

# Central Midlands Council of Governments

## Board Meeting

Thursday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024



Call to Order

*Will Brennan, Chair*

Determination of Quorum

Approve Order and Contents of the Overall Agenda

Invocation

Introduction of New Board Members & Guests

Chairman's Introduction

*Will Brennan*

Good News from CMCOG - Around the Region

*Will Brennan*



**Good News  
Around the Midlands**

# President Biden Visits Columbia



As a result of the Inflation Reduction Act, Biden said, 600 permanent jobs are coming to South Carolina. Enphase Energy's first commercialize component converts solar energy into electricity. It is called a Solar Microinverter, and they are being manufactured in South Carolina.

“Jobs that used to go to Mexico, India, Romania and China are now coming home to South Carolina. Now, Enphase is partnering with Flex to make these parts here in South Carolina. And today they are shipping the first micro converters made in America.”

“Biden continued, “The good news is 90% of these jobs required intelligence, but don't require college degrees. Flex is working with Midlands Technical College in Columbia to develop training and pathways for folks to get these jobs.”

# Cayce Museum Black History Exhibit



Cayce Historical Museum is spotlighting the lives of interesting and impactful Black residents into the “African American Legends of Cayce.” The new display tells the stories of new and previously spotlighted “Legends” from the 20th century with help from artifacts and video interviews.

# Ridgeway Recreation Center



On Tuesday January 31st, 2024 Fairfield County Council held the Ribbon Cutting for the new Ridgeway Recreation Center.

# Newberry Jigsaw Puzzle Competition



Thirteen teams competed in the inaugural Newberry Jigsaw Puzzle Competition on Friday, January 26, and team Planet Fit This walked away with the title of Newberry County Puzzle Master and a cash prize.

# Bluff/Atlas Road Area Improvement Project



This new development is expected to revitalize the Bluff/Atlas Road areas, negate blight, and enhance one of the main passageways into Columbia. The finished project will include a farmers' market, even venue, green space and more.



# Project H.O.P.E.



Columbia realtors Steve Joye and Stefanie Lane, with RE/MAX Advantage Group, teamed up last August with the Richland County Sheriff's Department and collected 100 fans with the help of their friends and clients. Sheriff Leon Lott and several of his deputies picked up the fans to begin delivering to those in need in the community.

# **ACTION**

## **Consent Agenda Items**

1. Approval of the Minutes of the Board Meeting – 25 January 2024 *(Enclosure 1)*
2. \*FY 2023-2033 COATS MPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) *(Enclosure 2)*
3. FY 2023-2033 CMCOG RPO Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) *(Enclosure 3)*
4. 2045 LRTP Amendment – Regional Transportation Operations *(Enclosure 4)*
5. \* 2020 – 2027 TIP Amendment – Columbia Traffic Signals Study *(Enclosure 5)*

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

# **ACTION**

## **Regular Agenda Items**

1. **Monthly Financial Status Report (December 2023)** *(Enclosure 6)*
2. **208 Plan Amendment: Richland County-Eastover WWTP Expansion** *(Enclosure 7)*

**ACTION**

**Monthly Financial Status Report  
(December 2023)**

*(Enclosure 6)*

*Missi Labbe,  
Finance Director*

# ACTION

## 208 Plan Amendment: Richland County-Eastover WWTP Expansion

*(Enclosure 7)*

*Gregory Sprouse,  
Director – Research, Planning and Development*

## **Major 208 Plan Amendment: Richland County – Eastover WWTP Expansion**

### **Background**

- Richland County Utilities is requesting a 208 Plan Amendment for the expansion of the Eastover Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) from 1.2 MGD to 2.5 MGD
  - The Eastover facility discharges into the Wateree River and provides treatment service for Southeast Richland County and the Town of Eastover
  - The 208 Plan for the Central Midlands Region requires a major plan amendment for the expansion of existing WWTPs which will be expanded by at least 50% of the current design capacity
  - RCU has consolidated and eliminated four small, outdated wastewater facilities in the area, and has seen an increase in new development activity
  - Due to Total Phosphorus (TP) limits in the Congaree and Wateree, RCU is proposing to share TP between the Eastover WWTP and their Broad River WWTP
  - The project is currently in the design phase and is expected to be complete by June 2026
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## **Major 208 Plan Amendment: Richland County – Eastover WWTP Expansion**

### **Environmental Planning Advisory Committee (EPAC) Recommendation**

- The CMCOG Environmental Planning Advisory Committee (EPAC) recommended approval of the 208 plan amendment at their January 17, 2024 meeting
- As part of the EPAC recommendation, the committee requested clarification from DHEC on the potential impacts of Richland County’s proposed phosphorous sharing agreement between their two WWTPs (i.e., the Eastover and Broad River facilities)
- DHEC provided clarification that the proposed phosphorous sharing agreement will not have any impacts on the phosphorous limits of other existing dischargers on the Congaree River

### **Requested Action**

- CMCOG staff is requesting approval of the 208 plan amendment request to expand the Eastover WWTP from 1.2 MGD to 2.5 MGD
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# INFORMATION

## Transportation Project Updates

*Joey McIntyre, PE*  
*SCDOT*





# CMCOG Board Meeting Project Updates

February 22, 2024

Joey McIntyre, PE  
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



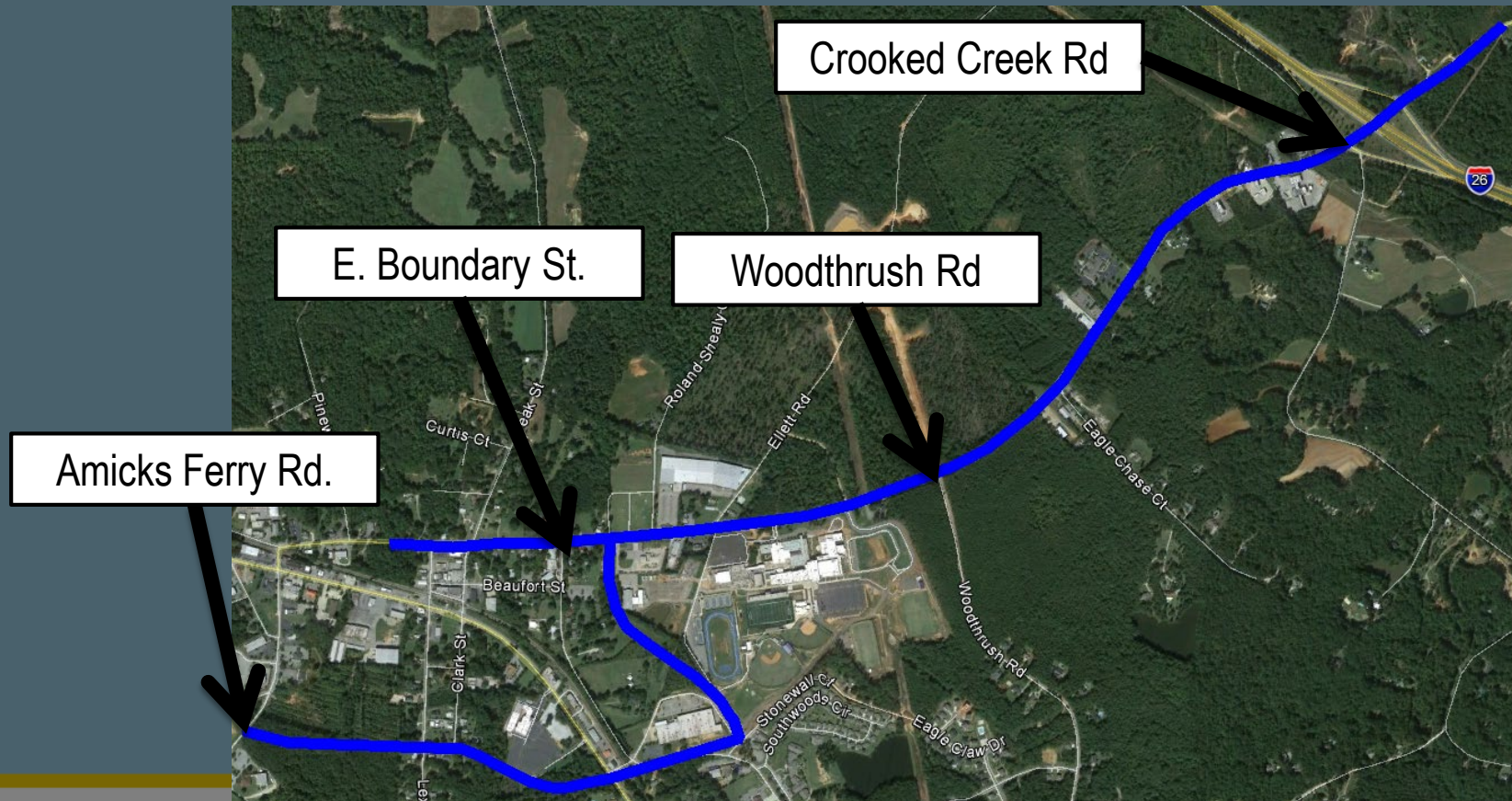
# Leesburg Road Widening

- Construction is underway
- Anticipated completion Fall 2025



# S-48 Widening

- ROW acquisition is underway
- Construction anticipated to begin Early 2025

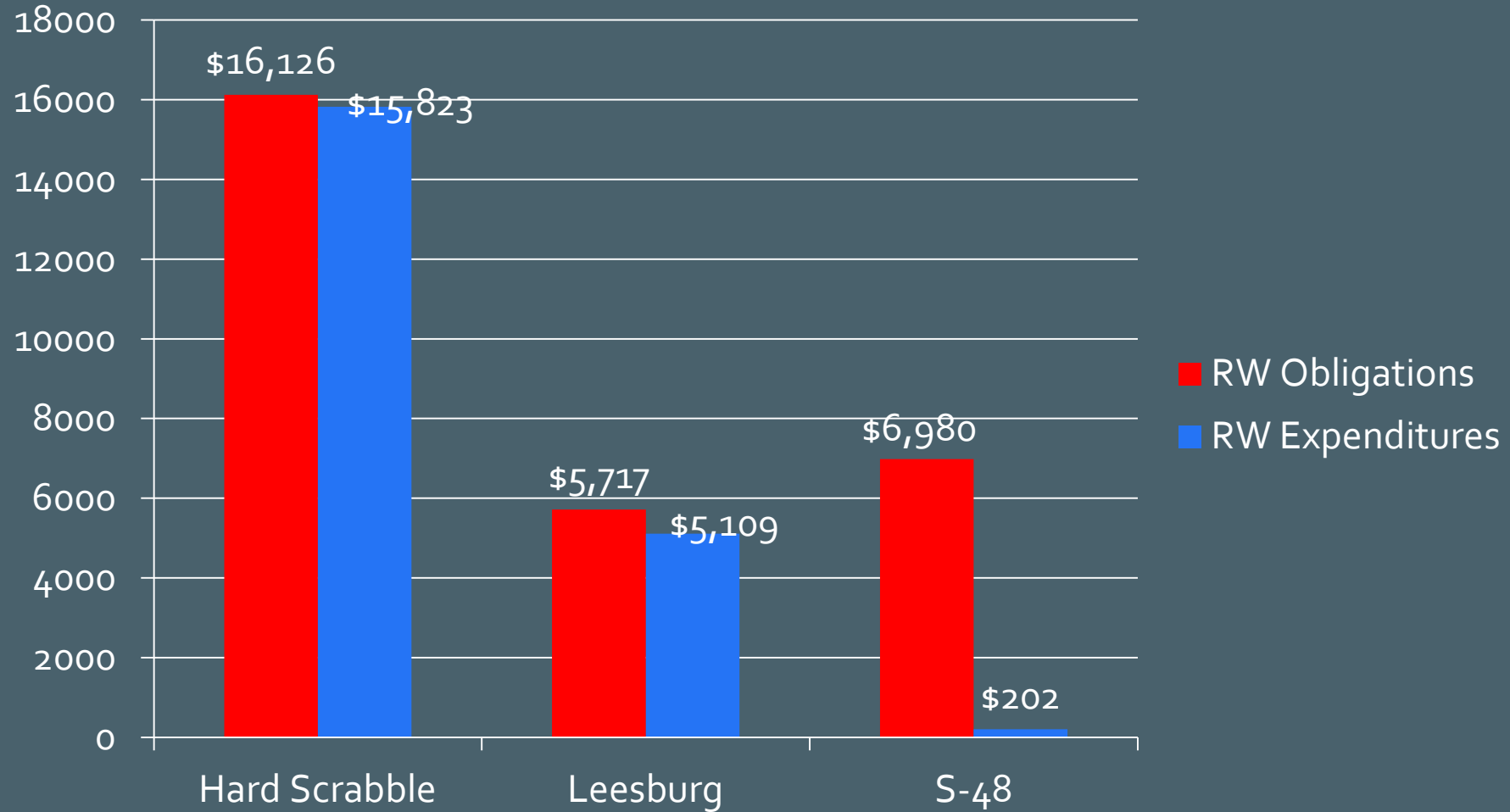


# PE Funding



\*Costs are in Thousands

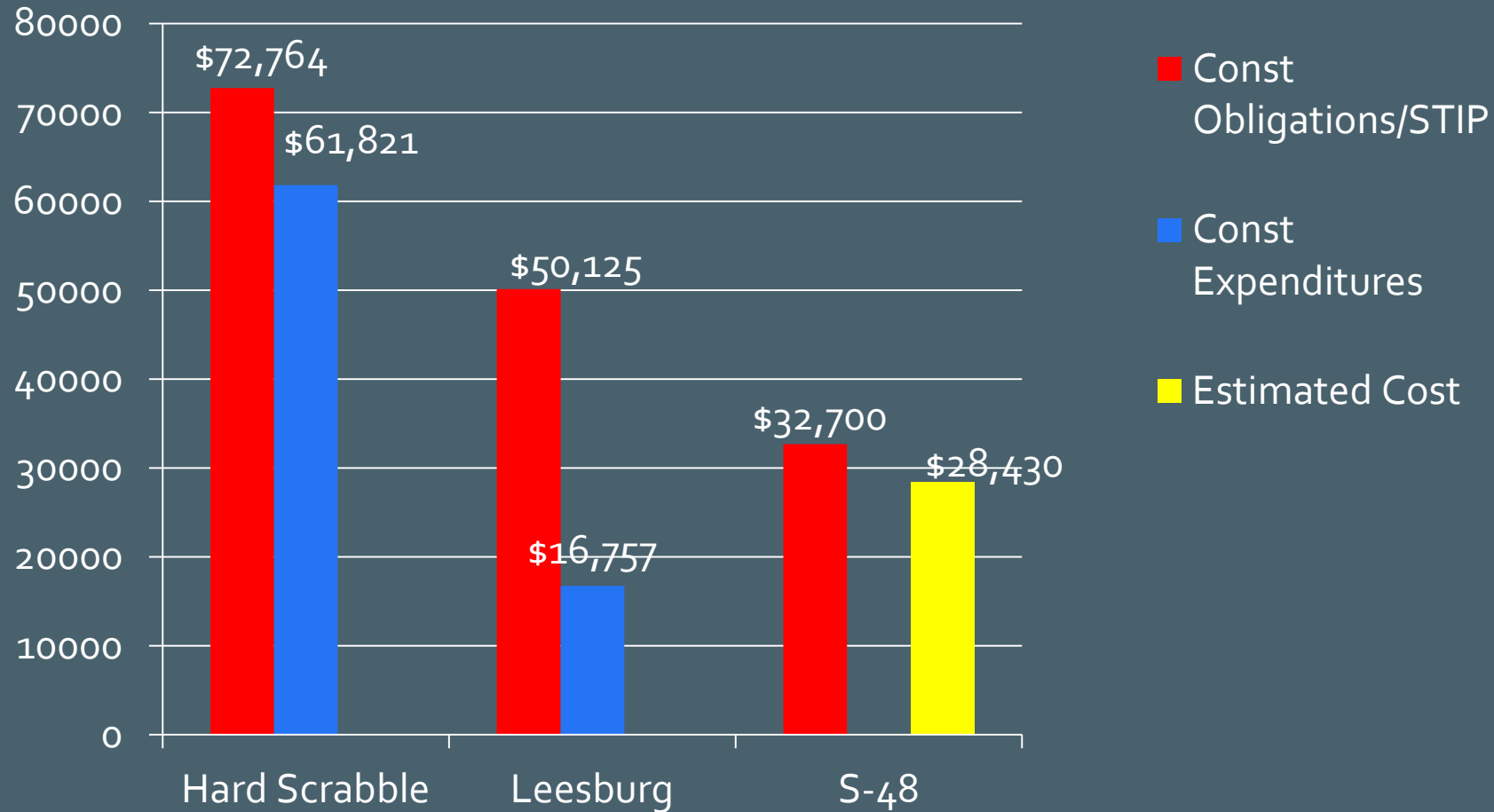
# RW Funding



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# Construction Funding



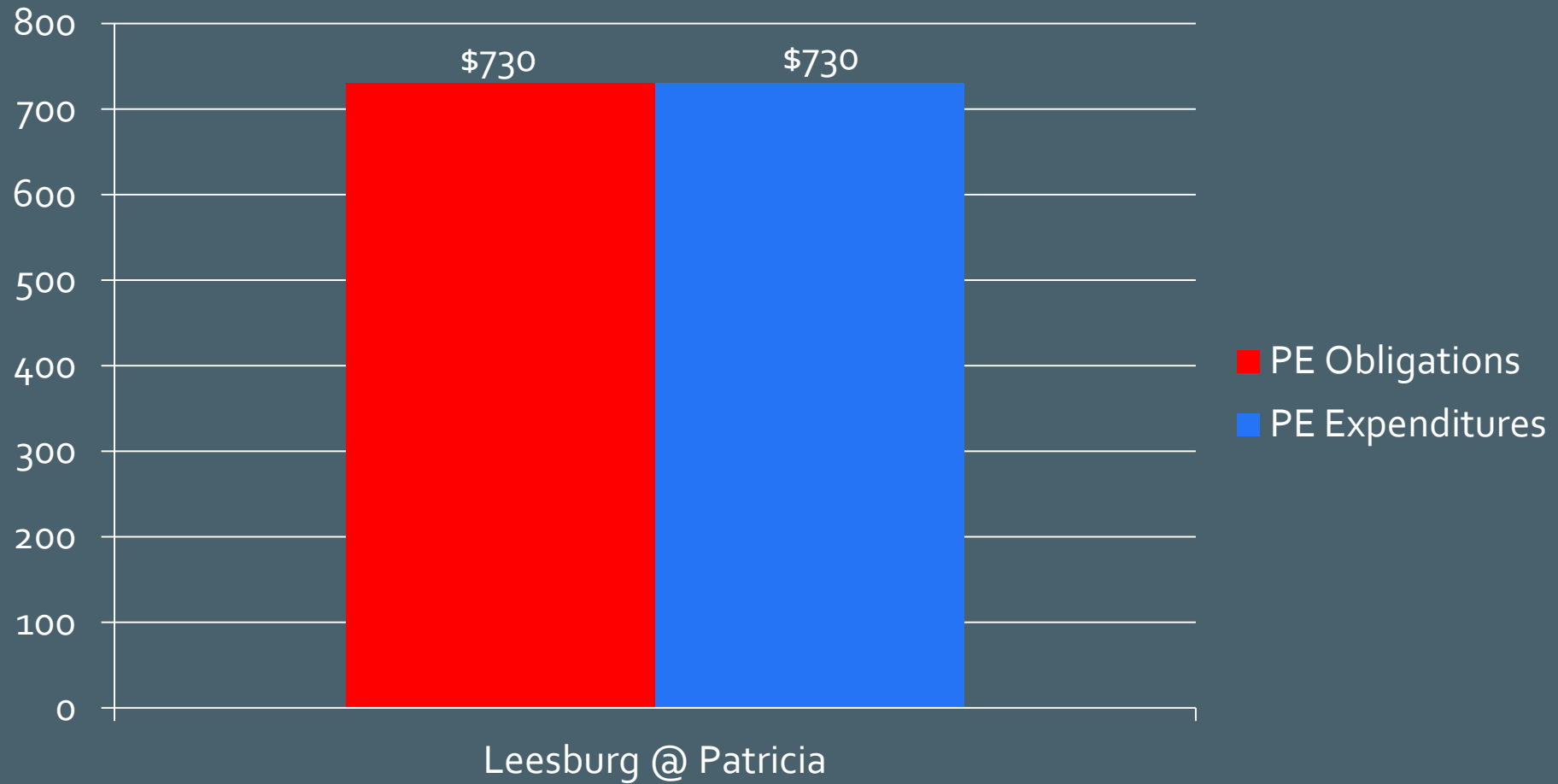
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# Leesburg @ Patricia Drive Intersection

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- Anticipated completion Fall 2025

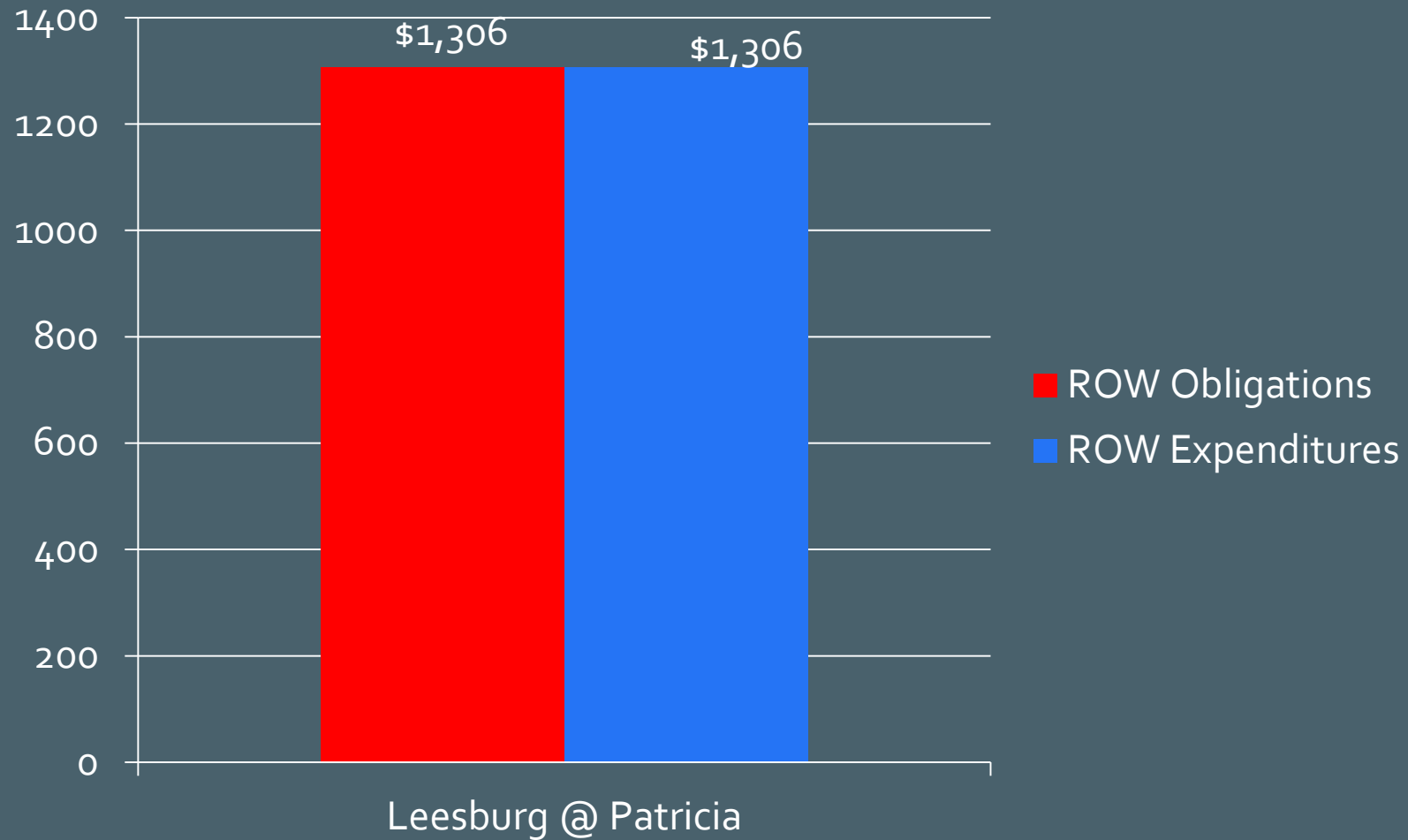


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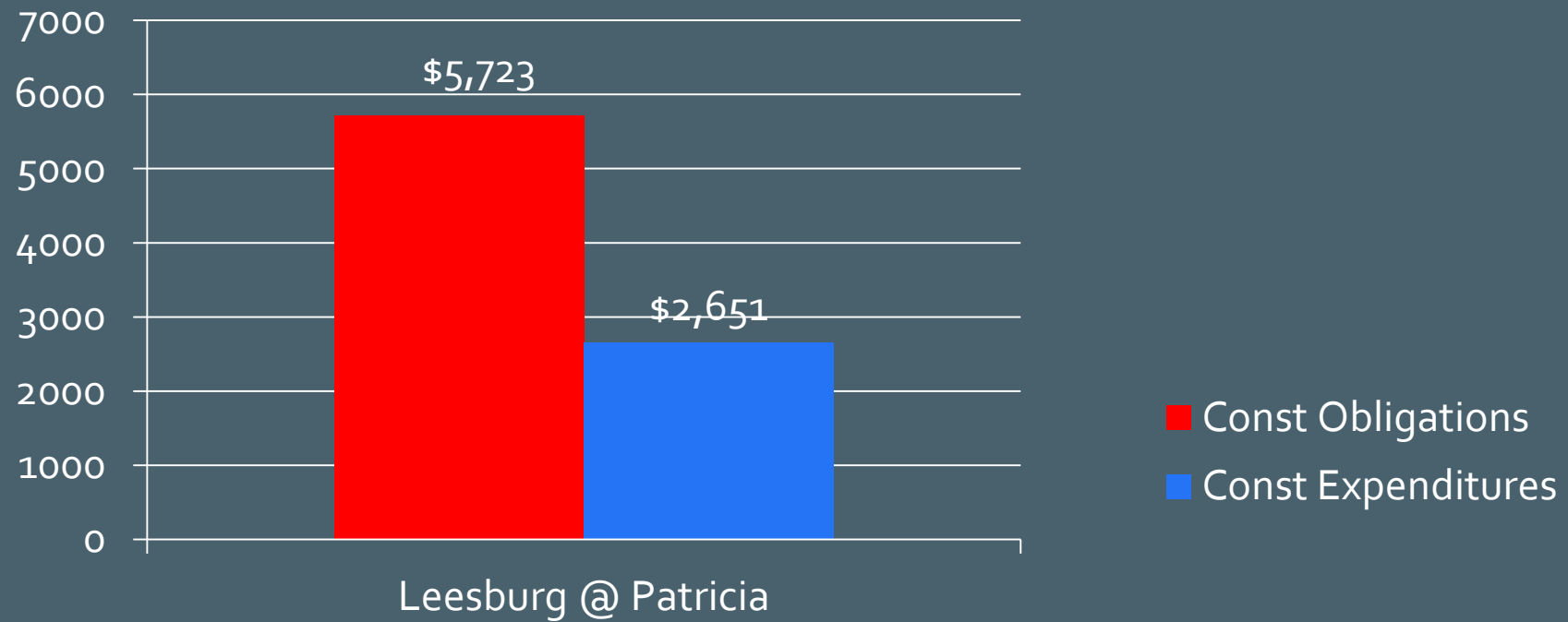
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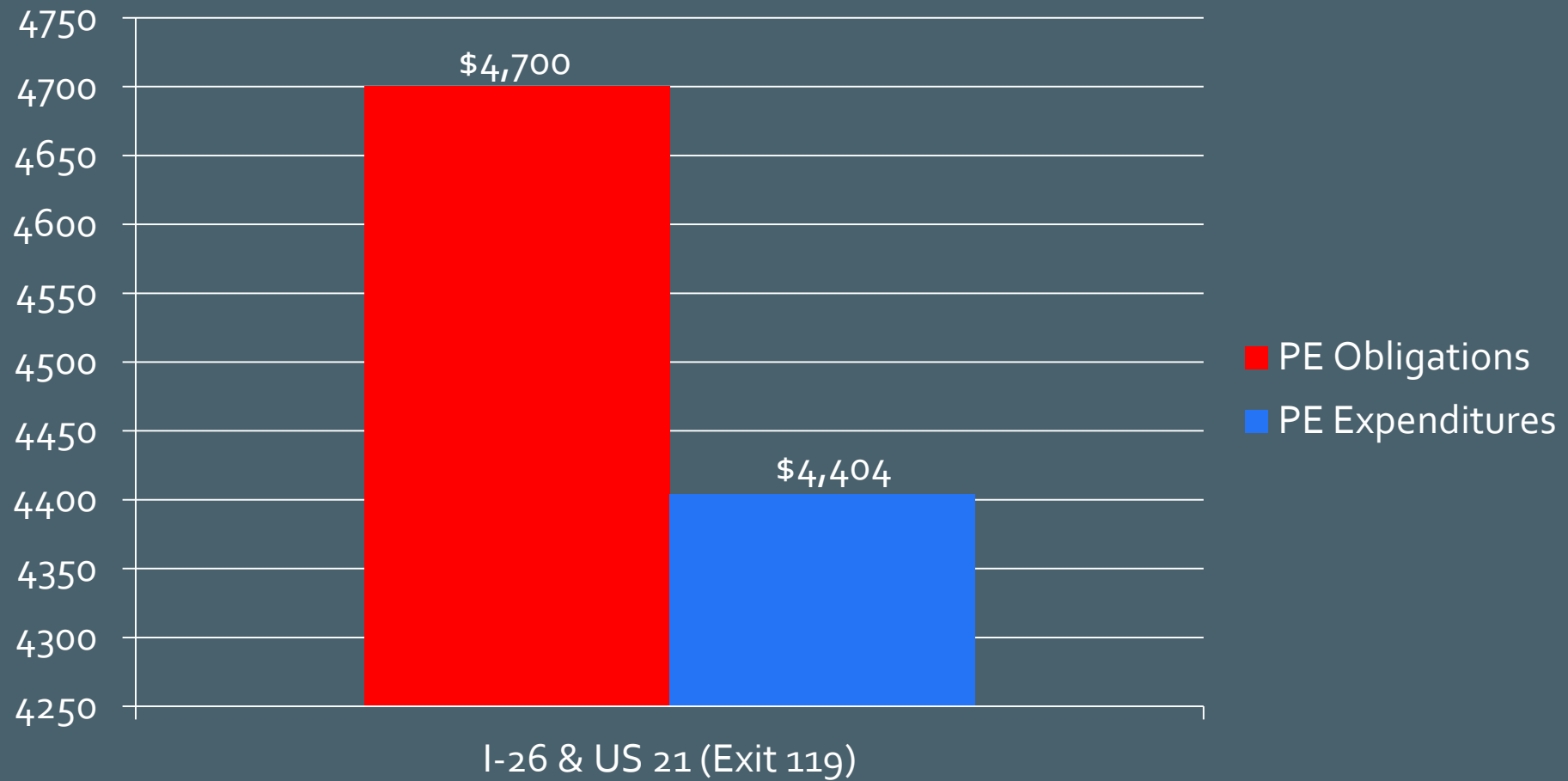


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# I 26 and US 21 (Exit 119)

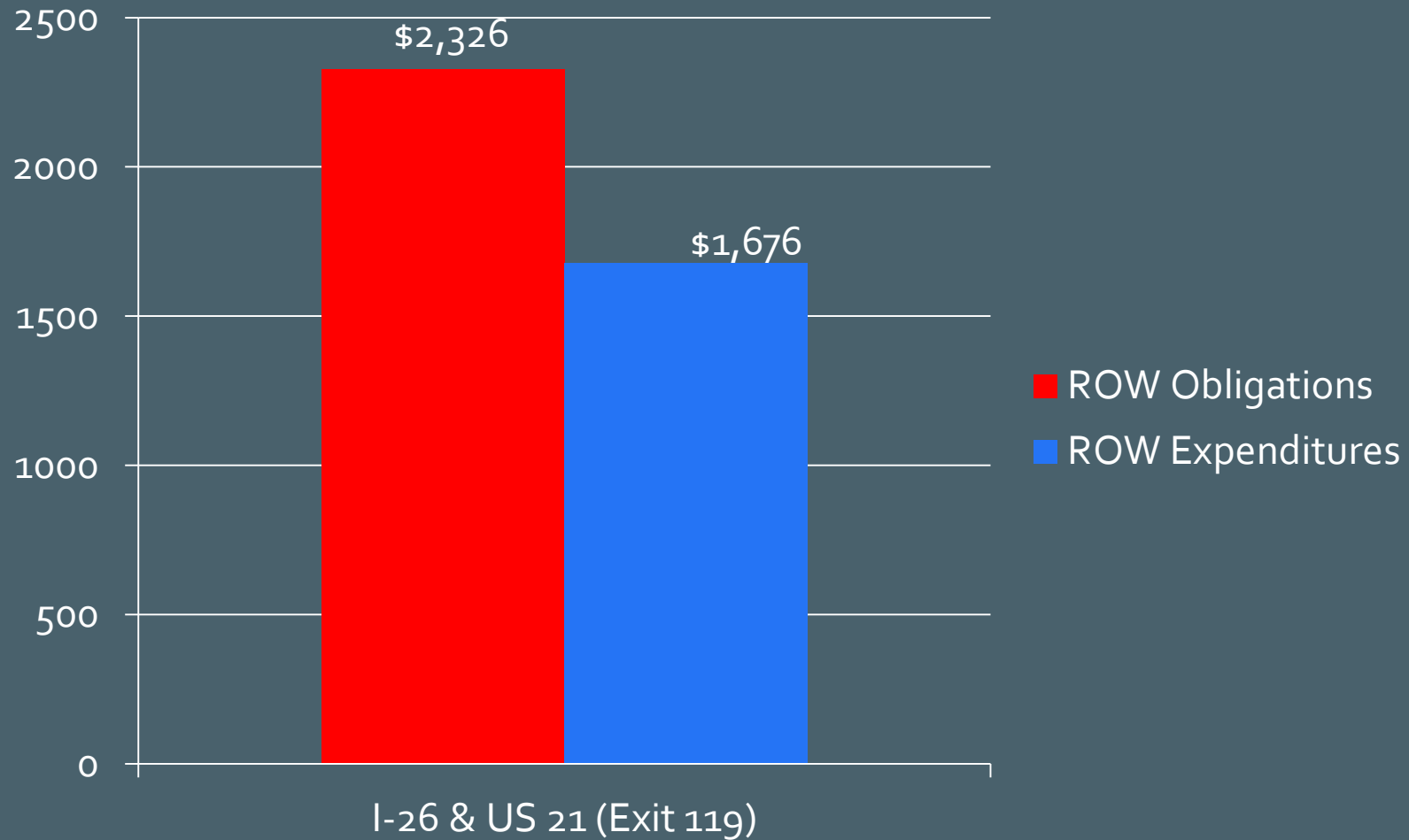
- Reconfigure Existing I-26 @ US 21 Interchange
- Project let March 2023
- Anticipated completion Summer 2026

# PE Funding



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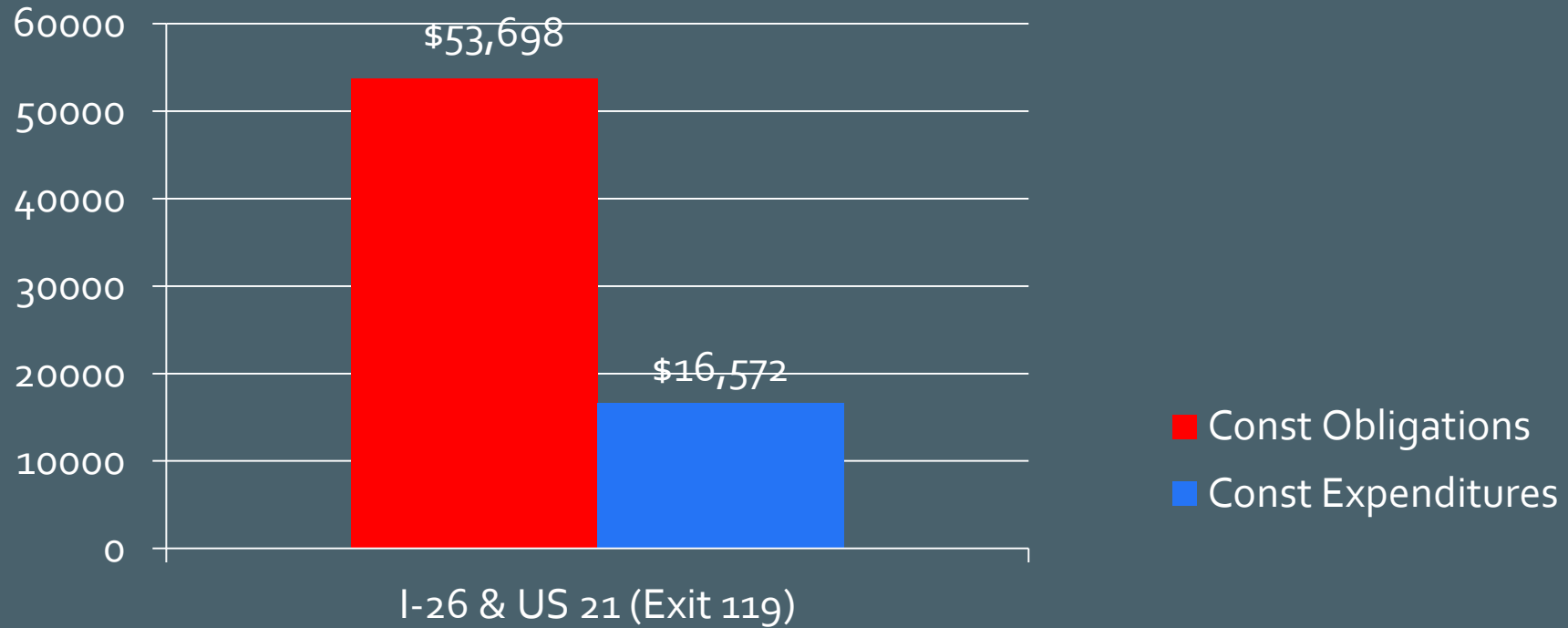
# RW Funding



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# Construction Funding



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# Bridge Replacement Schedule

Project	Status
Boundary Street	Projected Completion Summer 2024
US 176 (River Dr) over SCL RR (Richland)	Preliminary Design Underway
US 21 (Blossom St) over Southern & SCL RR (Richland)	ROW Underway
US 21 over Congaree Creek (Lexington)	Expected to let May 2024

# 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 December 2024

# Resurfacing Schedule

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

# QUESTIONS?

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# INFORMATION

## Southeast Crescent Regional Commission

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# SOUTHEAST CRESCENT REGIONAL COMMISSION

E. Rocky Simmons, Ph.D.





## SCRC MISSION

- The Southeast Crescent Regional Commission (SCRC) is a federal-state partnership authorized in the 2008 Farm Bill to promote and encourage economic development in areas of Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, and all of Florida.
- SCRC's mission is to help create jobs, build communities, and improve the lives of those who reside in the 428 counties of the seven-state region.



# STATE ECONOMIC AND INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT (SEID) GRANT PROGRAM

## Eligible Projects

- Public infrastructure projects that are categorized as basic public.
- Telecommunications and Transportation.
- That supports basic health care, access to affordable housing, business and workforce development, resource conservation and preservation, tourism, and recreation.

## Eligible applicants

- State governments of Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina (39 Counties) and Virginia
- Local governments (village, town, city and county)
- Other political subdivisions of States (regional planning commissions, local economic or community development activities, or a consortium of political subdivisions)
- Indian Tribes; § 200.54 Indian tribe (or “federally recognized Indian tribe”)
- Non-profit organization described in section 501(c) and 501(a)

## FUNDING AVAILABILITY AND STATE ALLOCATIONS

- In FY 2023, the inaugural grant program invested \$20 million in projects that align with the priorities identified in the authorizing statute, Five-Year Strategic Plan, and State Economic Development Plans.
- Each state's grant allocation is calculated via a formula using percentages of equal distribution, total population in the region, total distressed population, and distressed area in square miles.

### FY 2023 Grant Allocations by State

Alabama	\$ 1,226,975.65
Georgia	\$ 7,211,184.09
Mississippi	\$ 2,644,967.35
North Carolina	\$ 4,466,111.42
South Carolina	\$ 2,638,685.34
Virginia	\$ 1,812,076.15
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 20,000,000.00</b>

*Florida has opted out of the FY 2023 SEID Grant Program cycle.<sup>2</sup>*

- \$50,000 minimum/\$500,000 maximum

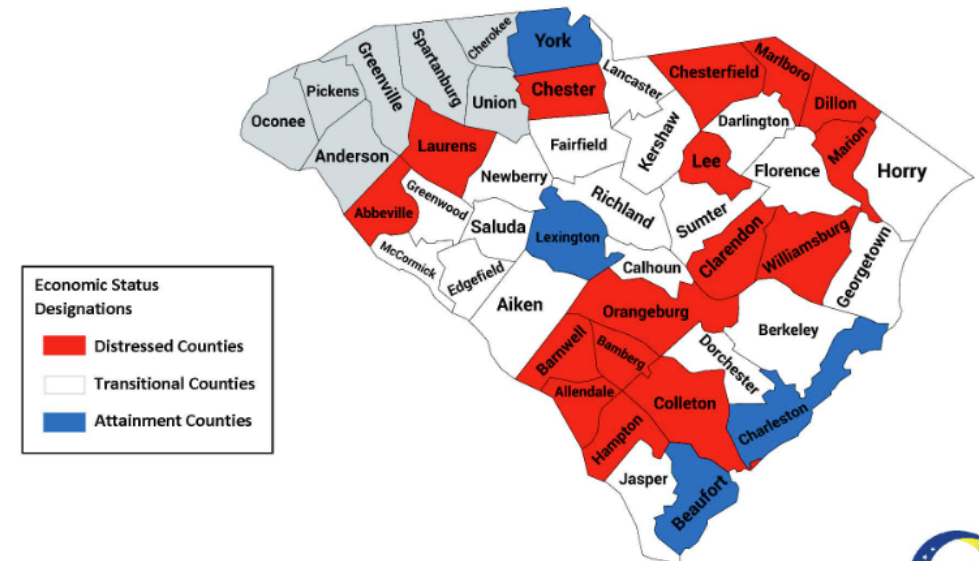
# MATCH REQUIREMENTS

<b>Distressed Counties</b>	<i>Up to 80% SCRC funding / 20% match required</i>
<b>Transitional Counties/ Isolated Areas of Distress</b>	<i>Up to 50% SCRC funding / 50% match required</i>
<b>Attainment Counties</b>	<i>Not eligible for SCRC funding unless it meets the criteria listed section below.</i>
<b>Regional Projects (Multi-County and/or Multi-State)*</b>	<i>Up to 60-90% SCRC funding /10-40% match required</i>

*\*Regional Projects must include three or more counties or two or more states to qualify for increased funding and lower match requirements.*

- SCRC uses an index-based county economic classification system to identify the economic status of each county using three indicators – the three-year average unemployment rate, per capita market income, and poverty rate.

Southeast Crescent Regional Commission  
FY23 Economic Designations  
SOUTH CAROLINA



*\*Counties in grey are not covered by SCRC.*



## COG'S ROLE

- The Regional Councils of Governments (COG) will be involved in the planning and project development activities required to implement the State's SCRC program.
- The CMCOG will serve as a liaison between SCRC and State and local governments, nonprofit organizations (including community-based groups and educational institutions), the business community, and citizens, planning regional projects.



# THANK YOU

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# INFORMATION

## CMCOG Committee Reports

*Britt Poole,  
Executive Director*

# INFORMATION

## Executive Director's Report

*Britt Poole,  
Executive Director*

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# Community Planning Charrette

February 26-29, 2024

You're invited to join us during the Community Planning Charrette for the Riverbanks Community Mobility Plan! This charrette is our team's weeklong effort to learn about the study area, meet with community members, and develop the plan and its recommendations. There are three major opportunities for the public to get involved in the planning process during the week.

## Public Kickoff Meeting

Monday, February 26  
5:30-7:00p

Dutch Square Mall  
421 Bush River Road  
Columbia, SC 29210

*Use the Mall Main Entrance on Bush River Road*

Come meet our project team and learn about the project! See what we've learned about the study area and help us fill-in the gaps. This meeting will include an introductory presentation followed by a chance to speak with our team about your vision for the future of Riverbanks.

## Pop-up Open House

Wednesday, February 28  
6:00-7:30p

Logan Elementary School  
815 Elmwood Avenue  
Columbia, SC 29201

*Use the Entrance on Lincoln Street*

We want to make sure as many people are included as possible. The Pop-up Open House will be an opportunity for those that missed the kickoff meeting to get caught up and preview some early ideas from the planning team's work during the week.

## Plan Concepts Open House

Thursday, February 29  
5:30-7:00p

Dutch Square Mall  
421 Bush River Road  
Columbia, SC 29210

*Use the Mall Main Entrance on Bush River Road*

This is our capstone event for the week. Come see our ideas and concepts for the Riverbanks Community Mobility Plan. Give us your feedback and help shape the plan that will be created from the work we completed and the conversations we shared during the entire week.



# South Carolina Community Development Block Grant



2023 CDBG Application Guidelines



**South Carolina**  
Department of Commerce



## ANNOUNCES THE NEW RURAL PROJECT PROGRAM



### THE RURAL PROJECT PROGRAM APPLICATION ROUND OPENS MARCH 18, 2024 THROUGH MAY 17, 2024

The SC Transportation Infrastructure Bank is pleased to announce a New Rural Project Program with a goal of \$250 million in financial assistance for eligible projects over ten years based on sufficient available financial capacity. The first application period is expected to be from March 18 to May 17, 2024.

A "Rural Project" is a project located in a county with a population of 115,000 or less. Additionally, a "Rural Project" is a project in a county with a population between 115,000 and 200,000 persons as long as at least 75% of the project is located outside a Metropolitan Planning Organization Study Area. However, a project is not eligible for this program if it is located in a county with an active Bank assisted project.

#### **Preliminary Rural Project Program Workshop**

- **March 1, 2024**
- **9:30 AM to 12:00 PM**
- **955 Park Street, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor Auditorium, Columbia, SC**
- **Discussion of the Rural Project Program Application Process**
- **Question and Answer Session**

Please submit the number of people from your organization planning to attend to [hoganal@scdot.org](mailto:hoganal@scdot.org) by close of business February 27, 2024. There is limited space. If you cannot attend in person, we will be posting the questions and answers on the Bank's website sometime after the meeting.

Please contact Jerri Butler, CFO, at (803)737-1225 if you have questions.



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# Career Exploration & Development Drop-In

**SESSION 1: PAIRING YOUR INTERESTS AND PERSONALITY WITH CAREER OPPORTUNITIES**

**GAME 1: CAREER CHARADES**



**SESSION 2: VIRTUAL REALITY CAREER EXPLORATION**

**GAME 2: JOBS TO JOBS (CARDS AGAINST HUMANITY STYLE GAME)**



**SESSION 3: RESUME CREATION AND TIPS**

**GAME 3: INTERVIEW ROULETTE**



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**Thank you,  
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- Special Thanks to Midlands Technical College for hosting the CMCOG Board Meetings!

**Old/New Business**

**Other Business**

**Next Meeting – 28 March 2024**

**Adjourn**

