



**DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY**  
CHARLESTON DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS  
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March 17, 2026

Regulatory Division

Mr. Sean Connolly  
South Carolina Department of Transportation  
Post Office Box 191  
Columbia, SC 29202-0191  
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Dear Mr. Connolly:

Enclosed is your Department of the Army Permit SAC-2022-01082 for the project known as 'I-526 and Long Point Road Interchange Improvements'. It authorizes you to perform the work specified in the attached drawings. This permit is issued under provision of Federal laws for the protection and preservation of waters of the United States.

Please notify this office promptly, in writing or via email to Mr. Ivan W. Fannin III, Project Manager, at [Ivan.Fannin@usace.army.mil](mailto:Ivan.Fannin@usace.army.mil), when you start and complete work. Be aware a special condition is included in this permit requiring a copy of the permit and drawings be available at the work site during the entire time of construction.

Sincerely,

*Brice McKoy*

For: Stephen W. Andrews  
Chief, Regulatory Division

Attachments:

DA Permit SAC-2022-01080  
Notice of Commencement or Completion

## DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY PERMIT

Permitee: **South Carolina Department of Transportation**  
**Attn: Mr. Sean Connolly**  
**Post Office Box 191**  
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**ConnollyMS@scdot.org**

Permit No: **SAC-2022-01082**

Issuing Office: **CHARLESTON DISTRICT**

**NOTE:** The term "you" and its derivatives, as used in this permit, means the permittee or any future transferee. The term "this office" refers to the appropriate district or division office of the Corps of Engineers having jurisdiction over the permitted activity or the appropriate official of that office acting under the authority of the commanding officer.

You are authorized to perform work in accordance with the terms and conditions specified below.

### **Project Description:**

The authorized work consists of improvements to the I-526 and Long Point Road (LPR) interchange in the town of Mount Pleasant, South Carolina. The project will improve the operations of the I-526 mainline and its interchange at LPR, as well as reduce operational conflicts between port-related and local traffic by modifying the interchange and constructing new ramps to provide access to the Wando Welch Terminal (WWT) and associated local roads.

Overall, the project will include construction of roadways (i.e., widened bridge approach, new flyover ramps to I-526 and Wando Port Connector (WPC), and relocated I-526 westbound off ramp).

Construction activities would include:

- Grading, constructing side slopes, paving, and connecting to the existing transportation network.
- Installation of guardrails, medians, and other safety components.
- Stabilization on newly formed side slopes.
- Riprap would be required around the bridge approaches.
- Construction impacts of noise walls would be built on the existing embankment.

The project would result in unavoidable impacts to waters of the United States; specifically, the project will result in unavoidable permanent impacts to 0.33-acre of tidal marsh/critical areas, 3.53 acres of freshwater wetlands, and 4.716 acres of protected freshwater wetlands. All work is to be completed in accordance with attached drawings entitled, "I-526 AND LONG POINT ROAD INTERCHANGE IMPROVEMENTS" sheets 1 through 12 of 12 and dated February 3, 2026.

### **Project Location:**

The project is located in Mount Pleasant, Charleston County, South Carolina, and extends along I-526, beginning at the Wando River and extending to Hobcaw Creek and along State Route 97, Long Point

Road (LPR), from the Wando Welch Terminal (WWT) to State Route 1521, Egypt Road. (Start Latitude: 32.858103°N, Longitude: 79.893458°W; End Latitude: 32.833353°N, Longitude: 79.853325°W).

**General Permit Conditions:**

1. The time limit for completing the work authorized ends on **December 31, 2031**. If you find that you need more time to complete the authorized activity, submit your request for a time extension to this office for consideration at least one month before the above date is reached.
2. You must maintain the activity authorized by this permit in good condition and in conformance with the terms and conditions of this permit. You are not relieved of this requirement if you abandon the permitted activity, although you may make a good faith transfer to a third party in compliance with General Condition 4 below. Should you wish to cease to maintain the authorized activity or should you desire to abandon it without a good faith transfer, you must obtain a modification of this permit from this office, which may require restoration of the area.
3. If you discover any previously unknown historic or archeological remains while accomplishing the activity authorized by this permit, you must immediately notify this office of what you have found. We will initiate the Federal and state coordination required to determine if the remains warrant a recovery effort or if the site is eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.
4. If you sell the property associated with this permit, you must obtain the signature of the new owner in the space provided and forward a copy of the permit to this office to validate the transfer of this authorization.
5. If a conditioned water quality certification has been issued for your project, you must comply with the conditions specified in the certification as special conditions to this permit. For your convenience, a copy of the certification is attached if it contains such conditions.
6. You must allow representatives from this office to inspect the authorized activity at any time deemed necessary to ensure that it is being or has been accomplished in accordance with the terms and conditions of your permit.

**Special Permit Conditions:**

See Appendix A

**Further information:**

1. Congressional Authorities: You have been authorized to undertake the activity described above pursuant to:

- Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 USC 403)
- Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 USC 1344)
- Section 103 of the Marine Protection, Research and Sanctuaries Act of 1972 (33 USC 1413)

2. Limits of this authorization.

- a. This permit does not obviate the need to obtain other Federal, State or local authorizations required by law.
  - b. This permit does not grant any property rights or exclusive privileges.
  - c. This permit does not authorize any injury to the property or rights of others.
  - d. This permit does not authorize interference with any existing or proposed Federal project.
3. Limits of Federal Liability. In issuing this permit, the Federal Government does not assume liability for:
- a. Damages to the permitted project or uses thereof as a result of other permitted or unpermitted activities or from natural causes.
  - b. Damages to the permitted project or uses thereof as a result of current or future activities undertaken by or on behalf of the United States in the public interest.
  - c. Damages to persons, property, or to other permitted or unpermitted activities or structures caused by the activity authorized by this permit.
  - d. Design or construction deficiencies associated with the permitted work.
  - e. Damage claims associated with any future modification, suspension, or revocation of this permit.
4. Reliance on Applicant's Data. The determination of this office that issuance of this permit is not contrary to the public interest was made in reliance on the information you provided.
5. Reevaluation of Permit Decision. The Corps may reevaluate its decision on this permit any time the circumstances warrant. Circumstances that could require a reevaluation include, but are not limited to:
- a. Failure to comply with the terms and conditions of this permit.
  - b. The information provided by you in support of your permit application proves false, incomplete, or inaccurate (See 4 above).
  - c. Significant new information surfaces which the Corps did not consider in reaching the original public interest decision.

Such a reevaluation may result in a determination that it is appropriate to use the suspension, modification, and revocation procedures contained in 33 CFR 325.7 or enforcement procedures such as those contained in 33 CFR 326.4 and 326.5. The referenced enforcement procedures provide for the issuance of an administrative order requiring you to comply with the terms and conditions of your permit and for the initiation of legal action where appropriate. You will be required to pay for any corrective measures ordered by the Corps, and if you fail to comply with such directive, the Corps may in certain situations (such as those specified in 33 CFR 209.170) accomplish the corrective measures by contract or otherwise and bill you for the cost.

6. Extensions. General condition 1 establishes a time limit for the completion of the activity authorized by this permit. Unless there are circumstances requiring either a prompt completion of the authorized activity or a reevaluation of the public interest decision, the Corps will normally give favorable consideration to a request for an extension of this time limit.

Your signature below, as permittee, indicates that you accept and agree to comply with the terms and conditions of this permit.

*M Sean Connolly*

3/16/2026

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**(PERMITTEE)**  
**Mr. Sean Connolly**  
**South Carolina Department of Transportation**  
**ConnollyMS@scdot.org**

**(DATE)**

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**Sean Connolly**  
**PRINT NAME**

This permit becomes effective when the Federal official, designated to act for the Secretary of the Army, has signed below.

*Brice McKay*

3/17/2026

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**(DISTRICT ENGINEER)**  
**Todd A. Mainwaring**  
**Lieutenant Colonel, U.S. Army**  
**Commander and District Engineer**  
or their Designee  
For: **Stephen W. Andrews**  
**Chief, Regulatory Division**

**(DATE)**

When the structures or work authorized by this permit are still in existence at the time the property is transferred, the terms and conditions of this permit will continue to be binding on the new owner(s) of the property. To validate the transfer of this permit and the associated liabilities associated with compliance with its terms and conditions, have the transferee sign and date below.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**(TRANSFEREE) (PRINT NAME)**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**(DATE)**

**APPENDIX A  
SPECIAL CONDITIONS FOR PERMIT SAC-2022-01082**

a. The permittee agrees to provide all contractors associated with construction of the authorized activity a copy of the permit, drawings and subsequent modifications. A copy of the permit and all subsequent modifications must be available at the construction site at all times.

b. The permittee agrees to provide all contractors associated with construction of the authorized activity a copy of the permit, drawings and subsequent modifications. A copy of the permit and all subsequent modifications must be available at the construction site at all times. b. The permittee shall submit a signed compliance certification to the Corps within 60 days following completion of the authorized work and any required mitigation. The certification would include:

1. A copy of this permit.
2. A statement that the authorized work was done in accordance with the Corps authorization, including any general or specific conditions.
3. A statement that any required mitigation was completed in accordance with the permit conditions.
4. The signature of the permittee certifying the completion of the work and mitigation.

c. That as compensatory mitigation for impacts to aquatic resources, the permittee agrees to purchase:

1. 38.83 non-tidal/freshwater wetland mitigation credits and an additional 114 freshwater wetland credits for impacts to protected wetlands (referenced in Special Condition c.) for a total of 152.83 freshwater wetland credits from the Palmetto Umbrella Mitigation Bank-Big Run Site. At least one half of the required credits [76.415] must be restoration/non-buffer enhancement credits. In addition, no more than one half of the required mitigation credits [76.415] may be preservation credits.
2. A total of 4.46 tidal/saltmarsh credits from the Point Farm Mitigation Bank. At least one half of the required credits [2.23] must be tidal/saltmarsh restoration credits. In addition, no more than one half of the required mitigation credits [2.23] may be tidal/saltmarsh preservation credits.

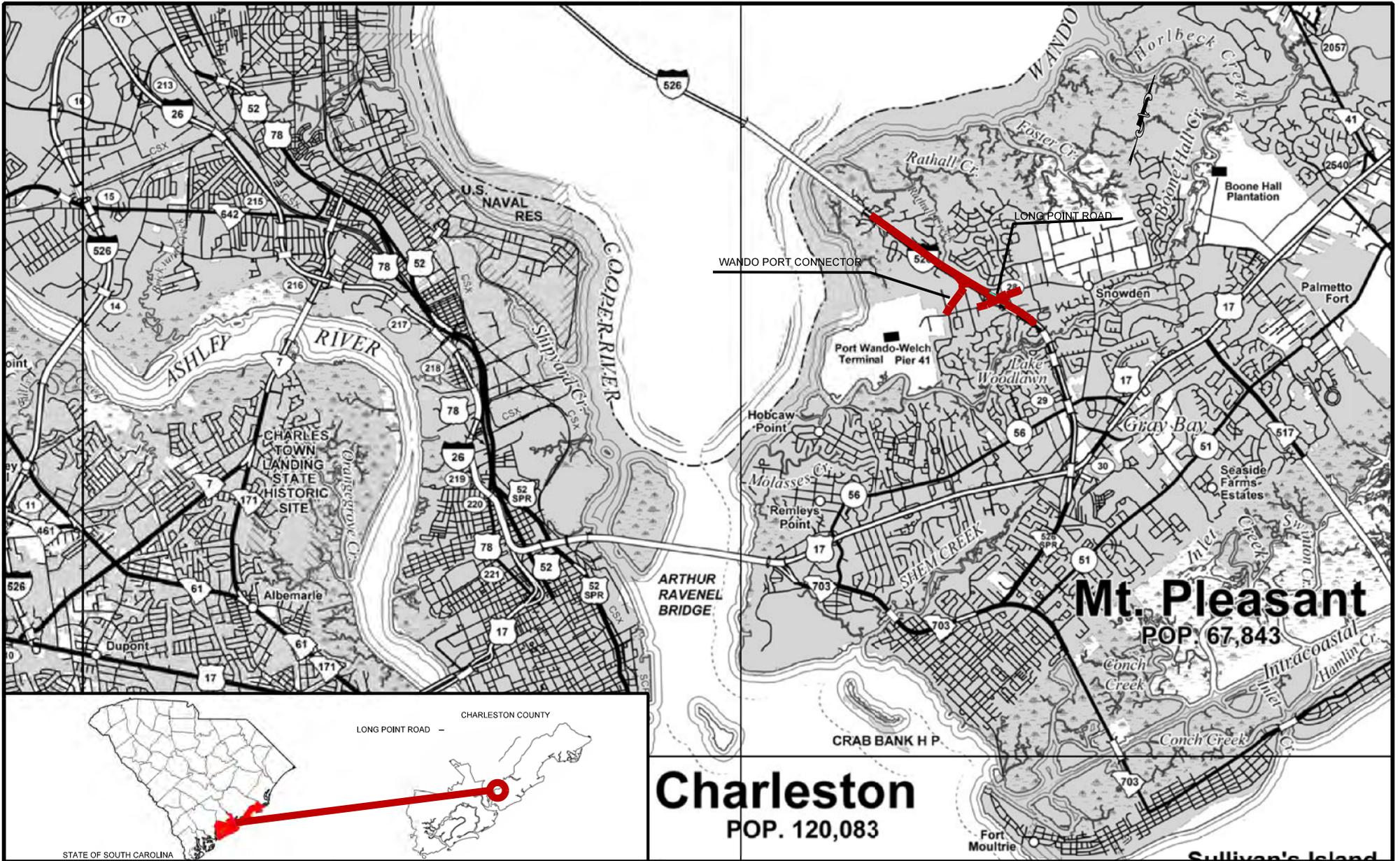
d. To fulfill your responsibility to complete the required compensatory mitigation as set forth in Special Condition a., the permittee must submit evidence of the purchase or debit of the required mitigation credits to both the Corps of Engineers and SCDHES prior to commencement of the authorized work.

- e. The permittee acknowledges that this DA permit authorizes impacts to waters of the United States that were previously protected by a Corps-approved Restrictive Covenant associated with SAC-26-1992-762. Prior to the commencement of authorized work, the permittee shall amend the Restrictive Covenants' protections over Tract A and Tract B, and associated wetland buffers to reflect an unencumbered area for the work authorized by this Permit and the associated Permitted Plans.
- f. Prior to beginning the authorized work, the permittee must coordinate with the local NFIP flood plain manager and comply with FEMA requirements. A list of NFIP floodplain managers may be found at: <https://www.dnr.sc.gov/water/flood/index.html>.
- g. The permittee agrees to comply with all FEMA regulations and requirements. The permittee is advised that development activities in a Special Flood Hazard Area (i.e., 100-year floodplain), as designated in the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM), are subject to the floodplain management regulations of the National Flood Insurance Program [(NFIP)(44CFR)]. The NFIP prohibits any development with a designated floodway, including placement of fill, without a No Impact Certification from FEMA or the local NFIP representative.
- h. The permittee agrees that the drainage/conveyance system shall be designed by a licensed Professional Engineer (PE) and constructed by the permittee (or their designated assignee) to provide for the proper drainage of surface water of the drainage area of which it is a part, to permit the flow of natural or manmade watercourses, and to maintain positive drainage for adjacent properties. In addition, the drainage/conveyance system shall be sufficient to prevent any appreciable increase in water surface elevations or expansion/increases of the flood hazard area.
- i. The permittee incorporates environmental control and Best Management Practices. Prior to the initiation of any work authorized by this permit, the Permittee shall install erosion control measures around all work areas to prevent the displacement of fill material. Immediately after completion of the final grading of the land surface, all slopes, land surfaces, and filled areas adjacent to wetlands shall be stabilized to prevent erosion. The erosion control measures shall remain in place and be maintained until all authorized work has been completed and the site has been stabilized.
- j. The permittee shall use only clean fill material obtained from an upland source.
- k. The permittee agrees that any and all abandoned roadway and/or culvert materials to be removed in conjunction with this project would be disposed of in an appropriate upland location.
- l. Construction debris must be kept from entering the waterway and wetland(s) and must be removed immediately should any such debris enter the waterway or wetland(s).
- m. The mechanical equipment used to execute the work authorized herein must be operated in such a way as to minimize turbidity that could degrade water quality and adversely affect aquatic plant and animal life.

- n. Within 30 days from the date of completing the work authorized by this permit, the Permittee shall restore all temporary wetland impacts to pre-existing contours, elevations, vegetation, habitat type, and hydrology.
- o. The permittee agrees to perform and comply with the attached "Archaeological Monitoring Plan for 38CH2683". In addition to monitoring, the site boundaries will be marked on all construction plans and be further protected by the installation of an orange temporary barrier fence (TBF) along the site boundary. The TBF will include signage designating the site as an environmentally sensitive area. No ground disturbing activities may take place within the boundary of the site, and project equipment and personnel will be prohibited from entering the site boundary.
- p. The permittee understands consultation pursuant to Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended was conducted using the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's (USFWS) Interim Consultation Framework Guidance for Northern Long-Eared Bat (Interim Guidance). Therefore, if this Interim Guidance is modified or revoked before certain activities, including but not limited to tree cutting, limbing, trimming, and/or topping activities associated with this Department of the Army permit have been completed, additional consultation with the USFWS may be required and this DA Authorization may be suspended until consultation with USFWS has concluded.
- q. The project area is located within the range of one or more species proposed to be federally listed under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA). The permittee understands and agrees that should any of these species be reclassified as threatened or endangered by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) prior to completion of the authorized work, additional consultation may be required. In order to evaluate and address potential adverse effects to federally listed species, additional information and modification to the special conditions of this Department of the Army permit may be required.
- r. The overall width of a single or multi-barrel box culvert shall be approximately equal to, but not narrower than, the typical bankfull width of the stream channel. Additional pipes or culverts may be used to receive flows exceeding bankfull, but the inlet(s) shall be baffled to or sit at the stream's bankfull elevation.
- s. The overall width of a circular pipe/culvert shall be approximately equal to, but not narrower than, the typical bankfull width of the stream channel. Multiple circular pipes/culverts may not be used to accommodate flows at bankfull width except in scenarios where a culvert replacement would result in additional impacts to waters. Additional circular pipes/culverts may be used to receive flows exceeding bankfull but shall sit at the stream's bankfull elevation.
- t. The upstream and downstream invert of culverts (except bottomless or arch-span culverts) shall be buried/embedded to a depth of 20% of the culvert height to allow natural substrate to colonize the structure's bottom and encourage aquatic life

**movement. Additional culverts used to receive flows exceeding bankfull are not required to be embedded.**

**u. The attached South Carolina Department of Environmental Services (SCDES) Coastal Zone Consistency Certification (CZM) (issued February 26, 2026) is part of this Department of the Army permit. Noncompliance with any limitations or requirements stated in the certification may be a basis for suspension, revocation, or modification of this permit.**

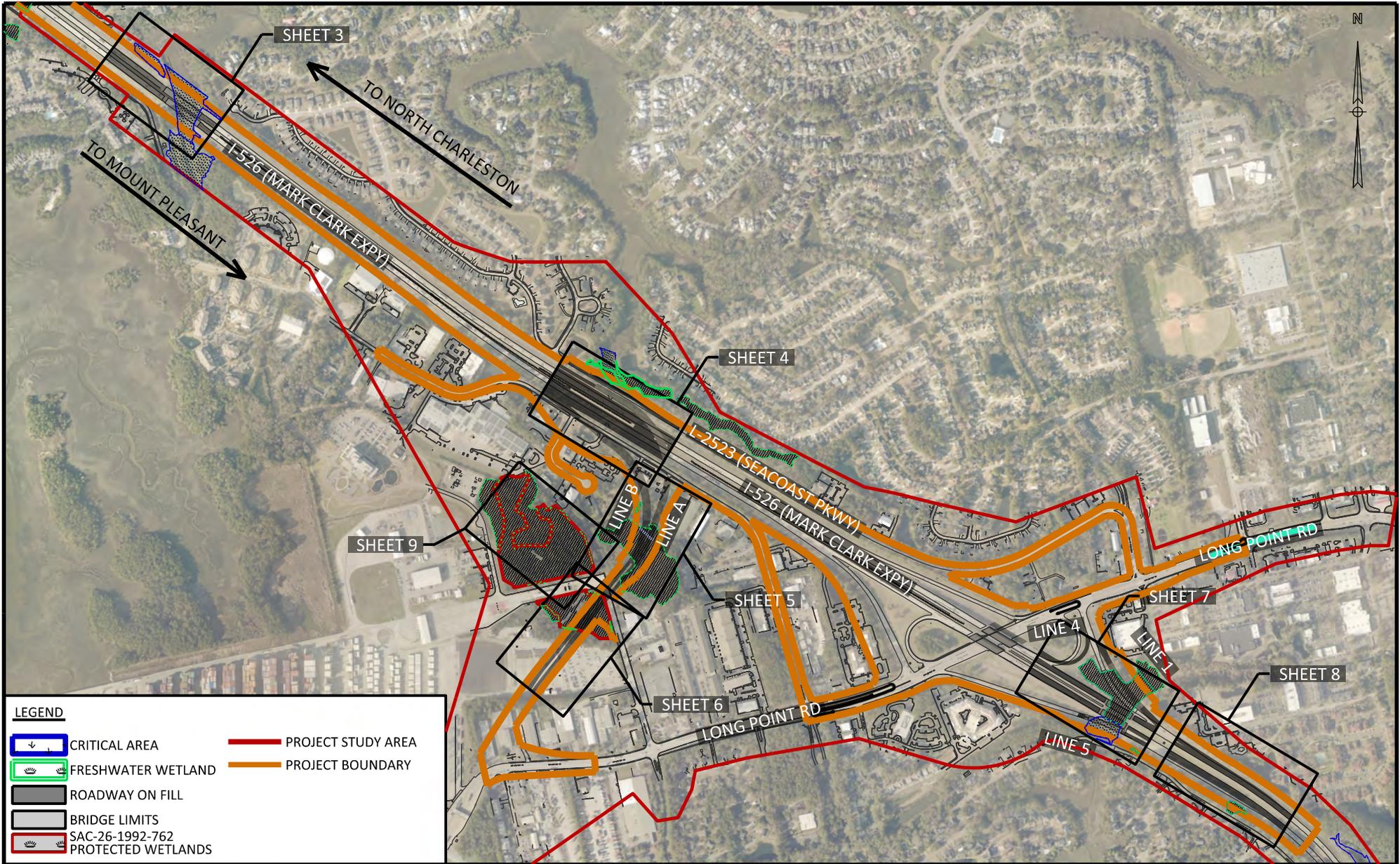


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**LEGEND**

	CRITICAL AREA		PROJECT STUDY AREA
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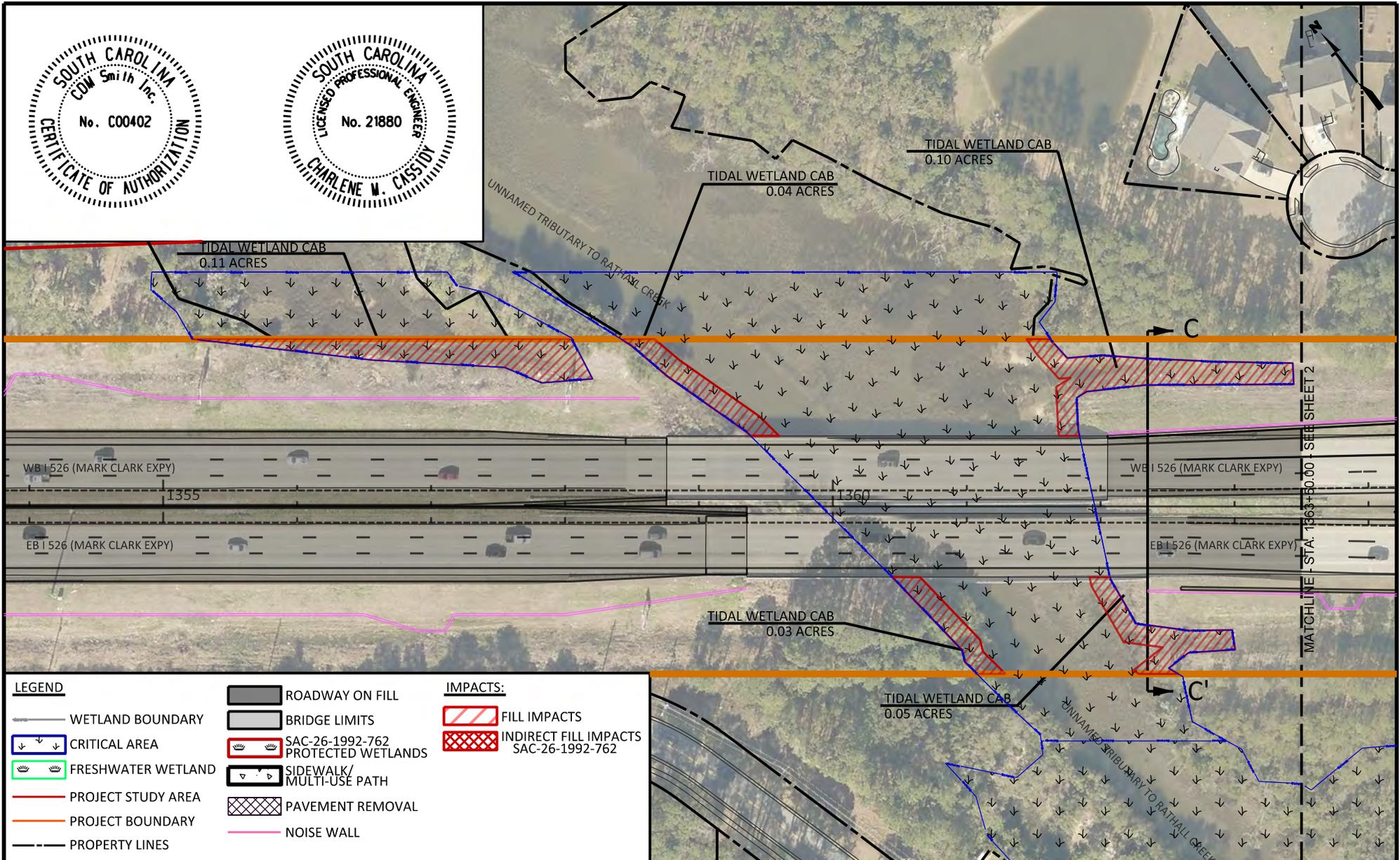
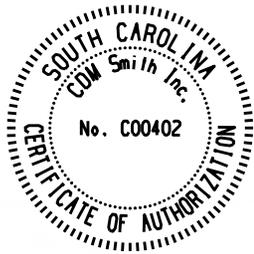


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	PROJECT STUDY AREA		BRIDGE LIMITS
	PROJECT BOUNDARY		SAC-26-1992-762 PROTECTED WETLANDS
	PROPERTY LINES		SIDEWALK/ MULTI-USE PATH
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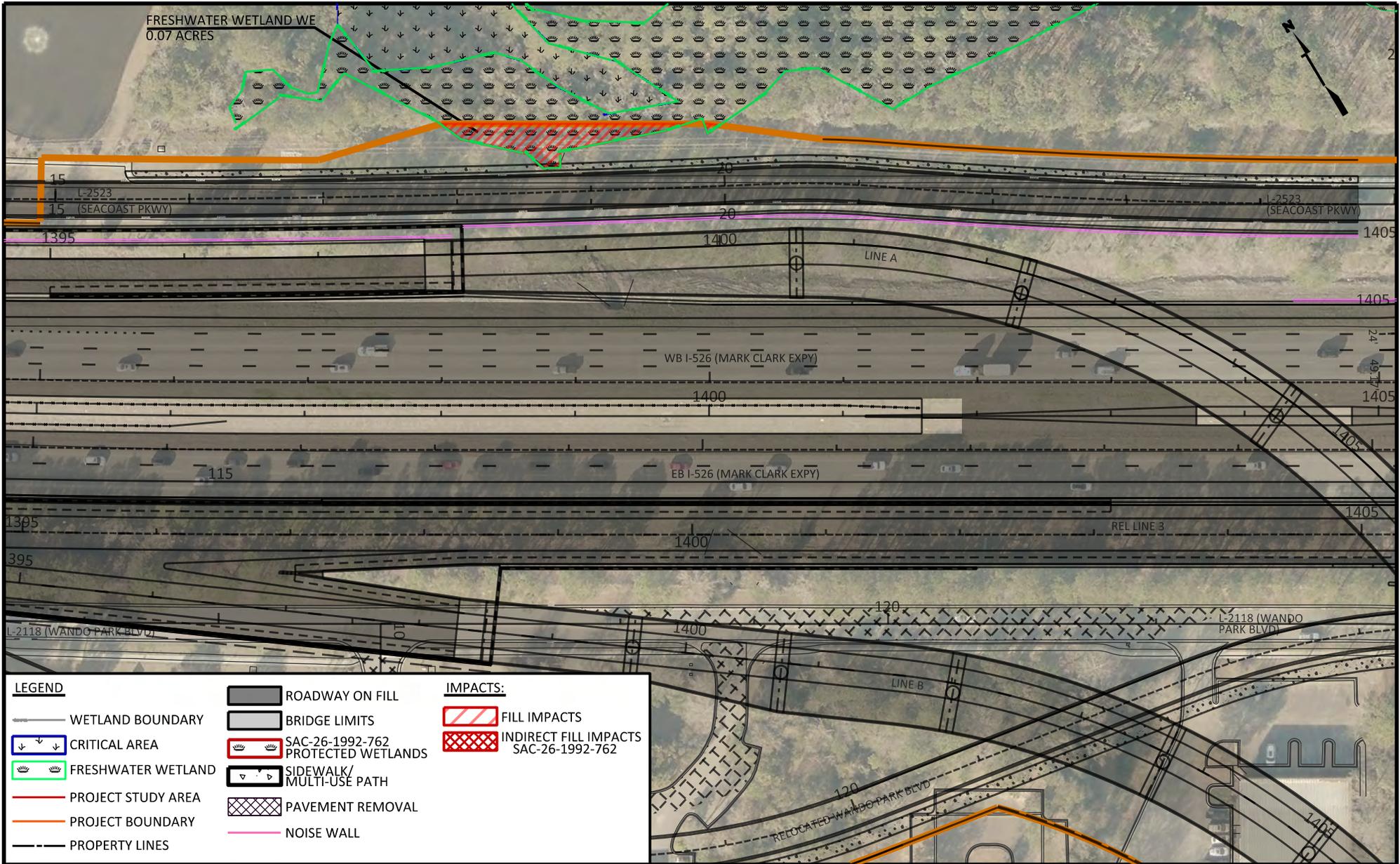


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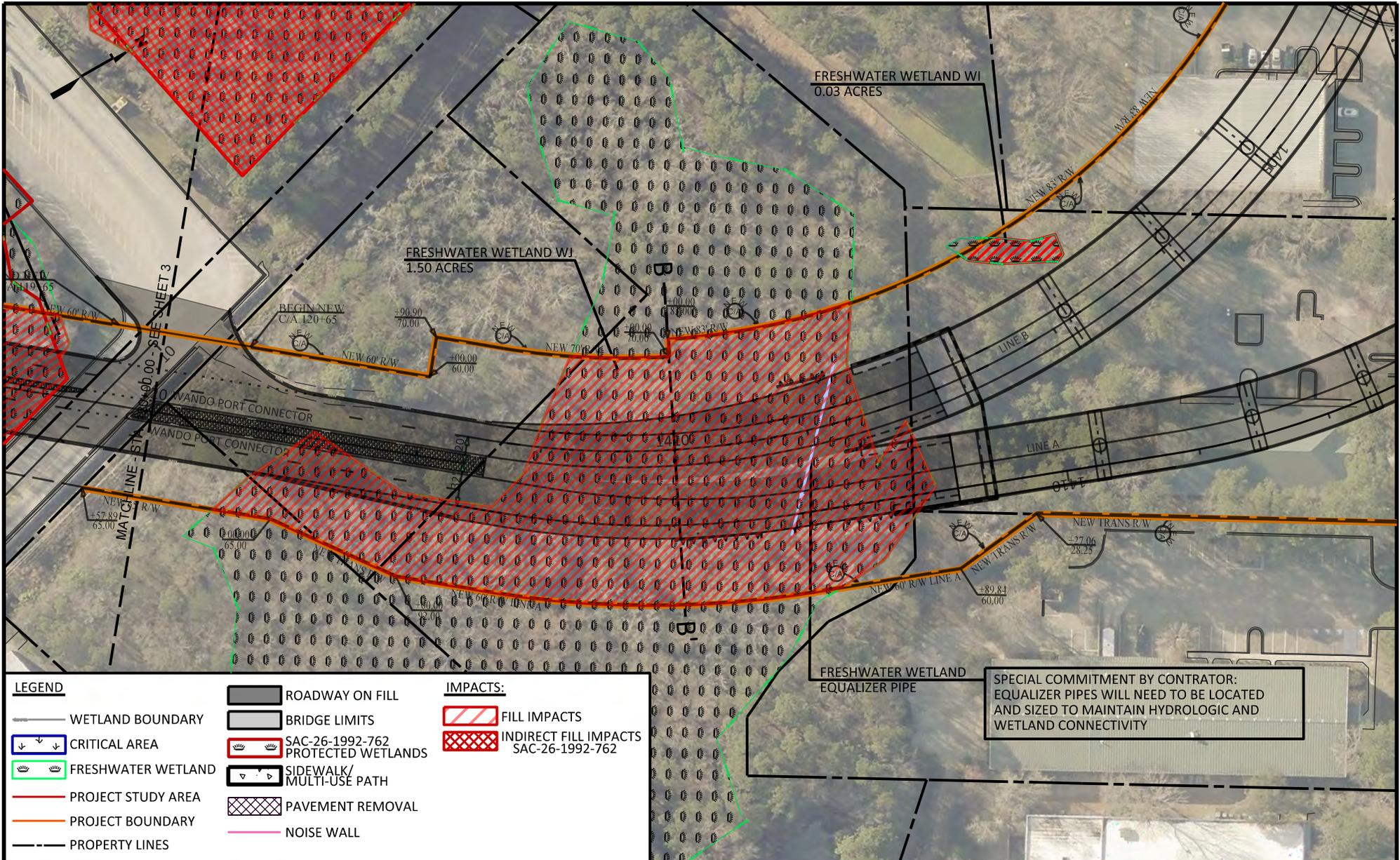


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	ROADWAY ON FILL		FILL IMPACTS
	WETLAND BOUNDARY		INDIRECT FILL IMPACTS
	CRITICAL AREA		SAC-26-1992-762 PROTECTED WETLANDS
	FRESHWATER WETLAND		SIDEWALK/MULTI-USE PATH
	PROJECT STUDY AREA		PAVEMENT REMOVAL
	PROJECT BOUNDARY		NOISE WALL
	PROPERTY LINES		

SPECIAL COMMITMENT BY CONTRATOR:  
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 AND SIZED TO MAINTAIN HYDROLOGIC AND  
 WETLAND CONNECTIVITY

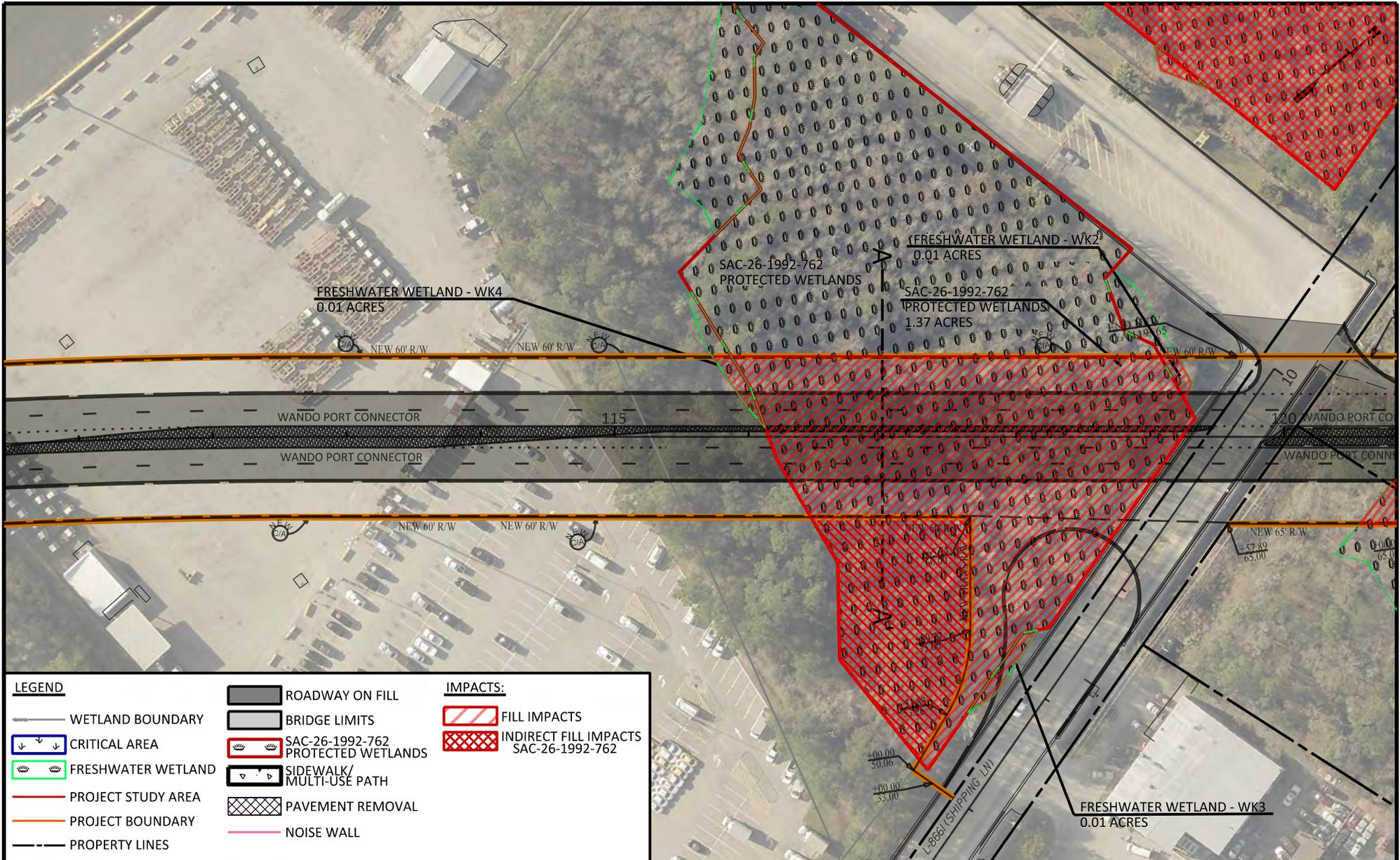


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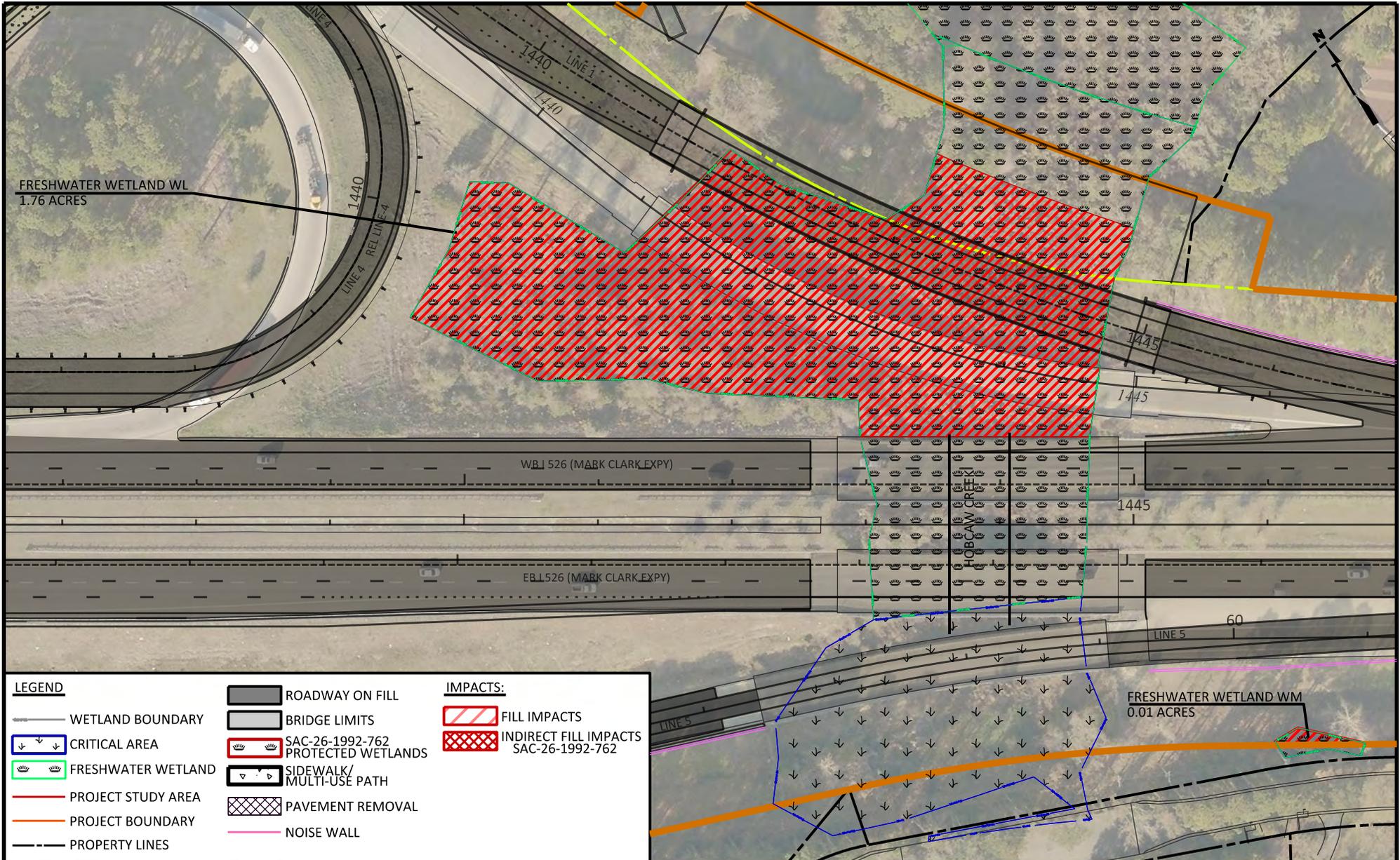


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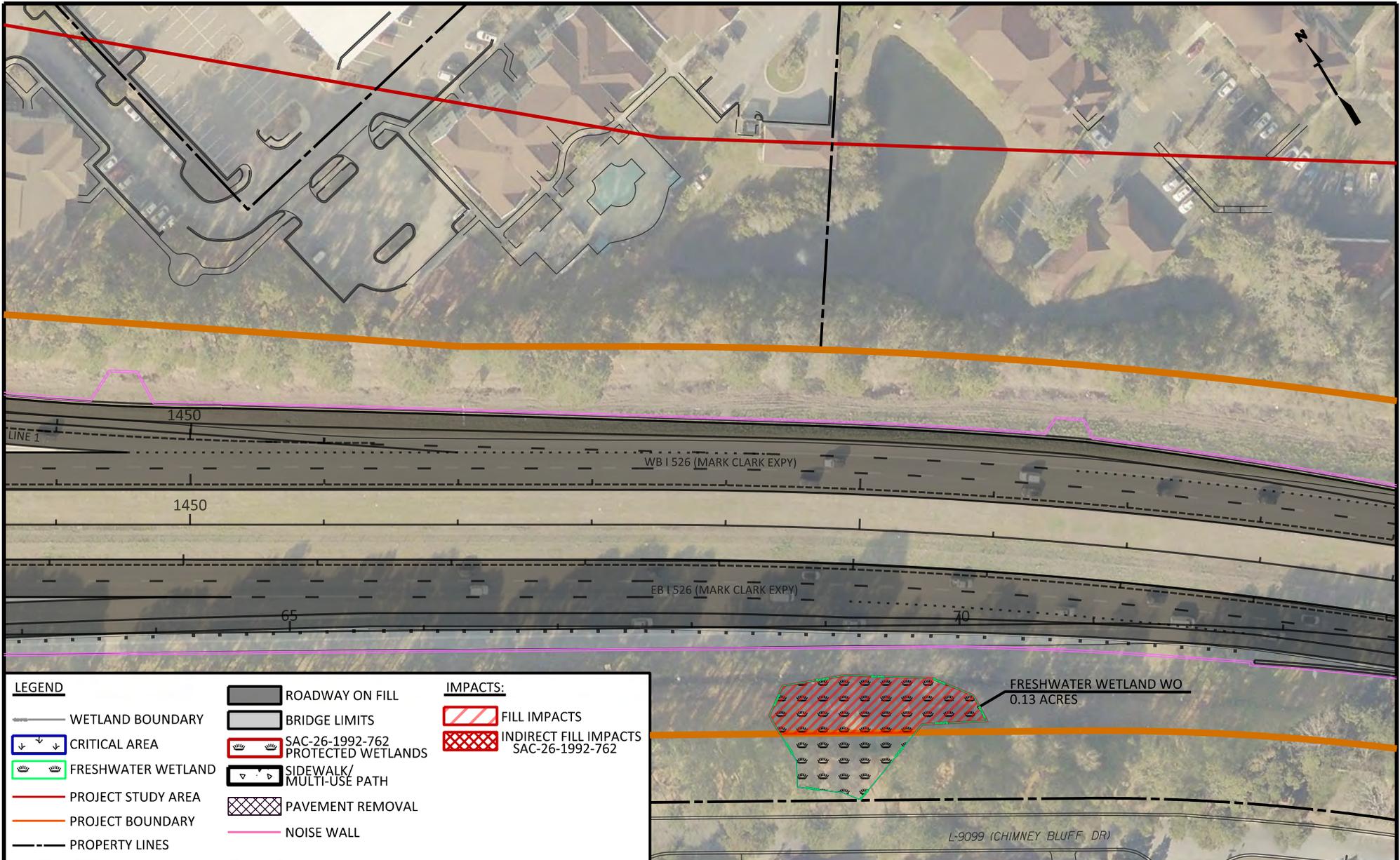


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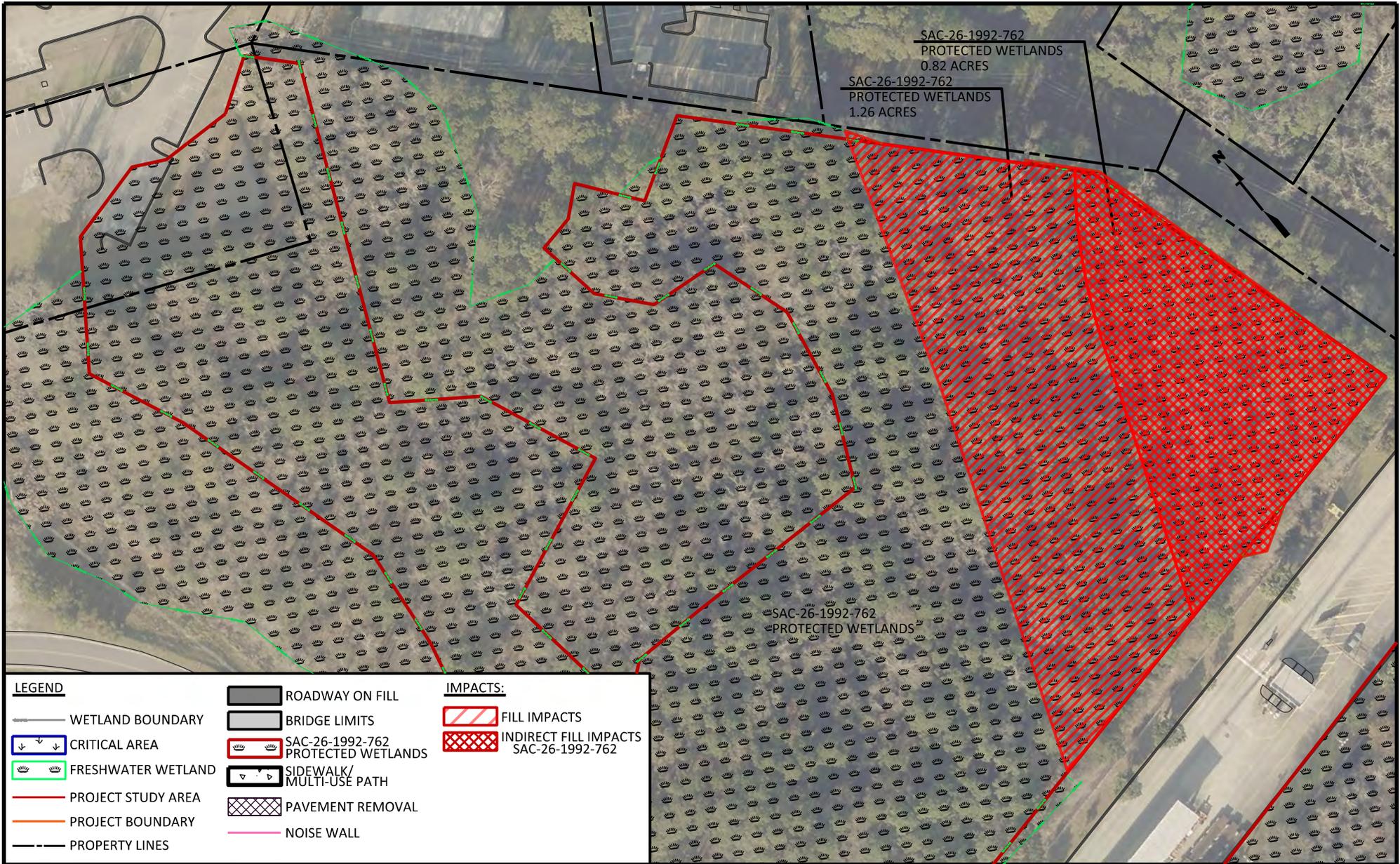


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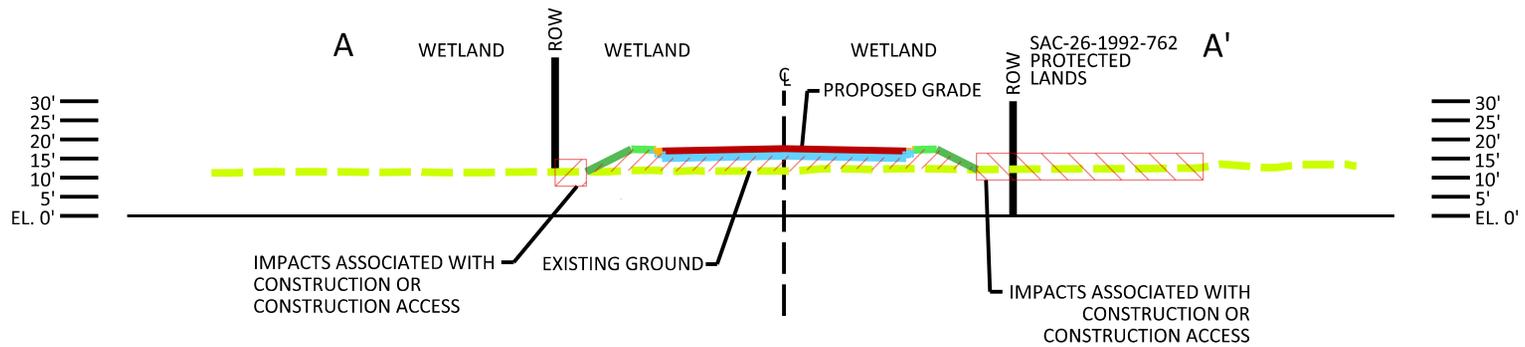
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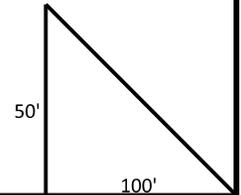
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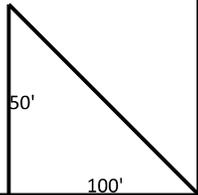
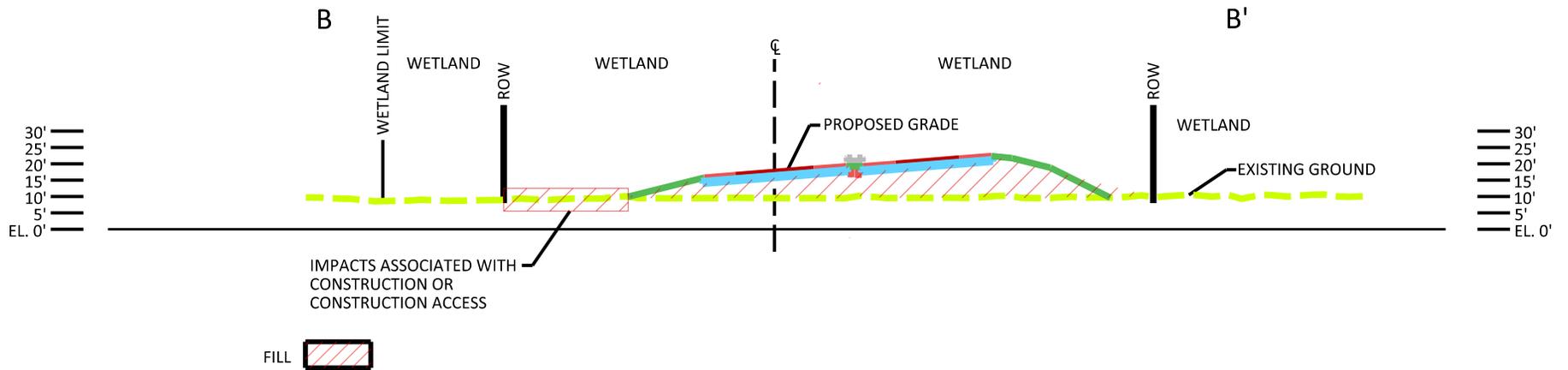
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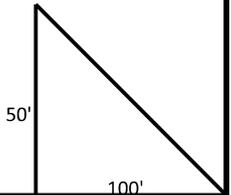
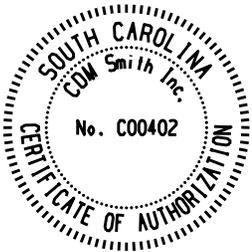
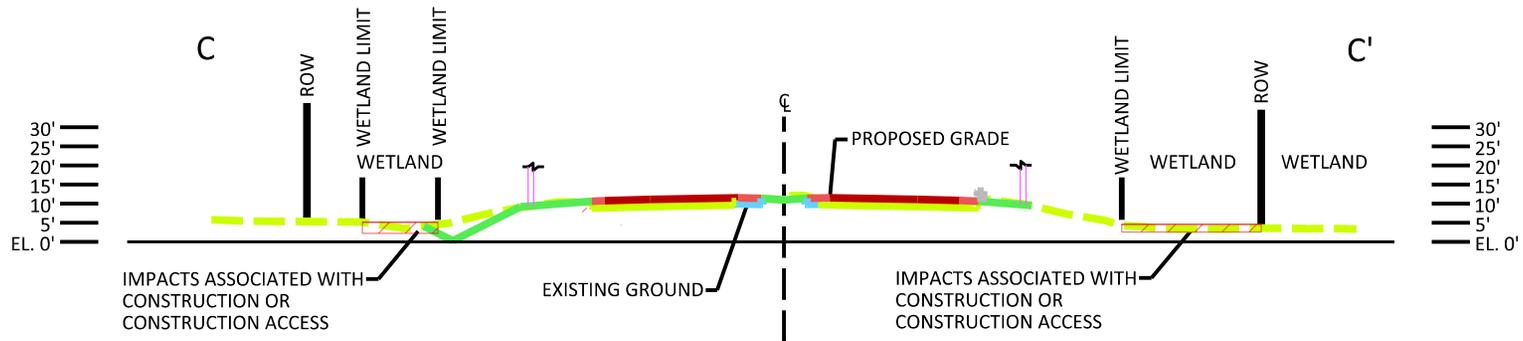
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February 26, 2026

SC Dept of Transportation  
C/O Will McGoldrick  
955 Park Street  
RM 509  
Columbia, SC 29201

SEE SPECIAL CONDITION(S)

Re: 2022-01082

Dear Mr. McGoldrick:

The above referenced permit has been amended to reduce the acreage of impacts to protected freshwater wetlands from 9.553 acres to 4.716 acres. Due to the reduction in impacts, the freshwater mitigation credits required to compensate for the impacts to protected freshwater wetlands have also been reduced from 230 freshwater wetland credits to 114 freshwater wetland credits. There are no changes to the permitted 0.33 acres of critical area impacts or the remaining 3.53 acres of freshwater wetland impacts.

This amendment is made part of your permit and is subject to the full terms of the permit as issued.

An as-built survey of the authorized structure(s) must be submitted to the Department within 90 days of completion of construction. The survey must be performed by a registered land surveyor, must show all components of the structure(s), and must list the starting and ending coordinates of the structure(s) in the SC State Plane Coordinate System, which can be obtained by survey-grade Global Positioning System equipment.

This letter does not relieve you of the responsibility of acquiring any other applicable federal or local permits that may be required.

**In order to request a construction placard, please submit a critical area placard request through ePermitting. You must send in this request before the time you wish to start construction. At that time a construction placard will be sent to you to post at the construction site.**

If this amendment letter is not accepted within thirty (30) days of issuance, the Department reserves the right to cancel this permit amendment. S.C. Code Ann. § 48-6-30(D)(2) provides, "Within thirty calendar days after the mailing of a decision [pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 48-6-30(D)(1)], an applicant, permittee, licensee, certificate holder, or affected person desiring to contest the department decision may request a contested case hearing before the Administrative Law Court, in accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act."

Sincerely,

Sarah E. Reed  
Project Manager  
Critical Area Permitting Section

*Will McGoldrick*

SCDOT / Will McGoldrick

3-9-2026

Date

## Archaeological Monitoring Plan for 38CH2683

### Site Background

Site 38CH2683 is a multi-component artifact scatter and former school site located northeast of the Interstate 526 and Long Point Road interchange, approximately 270 feet west of Belle Hall Parkway. The site measures 50x100 meters and contains a pre-contact ceramic and shell artifact scatter as well as multiple historic period components dating to the eighteenth to nineteenth century, early to mid-twentieth century, and mid to late twentieth century. The former location of the Long Point School, an African American school constructed in 1904, is located in the south-central portion of the site. The school stood at the site until 2021 when the building was relocated to the nearby Snowden Community Center. The site was documented by Brockington and Associates (Brockington) in 2022 but was also investigated by a field school associated with the College of Charleston prior to Brockington's visit (Baluha and Dantuma 2022). Brockington recommended the area of the site associated with the Long Point School and a potential earlier eighteenth to nineteenth century enslaved settlement as eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) under Criteria A and D for its data potential and association with African American Gullah-Geechee culture and Segregation-era schools. SHPO concurred with this recommendation on November 10, 2022.

Identified cultural features at the site include concrete foundations, building rubble piles, brick foundations, and a concrete septic tank (Figure 1). However, the eastern concrete foundation, rubble piles, and a septic tank are remnants of a 1992 residence that was formerly present at the site and does not contribute to its eligibility. Possible features associated with the Long Point School include the brick foundations and the western concrete foundation. Twenty-eight historic period artifacts were recovered by Brockington and include an asphalt shingle fragment, window glass, an iron staple, a wire nail, aqua plate glass, green and clear container glass, coal, and unidentifiable iron fragments. A complete list of features and artifacts identified by the College of Charleston field school is not available, but colonoware was an artifact type reportedly recovered.

### Archaeological Monitoring Requirements

The South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) has proposed improvements to the Interstate 526 (I-526) and S-10-97 (Long Point Road) interchange located in Mount Pleasant, South Carolina. The improvements will address identified deficiencies with the intersection, including congestion during peak traffic hours, insufficient ramp capacity, inadequate ramp design for high truck volumes, and traffic weaving conditions. Construction activities for the

interchange project are not expected to directly impact site 38CH2683. No new right-of-way (ROW) will be acquired from within the delineated site boundary, which primarily follows an existing fence line, but construction is planned just south of the boundary (Figure 2). At this location the project proposes to construct a noise barrier wall which would require clearing of vegetation and possible regrading within the proposed ROW boundary. The existing sidewalk, located between the current fence line and the roadway, will likely be torn out and reconstructed to match the new curb and gutter line and elevations. The existing fence would be relocated as necessary for access/construction and re-installed along the SCDOT ROW for the property owner.

Although construction activities for the I-526 and Long Point Rd interchange project are not planned within the delineated boundary of 38CH2683, archaeological monitoring has been recommended for all ground disturbing construction activities occurring adjacent to the site boundary. Planned construction activities that will require archaeological monitoring include clearing and grubbing of vegetation and ground surface grading associated with the installation of the noise barrier wall. Archaeological monitoring must be performed by an individual who meets the Secretary of the Interior's Professional Qualifications Standards for an archaeologist (36 CFR 61 and Federal Register 48:44738-44739) and who has experience in historical archaeology. A qualified archaeologist must be present during all excavation associated with the construction activities detailed above.

All ground disturbances associated with vegetation grubbing and surface grading adjacent to the site boundary should be examined by the monitor for cultural deposits. The monitoring effort must include daily observations and photographs, which should be recorded in a log that will be made available to the SCDOT archaeologist and the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO). During monitoring, photographs should be taken of any archaeological deposits identified. If potential cultural features are uncovered during the excavations, the monitor has the authority to immediately halt ground disturbance so that they can determine whether the remains are part of intact cultural deposits. If the deposits are not intact, a brief period (less than an hour) must be allowed for documentation before ground disturbance continues. If features are identified, work in this area will need to cease immediately and be buffered. SCDOT will contact the SHPO within 24-48 business hours, providing a detailed description of the aforementioned archaeological feature and a recommendation as to whether the feature is associated with the eligible components of 38CH2683, with supporting documentation to our office for our concurrence. Protocols should be provided for SHPO consultation and additional excavation steps and treatment measures as deemed necessary.

It is not anticipated that burials will be discovered at the site. However, if human remains are encountered, all excavations in the vicinity of the uncovered remains should immediately cease. SCDOT, the SHPO, and the local coroner will be notified of the discovery immediately. No human

remains should be removed from their context and efforts should be made to protect the remains until consultation with the appropriate parties occurs and decisions made on their treatment. Ground disturbing activities will not continue until SCDOT grants permission to resume.

## **References**

Baluha, David and Chelsea Dantuma

2022 *Intensive Cultural Resources Survey of the I-26 and Long Point Road Interchange Improvements Project, Charleston County, South Carolina*. Brockington and Associates, Inc. Charleston, South Carolina

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