

#	Status	Date Submitted	Name	Address	Comments for Council Meeting	Meeting This Comment is Intended For:	Email Address
1,105	Submitted	2/10/2021 9:03 PM	Mr Alfredo Pereira	3510 E. Higgins Dr, Mt Pleasant, South Carolina 29466	Isle of Palms is a beach community for ALL beach goers. The beach is not yours, it belongs to all south carolineans. Issues of revenue and maintenance for that service should be address with county and state legislators. Restrictions to access the beach will have huge economic impact for the entire region.	City Council	alfredoxyz@gmail.com
1,104	Submitted	2/10/2021 4:23 PM	Mrs Sandy D Ferencz	4 Seahorse Ct, Isle of Palms, South Carolina 29451	For 25 years as permanent residents of Isle of Palms every Spring and Summer we modify our comings and goings based on the traffic and parking delays especially on weekends. In my opinion our elected leaders who live on this island have a much better idea of what works and what doesn't. SCDOT has not been a good neighbor in the past and basically said, "you handle it!" Why they now feel they want to handle our parking challenges is a question I would like answered. I presume that if they do dictate what must be done they will also be prepared to maintain all right of ways, pull out stuck cars, clean the trash left on the right of ways and patrol their streets for illegal parking and accidents and install safety cross walks on their roads. Thank you.	City Council	ferenczsa@gmail.com
1,103	Submitted	2/10/2021 3:52 PM	DANIEL Joseph TYLAK	11 EDGEWATER ALY, ISLE OF PALMS, South Carolina 29451	Palm Blvd is the busiest street on IOP. If SCDOT wants to satisfy island residents as well as beach visitors it should consider providing paved, clearly marked parking spaces along Palm Blvd to ensure that visitors can easily spot available parking spaces while also allowing local traffic to flow smoothly down the state road.	City Council	dtylak@comcast.net
1,102	Submitted	2/10/2021 3:49 PM	Phil Raines	42 Morgans Cove Dr, Isle Of Palms, South	Not in favor of proposed changes to IOP Connector	City Council	philliperaines@gmail.com

1,101 Submitted 2/10/2021 1:29 PM Mr Jeff Gallman PO Box 8, Isle of Palms, South Carolina 29451 To the SCDOT representatives, IOP Mayor, and IOP Council, City Council jeff@bottletreeproperties.com

My family has lived on 26th Ave between Palm Blvd and Cameron Blvd since 2015. Prior to that we lived in Mount Pleasant, SC. Since deciding to move to IOP we have embraced the seasonal 'beach traffic' that comes along with living in a beach community. However, a big appeal of IOP for us was the designated public parking availability on both sides of Palm Blvd, Front Beach, and the County Park - with the 'back' section of the island being designated 'residential' and no public parking being allowed in the streets and yards. We have two young kids (ages 3 and 7) so their safety is obviously top of mind for us.

However, to repeal the 2015 IOP parking plan - that was approved with input from local, state, and SCDOT representatives at the time - would make this section of the island open to public parking in the off-street/yards. This would undoubtedly negatively affect livability for the residents/families that call this section of IOP home.

Again, we have lived on IOP since 2015 but prior to that were on the other side of the proverbial fence and used public parking to go the beach. At that time however we knew that if we wanted to find a parking spot on a busy summer weekend we'd better beat the rush to find one. Understanding now that Charleston has only continued to grow over the last 6 years there has to be a happy median to offer ample beach access/parking to the public, while maintaining livability for those that call IOP home. With a few possible tweaks to perhaps clearly designate public parking spaces on Palm Blvd, the 2015 parking plan does just that. Based on the current and projected growth of the Charleston Metro area over the coming years, the reality is that even if the entire island were to be open to public parking, there may come a day that the island simply wouldn't have enough parking to accommodate every car - at which point the impacts on the island's environment, safety, overall experience for the 'daytripper' beachgoer, and livability for the residents is greatly compromised. Now is the time to reimplement the original parking plan from 2015 - which offers ample public parking - while preserving livability for the residents/families of IOP.

Thanks for your consideration, Jeff and Katie Gallman

1,100 Submitted 2/9/2021 9:22 PM Mrs. Daniela Pessagno Charles 16 Frank Sottile Lane, Isle of Palms, sc, South Carolina 29451 Dear City Council Members, I wish to comment on the upcoming discussion of SCDOT's new position on the City's Managed Beach Parking Plan and consideration of options. The ability of a local jurisdiction to manage public safety, traffic, parking and livability is fundamental to the idea of a local government. Having been an island resident for over 24 years, I have seen beach traffic explode in volume. Prior to the 2015 residential parking restrictions, I also dealt with marina overflow parking on my street, often blocking our ability to get our own boat and vehicles on and off of our property. City Council iopyella@yahoo.com

I understand the public's right to beach access, and I believe the Isle of Palms City Council should be responsible custodians in facilitating that access. Safety is paramount. It is not safe when drivers frustrated by long waits in still traffic on Palm Blvd speed down the side streets, at worst running stop signs, at best coasting through them. All of my neighbors have had close encounters with children and pets being struck by speeding cars. It is not safe when day trippers attempt to cross the frustrated lines of traffic on Palm Blvd (not at crosswalks, but wherever they found a space) juggling piles of beach gear and trying to maintain control of excited children. Although alcoholic beverages are prohibited on the beach, they are widely consumed, and beach goers have often gotten a head start on consumption before they arrive. This exacerbates these problems. It is also not safe for visitors and residents alike when emergency vehicles are delayed and impeded by traffic. In cases like strokes, heart attacks and drownings, minutes matter. The Isle of Palms City Council and the SCDOT have a responsibility to visitors and citizens to control and manage traffic at safe levels. Another critical part of responsible custodianship is conservation of the beach and providing essential emergency services to its visitors. Litter is a problem. It costs money to collect it. Erosion of the parking along Palm Blvd and the beach access paths is a problem. It costs money to repair and maintain them. Providing fire and rescue service to distressed and endangered beach goers is a necessity. Again, all of this costs money. It is entirely lawful and reasonable that the Isle of Palms City Council charge reasonable parking fees to offset these costs. There are legal precedents for municipalities to restrict parking and charge parking fees all over the state and nation. As far as I can tell from the city revenue reported on iop.net, state taxes account for only 2% of revenues collected. I read on social media groups that the single biggest reason day trippers oppose paying parking fees is because they pay a lot of taxes. They may indeed pay a lot of taxes, but not to the City of Isle of Palms. All consumers of the beach should chip in for it's use and protection by paying the entity responsible for these costs, which is not Mt. Pleasant, not the State of South Carolina and not SCDOT.

Thank you for allowing me to comment.

1,099 Submitted 2/9/2021 8:11 PM Mr Vincent DiGangi 4 42nd Avenue, Isle of Palms, South Carolina 29451 I do not support any change to the parking plan in place at the present time. This plan was established in 2015 and took years of work and is supported by science and studies. I would support paid parking on Palm Boulevard and for the current parking rates to stay as they are. I feel that the response from Christy Hall Secretary of Transportation is over reach on the part of the State and is not supported by science or traffic studies. This I believe is a knee jerk reaction as the result of a social media group who has her ear at the moment. City Council vdigangi@msn.com

1,098 Submitted 2/9/2021 7:01 PM Cristina A Young 746 Winthrop St., Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina 29464 As a person that has lived here her entire 59 years, I find the covert privatization of our public beaches by reducing parking and the initiation of paid parking by the Isle of Palms city council over the past 6 years reprehensible. Yes, I'm aware, probably more than others, of the profound changes that have incurred in ALL of Charleston County. However, let's make it clear, the beach and the ocean are at the top of the list of reasons that people live here and why people move here. If the residents on Isle of Palms, many of whom are only part-time residents, don't like the traffic or people during the summer months coming to a state-owned public coastline, they do have many private beach community options in this area – one is on the same island: Wild Dunes. Please don't let a small elitist minority restrict and impede the beach access for all. And, please get rid of and revoke the "Resident Only" parking on all side streets. This would spread out parking along the island instead of bottlenecking it into one area. City Council cgraphics@me.com

1,097 Submitted

2/9/2021 6:46 PM Joshua Hooser

5 Sandpiper Court, Isle of Palms, South Carolina 29451

Dear City Council,
Please explain to your constituents how you plan on stopping the bleeding budget while: (1) suing existing businesses that bring tax revenue, (2) handing out leases to friends of city council that are below fair market value, and (3) worsening the City's relationships with the county and state who own and maintain infrastructure. Do you plan on maintaining COVID as the excuse for parking limitations? Also, does the city have any input in the third-party contracts you have awarded to help deal with city business (i.e. the marina restaurant RFP; FOIA request processing and litigation; and CofC study on the marina "park")?

Lastly, why do you not have structured weekly or bi-weekly meetings rather than "special" meetings at random dates and times. It is confusing for your constituents to follow. aInquiring mind want to know.

Thank you,
Attorney Joshua Hooser

City Council

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1,096 Submitted

2/6/2021 9:29 PM Mr. Ernest J Liberati

2 Lake Village Lane, Isle of Palms, South Carolina 29451

I just read the letter posted today regarding Public Parking on IOP.

My opinion is that Isle of Palms as with any community in SC and these United States has the right and responsibility to provide and enforce reasonable regulations to protect and conserve the property and resources within and accessible from its community.

In this case, I am very much concerned about the health, protection, and sustainability of the beaches, marsh, and coastal waters around Isle of Palms.

I have written the City Council previously and I consider your responsibility to act forcefully in this matter and to request the support of the IOP Community to do so. In my life visiting and living in SC and more specifically IOP, I have seen what overuse and abuse results in: degradation, destruction, and loss of the environment, habitat, plants, and creatures we share IOP with. I want to see pelicans flying, egrets on the marsh, crabs on the beach, and fish in the water. We must protect this resource.

It's your job to act on behalf and the members of the IOP Community.

City Council

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1,094 Submitted 2/5/2021 6:03 PM Glenda Nemes 3006 Cameron Blvd., IOP, South Carolina 29451 I may be searching incorrectly on the site but when looking at City Council And other Agendas cannot find specifics of the agendas, only very general and unhelpful information. If citizens are to actively participate in local governance intelligently, they need more information. If they don't even know what business is being conducted at a meeting, how can they be informed and make a public comment.
Please make the agendas of all public meetings specific and post them far enough ahead of the meeting for all citizens to increase transparency and participation.
Next I am requesting unapproved minutes be posted as such so citizens don't have to slog through videos of meeting to find information of interest, then replace with the approved minutes. This way, citizens can react to what they have belatedly found was on the agenda . By the time citizens find out with these poor posting methods, it feels too late to react.
Currently we get news of what is happening on IOP on the general news media...
a perfect example of keeping citizens in the dark is that I have no idea what City Council is doing with the parking situation with the state. How frustrating! I can only hope they are acting or planning. The news media makes it look hopeless for citizens.

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1,093 Submitted 2/4/2021 10:14 PM Glenda Nemes 3006 Cameron Blvd., Iop, South Carolina 29401 When emergency services can't get to my house or get me to the hospital through all the beach traffic, I will be happy to join a lawsuit against the state for endangering the public safety.
In the meantime, I would love to see Palm. blvd. Add bike and pedestrian lanes on either side and a turning lane . Why do that to the Connector and then dump pedestrians and bikes to share the already insufficient beach road.
I so hope as well the State fully intends a large infusion of money into Road and easement maintenance, parking, policing, beautification and public safety and emergency services as well as beach maintenance such as trash removal and dune protection. With public privilege comes costs.

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1,092 Submitted	2/4/2021 7:50 PM	Mrs. Patricia Ann Ryan	6 Forest Trail Ct1, Isle of Palms, South Carolina 29451	<p>I have really studied this situation. I have to admit that it made me angry that a politician, who, as I understand, has not been to this island, though invited, could bring up such a bill, City Council totally and completely disregarding the safety and well being of both the citizens of IOP and its visitors. Yes, we do have a beach, which are taxes constantly remind us, but we are also a multi generational community consisted of families with children, people who drive to work every day, and people, who have worked hard all their lives, now retired. The connector is their way to leave island and return, just like I-26, except we only have one road. Sullivans Island has No Emergency road, only 2 lanes, and separate bike lane, so in reality, our Emergency lane also is for welfare of that island also. There are no hospitals on either island. As a retired RN of 54 years, who has worked in an innercity ER in New York city, I know how time is so important in emergency situations, and how minutes can mean life or death or permanent disabilities. Does the life of thousands of people count for anything against maybe roughly maybe a 100 bicycles when weather permits? We already have a double wide bike path, much wider than any bike paths I have seen on roads. I have personally seen ambulances and fire trucks use that emergency lane. Plus, from the drawings, you are making it a 2 lane road, one lane in each direction, with No Median to separate lanes, generally accepted by safety experts. Because we have a beach, we have many accidents from that ocean, near drowning and shark bites, and head injuries coming to mind, and they need swift evacuation to hospital. Also, because of our senior population, we have many people more susceptible to heart attacks and strokes. We have all seen the ads on TV talking about immediately going to a hospital when stroke symptoms start, because we now have medications that can lessen or totally prevent the disabilities a stroke can cause, or even death. We all know how intense our sun is, and heat strokes do happen. Fire is a real danger, has witnessed years ago when homes in Wild Dunes caught fire, fueled by wind from ocean, including Sen. Hollings house, and fire trucks came over, including an ambulance, using the Emergency Lane, to help. Also, because of the rapid spread of fire and deadly smoke, serious consideration was given to evacuate island. I have lived here since 1995, right after connector opened, and have Never seen a bicycle accident on connector, but like I said above, i have personally seen that Emergency Lane used many times. So the question is "Are the lives of Thousands of people safety and wellbeing worth less then maybe a 100 cyclists, in Good Weather, to take over a roadway that was built for cars and emergency vehicles which Already Has a very extra wide bicycle lane?"</p>	City Council	1patriciaryan@comcast.net
1,091 Submitted	2/4/2021 7:19 PM	Carey Rudell	816 WELLBROOK STATION RD, CARY, North Carolina 27519-1542	<p>I'd like to voice my support for the IOP Connector Proposal. As a potential tourist to your area, this type of safer provision for cyclists and pedestrians is very attractive. Increasing on foot and bicycle transportation options makes your city a more likely vacation spot for my family. Thank you!</p>	City Council	carey.hale@gmail.com
1,083 Submitted	2/4/2021 1:59 AM	Charlene Curry	3 Lauden Blvd, Isle of Palms, South Carolina 29451	<p>I strongly support improving access and safety for cyclists and pedestrians on the IOP connector! Please vote yes to this important project. I have had too many close calls crossing the connector by bike. It is NOT safe for cyclists.</p>	City Council	curry.charlene@gmail.com

1,080 Submitted	2/4/2021 12:19 AM Russ Lacoste	27 Vincent drive, Mt Pleasant, South Carolina 29464	As a cyclist that rides the IOP connector from time to time, I think it's doubtful that painting bike lanes on the connector will create a safe travel route for experienced and recreational cyclists. With no barrier between cyclists, walkers and traffic, there will still be potential for serious injury. Having bikes three feet from cars traveling 60 miles an hour is dangerous, especially for recreational cyclists. If any of you have ridden on the connector you understand what I am talking about. Even if you lower the speed to 35 mph it will only take a moment for someone texting to kill a bike rider in an instant. You have an existing road that could be configured for a safe bike / auto road with the addition of a safety barrier that would protect bikes and walkers. Look at the Ravenel bridge to understand how many people would use such a safe passage. Most of us bikers use the Sullivan's Island connector to get to IOP because while not safe is considered safer than the IOP connector. Don't waste tax payer money and lives painting lines on the IOP that will only kill bike riders. I would urge you to consider a plan that provides a barrier that would protect the safety of cyclists and, like the Ravenel Bridge, be a major tourist attraction for the Lowcountry.	City Council	Russlacoste@gmail.com
1,078 Submitted	2/3/2021 11:50 PM Mr Robert Markisello	1749 Canyon Oaks Dr., Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina 29464	The new scheme for the ped/bike lanes looks like an improvement. However, over the last 10 years (probably longer than that) cyclists have been unhappy and have been injured by City Council all of the debris that typically lies in the bike lane. Bike lanes are really not useful if there is not a plan for routinely keeping them free of debris. I know of several bike crashes that resulted from water pipes, wood boards, broken furniture, nails, glass, tools, etc. lying in the bike lane. Surely this cannot be a real challenge to overcome.	City Council	rmarkisello@bellsouth.net
1,077 Submitted	2/3/2021 11:02 PM Katy Stebbins Yahr	436 Rice hope dr, Mount pleasant, South Carolina 29464	I strongly support the construction of a bike lane on the IOP connector. I think it makes life healthier, safer and easier for all in the community.	City Council	katy.yahr@gmail.com

1,074 Submitted	2/3/2021 6:24 PM Mike Ely	810 S Holly St, Columbia, South Carolina 29205	YES BIKE LANES AND WALKING PATH!!! I can't wait to get down there to ride the bridge again. We need safer opportunities for transportation and exercise all of SC and this is a great City Council example of what SC needs to be building going forward. Thank you!		mikeely@hotmail.com
1,060 Submitted	2/3/2021 2:41 AM Lane changes Margaret B Parlman	5 Allie Court, Isle of Palms, South Carolina 29451	I strongly disagree with these changes. The Emergency lane is necessary for the Connector, and the speed limit does not need to be lowered. It is slow enough with all the trucks, tourist, etc. My husband had to be transported twice last year. Luckily the traffic was not bad, but without the Emergency lane lives will be at risk.	City Council	mparlman@bellsouth.net
1,053 Submitted	2/2/2021 9:53 PM Eric A Lavender	28 30th ave Lavender, isle of palms, South Carolina 29451	This is about the worst thing the DOT could do. There is more than adequate room for both runners and bikers now. With the proposed changes, the only people who win is the maybe 1% who run, walk or bike over the connector. MT Pleasant/SCDOT spent who knows how much money on nice, wide paved running, walking and biking paths on their side of the connector that are ignored by 95% of the bike riders, now. I have nothing against bike riders, because I'm one myself. As an island resident, I see disaster on the horizon if the middle emergency lane is taken. On the spring and summer weekends, the connector is a parking lot. It's even worse on holiday week-ends. I know I'm preaching to the choir (I think), because if you serve on the City Council and honestly believe this is a good idea, it's time for you to go. If this is out of your hands and is fully a decision from the SCDOT, PLEASE stand and be heard. SCDOT is playing fast and loose with our safety. As far as lowering the speed limit, they may as well. Most people ignore the 55mph sign leaving the island anyway. It's poorly placed at the foot of the bridge where people are focused on merging into traffic and not a speed limit sign. It should be at least 100 feet further up the incline. I feel like I hit the lottery if I'm behind someone who drives over 40 leaving the island, now. Bottom line: if it ain't broke, don't fix it. In my humble opinion, it ain't broke.	City Council	eric_lavender@hotmail.com

1,050 Submitted

2/2/2021 9:18 PM Jeff Evans

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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.

City Council

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Next project? Bike lane on Palm Blvd. Biking on that road is dangerous. Avoiding bikers while driving is dangerous.

Thanks for all you do.

1,047 Submitted

2/2/2021 7:16 PM DONNA
LAVENDER

28 30th Ave, Isle of
Palms, South Carolina
29451

SCDOT proposed changes to add bike lanes to both sides of the IOP Connector and to narrow the middle emergency lane to a small median is dangerous. It's hard enough for emergency vehicles to enter and exit the island as it is now. Plus, there will be nowhere for a disabled vehicle to safely pull off the roadway, so we'll have those further blocking traffic. To hamper further traffic trying to enter and exit the island impacts not only the people who live on the island, but also those who travel here for work.

City Council

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Snarling traffic, losing the emergency vehicle lane, and putting people in danger for the sake of a relatively small number of people riding bikes certainly does not benefit the vast majority of island residents, workers, and visitors. A better plan would be for the state to add a bike lane on Palm Blvd from the Connector to 41st.

While I'm at it... if the state wants to control parking on the island, the state should be responsible for policing not only that parking and the traffic that it brings, but also for policing the thousands of visitors and also be responsible for the clean-up of visitor trash every weekend and holiday.

1,046 Submitted	2/2/2021 6:55 PM Katrina Lee Limbach	10 Seahorse Court, Isle Of Palms, South Carolina 29451	<p>As a resident and bike rental business owner, I oppose the new SCDOT proposal for massive two-way bike lanes. My reasoning behind my opposition are listed below.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. We shouldn't be directing more bike traffic on the island while our very poor bike infrastructure can hardly handle what we already have. Let's take measures to make our island more bike-friendly, first. For such a beautiful place, our bike path options are poor. 2. There is plenty of space for bikers on both sides of the connector as is. I've never seen any jams or high pedestrian traffic getting in their way. 3. The median on a huge bridge is meant for safety. Firstly, it's an emergency lane for all of our residents and visitors to have suitable emergency response times. And secondly, it's a barrier to oncoming traffic (which is insanely high during the season). <p>Thank you.</p>	City Council	katrina@iopbeachchair.com
1,040 Submitted	2/2/2021 3:54 PM Mrs Kathy Campbell	10 20th Avenue, Isle of Palms, South Carolina	Please consider a reversible lane for summer traffic.	City Council	iopcampbell@gmail.com
1,030 Submitted	2/1/2021 4:27 PM Nancy Piho	10 Beachwood West, Isle of Palms, South Carolina 29451	I am in favor of the proposed plan to reconfigure traffic on the IOP connector. We need this added space between bikes and cars, and also to slow down the traffic in that area. Cars should not dominate the transportation methods in and around IOP when there are so many people who are willing to transport in a healthier, more environmentally friendly fashion.	City Council	ntpiho@verizon.net
1,026 Submitted	2/1/2021 3:55 PM David Connelly	3 Bland Spring Pl, Durham, North Carolina 27713	Two requests: (1) Make sure any new bike lanes are *protected* bike lanes. https://bikewalkgreenville.org/put-protected-bike-lanes/ (2) Refrain from using SCDOT's signature rumble strips. https://pccsc.net/rumble-strip-policy-and-scdot/ Thank you very much!	City Council	drpconnelly@gmail.com

1,024 Submitted	1/31/2021 9:05 PM Ann Marie Halleck	104 Palm Blvd., Isle of Palms, South Carolina 29451	I respectfully oppose the proposed changes to the IOP Connector to accommodate bicycles. There is already plenty of room on each side for cyclists without reducing the middle emergency lane. This is a waste of taxpayer funds, especially when there is much DOT work to be done to help mitigate flooding.	City Council	annmariehalleck@yahoo.com
1,018 Submitted	1/31/2021 5:39 AM Lana Damjanovic	9 Duany Road, Mount Pleasant, South Carolina 29464	Finally a great idea. We need more safe bicycle paths !!!	City Council	lanabilicla@gmail.com
1,008 Submitted	1/30/2021 9:27 PM Mrs Liz Coleman Socia	969 equestrian drive, Mount pleasant, South Carolina 29464	Please !! We need this bike lane on IOP connector road	City Council	socializ@yahoo.com
1,007 Submitted	1/30/2021 8:43 PM Mr Byron Davis	37 waterway island dr, Isle of palms, South Carolina 29451	We have enough room for bicycles to safely cross the connector. Slowing down traffic and widening bike paths is a real bad idea! My question to council is "Are you trying to solve a non problem or are you making work for yourselves?" The benefits, in this case, Does Not out weigh the cost of a non problem for which you should spend no time considering..	City Council	jftoy@aol.com
1,005 Submitted	1/30/2021 7:43 PM Ms Barbara E Ball	113 N Shelmore Blvd, Mt Pleasant, South Carolina 29464	Walkers and bicyclists are the answer to the traffic woes everywhere, not to mention the positive effects for the environment and human health. As with the Cooper River Bridge, please recognize how much this betters the community.	City Council	barbaraeball@comcast.net
1,002 Submitted	1/30/2021 6:54 PM Mrs. Marie J Davis	38 Waterway Island Drive, Isle of Palms, South Carolina 29451	Safety for cyclists is fine for one lane only. A lane on each side removes space for emergency vehicles to pass in either direction, thereby, removing safety for people needing emergency help in our community. Think of the summer traffic nightmare that we already have when there's been an accident. This is unacceptable as planned.	City Council	mjeanbean@aol.com

1,001 Submitted	1/30/2021 6:48 PM Brad Kaloupek	18 22nd Avenue, Isle of Palms, South Carolina 29451	<p>Removal of the center lane is dangerous and poorly thought out. That lane is used by emergency vehicles to bypass stopped traffic accidents during the summer. And I have rarely seen a large number of bicyclists or pedestrians using the bridge.</p> <p>If the need is for safer walking/biking traffic they should consolidate it to a single lane, and put up a barrier similar to the Ravenel bridge. This could be done while keeping a center lane for safety.</p> <p>Someone should focus attention on the Sullivans island causeway the gets substantial pedestrian/bike traffic and undersized.</p>	City Council	brad@kaloupek.com
994 Submitted	1/30/2021 5:40 PM Linda Edwards	1007 Five Oaks Court, Charleston, South	Safe cycling is what makes Charleston special.	City Council	lindakewards@comcast.net
993 Submitted	1/30/2021 5:28 PM Michael Loftus CPC Michael Loftus CPC	1 Yacht Harbor Ct, Isle of Palms, South Carolina 29451	I would like to comment on the proposed bike lane on the Connector. When I was on City Council, I never heard anyone ask for a bike lane on the Connector. However, I heard dozens of requests for bike lanes on Palm Blvd. Palm is a narrow 2 lane road where cars and bikes don't mix well. It's a dangerous situation that could easily lead to accidents especially when you add beach parking to the mix. Putting proper bike lanes on Palm Blvd is a critical upgrade that IOP/DOT should have done years ago.	City Council	mikeloftusiop@gmail.com
991 Submitted	1/30/2021 5:22 PM Rusty Williamson	605 Carolina Blvd, Isle of Palms, South Carolina 29451	I'm not a fan of this proposal. Doing away with the center lane for emergency vehicles doesn't sound like a good idea. I hope members of city council will speak out and urge the SCDOT to reconsider.	City Council	rbwsc@aol.com

990 Submitted 1/30/2021 5:12 PM joseph j porfeli 3606 WATERWAY I am very opposed to the proposed modifications to the IOP connector. After hurricane Hugo, the connector was built for the safety of the IOP residents and workers to insure safe City Council joe.porfeli@gmail.com
BLVD, ISLE OF PALMS, passage in the event of another natural disaster not as a convenience for pedestrians to walk, run or bike. Doing anything that would hinder vehicular traffic (especially in the
South Carolina 29451 summer months when the connector can back up into Mt Pleasant with all the beach goers) and not allow free access to emergency vehicles in times of need would be a travesty.
Please do not change the purpose of the connector from its initial intent. God bless.

989 Submitted 1/30/2021 4:56 PM Bill Murphy 252 Forest Trail, Isle of I object strenuously about the proposed changes to the IOP Connector. What evidence exists that warrants the cost of such a proposal. Bicyclists have plenty of space in the current City Council bmurphy46@aol.com
Palms, South Carolina Connector layout and there doesn't appear to be any vehicular accidents
29451

988 Submitted

1/30/2021 4:52 PM Sondra Hines

624 Blvd, Iop, South
Carolina 29451

I am dissapointed in DOT's plan for the connector. They are going to make emergency situations worse. Why do we need both sides of connector for bikes. Why not like Ravenel Bridge just one side. Where is the study that proves we even need it? Also, if they have that much money why are they not taking care of the sides of DOT road (Palm) that they claim there is no money for or take care of the roads in downtown Charleston that are on the way to the hospitals that have so many potholes, it is uncomfortable for my 89 year old mother when I take her for cancer treatments. I feel this is clearly a retaliation from DOT. The city has contacted them on numerous occasions just for them not to respond, but now they do - sounds fishy to me.

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987 Submitted

1/30/2021 4:33 PM Linda B Forslund

241 FOREST TRAIL,
ISLE OF PALMS, South
Carolina 29451

Regarding the SCDOT plan to change the entire design of the IOP Connector: please reconsider the design you have proposed. The only people this new design would benefit would be those that either walk or bicycle across it, to and from Mt. Pleasant. The Ravenel Bridge and other bridges throughout the Charleston area have ONE bicycle/pedestrian lane, not two. Even the roadway from IOP, on Sullivans Island and on the Ben Sawyer have ONE bicycle lane. On the IOP Connector, the emergency lane is essential to keep for Fire Trucks and other emergency situations, and for using as a reversible lane in the event of a hurricane or other emergency situation. Please consider one wide bicycle/pedestrian lane, then two lanes for traffic and one in between for use as a reversible lane/emergency lane. Thank you for re-considering!

City Council

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977 Submitted	1/30/2021 2:02 PM Ms Patti Leahy	50 Central Island street, Apt 332, Daniel Island, South Carolina 29492	This is a wonderful proposal. It is a harrowing experience to ride ones bike across the IOP connector and also Sullivan's island bridge. I avoid this trip with my teenage kids for this reason. A biker friendly lane would open up the beaches in a safe, eco friendly way Anna also be better for cars to know pedestrians and cyclists have a formal place on the road. Thank you for putting this forward!!	City Council	patti.leahy@gmail.com
975 Submitted	1/30/2021 12:51 PM Jorge Riano	416 carriage lane, Mt Pleasant, South Carolina 29464	Please do what you can to make the IOP Connector safer for cyclists, walkers, runners and others not using vehicles. It would be a huge value to our entire community. Thank you for your help and consideration.	City Council	jorge@greenby3.com
972 Submitted	1/30/2021 9:50 AM Nancy Vinson	1114 blue marlin dr, CHARLESTON, South Carolina 29412-8401	Please adopt the plan for bike and pedestrian lanes. We on who spend months on Sullivan's Island will love and use it. It is critically important that alternatives be provided to encourage planet-friendly means of transportation and recreation. We who live and recreate on sea islands have the most to lose if all means possible of curbing global warming are not pursued with haste. And we will love the bike lane! Thank you. Sincerely, Nancy Vinson	City Council	nancyvinson@gmail.com
970 Submitted	1/30/2021 4:25 AM Mr Richard Hricik	945 Pine Hollow Road, Mount Pleasant, South Carolina 29464	I frequently cycle over the IOP connector and I support the creation of the dedicated bike and ped lanes. I would like to see plastic bollards considered to be added to provide increased protection for users and visual cues for drivers to stay in their lane and drive slower but staggered to allow a vehicle to pull over if a flat or mechanical problem.	City Council	Richard@Charlestonlawyer.com

969 Submitted	1/30/2021 2:40 AM Harrison Benefield	731 Bradburn DR, Mount Pleasant, South Carolina 29464	<p>Bicycle and pedestrian accommodations on the IOP connector sound amazing. I am a big fan! There really is a ton of space on both sides of the road to work with. I'm wondering if designing this more like the Ravenel Bridge has been considered? Combining the two bike/pedestrian lanes onto the same side of the road would be more efficient and take up less total width on the road. Combining the two 3'6" buffers and the two 5' pedestrian lanes could save 8'5". That would create enough room to keep the median large enough for emergency vehicles, while also installing a physical barrier, like the Ravenel Bridge, between the automobiles and bike/ped lanes.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration and for helping to make this happen!</p>	City Council	h_benefield@charlestonlaw.edu
966 Submitted	1/29/2021 10:47 PM david ploth	93 MONTAGU ST, CHARLESTON, South Carolina 29401-1236	i strongly support the suggested changes to allow bike and pedestrian access safely on the IOP connector.	City Council	plothdw@musc.edu
965 Submitted	1/29/2021 10:38 PM Brian Johnson	2282 Show Basket Way, Mount Pleasant, South Carolina 29466	I use this road to run and cycle to the islands. The last 10 years it has become unsafe due to high speed driving, increased traffic, and texting while driving. These improvements will benefit the local community and open up more access to non-auto commuters to pass over the bridge without causing pollution.	City Council	bcj_10475@yahoo.com
960 Submitted	1/29/2021 9:07 PM Benjamin Towill Benjamin Towill	228 Forest Trail, Isle of Palms, South Carolina 29451	I am a resident of the island and and avid cyclist, this is a wonderful idea and will encourage people to bike to the beach and not drive. I fully endorse this idea and think that the city should approve it.	City Council	ben@basicprojects.us

959 Submitted	1/29/2021 8:44 PM Mr. David Quick	1502 Village Square, Mount Pleasant, South Carolina 29464	<p>Please support the plan for a dedicated bike lane and lowered speed limit on the Isle of Palms Connector.</p> <p>I would like to be able to ride my bike and run on the Connector but the way it is currently designed makes it very hostile to people on bike or foot.</p> <p>I also think this plan will result in less cars coming to the island during beach season.</p> <p>The Connector has plenty of room to safely accommodate bikes and cars but has always been less conducive to bicyclists and pedestrians.</p> <p>Thank you!</p>	City Council	RunQuickRun@gmail.com
958 Submitted	1/29/2021 8:30 PM Dr Carolyn Anderson	3oyster row, IOP, South Carolina 29451	<p>Connector changes proposal by SCDOT-terrible ideas-agree the mid section needs to be revised for more utilization of connector but pedestrian and bike lane additions and eliminating the present width down to 4 feet will cause cars to enter the pedestrian bike space to make way for emergency vehicles-there is no need to change the side margins for running or biking-there is never a problem with congestion even in the summer months-the main problem is trash and debris that may cause a bike breakdown on either side-maybe a street sweep as opposed to all the very costly changes suggested by SCDOT would be a more reasonable solution for safety .</p>	City Council	catty1340@gmail.com
956 Submitted	1/29/2021 8:04 PM Stuart H Hotchkiss	107 Wappoo Landing Circle, Charleston, South Carolina 29412	<p>Thank you for considering the enhancement to the IoP bridge for easier and safer access for bicycles and pedestrians. This would be a very welcome 'plus' in the development of safe bicycle routes in the Charleston area as there are currently so few. This enhancement may also become a model for other communities in the Charleston area to consider as well.</p>	City Council	stuart.hotchkiss@yahoo.com

952 Submitted	1/29/2021 7:40 PM Mr Jeff S Irvine	852 Detyens Rd, Mount Pleasant, South Carolina 29464	I am in favor of the proposed plan to widen the bike lanes on the IOP connector.	City Council	irvine.jeff1@gmail.com
947 Submitted	1/29/2021 6:45 PM Dr Benjamin Kalivas	105 N Shelmore Blvd, Mount Pleasant, South Carolina 29464	The IOP connector is an important portion of road for cyclists. As someone who has family on the island I ride it frequently. I, however, not feel comfortable riding it with my children as it currently is. Changes as proposed would help everyone, cars and bikes	City Council	bkaivas@gmail.com
938 Submitted	1/29/2021 6:14 PM Sara Rutledge	1406 Glencoe Dr, Mount Pleasant, South Carolina 29464	I am in favor of the SCDOT plan to make designated bike lanes on the IOP Connector. I like how the plan involves keeping the median area with rumble strips, though it will shrink in size. It is a noticeable safety improvement over the Ben Sawyer stretch that has no median. I also like the 3-foot separation between bike lanes and car lanes. This sounds like a best practice.	City Council	skrutledge@gmail.com
936 Submitted	1/29/2021 1:45 PM Mr. George(Chip) Blackwelder	39 Seagrass Ln, Isle of Palms, South Carolina 29451	Please do everything possible to convince SCDOT that the connector plan to widen bicycle and walking lanes and reduce speed limit is a terrible idea. I have never noticed an accident in over six years. I also rarely see more than one or two cyclists and/or walkers on the connector. Narrowing the center lane will cause major congestion when there is debris in the roadway or when the DOT or City people are clearing debris from the roadway drains. This DOT plan also greatly reduces the buffer that currently exists between vehicles and cyclists and pedestrians or walkers. Not to mention a WASTE of our highway funds. This will be yet another decision which negatively impacts quality of life for those of us who make IOP our homes.	City Council	chipb9@hotmail.com

935 Submitted	1/29/2021 1:19 PM Tamara Allen Bryant	213 Forest Trail, Isle of Palms, South Carolina 29451	Eliminating the emergency lane on the connector and moving the vehicular traffic closer together is going to cause more problems, accidents and delayed care for medical emergencies. We already experience high volumes of congested traffic, which increases accidents, broken down cars, boat trailers problems, short tempered drivers, and other unfortunate situations. If you eliminate the lane for our first responders to navigate these issues, especially during high traffic times, you are putting visitors and residents behind the convenience of recreational activities. And how are they going to clear the recreational lanes quickly when they need access? Also, increasing the bicycle traffic on the island is going to compound the parking problems on Palm Boulevard where there are no bike lanes and vehicles are expected to share the road going slow until you can safely pass. Which is passing on a double yellow line which I am not sure is legal. This proposal would only work if we had controls on the amount of traffic crossing the bridge, which is impossible. We need to address the volume of traffic and parking issues first.	City Council	Bitospice@bellso uth.net
934 Submitted	1/29/2021 1:02 PM Sarah Hays	1 Duany road, Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina 29464	This is much needed! It will help alleviate some beach traffic as it will be safer to get here by bike. And for those of us who like to run/ride for exercise, it will help protect us from cars who do not see or do not appreciate us being on the bridge. This is crucial for quality of life for local citizens.	City Council	sarah.permenter .hays@gmail.co m
933 Submitted	1/29/2021 12:52 PM Mr Chuck Swartz	134 WELCHMAN AVE, GOOSE CREEK, South Carolina 29445	Having such a small divider between the traffic lanes could cause the emergency personnel to shut down a lane entirely and could cause a real headache of a traffic jam. All to often in the Charleston area I've seen the fire department close too many lanes under the guise of safety and out of an abundance of caution. There should be some procedures put in place to limit the lane closures and protect the emergency personnel and the traveling public.	City Council	05fatboychuck@ gmail.com

932 Submitted	1/29/2021 12:02 PM Margaret Rama	9 Tabby Lane, Isle of Palms, South Carolina 29451	My concern about adding bike/walking lanes to the connector is one that it is unnecessary and two that the main concern should be the flow of vehicular traffic and accessibility of emergency vehicles. They will not be able to maneuver through traffic with bikes and pedestrians on any given "beach" day. Speed limit should not be lowered it is not an issue at all!!	City Council	prama@sonitrolsc.com
931 Submitted	1/29/2021 11:30 AM Chris Costanzo	30 26th ave, Isle of palms, South Carolina 29451	The proposed bicycle lane by DOT sounds extremely dangerous. If implemented it will inevitably cause people their lives. Leave the center lane at 10', designate the shoulders as a shared pedestrian/ bicycle lane and maintain it for debris. Safety should be the first concern here	City Council	onetyme32@yahoo.com
929 Submitted	1/29/2021 1:19 AM Mr David F Fulton	1585 Oakhurst Dr, Mt Pleasant, South Carolina 29466	Could consideration be given for bikes on one side and pedestrians on the other? The bike side could have directional pavement markers. Current dimensions possible could be retained, or take 1-2 feet from the center lane and apply it to the bike lane. Look at the challenges that exist on the Ravenel Bridge paths where pedestrians frequently walk 2 - 4 abreast causing pedestrians to be in the bike path lane. DOT needs to learn from this mistake. Thank you.	City Council	dffulton@aol.com