

Central Midlands Council of Governments

Board Meeting

Thursday, March 28th, 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**

Columbia lands the Premier League Match in August!



Columbia will give the Manchester United and Liverpool soccer teams, and their fans, a very warm welcome when they come for the friendly match as part of their U.S. “Rivals in Red” tour at Williams-Brice Stadium
August 3, 2024

For Recycling Lessons, Students Go to the Experts



Second-graders at Dutch Fork Elementary School in Irmo visited Richland County's C&D Landfill Drop-Off Center for an out-of-the-classroom lesson on the importance of recycling.

Staff with the County's Solid Waste & Recycling Division (SW&R) told students about various everyday items that are recyclable, ensuring they left the facility knowing how to "trash it right."



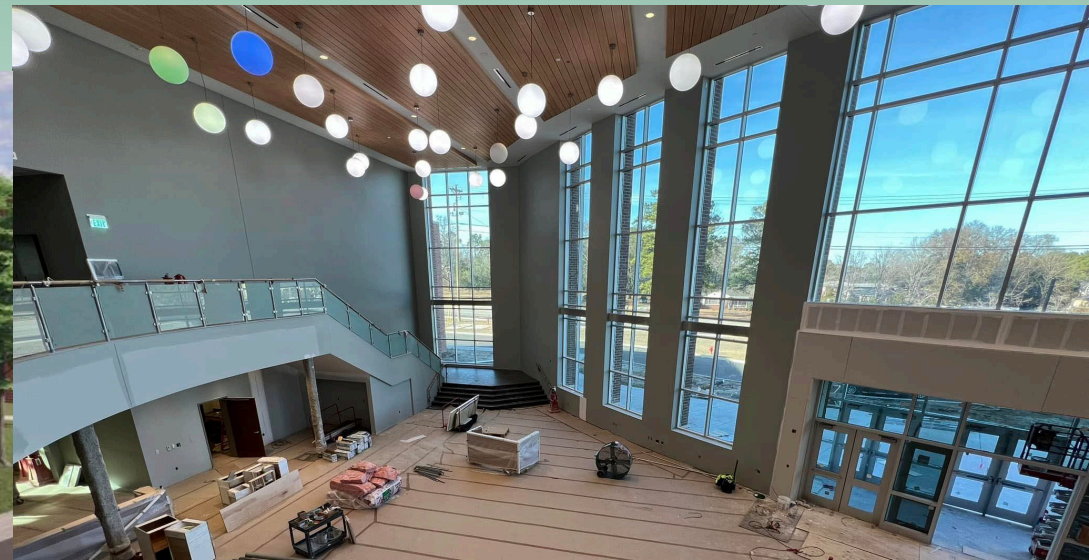
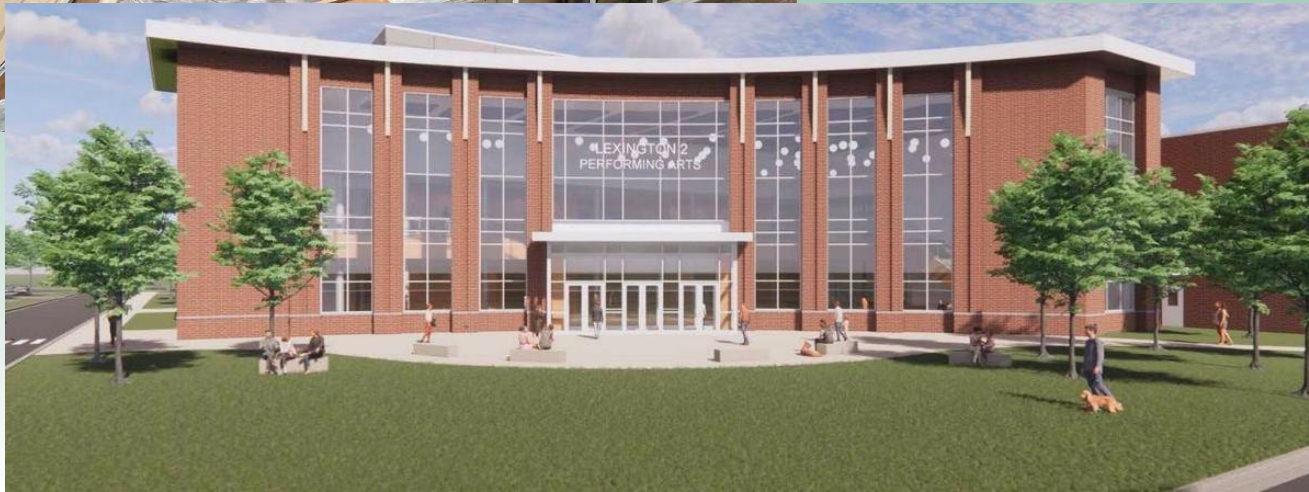
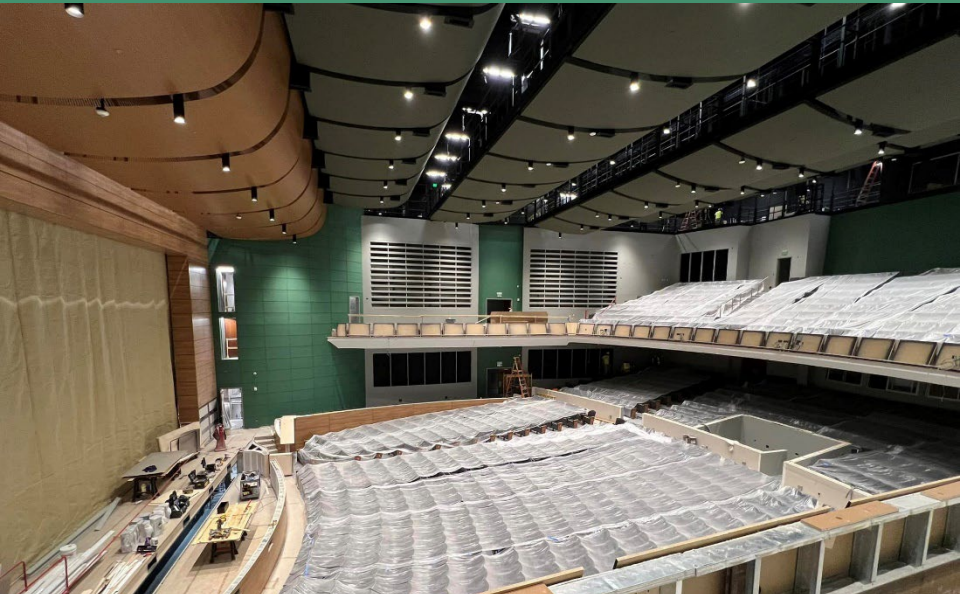
Scout Motors in Blythewood

Scout Motors broke ground on their \$2 billion electric vehicle plant in Blythewood. This plant is estimated to bring 4,000 jobs to the Midlands.



Lexington Two's New Performing Arts Center in Springdale

The center will offer the district a large, state-of-the-art venue and full working stage for performances, special events, and district-wide occasions. The center will include a two-level balcony with seating for 1,550, as well as four meeting and event breakout spaces, two of which hold up to 300 people.



Richland Mall Redevelopment Begins

Demolition crews have begun taking down Richland Mall, marking the end of an era. Over the next four years we will hopefully see more than 500 new apartments, restaurants, a grocery store, a brewery and retail spaces take shape at the site.



Shoes for Newberry Elementary Students



USC Women's Basketball Coach Dawn Staley and Innersole donated shoes to Newberry Elementary School Students.

Fairfield County Chamber of Commerce

Fairfield County opened their 1st Visitors Center!
If you haven't already, we invite you to stop by and visit.
We can't wait to welcome you and showcase all that our
community has to offer.



ACTION

Consent Agenda Items

1. Approval of the Minutes of the Board Meeting – 22 February 2024 (*Enclosure 1*)
2. * 2024 & 2025 UPWP Amendment – Intersection Control Evaluation Process (*Enclosure 2*)
3. 2024 & 2025 RPWP Amendment – Intersection Control Evaluation Process (*Enclosure 3*)

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

ACTION

Regular Agenda Items

1. Monthly Financial Status Report (January 2024) *(Enclosure 4)*
2. Briefing on Financial and Compliance Report for FY 2023 *(Enclosure 5)*
3. * Congestion Management Plan – Interchange Improvements *(Enclosure 6)*
4. * 2024 & 2025 UPWP Amendment – Forest Acres Intersections *(Enclosure 7)*

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ACTION

**Monthly Financial Status Report
(January 2024)**

(Enclosure 4)

*Missi Labbe,
Finance Director*

ACTION

**Briefing on Financial and Compliance Report
for FY 2023**

(Enclosure 5)

*Missi Labbe,
Finance Director*

ACTION

Congestion Management Plan – Interchange Improvements

(Enclosure 6)

Reginald Simmons,

Deputy Executive Director / Director - Transportation



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Congestion Management Plan

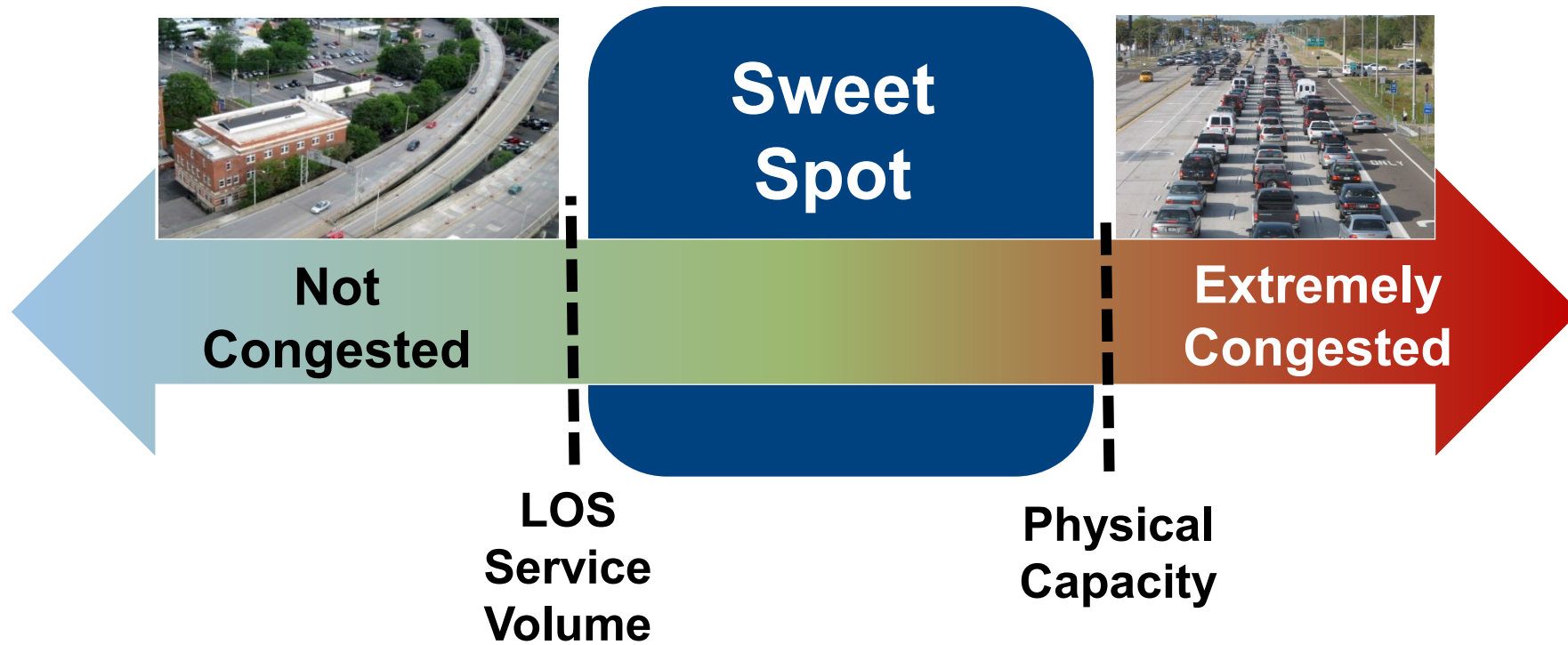
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Congestion Management Process

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



CMP Strategies

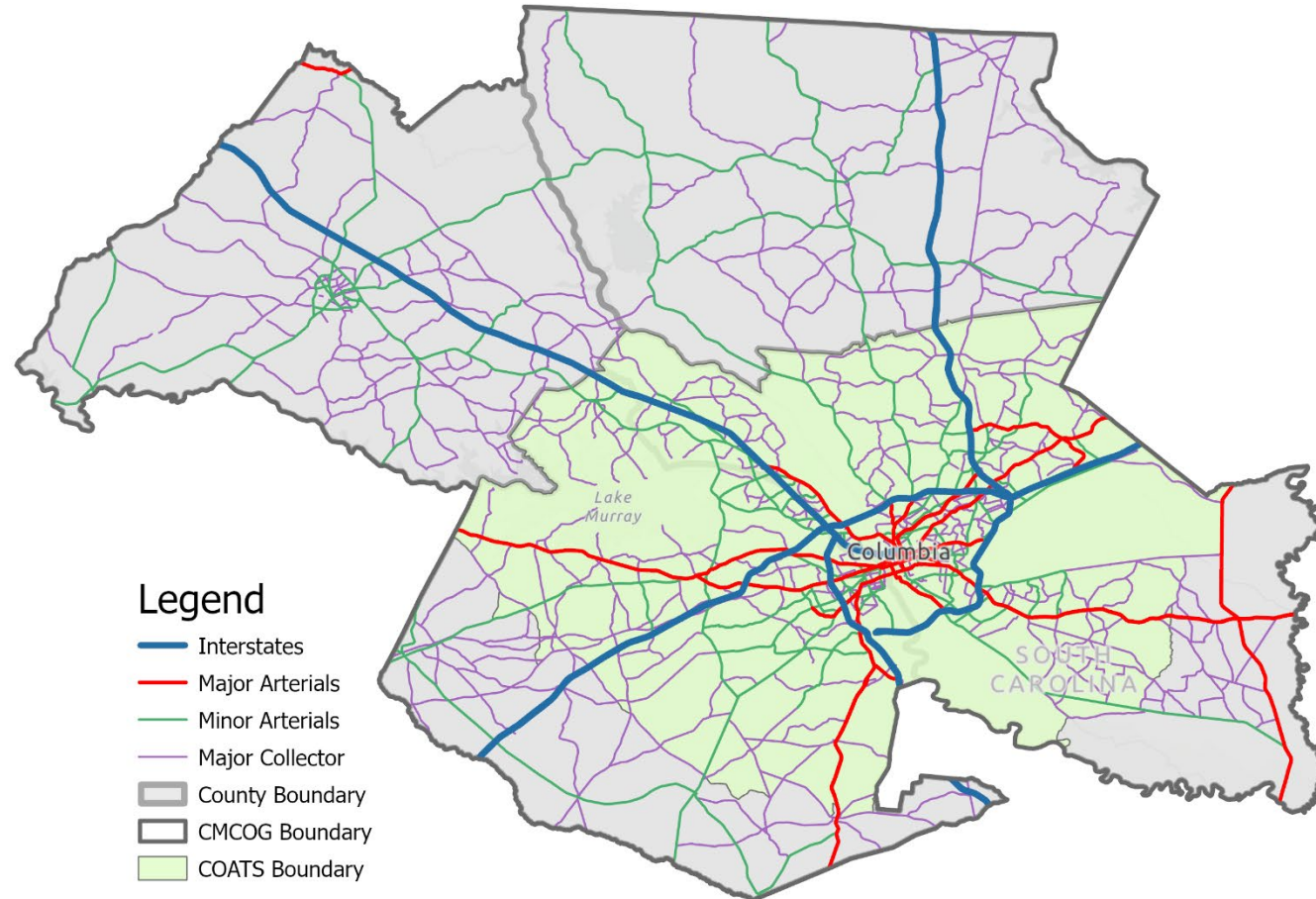


Congestion Management Process

How could a CMP benefit your jurisdiction or agency?



Define the Network: Geographic Area



Define the Network

Tier
1

Interstates on the
National Highway
System

Tier
2

Non-Interstate
Routes on the NHS

Tier
3

Other Significant
Routes (major
collectors and
above not on the
NHS)

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)
 - Others?

2045 LRTP Goals

- 1** Preservation of the Existing System
- 2** Increase Safety and Security of the System
- 3** Enhance regional Mobility, Accessibility and Choice
- 4** Improve Quality of Life

2045 LRTP Guiding Principals

State of Good Repair

Reduce Congestion

Transportation Demand Management

Modal Choice

Safety

Types of Congestion

Recurring Congestion

Expected to occur at the same time every weekday as a result of high volumes of commuter traffic

Non-Recurring Congestion

Occurs as a result of an unexpected or non-typical event such as crashes, construction, weather, and special events

Recurring Congestion

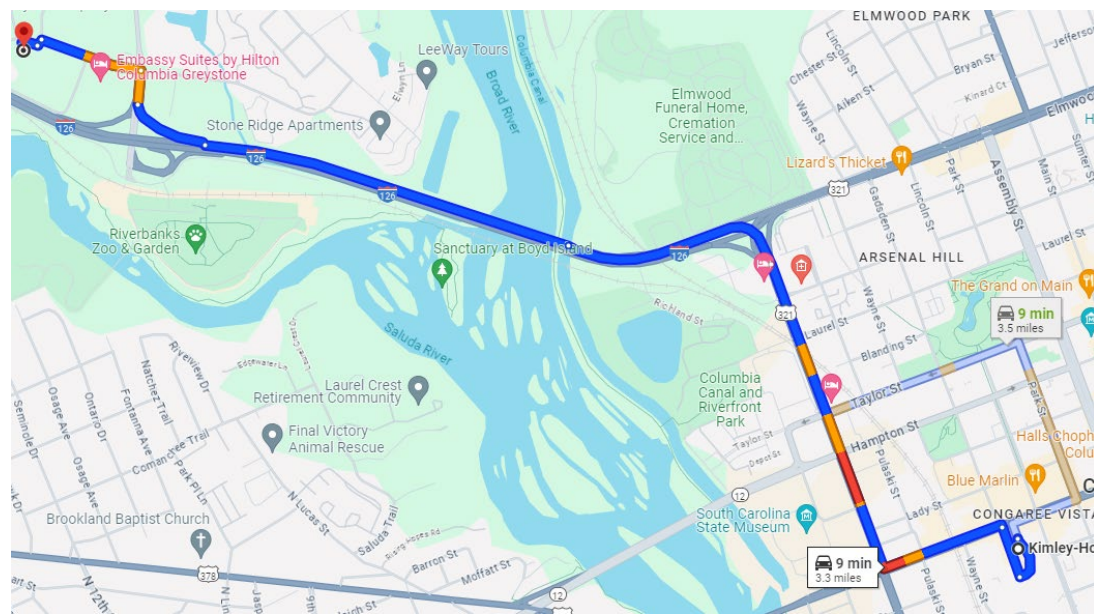
- Peak Planning Time Index (PTI)

- Probe Data, 2019

Planning Time Index (PTI) helps provide a numerical value for gauging travel reliability. PTI is the factor applied to the free flow travel time needed to ensure on-time arrival 95% of the time.

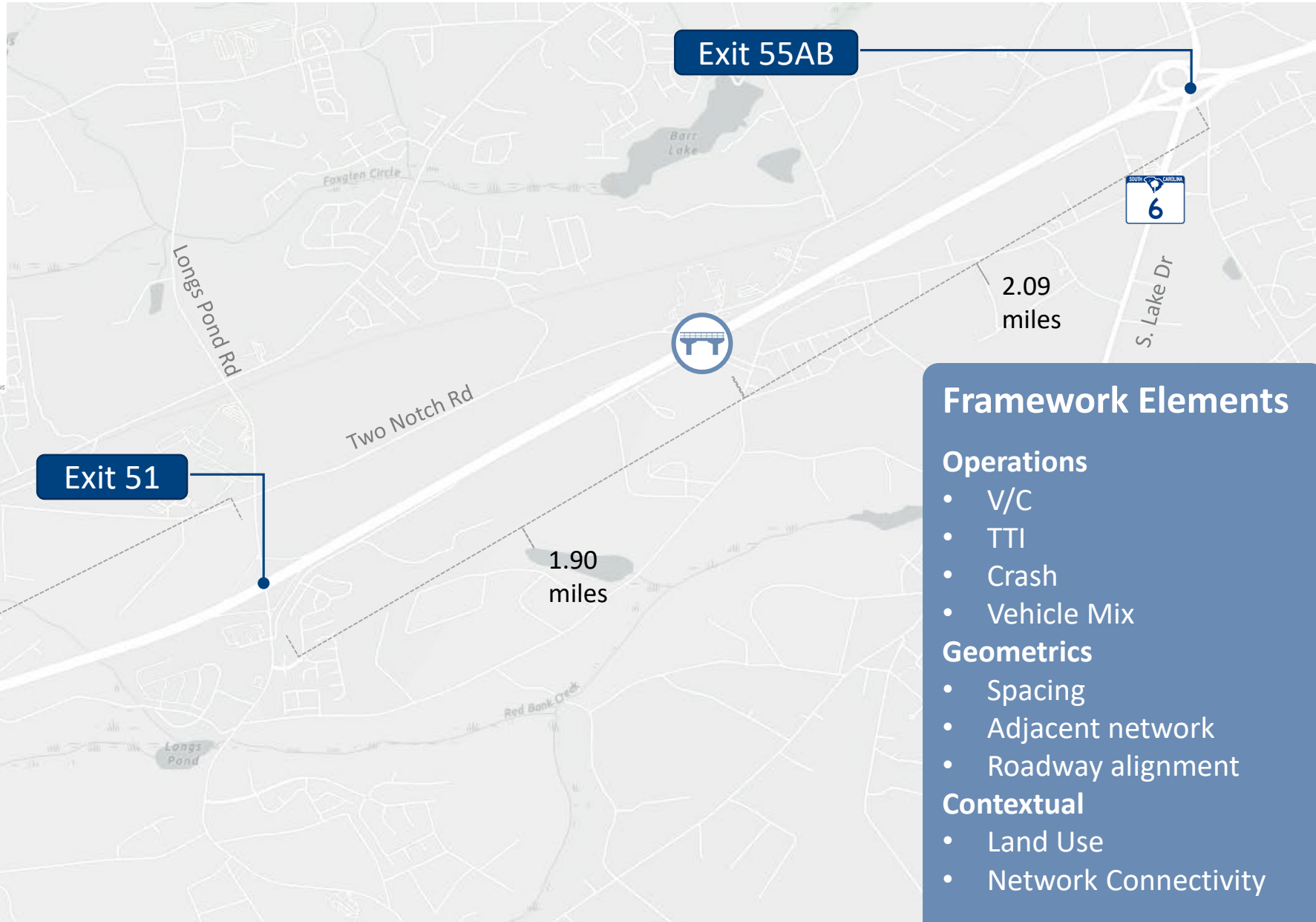
Sample Travel Scenario

A PTI of 1.8 means travel is unreliable. A traveler going for a 9-minute trip during a peak period would be assured of completing the trip in 17 minutes or less at least 95% of the time.



Interchanges

 Existing Grade Separation



Framework Elements

- Operations**
- V/C
 - TTI
 - Crash
 - Vehicle Mix

- Geometrics**
- Spacing
 - Adjacent network
 - Roadway alignment

- Contextual**
- Land Use
 - Network Connectivity

Public Engagement

The Public Engagement Plan (PEP) communicates the expectations for engaging the public and stakeholders throughout the planning process of the CMP. The Steering Committee (you!) will be involved at each step.

The PEP is divided into four sequential steps:

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

ACTION

2024 & 2025 UPWP Amendment – Forest Acres Intersections

(Enclosure 7)

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

**2024 & 2025
UPWP AMENDMENT
FOREST ACRES
INTERSECTIONS**

By

Reginald Simmons

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UPWP AMENDMENT

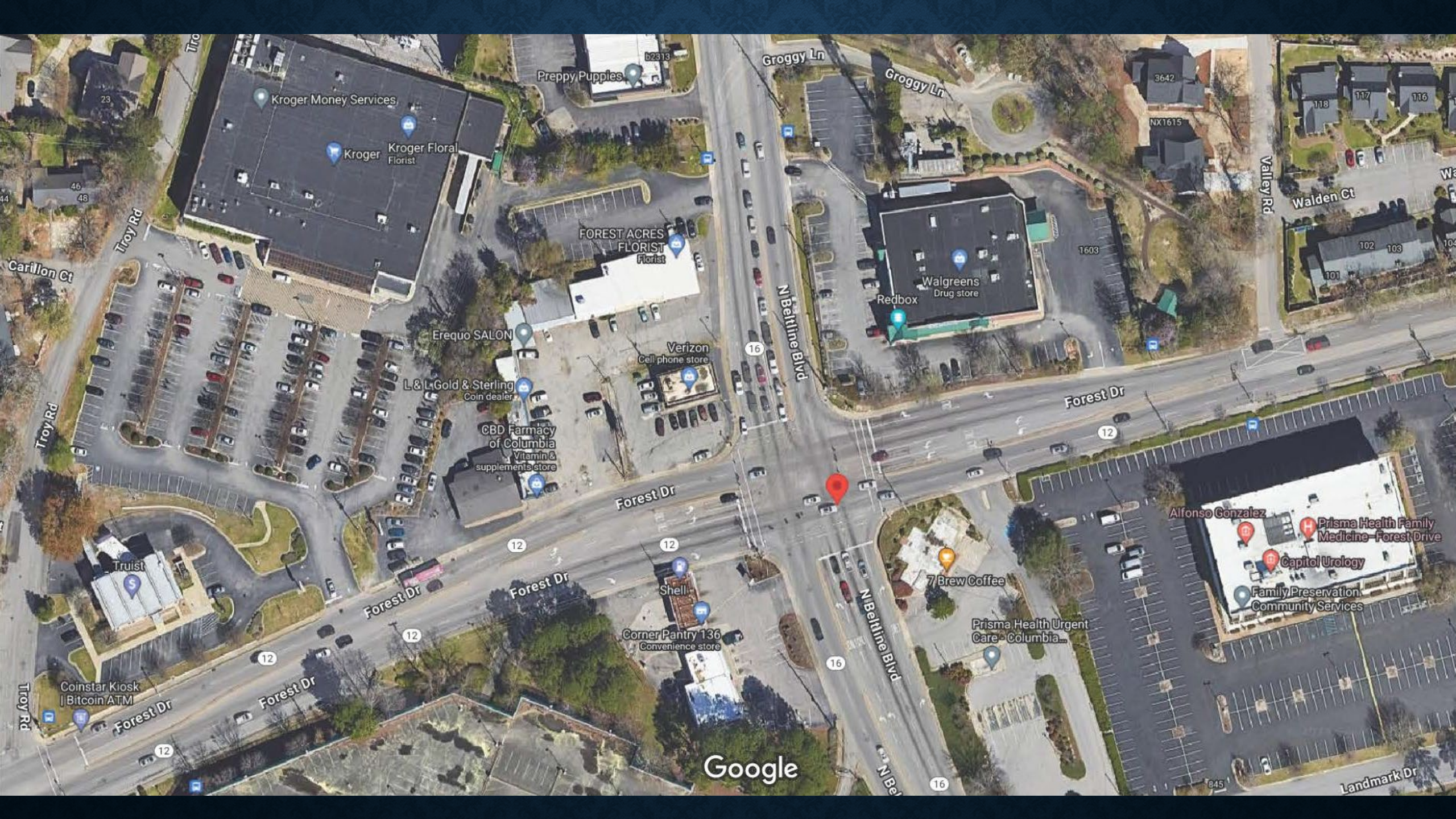
- Staff requests approval to amend the 2024 & 2025 UPWP to add \$75,000 for the following intersections to be included in our Intersection Control Evaluation Process.
 - Forest Drive @ Beltline Blvd
 - Forest Drive @ Trenholm Road

UPWP AMENDMENT

- The Intersection Evaluation Process includes four steps as part of its analysis:
 - Scoping Alternatives
 - Safety Analysis
 - Operational Analysis
 - Multimodal Considerations

UPWP AMENDMENT

- Currently assessment of Forest Drive @ Beltline Blvd
 - Approximately 22,500 vehicles pass through this intersection everyday.
 - Both Forest Drive and N. Beltline Blvd are 5-lane roadways.
 - Three out of the four directions have a double left turn
 - All four directions have a dedicated right turn lane
 - All four directions have two through lanes
 - It's a signalized intersection



Kroger Money Services
Kroger Floral Florist

Preppy Puppies

FOREST ACRES FLORIST Florist

Walgreens Drug store
Redbox

Erequo SALON

Verizon Cell phone store

L & L Gold & Sterling Coin dealer

CBD Pharmacy of Columbia Vitamin & supplements store

Alfonso Gonzalez
Prisma Health Family Medicine - Forest Drive
Capitol Urology
Family Preservation Community Services

7 Brew Coffee

Shell
Corner Pantry 136 Convenience store

Prisma Health Urgent Care - Columbia...

Google

UPWP AMENDMENT

- Safety Data for Forest Drive and Beltline
 - A total 176 collision have occurred from 2018 to 2023
 - The most collisions have occurred in April and December
 - Most collisions happen throughout the work week.
 - Primarily between 12 p.m. to 6 p.m.
 - Most accidents happened when the weather is clear with no adverse conditions
 - Most when the roadway is dry.
 - No fatal collisions have been reported.

UPWP AMENDMENT

- Currently assessment of Forest Drive @ Trenholm Road
 - Approximately 23,700 vehicles pass through this intersection everyday.
 - Both Forest Drive and Trenholm Road are 5-lane roadways.
 - All four directions have a dedicated left turn
 - Trenholm Road has a dedicated right turn lanes
 - Forest Drive has a shared right turn/through lane
 - It's a signalized intersection



Forest Dr

Trenholm Rd

Forest Dr

Forest Dr

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Trenholm Rd

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Bitcoin Depot - Bitcoin ATM

Circle K Convenience store

Redbox

Cardtronics ATM

Shell

Pitt Stop Convenience store

LibertyX Bitcoin ATM

Chipotle Mexican Grill Mexican • S

POSH Nail Spa

Photo

UPWP AMENDMENT

- Safety Data for Forest Drive and Trenholm Road
 - A total 224 collisions happened from 2018 to 2023
 - The most collisions have occurred in September and December
 - Most collisions happened Monday and throughout the work week.
 - Primarily between 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.
 - Most accidents happen when the weather is clear with no adverse conditions
 - Most when the roadway is dry.
 - No fatal collisions have been reported.

UPWP AMENDMENT

- We are requesting to use \$75K in our work program to conduct this evaluation.
- We will look for ways to enhance pedestrian safety and access management at these locations.
- We will first coordinate with SCDOT on any recommendation they may have.
- We will check on the status of the Carbon Reduction Program as administered by SCDOT regarding the Forest Drive corridor.
- We will check on the Regional Mobility Program regarding these corridors.
- We will engage a consultant if none of the previous steps are sufficient.

- Questions

INFORMATION

CMCOG Committee Reports

*Britt Poole,
Executive Director*

INFORMATION

Executive Director's Report

*Britt Poole,
Executive Director*

Central Midlands Area Agency on Aging

Advanced Directives Workshop

Making healthcare decisions for yourself or someone you love can be difficult. Join us for education that will prepare you for those moments.

Event Date and Time:
April 30, 2024
11 AM to 2 PM

REGISTER FOR THIS EVENT BY CALLING 803-376-5390. YOU MUST REGISTER TO ATTEND.

Facilitated by
Marisette Hasan,
BSN, RN



My Will Program

About Us

The My Will Program is for eligible seniors 60+ needing a simple will. Central Midlands Area Agency on Aging serves seniors in Fairfield, Lexington, Newberry, and Richland Counties.

Limited Appointments!

You **MUST** call to receive an application and to qualify for an appointment. For more information call 803-376-5390

Date: May 24, 2024

Time: 9:00 AM

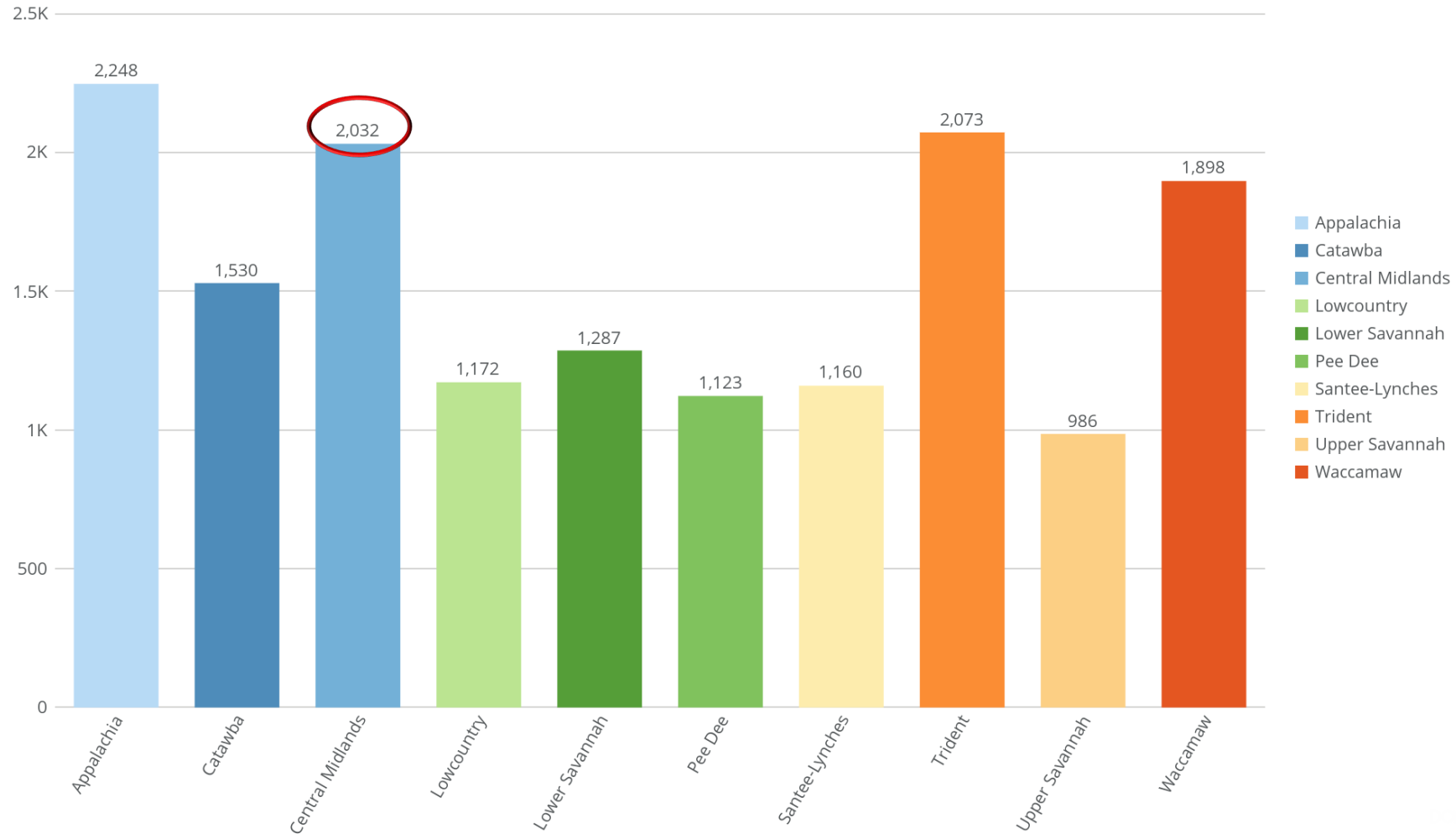
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Columbia, SC 29210

Services are provided by SC Bar, USC School of Law, and Central Midlands Area Agency on Aging



AIM Regional Statewide Assessment Totals SFY24 to Date

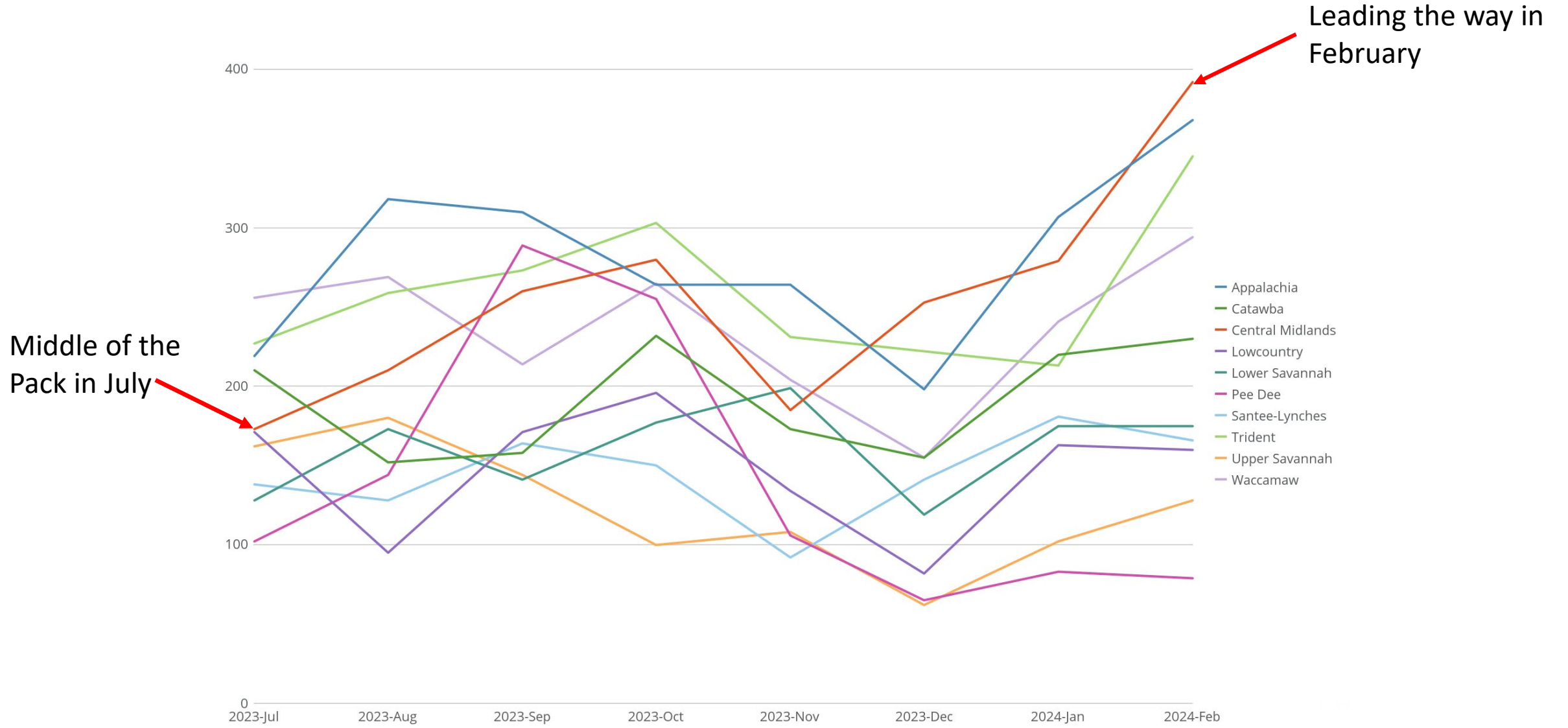
15,509 Count of Assessments



AIM Regional Statewide Assessment Totals by Month SFY24 to Date

by Month

15,509 Count of Assessments



SC WORKS MIDLANDS SPRING CAREER FAIR 2024

Time:
Thursday,
April 11, 2024
1 pm - 4 pm

Location:
National Guard Armory
1225 Bluff Road
Columbia, SC 29201



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FAIRFIELD COUNTY WIOA JOB FAIR 2024



Thursday, April 18th
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

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WINNSBORO, SC 29180

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

Old/New Business

Other Business

Next Meeting – 25 April 2024

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