

WELCOME to this Public Open House

The purpose of this meeting is to:



Provide an update on the Lowcountry Rapid Transit project



Present the location of the proposed Park and Ride Facility near the Exchange Park Fairgrounds in Ladson



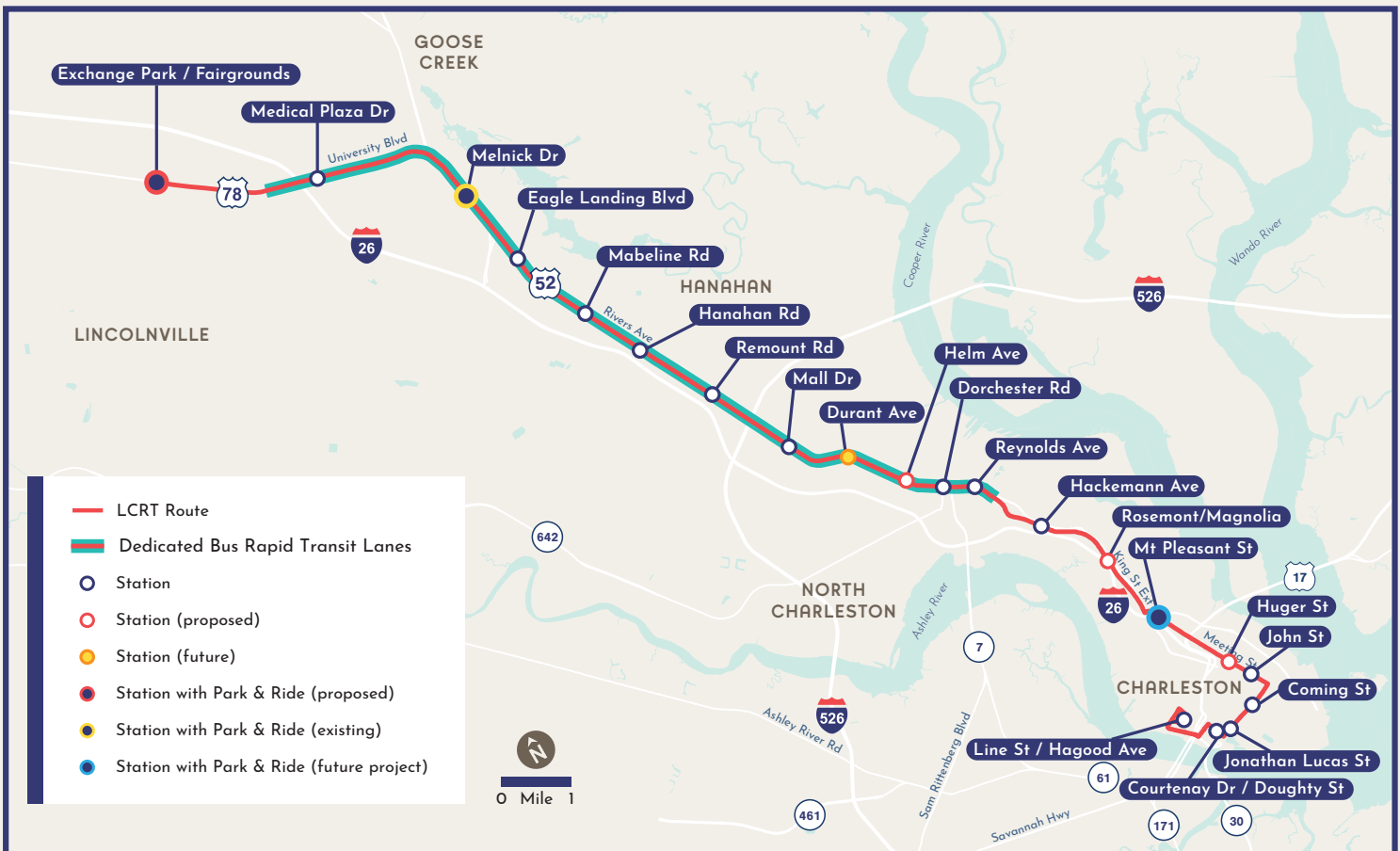
Collect feedback from the community

Project Overview

Lowcountry Rapid Transit (LCRT) is a 21.3-mile modern bus rapid transit project that will connect the region, its communities, key destinations, and employment centers. The project will transform our region by improving transportation for people traveling on buses, on foot, and on bikes.

The Route

Operating mostly in dedicated lanes, LCRT will operate from the Fairgrounds in Ladson, serving North Charleston along Rivers Avenue and connect to the WestEdge development in Downtown Charleston.



A Park and Ride is proposed at the Exchange Park Fairgrounds, which will allow:

Commuters to park and take LCRT to their destination.

A quick and convenient station for those traveling from Ladson, Summerville, and surrounding areas.

TriCounty Link bus service to directly connect this end of line with those wishing to head north towards Lincolnville or Summerville.

Project Timeline



Frequently Asked Questions

- **How does a park and ride facility work?**

Park and ride lots are usually located near a highway or major interchange where commuters can park to take a bus or transit system to their final destination.

- **How were the "end of lines" for LCRT identified?**

Through coordination with stakeholders, an end of line was identified at Hagood and Line streets in the WestEdge development. Stations in the Medical District and WestEdge generated the highest ridership for LCRT. The project team also adjusted the northern end of line from Downtown Summerville to the Exchange Park in Ladson. These decisions were made to balance costs while maximizing ridership and overall reliability for LCRT to qualify for federal funding.

- **How is bus rapid transit different from regular bus service?**

A traditional bus operates in regular lanes, stops every few blocks and usually only has a sign and a bench at stops. BRT operates in transit-only lanes, stops every half-mile and offers enhanced stations with more amenities.

- **What is the environmental process for this project?**

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process is a federal review process to minimize environmental impacts and ensure that the public is included in the decision-making process. The NEPA process was completed in July 2021; environmental and community input continue to help shape the project. The NEPA review is overseen by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA).

Your Input

Materials provided in this meeting are available on the project website at www.lowcountryrapidtransit.com.

Public comments will be accepted until Tuesday, September 5, 2023. Comments may be submitted to the project email, info@lowcountryrapidtransit.com, project hotline, 843-303-9698, or by mail to:

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