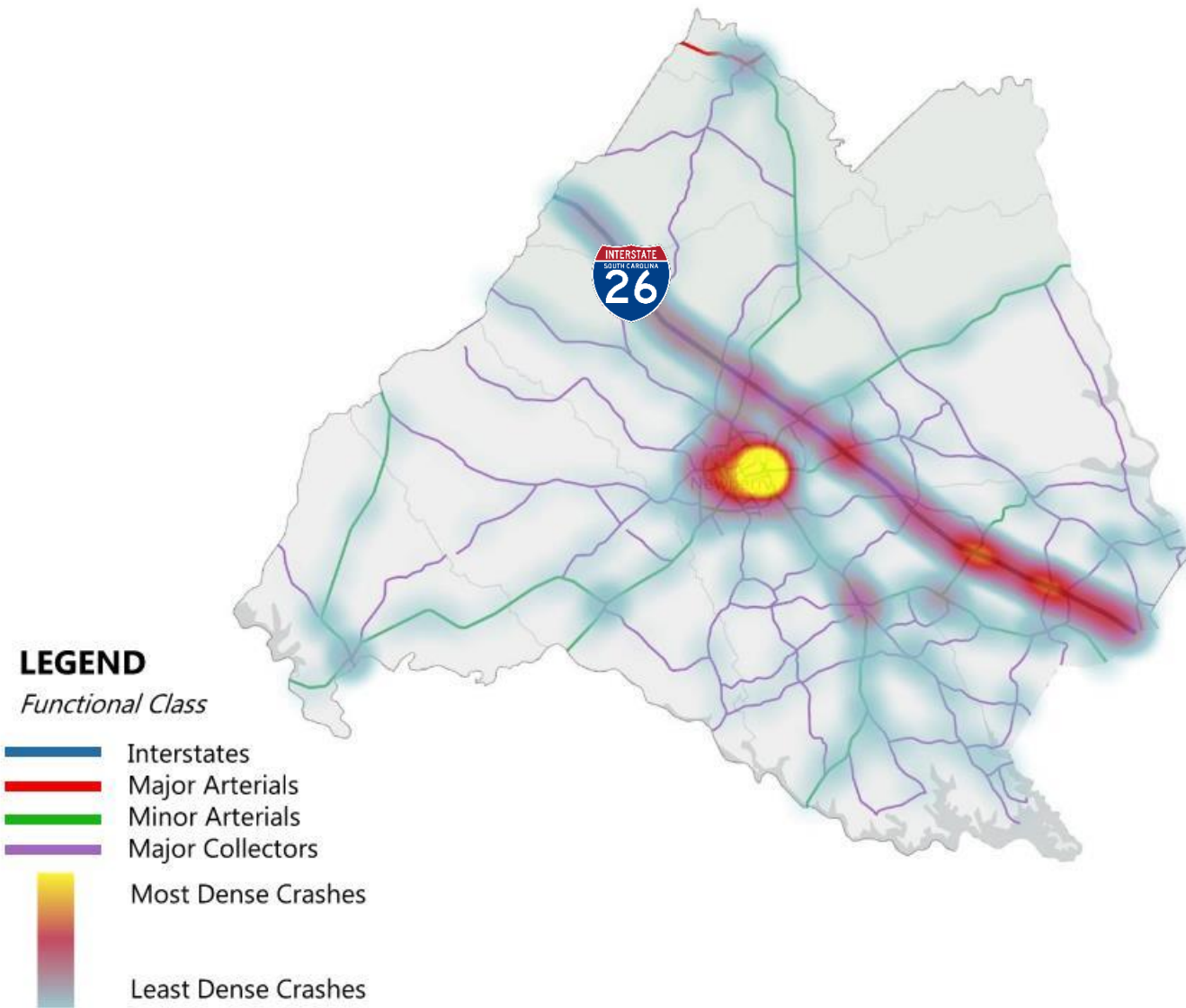
Define the Network: Crash Congestion



Newberry County

Crashes Heat Map

Define the Network: Crash Congestion



Next Steps

- Steering Committee #1 – Early December
- Draft Congestion Principles and Performance Measures

Questions?

INFORMATION

Executive Director's Report

*Britt Poole,
Executive Director*



National Family Caregivers Month
NOVEMBER

Central Midlands Area Agency on Aging Family Caregiver Conference

You are cordially invited to a conference
in celebration of our caregivers, where
we will express our heartfelt gratitude
for their unwavering dedication.

November 16th
11 am-1 pm

Please R.S.V.P By November 10th
803-376-5390 Ex 311



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SC NEXUS RECEIVES FEDERAL DESIGNATION AS A REGIONAL TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION HUB FOR ADVANCED ENERGY

Monday, October 23, 2023

Consortium one of 31 Tech Hubs chosen from nearly 400 applicants

The Nexus for Advanced Resilient Energy (SC Nexus) received the [U.S. Department of Commerce's Economic Development Administration's \(EDA\) designation as one of 31 Regional Technology and Innovation Hubs \(Tech Hubs\)](#). The South Carolina Department of Commerce (S.C. Commerce) [submitted the application](#) for designation on behalf of SC Nexus, a broad consortium of higher education institutions, technical colleges, numerous state agencies, the Savannah River National Laboratory, economic development alliances, community organizations, non-profits and private companies, including electric utilities.

The EDA received nearly 400 Tech Hub applications, and of the 31 designations located across 32 states and Puerto Rico, three of the Tech Hubs, including SC Nexus, are in the Atlanta Region. As an officially designated Tech Hub, SC Nexus will expand concerted efforts focusing on Advanced Energy Resiliency, the consortium's selected technology focus. Additionally, as a designated Tech Hub, SC Nexus will be eligible to apply for EDA's [Phase 2 funding](#) – to leverage and accelerate existing efforts – available through the bipartisan CHIPS



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Incumbent Worker Training

The Midlands Workforce Development Board (MWDB) is now accepting applications for Incumbent Worker Training (IWT) program funds.

The purpose of the IWT Program is to assist employers in training currently employed workers in an effort to keep businesses and workers competitive. Private sector South Carolina employers located in Fairfield, Lexington, and Richland counties faced with changing skill requirements caused by new technology, retooling, new product lines, and/or new organizational structuring may be eligible for IWT assistance. IWT funds are limited to skills-based training and require an employer matching contribution to the training project.

Interested employers should complete the attached IWT Program Funding Application (also available at www.midlandsworkforce.org) and submit a signed copy by the close of business on November 3, 2023, for priority consideration. Applications must be completed to be considered for funding (detailed course training descriptions for each piece of training must be attached to the application). Training may not occur before a grant award has been, and all required documents signed and approved Applications will be accepted electronically at

mwdb@midlandsworkforce.org

Training should begin no earlier than December 1, 2023 and must be completed by June 30, 2024. If you have any questions, please contact Caroline Jewett (cjewett@midlandsworkforce.org).



Central Midlands November Reminders

**** No CMCOG Board of Directors Meeting in November ****

**** November is National Family Caregivers Month ****

November 2: City/County Administrators/Managers Networking Gathering (CMCOG)

November 5: Daylight Savings Day (Fall Back)

November 7: Election Day

November 9: Transportation subcommittee at noon (CMCOG)

November 9-10: Midlands Education and Business Alliance - 8th grade showcase exhibition (Fair Grounds)

November 10: Veterans Day Holiday CMCOG offices Closed

November 13: Regional Aging Advisory Committee Meeting Nov 13th at 12pm (CMCOG)

November 14: CMCOG employee appreciation Thanksgiving Lunch (CMCOG)

November 16: Family Caregiver Conference at 11 a.m. (at Brookland Baptist)

November 19-21: SCCOGs conference (Myrtle Beach, SC)

November 23-24: Thanksgiving Holiday CMCOG offices closed

November 27: Workforce Development Board Youth Committee (Synergy Business Park)

November 27-28: Grant Writing Workshop (CMCOG)

November 28: Technical Committee 9:30 a.m. (CMCOG)

December 7: Workforce Development Board Meeting (Synergy Business Park)

December 12: Family Caregiver Sub-Committee Meeting on Dec 12th and 12:30 pm (at CMCOG)

December 14: CMCOG Board of Directors Meeting

December 22: Christmas Holiday CMCOG closed noon

December 25-26: Christmas Holiday CMCOG offices closed



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



Grant Writing Training in Columbia, SC - November 27-28, 2023

Central Midlands Council of Governments and Grant Writing USA will present a two-day grant writing workshop in Columbia on November 27-28, 2023. This training is for grant seekers across all disciplines. Attend this class and you'll learn how to find the funding sources and write winning grant proposals.

Beginning and experienced grant writers from city, county and state agencies as well as healthcare organizations, nonprofits, K-12, colleges and universities are encouraged to attend.

Tuition is \$495; however, Central Midlands Council of Governments members and their staff will receive a \$50 discount with the code "Referral". Pricing includes two days of terrific instruction, workbook, and access to our Alumni Forum that's packed full of tools, helpful discussions and sample grant proposals.

Payment is not required at the time of registration. Online reservations are necessary. Complete event details including learning objectives, class location, graduate testimonials and online registration are [available here](#).



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

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

Old/New Business

Other Business

Next Meeting – 14 December 2023

Adjourn