

**Memorandum of Understanding
Among
The City of Charleston, the Town of James Island, and Charleston County,
The Charleston Area Transportation Study (CHATS) Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO),
and the Berkeley Charleston Dorchester Council of Governments (BCDCOG)**

WHEREAS, the City of Charleston, Charleston County the Town of James Island, the Charleston Area Transportation Study (CHATS) Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), and the Berkeley Charleston Dorchester Council of Governments (BCDCOG), herein referred to as the "Parties," collectively desire to establish a multi-jurisdictional vision for the Riverland Drive Scenic Byway Corridor; and

WHEREAS, the vision of the Riverland Drive Corridor Management Plan is to be accomplished through implementation actions stemming from the Riverland Drive Corridor Management Plan that addresses issues related to cultural and historic preservation, transportation/mobility, recreation, and environmental sustainability that provides clear guidance to state and local agencies, community stakeholders, the general public, and the private sector; and

WHEREAS, goals of the vision (the Riverland Drive Corridor Management Plan) include reversing negative physical and environmental impacts of the transportation infrastructure and future development; improving the transportation network as it relates to transportation facilities and proposed residential and non-residential development; producing quality urban design that enhances livability for the established residential neighborhoods, as well as newly proposed development; and

WHEREAS, the Riverland Drive Corridor Management Plan builds on and coordinates with previous and ongoing planning and development activities from the public and private sectors, and community-based organizations; and

WHEREAS, the Riverland Drive Corridor Management Plan identifies strategies and provides the basis for setting priorities to achieve desired outcomes that can protect and enhance the Riverland Drive Corridor area towards a more sustainable, livable, and vital part of the region, serving both existing communities and new growth;

NOW, THEREFORE, IN RECOGNITION OF THE FOREGOING, the Parties hereby jointly understand, agree and commit as follows:

A. To formally establish the *Riverland Drive Scenic Byway Committee* as an ongoing forum for communication and collaborative planning and implementation activities among local, regional and state agencies for the long-term health and vitality of the scenic byway. The *Riverland Drive Scenic Byway Committee*, as through the support of the BCDCOG, shall develop an operating agreement for communication and coordination protocols and establish a regular meeting

schedule and means of affirming commitments, sharing information, reporting progress and celebrating accomplishments.

B. That the *Riverland Drive Scenic Byway Committee* membership shall include, at a minimum, the City of Charleston, Charleston County, Town of James Island, James Island Public Services District, BCDCOG, South Carolina Department of Transportation, Charleston Museum, with coordination and convening responsibility lying with the BCDCOG.

C. To work in partnership to protect and maintain the cultural resources and environmental conditions for the benefit of everyone in the Riverland Drive Scenic Byway.

D. To supplement the vehicular road network in the Riverland Drive Corridor area with an interconnected non-motorized transportation network offering clearly defined, convenient and safe travel options linking origins and destinations within the Riverland Drive Corridor area and to adjacent areas.

E. To enhance and establish attractive and safe transportation options serving the Riverland corridor area and increasing travel choices available to people of all means and abilities.

F. To continue working to improve neighborhood safety and expand opportunities for residents' access to open space, parks and natural resources in order to promote a healthy living environment and high quality of life in the area.

G. That this Memorandum of Understanding may be revised from time to time as circumstances warrant, and may be amended only in writing and signed by all Parties to indicate concurrence of the City of Charleston, Charleston County, the Town of James Island, , CHATS, and the BCDCOG.

I. That any party may withdraw unilaterally and without cost or expense from the MOU by giving sixty days (60) advance notice to all other signatory parties.

Name (signature)

Date

Title
City of Charleston

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Name (signature)

Jan 16, 2015

Date

Mayor

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Town of James Island

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Charleston County

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