

Name	Address	Comments for Council Meeting	Meeting This Comment is Intended For:	Email Address
Ingrid Brisacher	18 41ST AVE, ISLE OF PALMS, South Carolina 29451	Regarding the proposed bike path widening on the Connector and the narrowing of the emergency lane. It is obviously a very bad idea to get rid of the center lane for emergency vehicles. It already takes 20- 30 minutes to drive across the connector during the tourist season, without any accidents, so removing the center lane for emergency vehicles will cause way more chaos to visitors and residents. It's vital to keep this center lane for the health and safety of all residents and visitors. A compromise would be to combine the two existing lanes onto one side to make one wide lane for bikes and pedestrians and leave the center lane as is. This proposal, combined with unlimited parking, is a plan for failure for the island as traffic will grind to a standstill. It will make it impossible to live on the island if you can't get to appointments off the island without allowing an hour to just get off the island. We'll have visitors in cars just circling the island, desperate to find a parking space, causing more traffic problems. The beaches are a finite resource. Everyone can want to come here, but with 90,000 people just in Mt. Pleasant it's just not possible. And charging for parking is what most beaches do.	Public Safety Committee	ingyiop@gmail.com
MD Jeffrey Reed Rubin	25 Waterway Island Drive, Isle of Palms, South Carolina 29451	I have carefully read your two notifications regarding proposed bike accommodations and beach parking. First of all, there is a protected walking/bicycle lane on each side of the connector. Why not just dedicate one for ambulation and the other for cyclists ? Is there a good reason for changing the entire roadway ? Is it going to make the road safer for those driving motor vehicles, which should be our primary concern. Secondly, if the IOP is paying for all the bad decisions made by SCDOT, than we need to have our own government officials evaluated. We are wasting our money. If they want it changed than let them pay if we agree with their recommendations	Public Safety Committee	Reedrub@icloud.com
Peter Wright Peter Wright	38 Intracoastal Ct, Isle of Palms, South Carolina 29451	I realize the meeting has already taken place but if it might be possible to include my comments for consideration I would appreciate it:- The apparent task is to provide better protection to walkers/bikers, and at the same time neither reduce traffic capacity nor remove access for safety/emergency vehicles etc. I do not believe this proposed design achieves these goals as well as it should. The plans deficiencies are, a) It seems to me it would be a serious mistake to lose the existing center lane, which is imperative for emergency vehicle access and negotiating traffic accidents etc. b) The proposal does not give any physical protection to walkers/bikers - simply painting elaborate stripes on the road won't stop an errant vehicle. c) Reducing the speed limit to 45mph is really an attempt to mitigate the deficiency in b) above. All this would do is unnecessarily force traffic to trudge along when 90% of the time there is very light traffic on the road anyway. In other words a blanket solution to an intermittent problem. In my view, a better solution would to essentially copy the design of the Ravenel bridge. That is to say, provide a multi use pedestrian/bike lane just on one side, separated from vehicular traffic by a concrete barrier. This would protect pedestrians/bikers properly and obviate the need to reduce the speed limit, and retain a center lane. From the DOT plans it appears the bridge is approx 55' wide, and so the dimensions from one side to the other would be :- 10' pedestrian/bike lane. +/- 2' conc barrier rail 4' 6" traffic lane "shoulder" 12' traffic lane 10' center lane 12' traffic lane 4'6" traffic lane "shoulder". Total 55' Probably choose the south side for the pedestrian/bike lane and improve facilities for people to cross at Rifle Range/Hungryneck. Thank you for your consideration, Peter Wright	Public Safety Committee	peterwright@comcast.net
Mr David L Lycke	2501 Cameron Blvd, ISLE OF PALMS, South Carolina 29451	I support the SCDOT plans to add dedicated pedestrian and bicycle lanes to the IOP Connector. These improvements will increase the safety for both pedestrians and bicyclists, improve the opportunity for alternate transportation on and off the island and provide a safe outdoor environment for exercise.	Public Safety Committee	pdt308@hotmail.com
Mr. Kent Schulte	3582 Toomer Kiln Circle, Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina 29466	Please follow through with the proposed SCDOT changes for the IOP connector for pedestrians and bicyclists. It would make it so much easier to get to the merchants, important historical areas, and be just plain fun not to have to deal with parking cars where they shouldn't be. Many folks that I have conversed with have said they would much prefer to be able to get to IOP without having to drive. Of course the increased safety and ease of crossing to the IOP would be wonderful. Please give this your greatly appreciated OK and proceed with the SCDOT changes to the IOP connector . Sincerely, Kent Schulte R.Ph.	Public Safety Committee	bimmerrph@gmail.com
Ms Deborah Faires Mauney	PO BOX 7, Isle of Palms, South Carolina 29451	Yes - everyone should have access to the beach, whether a resident or not. But for those of us living on IOP, this is our HOME. This is our NEIGHBORHOOD. Can you imagine having 20,000+ people/cars converging on YOUR neighborhood every weekend? There have to be rules. There have to be limits in place to afford residents some semblance of peace and tranquility in their homes. The only way to provide this is to limit parking - it can't be a free for all. I recently drove around downtown Charleston for 30 minutes trying to find a spot to park that was not reserved for 'Residents Only'. Why is it different for the Isle of Palms??? I should have fair access to downtown, the same as residents. And I do. But that doesn't mean the downtown residents don't have rights to a peaceful life and rules that prevent anyone visiting downtown from parking in their front yard. There are significant traffic safety issues involved with the number of visitors to IOP. When cars are parked on the non-beach side of the road, you can't see ANYTHING when pulling out from a side street! This is not safe for anyone. Please - all we are asking for is the same rights to a peaceful existence and safe streets that every other neighborhood in this state is allowed. Again, can you imagine 20,000 people converging on your neighborhood every weekend and parking in your front yard??? Wouldn't you want to place reasonable parking rules and limits in place? The safety issues here are a no-brainer.	Public Safety Committee	debfares33@gmail.com
Glenda Vickers	1264 Calais Drive, Mount Pleasant, South Carolina 29464	Please continue work to make biking/walking safer on the IOP connector	Public Safety Committee	4vickers@gmail.com

Shawn Elizabeth McKay	1394A Cassidy Ct, Mount Pleasant, South Carolina 29464-4647	<p>THANK YOU for duly considering, approving and implementing these pivotal, life-changing improvements and working with SCDOT to make it happen. I applaud IOP on, once again, being ahead of the curve of basic changes for big impact.</p> <p>Upon moving here in 2004, I'll never forget my first and one of few bike rides across the IOP Connector due to daunting, unsafe road and traffic conditions. The more our population grows, the greater the need for SAFE alternatives to and a getaway from traffic and congestion, be it for work or pleasure.</p> <p>Upon experiencing a potentially fatal biking accident on the counterpart crossing between Mt Pleasant and Sullivan's Island this topic hits closer to home than ever. I'm very fortunate to have not been one of the statistics.</p> <p>This project encourages a quality of life for which our area is known while also supporting health and wellness in an increasingly complicated world.</p> <p>THANK YOU.</p>	Public Safety Committee	shawnmckay@kw.com
Doctor Charlene Curry	3 Lauden Blvd, Isle of Palms, South Carolina 29451	Please vote yes to proposed bike/ pedestrian lanes over the IOP connector. It is currently very hazardous to cyclists wishing to cross the connector. Bike lanes would significantly improve safety for drivers, cyclists and pedestrians.	Public Safety Committee	curry.charlene@gmail.com
Bryan Yahr	436 rice hope, Mount Pleasant, South Carolina 29464	I think it's a great idea. I have been on the connector and had a close call or two with a car crossing the line in the bike path.	Public Safety Committee	bayahr@yahoo.com
Mr Cameron Clements	606 Ellingson Parkway, Mount pleasant, South Carolina 29464	As a frequent bike and runner on the IOP Connector i urge you to support the SCDOT proposal to create the safe space lanes. I can't tell you the number of times that motorists have got my attention by drifting onto the shoulder. These specifically marked lanes will be a great addition keeping everyone safe.	Public Safety Committee	13cameronclements@gmail.com
Erin Simmons	64 Colleton Dr, Charleston, South Carolina 29407	I strongly support the proposed shared bike/per shared space across the IOP connector. This path will be a vital way to alleviate vehicle traffic, encourage a healthy community and accommodate more visitors to the beach without a negative environmental impact. The solution applies some of the best practices in traffic planning and ensures safe passage for everyone who desires to use the connector.	Public Safety Committee	erinsimmons07@gmail.com
Mrs Anne Abueva	1059 Meader Lane, Mount Pleasant, South Carolina 29464	<p>I strongly support the new SCDOT proposal to add bike and pedestrian infrastructure to the Isle of Palms Connector.</p> <p>As a key segment of not only the East Coast Greenway, but also Battery2Beach and Walk Bike BCD, as well as linking to Mount Pleasant Way and Town of Mount Pleasant's Comprehensive Plan, this improvement makes good on a promise to hundreds of thousands of residents and visitors.</p> <p>Let's make our community healthier, more livable and more connected.</p> <p>Thank you</p>	Public Safety Committee	anneabueva@gmail.com
Misty Lister	370 Stonewall Ct, Apt #5110, Mt Pleasant, South Carolina	Parking has become more and more of an issue at our beaches, specifically IOP. My friends and I support the new proposed bike lane proposal. This will help with traffic and parking issues, as well as encourage more exercise and activity for locals and visitors alike. The IOP Connector has the room, let's get it done. Thank you.	Public Safety Committee	themistylister@gmail.com
Ms Gail Bridgham	2908 Palm Blvd, Isle of Palms, South Carolina 29451	As a cyclist, I am for the proposed bike/pedestrian lane markings over the IOP Connector. Any time you can make biking safer, it makes it more accessible and with our current beach parking issues, we should encourage as much bike traffic from Mt Pleasant as possible. Biking is fun, good exercise and family friendly.....all the things a beach town wants to promote.	Public Safety Committee	Lgbridgham@gmail.com
Mr Steven Edward Abueva	1059 Meader Ln, Mt Pleasant, South Carolina 29464	<p>The SCDOT proposal to add bike and pedestrian lanes to the IOP connector should implemented. This infrastructure would be a great addition to our community. It promotes a healthier lifestyle, safety for the taxpaying pedestrians and cyclists, and benefits for the environment.</p> <p>The concerns voiced by council member Ryan Buckhannon regarding emergency vehicles are a non-issue. South Carolina Law Section 56-5-2360 requires drivers to immediately drive to the right hand edge of the roadway until an authorized emergency vehicle has passed.</p> <p>Please do not let this opportunity to improve our community go to waste.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Steve Abueva</p>	Public Safety Committee	steveabueva@yahoo.com
Andrea Brady	5808 Stewart Street, Hanahan, South Carolina 29410	As a cyclist, I am fully in support of SCDOT adding bike and pedestrian infrastructure to the Isle of Palms Connector. In addition to the stated plans, there also needs to be good and safe access to and from these bike and pedestrian lanes on either side of the Connector in both Isle of Palms and Mount Pleasant. If someone is leaving IOP via the Connector in the new bike lane, what will happen once they have crossed the connector into Mount Pleasant as there is currently no bike path on that side of the road? Another key proponent after the infrastructure has been created is ongoing maintenance of these lanes (aka street sweeping and road cleaning). It does no good to have a bike lane that is full of road debris that causes constant tire punctures (see Spruill Ave in North Charleston). Thank you very much for your time and consideration in helping to make our roadways safer and more accessible for everyone. Cheers!	Public Safety Committee	andreaibrady@gmail.com
Kelli Morse	1985 Park Front Dr, Apt 308, Mt Pleasant, South Carolina 29464	I think this is an incredible opportunity for the area. I live right over the connector in Mt Pleasant and would love to have safer routes on the connector to access the beach and local businesses. I would prefer to ride my bike to the beach rather than have to deal with parking. I think this will also set a great example for other local communities to implement these safety safety measures.	Public Safety Committee	kmorse07@gmail.com
richard young	104 barrington park drive, greer, South Carolina 29650	<p>I'm 68 years old and have been riding bikes for 45 years. I have travelled by bike throughout most of the US and at least a third of Canada. I own a condo in Long Grove and ride the IOP connector often.</p> <p>The IOP connector is a great road to ride, jog or walk on. Every state that has a coast line would love to have such a road. The vast majority of connectors are narrow and extremely dangerous (Sullivan's Island connector). When I ride the IOP connector I do not feel threatened, except by the occasional speeder. I consider this discussion a waste of time and money. Certainly there are more important items to discuss, i.e. revitalizing the IOP marina.</p>	Public Safety Committee	richard@janikinggsp.com
Mr. Brandon M Garlock	902 Longkeep Ln, Apt. 315, Daniel Island, South Carolina 29492	I greatly appreciate the plan to put bike lanes on the Isle of Palms Connector, as a cyclist, a driver, and as a professional safety expert.	Public Safety Committee	BGarlock11@gmail.com
Ken M Byrd	1527 Macoma Dr., Mount Pleasant, South Carolina 29466	I am a cyclist and a runner. I am excited about the lowered speed limit because one of the things that take away from that beautiful stretch of road is how noisy it is! While the solid barricade and cement construction definitely play a role in the acoustics, the speed of vehicular traffic must certainly make a difference. Thank you so much for working on this! Ken Byrd	Public Safety Committee	boatbyrd@comcast.net

Mrs. Patsy Ballou Hindman	7 Barnacle Row, *, Isle of Palms, South Carolina 29451	My comments are directed to the SCDOT. The ridiculous changes you are proposing for the IOP Connector are not only a concern for residents of municipalities on either end of the bridge, but they should be a concern for all SC Taxpayers whose money you are proposing to waste. The current bike and pedestrian lanes on the IOP Connector are more than adequate for safe passage by even the highest number of bicycles, runners, and walkers ever seen using those lanes at one time. There simply is not an issue of safety or congestion in those lanes. Reducing the width of the center lane is equivalent to eliminating its availability for emergency vehicles. With what you are proposing, the arrival of any emergency vehicle would force all cars and trucks to pull to the side and into the bike/pedestrian lanes, thus posing a safety risk to anyone who might be on a bike or walking in those lanes at that time. I can see absolutely no benefit to your proposed changes, but I do see the introduction of potential problems for everyone who uses that bridge. If you want to help on that bridge, start by doing a better job of cleaning up trash and debris that accumulates in those lanes. If your intent is to support safe bicycling in this area, you should consider adding bike lanes where there are none and cyclists are in danger when they try to share the roads with drivers who are distracted as they look for parking places in areas that are over-saturated with cars. Can you honestly assure us that SCDOT has addressed and resolved all of the important and dangerous transportation concerns across the state so that now you can start spending your time and taxpayer money fixing things that aren't broken? I think not! If you are just looking for something to do with excess funds, the State should reallocate them to another more worthy cause. This is a good opportunity for you to rethink your proposal, remembering the sage advice that if it ain't broke, don't fix it!	Public Safety Committee	pbhindman@bellsouth.net
Dr Lorin D Lawrence	1647 Home Farm Rd, Mt Pleasant, South Carolina 29464	To the Council- I am overjoyed that you are considering painting bike and pedestrian lanes on the Connector. I am a regular cyclist on that roadway. There is a feeling of putting your life on the line as one rides it, with 60mph traffic on the left and broken glass on your right. Three cheers for this project!	Public Safety Committee	bigcheese@vetpinions.com
Mrs Margaret H Dixon	35 21 st Ave, Isle Of palms, South Carolina 29451	I am against it. The tragic is bad enough with the cars now you want to encourage more bikes and pedestrians? Without a plan in place for where they go after the get off the bridge. It is a tragedy any time someone is killed. But add more lines on a road to encourage different and more types of traffic is not going to take away accidents only encourage more people to join in a limited space	Public Safety Committee	megphotogirl@aol.com
Karen E Schwarztrauber	1286 Old Colony Road, Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina 29464	Thank you for these plans to make IOP safer for bike riders and walkers. Please slow the traffic down.	Public Safety Committee	keschwa@gmail.com
Ned Hettinger	2924 ion ave, Sullivan's Island, South Carolina 29483	IOP safety committee members, Please support SCDOT's plans to improve pedestrian and bicycle safety on the IOP Connector. Thanks for your public service! Ned	Public Safety Committee	Nedhettinger@gmail.com
Janice Mertz	997 Johnnie Dodds Blvd, Apt 1028, Mount Pleasant, South Carolina 29451	Vote For the Pedestrian/bicycle lanes to be added to the IOP Connector and reducing the speed limit.	Public Safety Committee	jbmertz@gmail.com
Mrs. Jennifer R Klein	5 53rd Avenue, Isle of Palms, South Carolina 29451	I am an avid cyclist who has had too many near misses in my 40+ years of serious cycling. Going back and forth over the Connector right now is dangerous -- cyclists are dealing with debris in the non-dedicated shoulder lane, fast moving traffic and no signage that would lead motorists to expect or respect cyclists. I fully support the SCDOT plan for buffered bike lanes, reduced speed limits, intermittent green striping, and dedicated lanes for bikes/pedestrians. I urge IOP's Public Safety Committee to support the SCDOT plan and be a leader in safety and cyclist rights. Let me also URGE regular sweeping/cleaning of the lane to be part of any budget. Once I had a flat half way across the connector after going across debris... the hardest, most dangerous flat tire I ever changed!! Thanks for your consideration. Regards, Jennifer Klein	Public Safety Committee	jrayklein@gmail.com
Maurice James Sr Maurice Albert James	258 Silver Cypress Circle, Summerville, South Carolina 29464	Please limit the sand trucks...and please instruct them to slow down...as it very dangerous for cyclist...	Public Safety Committee	mojames3@gmail.com
Emma Ashcraft	1494 Oaklanding Rd, Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina 29464	I am in favor of the SCDOT plan for adding bike & pedestrian lanes to the IOP Connector. As a local, I enjoy biking and running and feel this could contribute to safer lanes for pedestrian & bike traffic.	Public Safety Committee	ea3416@yahoo.com
Mrs. Ann Maughon	7 Wills Way, Isle of Palms, South Carolina 29451	Good afternoon, my name is Ann Maughon and I have lived on the Isle of Palms for 32 years. The Isle of Palms connector, which I voted against, is single handedly responsible for changing this town from a sleepy little island community to a tourist destination. Not just a tourist destination for out of towners, but also for the approximately 411,000 people that live in Charleston County. If we include the entire tri-county area we are talking about approximately 800,000 people. The population of the Isle of Palms is only 4,360. Somehow it doesn't seem right that Mt. Pleasant, with 90,000 people, and the State of South Carolina should be dictating to small communities like mine on how to provide the best quality of life for their citizens. Beach traffic was really getting out of control until our town council came up with a parking plan that eliminated most of the parking in our neighborhoods. Just imagine how you would feel with strangers parking in your yard, leaving their trash, changing clothes in front of your house or better yet, using your yard for a restroom before sitting in traffic for at least an hour to leave your neighborhood. Now the state is threatening to bring all of that back. Well, thanks a lot y'all. Most residents of the island were resigned to lots and lots of traffic on Saturday and Sunday. We did our best to arrange our schedules opposite of beach traffic. We kept our children off the streets when people started to leave the island, speeding down side streets and running stop signs trying to get to the head of the line to leave my small town. The problem NOW is that everyday is Saturday and Sunday. The traffic has become unbearable. I doubt very seriously that anyone in Mt. Pleasant, Charleston County, or with SCDOT would enjoy any of this in their neighborhood ever! During my years on the island, my family has required EMS services four times. It terrifies me to think of needing their services with the state's proposed changes to the connector. The SCDOT will not consider parking restrictions on Palm Blvd. to eliminate some of the congestion and now you are considering eliminating the fastest way on and off the island for emergency vehicles. Reading the proposed changes, it doesn't even sound like there would be enough room for cars to pull out of the way for emergency vehicles to pass. I can't imagine that there is even enough pedestrian and bicycle traffic to warrant the changes that are being proposed. I don't believe that any resident on the island would even begin to think that the IOP beach is not for everyone. At the same time, everyone needs to realize that the 4,360 people that live on this island also deserve some semblance of normalcy. The only way to guarantee a decent quality of life for the island residents is to control traffic, and the only way to control traffic is by controlling parking. It saddens my heart to think that the state of South Carolina would attempt to usurp the power and will of small coastal communities.	Public Safety Committee	ann.maughon1@comcast.net
Michael Weeks	171 Moultrie Street, MSC148, Charleston, South Carolina 29401	I ride my bike frequently on the IoP connector. The marked bike lane would be a great improvement that would positively impact safety and access. Anything that we can do to encourage additional modes of transportation beyond cars would be a great public service. This is a low cost method to achieve that goal and it would not negatively impact traffic flow for autos. I cannot see any possible	Public Safety Committee	mrw@weeks2000.com
Mrs. Daniela Charles	16 Frank Sottile Lane, Isle of Palms, South Carolina 29170	I am gravely concerned over the proposed elimination of the center emergency vehicle lane on the IOP connector. As a 24-year resident of IOP, I have first hand witness to many accidents shutting the entire connector down, especially during the summer months. Impeding or delaying emergency vehicles from/to the scene of an accident is a terrible and irresponsible decision. Impeding or delaying emergency vehicles carrying patients across the connector during summer traffic is also a terrible and irresponsible decision. That the DOT would place a higher value on recreational use over public safety and human life is absurd.	Public Safety Committee	iopyella@yahoo.com

Jeff Evans	3301 Hartnett Blvd., Isle of Palms, South Carolina 29451	Can you imagine the Ravenel Bridge without pedestrian access? I'm not a road engineer so I don't know the solution, but it seems that creating a protected bike/pedestrian path on the South side of the connector only would work. This would leave plenty of room for an emergency lane. Next project? Bike lane on Palm Blvd. Biking on that road is dangerous. Avoiding bikers while driving is dangerous.	Public Safety Committee	coastaljeff@gmail.com
Mr. Phillip A Werner	32-31st Ave., Isle of Palms, South Carolina 29451	Thanks for all you do. In regards to the new plan for the IOP Connector what are they thinking? With all the controversy about the traffic and congestion on the island, the last thing we need is to create more of both. The bike and walking lanes on the connector are already way bigger than on any other bridge or roadway in the Charleston area. Considering the few people that actually use the existing bike/pedestrian lanes to do what the SCDOT is planning is ridiculous! In my opinion it would be better to make the IOP Connector 4 lanes or at least one coming onto the island and two leaving the island. I've always thought more traffic lanes would need to be added due to the growing population and congestion. I am worried that the special interests of a few people are impacting the many and unduly influencing those at the SCDOT. If they want to do this, why don't they just make the Ben Sawyer causeway to Sullivan's Island a greenway with no traffic! That's about as crazy as this plan! Thanks for your time.	Public Safety Committee	wernerpa1952@yahoo.com
Mrs Bambi Werner	32 31ST AVE, ISLE OF PALMS, South Carolina 29451-2078	I feel there is no reason to do anything to the bike lanes nor the emergency lane on the IOP Connector. With a good portion of the island in the senior citizen group, first responders need to have a quick way off the island. As it is, with beach traffic during the summer months on Palm Blvd. and also on the Connector, traffic is bottle-necked a lot of the time, it slows up the ambulances, etc. getting on/off the island. By getting rid of or making the emergency lane smaller, that just increases the time a resident or visitor may have to get to a hospital. I say don't change a thing on the Connector. With the huge bike/walking paths on both sides of the connector, and the few bike riders/walkers I see using them, I don't feel it warrants any changes at this time. I believe this has all come up as a result of the parking issues last summer due to the pandemic and the group that was formed as a result. The fact that they want to do this so quickly makes me suspicious of their intention. Surely there are more important projects the SCDOT has in the works! There is no hurry for anything to be done on the Connector! Thank you for your attention to this matter.	Public Safety Committee	bkwerner2000@yahoo.com
Ms Megan Naylor	Frank Sottile Lane, Isle of Palms, South Carolina 29451	Changes to the connector. I am concerned about the proposed changes to the connector and also confused about their purpose. There seem to be plenty of other issues SCDOT could focus on about improvements on the island first, given there is not a high volume of bikers or pedestrians. I remember over the summer when discussion about altering Palm blvd parking was happening because we had a people parking 2-3 cars beside each other on both sides of the road before the lockdown happened. Many of the residents noted how unsafe it constantly is for much of the year when we have such a high volume of people coming to island daily. That there have been so many close calls of children almost getting hit, car accidents, etc- and yet both the chief and SCDOT itself came back and said there weren't enough documented cases to justify changing palm blvd at all. So as far as I know, the limited amount of people accessing the connector and the very limited number of accidents/incidents involving them seem strange to suddenly want to change an entire route that is the islands major access point for vehicles. If the same logic is to be used with prevention of palm blvd accidents, one would think SCDOT would not even be entertaining this idea, let alone moving forward with this. It almost feels like a targeted attack specifically on creating more issues for island residents.	Public Safety Committee	megnaylor@yahoo.com
Patrick D McArthur	12 48th AVenue, ISLE OF PALMS, South Carolina 29451	I have been walking and biking the IOP Connector since it first opened, all seasons including summer holiday weekends. There have never been any safety or crowding issues. The planned changes sound like at best a major waste of money and at worst a reduction in safety due to reduced room for safety vehicles	Public Safety Committee	pat_mcarthur@yahoo.com
Mr. Dave Ballew	319D Shipwatch, 7600 Palmetto Dr, Isle Of Palms, SC 29451, Isle of Palms, South Carolina 29466	In short, I am opposed to the wholesale and unnecessary modifications to the IOP Connector to accommodate pedestrian and cycle traffic. There is more than adequate room to provide a suggested buffer without squeezing opposing traffic together in the middle. This solution to a problem that doesn't exist will have problematic unintended consequences such as higher traffic density (lower speeds), a significant increased potential for potentially tragic car to car incidents, as well as car/cyclist incidents. Where in this plan is the accommodation of traffic breakdowns? Where in this plan is an appropriate accommodation for emergency equipment? Please reconsider this radical solution to a non-issue. The resulting problems with the increased traffic density will not be insignificant. You are trying to force more people/cyclist, and cars onto an already overloaded singular means of ingress and egress to the Isle of Palms. This proposal seems to be a very poorly thought out solution to a problem that doesn't seem, to many, to exist. Will there be some accommodations made on Rifle Range for the potential increase of cycle traffic in what is already a very dangerous situation with vehicle and cycle traffic interfacing on a narrow, no passing lane road?	Public Safety Committee	sce46m3@yahoo.com
Tracy Moses	19 Yacht Harbor Court, Isle of palms, South Carolina 29451	I am highly against the SCDOT proposed changes to the connector allowing for a wider / more bike and walking paths. This will cause more potential harm and delays on an already overly crowded bridge. I feel there has been no care for the opinions of the IOP residents and this is being pushed by the Charleston Parking and Beach Access Group with backing from the state. It would be nice to see IOP residents get a chance to vote on and/or be a part of this decision as we are the ones that will be affected daily. This is a traffic and safety issue and should not be forced upon IOP by the state.	Public Safety Committee	tracymoses1@gmail.com
Mrs Kathy Campbell	10 20th Avenue, Isle of Palms, South Carolina 29451	Please consider a reversible lane for summer traffic.	Public Safety Committee	iopcampbell@gmail.com
Robin Faass	1357 Woodlock Road, Mount Pleasant, South Carolina 29464	Please approve the improvements to the bike/pedestrian lanes on IOP connector. I use this route frequently to visit IOP businesses and for recreation and these improvements will help everyone feel safer. The lower speed limit is an excellent addition to the recommended improvements! I've always felt that 55mph is too fast for this corridor.	Public Safety Committee	rmfaass@yahoo.com
Tony Jones	409 Merritt blvd, Isle of palms, South Carolina 29451	Like to bike on IOP- there are already bike lanes on connector, add bike lane to Palm blvd, to enhance cycle experience.	Public Safety Committee	tonyjones1966@gmail.com
Dr Catherine Malloy	3613 Waterway Blvd, Isle of Palms, South Carolina 29451	I am strongly opposed to the DOT proposal for changes to the IOP connector. This proposal for eliminating the emergency access and egress lane of the IOP connector is replete with safety concerns. The one thing DOT should not be allowed to do is to eliminate emergency access and egress to IOP.	Public Safety Committee	cmalloy2001@gmail.com
Mr Brian Duffy	3613 Waterway Blvd, Isle of Palms, South Carolina 29451	This proposal for eliminating the emergency access and egress lane of the IOP connector is very short sighted. If DOT wants to cow tow to bicyclist then just put jersey barriers on either side and make one side for bikers and one side for walkers/joggers. The one thing DOT should not be allowed to do is to eliminate emergency access and egress to the IOP!	Public Safety Committee	bjduffy3@gmail.com
Janalyn Bowden	32 Twenty-fourth Avenue, Isle of Palms, South Carolina 29451	I believe this plan is creating a safety issue for residents and beach goers. Removing the middle emergency lane will create havoc when emergency vehicles need to cross putting cars into the bicycle and pedestrian area. Leaving very little room between lanes is a bad idea. I am concerned we will have an increase in head on collisions.	Public Safety Committee	jbowden@comcast.net
Kimberly Kimberly Ritter	3148 Linksland Road, Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina 29466	We need the bike lane on the connector.	Public Safety Committee	kritter@carolinaone.com
Kathleen Donnelly	204 Gordon St., Charleston, South Carolina 29403	I am in favor of the bike and pedestrian lane additions for the IOP connector. In addition to lowering the speed limit to 45 mph. Thank you for this!	Public Safety Committee	ckddok@hotmail.com

Mr Kershaw H LeClercq	717 Creekside Dr, Mt Pleasant, South Carolina 29464-3603	Thank you so much for considering the bike/ped improvements to the IOP connector. Usage will skyrocket with these changes. Please make sure that the lane striping includes rumble strips or raised reflectors. Based on anecdotal evidence, many drivers on the connector are distracted. I'm sure that rumble strips would prevent some lane incursions and over time might even save a life. Best Regards, Kershaw LeClercq	Public Safety Committee	kershaw.leclercq@gmail.com
Mr. David Christopher	5202 Celtic Drive, North Charleston, South Carolina	I have biked across the IOP Connector and remember it being needlessly scary; there is plenty of space but no clear buffer between cars and bikes, and cars are usually driving fast. Therefore I was excited to hear about the bike lane project and fully support it - please move it forward as quickly as possible! Thanks for listening.	Public Safety Committee	DavidMChristopher@gmail.com
paul pih	10 Beachwood West, isle of palms, South Carolina 29451	I believe this is a great idea and should be implemented immediately. The Connector has been turned into a raceway. Even though I ride a bike, I never ride across the Connector due to closeness of the cars to the bikes and the speed of the cars. We are a relaxed recreational island and the access to the Island should be the same. I hope our Council fully supports this measure thanks	Public Safety Committee	ppih@totalwine.com
George Metropolis	1535 Marietta Street, Charleston, South Carolina 29406	I support the improvement of the IOP connector with the addition of Bike/Ped lanes protected from vehicle traffic. As a nurse and avid cyclist/runner I look forward to the boost in quality of life as bicycle and pedestrian traffic becomes more accessible. I am sure our community will feel the health and financial benefits of this improvement in no time!	Public Safety Committee	gemetrop@gmail.com
Abigail Brennan	94 Saint Margaret St, Charleston, South Carolina 29403	I can't believe you all are creating buffered bike lanes - this is amazing news. I support your actions of providing: buffered bike lanes, a demarcated pedestrian lane of 5' and bike lane of 4'-6" on both sides, green paint with bike markings to draw attention to this people-oriented space to enhance safety and reducing the speed limit from 55 mph to 45 mph. I think these actions are not only smart but will be greatly appreciated. Thank you.	Public Safety Committee	abigailWRbrennan@gmail.com
Kevin Lowry	1485 oaklanding rd, Mount pleasant, South Carolina 29464	I am in FULL favor of the proposed pedestrian and bike lanes for the Isle of Palms connector.	Public Safety Committee	kclowry73@gmail.com
Georgia Nettles	1309 Scotts Creek Circle, Mount Pleasant, South	Please approve the bike lanes for the IOP connector. It is so intense to ride over the connector right now. Please help make safely biking a possibility!	Public Safety Committee	georgianettles@gmail.com
Jennifer R Bennett	23 Robert Mills Circle, Mount Pleasant, South Carolina 29464	This separation between bikers and cars is SO needed. And a designated lane for runners so bikers don't have to dodge them is mandatory as well. As both a biker and a runner who uses the connector to get some distance and hill work into my workouts/training, I applaud these safety measures you are taking!	Public Safety Committee	twinjen@gmail.com
Kathy Phlegar	533 Calico Retreat, Mount Pleasant, South Carolina 29464	I ride my bike across the connector and it is incredibly dangerous. Just yesterday, cars were blowing past at 65...there is always speeding on the connector. Using it as a car driver I don't see why there aren't bike lanes. It seems to be wide enough.	Public Safety Committee	kphlegar@bellsouth.net
Heidi Herman	2 1/2 Colonial street, Charleston, South Carolina	Please make it safer for bikers and makes modifications to the IOP connector	Public Safety Committee	Hjherman17@gmail.com
Lana Damjanovic	9 Duany Road, Mount Pleasant, South Carolina 29464	Finally a smart idea! We need more safe bike paths !!	Public Safety Committee	lanabilicla@gmail.com
Ms Darcy Everett	646 WINDERMERE BLVD, Charleston, South Carolina	I am writing to offer my full fledged support of SCDOT's plan to add bicycle and pedestrian access to the IOP connector. As a cyclist that has frequented this location, I am thrilled to see the improvements included in this plan. And, while I don't live in IOP, I know many of us who travel there by bike to eat in restaurants and enjoy the other amenities there will very much increase our visits with these	Public Safety Committee	darcycaitlin@gmail.com
Ryan R Lemire	909 harvest way, harvest way, Mount Pleasant, South	I support the bike lane improvement for the connector	Public Safety Committee	rle29464@gmail.com
Mrs Amy I Hill	1300 Appling Drive, Unit 201, Mount Pleasant, South Carolina 29464	When I first heard of this effort I could barely express the excitement I felt. Someone thought to prioritize the safety of me and my friends *before* something tragic propelled such action. Please know that as pedestrians, runners, cyclists, and triathletes we are all too aware of vehicular-driven accidents. Let this opportunity for clean, dedicated lanes open to foot and cycle traffic encourage people to place even more value in the Isle of Palms.	Public Safety Committee	yentl76@aol.com
Claire Powers	1140 Ocean Boulevard, #308, Isle of Palms, South Carolina	I do not agree with the plans for the IOP connector. I would like to see the emergency center lane remain. Having pedestrian and bicycle lanes on both sides is unnecessary. Providing access on one side should be sufficient.	Public Safety Committee	clairepowersmimi@yahoo.com
Gretchen Naylor	746 Olde Central Way, Mount Pleasant, South Carolina 29464	I support safety measures for cyclists and pedestrians on IOP connector.	Public Safety Committee	naylor.gretchen@gmail.com
Shannon Magee	97 Sans Souci St, Charleston, South Carolina 29403	Riding a bike over the connector can be a terrifying journey even for the most experienced cyclist. Traffic blows by at 60 mph+, and there is no space between the bike lane and texting beach-goers in autos. I fully support the proposed changes to keep all users safe! Let's do better Charleston!	Public Safety Committee	shannon.apn@gmail.com
Margaret E Klimecki	1313 Balcome Road, Mount Pleasant, South Carolina 29466	This will enable more people to Cycle, Run and Walk safely to the Island.	Public Safety Committee	peggyklimecki@gmail.com
Ms. Melisa Suzanne Coffin	3308 Billings St, SC Mt Pleasant, South Carolina 29466	The low country is filled with pedestrians and cyclist that deserve safe access to the beaches. One reason is it a great exercise which is important for our state which has one of the highest obesity rates in the country. Another reason is there are many residents that for some reason may not own a vehicle and use bikes or walk to get around. Also, many complain about parking on the island. Having a bike lane that is safer makes it more appealing for people to park in Mt. Pleasant. Less cars is better for the environment. This bridge also has been the site of several accidents ending in death. Residents deserve a safe way to cross to the island.	Public Safety Committee	mcoffin68@outlook.com
Mr Richard Moss	1007 Cummings Circle, Mount Pleasant, South Carolina 29464	As a bicyclist who frequently rides on the connector, I strongly support this DOT initiative. These changes would be a welcome improvement for cyclist and pedestrian safety. Thanks!	Public Safety Committee	rmoss3591@gmail.com
Mrs. Lisa Nurminen	1391 Rivella Drive, Mount Pleasant, South Carolina 29464	Right now it is extremely dangerous for cyclists	Public Safety Committee	lisa.nurminen@blackbaud.com
Meredith Nelson	610 Coral Street, Mount Pleasant, South Carolina 29464	Please make these changes happen! The connector is a great route for pedestrians and cyclists, and needs to be as safe as possible. Thank you for considering this project!	Public Safety Committee	meredith@primetimefit.net
Dr Siobhan A Maize	947 Casseque Province, Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina 29464	As a long time resident of Snee Farm neighborhood, I have run across or ridden my bike over the IOP connector on a weekly basis. There have been many times I've wondered if I would survive jumping over the side of the bridge for my safety when/if a car has come to close. It's so important to be ahead of the curve before a tragic accident happens on the connector. With the increases in population in our area, our goal should be to promote ways to reduce traffic and ensure the safety of our citizens who choose to walk, run, or ride either for exercise or to reduce our carbon footprint. Please consider this new proposal for the safe IOP connector.	Public Safety Committee	siobhantx@yahoo.com