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SIX COMMUNITY EVENTS PLANNED IN APRIL TO IDENTIFY A TRANSIT SOLUTION FOR THE I-26 CORRIDOR

BCDCOG Releases Details for I-26ALT Project Public Meetings & Transit Talks Series

Charleston, SC: The Berkeley-Charleston-Dorchester Council of Governments (BCDCOG) has planned three public meetings and a series of focus group "Transit Talks" to gather input for its "I-26ALT" study (www.i26alt.org). "I-26ALT" is a 20-year plan to enhance regional mobility with transit along the I-26 Corridor between Summerville and Charleston.

Six events will be held in April and early May to involve the public in the selection of the most viable transit alternative for the I-26ALT study area. *"Identifying the best transit solution along the I-26 Corridor is not possible without input from those who would benefit from the system,"* stated BCDCOG Executive Director, Ron Mitchum. *"This discussion is a critical part of the planning process and we hope to hear from both existing and potential users of transit in our region."*

I-26ALT Public Meeting Dates and Locations are as follows:

Monday, April 20, 2015

Charleston Area Meeting
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM
Charleston Progressive Academy - Cafeteria
382 Meeting Street
Charleston, SC 29403

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Tuesday, April 21, 2015

Summerville Area Meeting

7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Bethany United Methodist Church – Fellowship Hall

118 W. 3rd Street South

Summerville, SC 29483

Wednesday, April 22, 2015

North Charleston Area

6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Military Magnet Academy – Cafeteria

2950 Carner Avenue

North Charleston, SC 29405

Members of the public are also invited to visit the BCDCOG's booth on April 18th at Riverfront Park in North Charleston for Charleston County's Earth Day Festival for general information and discussion on the project.

I-26ALT Transit Talks is a three-part series across the Charleston region aimed to generate a focused dialogue about the state of transit in the Charleston region and gather feedback from special interest groups on the region's transit needs. A different aspect of transit benefits and challenges will be the theme of each of the three talks: *Environment & Community, Business, and Land Use*.

Tuesday, April 14, 2015

Environmental & Community Groups

8:30 AM – 10:00 AM

Coastal Community Foundation

635 Rutledge Avenue, Suite 201

Charleston, SC 29401

Thursday, April 30, 2015

Land Use and Development Interests

Joint event with ULI of South Carolina

2:30 AM – 6:00 PM

Charleston Museum

360 Meeting Street

Charleston, SC 29403

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Tuesday, May 5, 2015

Business Groups

7:30 AM – 9:00 AM

Montague Terrace at the North Charleston Coliseum

5001 Coliseum Drive

North Charleston, SC 29418

For those unable to attend these meetings, BCDCOG is also launching an online public forum at <http://i26alt.mindmixer.com/> on April 10, 2015. This is a new online community engagement platform where citizens can connect, communicate, and collaborate on the transit alternatives being considered for this project. Feedback from the website will be used to shape the 20-year plan for transit along the I-26 Corridor.

About the I-26ALT Project: Recognizing the need for transit alternatives along the I-26 Corridor between Summerville and Charleston, the Berkeley-Charleston-Dorchester Council of Governments (BCDCOG), initiated the I-26 Regional Fixed Guideway Transit Alternatives Analysis study (I-26ALT). The purpose of I-26ALT is to enhance regional mobility with transit along the I-26 Corridor between Summerville and Charleston. For more information about this project, please visit www.i26alt.org.

About BCDCOG: The Berkeley-Charleston-Dorchester Council of Governments (BCDCOG) is a voluntary association of, by and for local governments, and was established to assist local governments in planning for common needs, cooperating for mutual benefit, and coordinating for sound regional development. BCDCOG's purpose is to strengthen both the individual and collective power of local governments and to help them recognize regional opportunities, eliminate unnecessary duplication, and make joint decisions. For more information, please visit www.bcdcog.org

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