## **MEDIA ALERT**

## SERIES OF COMMUNITY WORKSHOPS SCHEDULED FOR LOWCOUNTRY RAPID TRANSIT JAN. 29-31

**WHAT:** The Berkeley-Charleston-Dorchester Council of Governments will hold a series of three interactive, public community workshops Jan. 29-31 in Charleston, Summerville and North Charleston to kick off the next phase of the Lowcountry Rapid Transit project. These meetings will be an opportunity to receive an update on the project and weigh in on the vision for the system.

The format of the Community Workshops includes a presentation and interactive session; the workshops will start at 6:00 p.m. and each is planned to last two hours.

Those unable to attend in-person can access an online version of the workshops by visiting www.lowcountryrapidtransit.com beginning Tuesday, Jan. 29. The online meeting will be available 24 hours a day, seven days a week through Thursday, Feb. 28 for comment and input.

## **COMMUNITY WORKSHOP TIMES, DATES & LOCATIONS:**

- International Longshoremen's Association Building Community Hall 1142 Morrison Dr, Charleston, SC 29403 Tuesday, Jan. 29 6-8 p.m.
- Alston-Bailey Elementary School 820 W 5th North St., Summerville, SC 29483 Wednesday, Jan. 30 6-8 p.m.
- The College Center at Trident Tech 7000 Rivers Ave, North Charleston, SC 29406 Thursday, Jan. 31 6-8 p.m.

WHO: Lowcountry Rapid Transit project team and BCDCOG staff.

**MEDIA:** To arrange interviews, please email <u>dbrock@rawlemurdy.com</u> or call (919) 820-2612.

**WHY:** The proposed 23-mile Lowcountry Rapid Transit project along Highway 52 (Rivers Avenue) and Highway 78 will provide improved mobility among key regional corridors and a

more direct connection for the traveling public. It will also promote the unification and redevelopment of existing communities. Crossing multiple jurisdictions, the proposed project will require significant outreach and coordination with agencies and the public due to its complexity, as well as the cultural and historic nature of the proposed corridor/alignment. Early and robust engagement will be critical to its success. This first phase of project planning will examine and refine alignments by conducting detailed environmental studies, completing conceptual engineering design work, evaluating alternatives for station and terminal state and end-point locations, and soliciting input from regional stakeholders, the local community, and public agencies. For more information on the project, visit the project website at <u>www.lowcountryrapidtransit.com</u>.

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