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Sent: Wed 8/17/2016 10:45:30 AM
Subject: Re: SCDOT and FHWA Projects in NEPA Phase in South Carolina - I-73 alternatives update inquiry

Michelle - thank you

Kelly Laycock and myself will be sufficient.

thanks,

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Hi Beth,

I don't know if Travis Hughes has reached out to your agency yet, but a conference call between USACE, USEPA, FHWA, and SCDOT would be most beneficial in resolving some of these questions. (Unless you all are already doing this Travis,) I can use a doodle poll to set a conference call up for the next week or two so we can get a date/time arranged. Beth, Heather, and Travis just let me know who I should include on the poll.

Thanks,

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Hi Michelle

During EPA's initial review of the I-73 in 2011, we had expressed concerns about the age of the alternatives analysis which right now is bordering 10 years old. We requested the alternative analysis be updated. The helpful chart you sent me earlier indicates the NEPA-reevaluations for the two EIS completed for this project is anticipated to be completed in early winter of this year. Will the reevaluation result in a supplemental EIS?

We've been in communication with the COE regarding the 404 permitting for this project. The COE has expressed an interest in having the NEPA & 404 processes combined. But the 404 process has started and is way ahead of the NEPA.

Can you share what has been done regarding updating the alternatives analysis? And if the COE is interested in the NEPA & 404 processes combined, why is the 404 process moving now as opposed to when the reevaluation has been completed. Should we request an updated alternatives analysis pursuant to the 404 process or is it being address in the NEPA process? Please advise.

Many thanks

BTW – I've been going through the SC DOT projects on the chart you provided me earlier and have been able to find a lot of helpful information on the Internet to explain these projects. I may be following up with a few project-specific questions at some future date.

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Hi Beth,

Attached is a spreadsheet with brief descriptions of the active large EAs and all the EISs that FHWA and SCDOT are working on in South Carolina. I also have attached a pdf of maps of each project, which are in order of the projects on the spreadsheet.

If you would like to set up a conference call sometime to go through any of these projects, please let us know.

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