



# PROJECT UPDATE

As of May 1, 2024

## LCRT Receives Key Federal Grant to Move the Needle on TOD

LCRT has received a \$1.2 million Federal Transit Administration (FTA) grant to advance Transit Oriented Development (TOD) planning by focusing on the implementation of affordable housing strategies in the project corridor.

The grant moves LCRT into **Phase 3** of its TOD study, which will develop a strategic affordable housing blueprint along the LCRT line. The study will enable mixed use development in station areas where multimodal infrastructure supports it and will feature station area site plans, zoning and policy progression, neighborhood plans, and community outreach and education.

The LCRT award is part of \$17.6 million distributed by the FTA to 20 projects across 16 states. The grants aim to support community efforts and help organizations plan for transportation projects that connect communities and improve access.

LCRT’s longstanding TOD planning history has identified various challenges and opportunities regarding equitable development and affordable housing implementation throughout the project corridor. Phase 3 of the TOD study will work to address dynamic housing variables along the line and expand collaboration with both public and private sector partners.

## Spring Outreach

The LCRT project team has been busy engaging with various communities, neighborhoods, and local leaders this spring.

March Outreach	
Chamber Regional Policy Council Update	3/6
Eastside Community Meeting	3/7
Charleston CE Club Presentation	3/7
Black Expo	3/9
ITS Conference	3/13
Union Heights, Accabee, Chichora-Cherokee Neighborhoods	3/14
April Outreach	
Liberty Park-Highland Terrace Community Meeting	4/10
Charleston Southern University	4/15
MUSC Earth Day	4/17
ECPI Student Appreciation Week	4/18
Charleston Regional Development Alliance	4/23
Increasing Hope Money Fair at The Opportunity Center	4/27

## From Our Leaders

“ LCRT is rapidly progressing and continues to enjoy the full support of the Federal government and local partners in its efforts to improve and connect our region.

BCDCOG Executive Director Ron Mitchum

Planning work in Phase 3 of the LCRT TOD Study will align regional attainable housing initiatives with bike, pedestrian, and transit infrastructure to support multimodal connectivity and provide residents with safe access to transit stations by foot or bike.

CARTA Chairman Mike Seekings