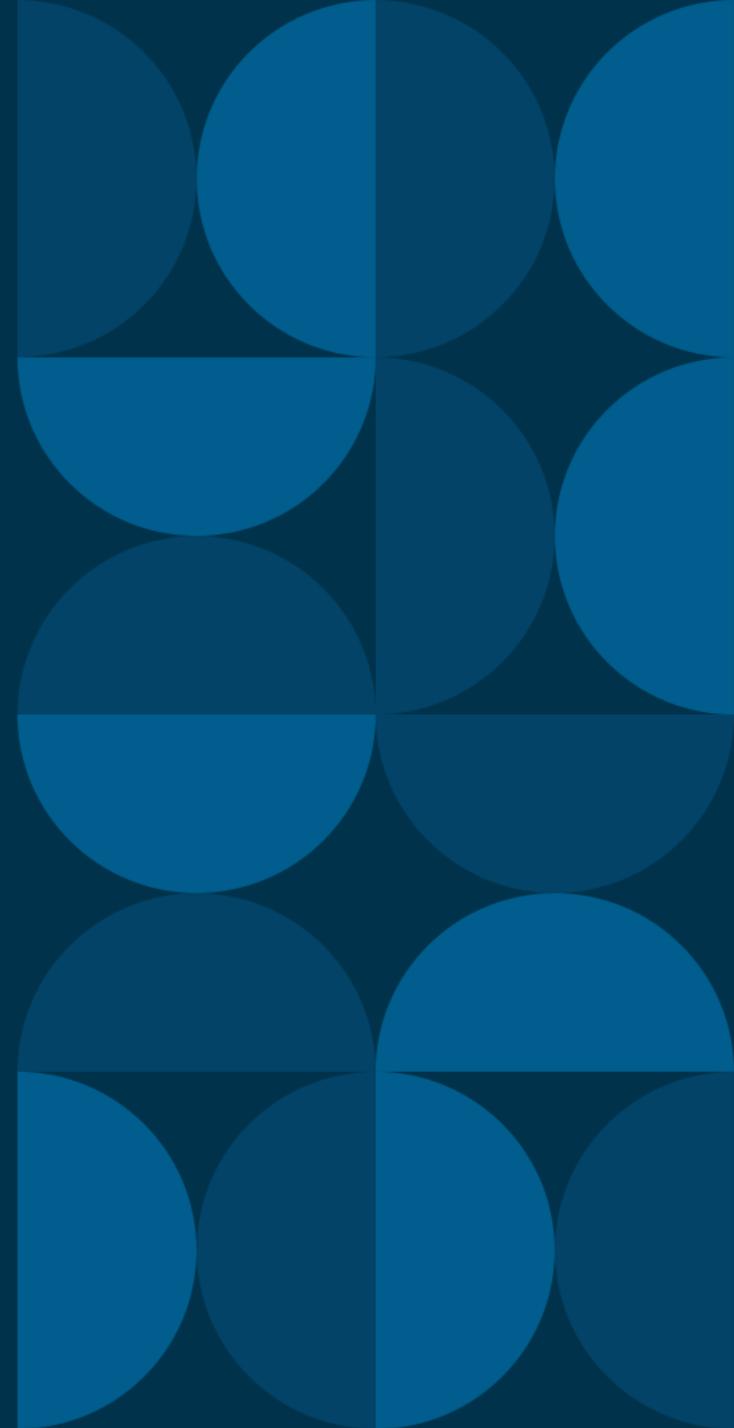


**Charleston County
Transportation**
Infrastructure | Greenspace | Transit



Shaping the Future of Transportation in Charleston County

Draft 2026 Transportation Sales Tax Program



Over the past 20 years, Charleston County voters have twice approved a half-penny sales tax, leading to **billions of dollars for community infrastructure** investments that are vital to Charleston County.

However, with the current half-cent expiring in 2027, **we now stand at a crossroads.**

Projects The Half-Penny Has Helped Fund

- **895 miles** of resurfacing, rural roads, and local paving
- **49 miles** of bike, pedestrian, and multi-use paths
- **69 intersections** improved
- **Directly protected 26,170 acres of greenspace**, contributing to the preservation of 284,000 acres overall
- **125 vehicles purchased** for fixed-route and paratransit
- **146 shelters/benches added** and improvements to lighting, digital signage, and bike racks



Folly & Camp Road Intersection





HEADS UP
HALF-PENNY FACT

**Nearly 50¢ of every TST
dollar comes from visitors
and other sources outside
of Charleston County.**

\$1.2 Billion In Matching Funds

Previously approved half-cent TSTs will deliver \$3.4 billion for infrastructure, and combined with an additional \$1.2 billion in matching funds, will total \$4.56 billion.

\$386 M
ROAD PROJECT
MATCHING FUNDS

\$232 M
GREENBELT
MATCHING FUNDS

\$554.5 M
PUBLIC TRANSIT
MATCHING FUNDS



Looking to the Future

Last Fall, Charleston County Council directed County staff to conduct a broad-based public, municipal, and stakeholder listening effort to gather input on the current and future transportation needs.

Public Input

- **Extensive Public Engagement:** County staff implemented a public survey and broad outreach effort, including 67 presentations to residents, municipalities, community leaders, and stakeholders.
- **Strong Public Response:**
 - Nearly **29,000** public comments
 - More than **600** specific requests
 - **\$68 billion** in identified needs



Guiding Principles

These key themes, identified through public outreach, have informed future Transportation Sales Tax decisions made by County Council.



1. Finish What Was Promised

Complete key projects carried forward from the existing Transportation Sales Tax program.



2. Focus on Congestion Relief and Safety

Invest fairly across the county to reduce congestion and improve roadway safety as growth continues.



3. Support Multimodal Mobility

Expand sidewalks, bicycle facilities, and transit services to meet identified needs and improve mobility.



4. Use Greenbelt to Manage Growth

Protect natural areas through continued Greenbelt investments that limit overdevelopment and preserve quality of life.



5. Build Resilient Infrastructure

Integrate flood mitigation and resiliency measures into transportation projects.



6. Ensure Transparency and Accountability

Maintain strong oversight and clear communication to demonstrate progress and responsible use of public funds.

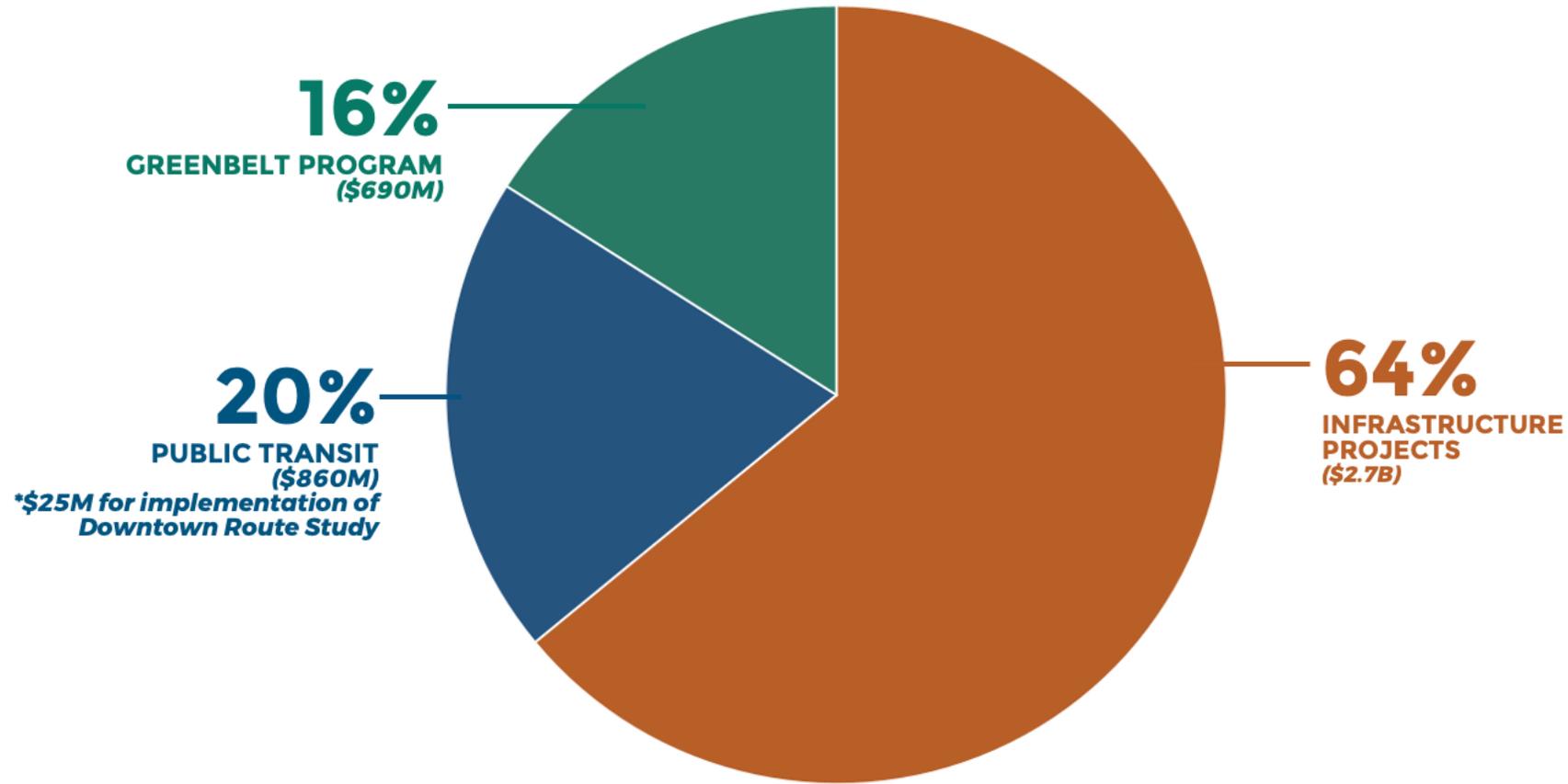
Referendum Timeline

JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	AUGUST-NOVEMBER
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Council receives briefing on public and municipal input received• Council begins consideration of funding categories program	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Council Workshop to develop draft program• Council completes work on draft program and staff initiates 30-day public outreach effort	 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Begin staff-led public outreach effort• Council considers allocations for potential future TST program	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Council receives briefing on second phase of public input and refines proposed program specifics, as desired	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Council finalizes proposed TST program and determines whether to proceed with placing it on Nov. ballot	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Council makes final determination on placing the program on the ballot	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Continue staff-led public outreach• Nov. 4: Election Day

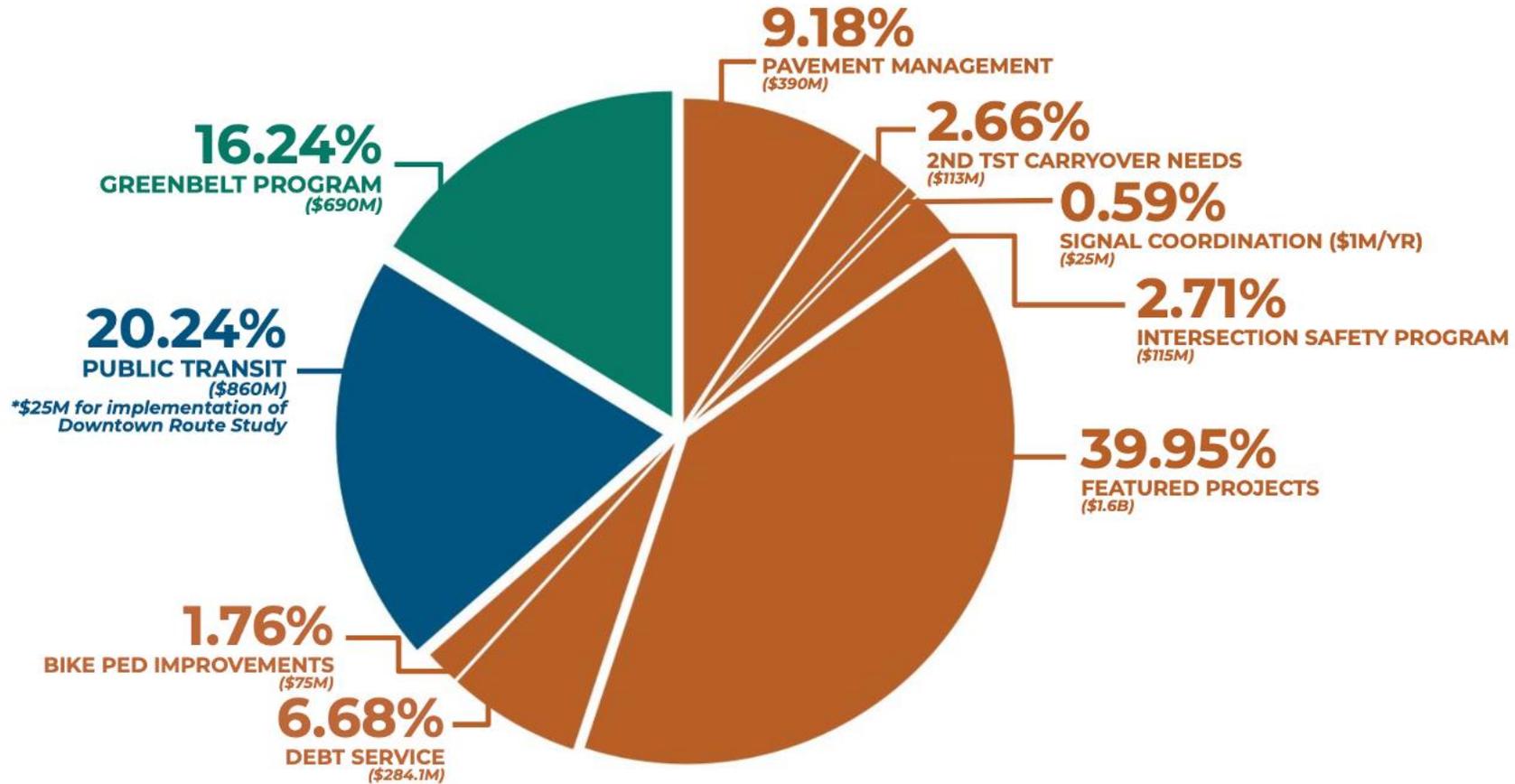
Continuous Public and Stakeholder Education and Engagement. Increased Transparency and Accountability of the TST Program.



Draft Program Allocations



Infrastructure Allocations



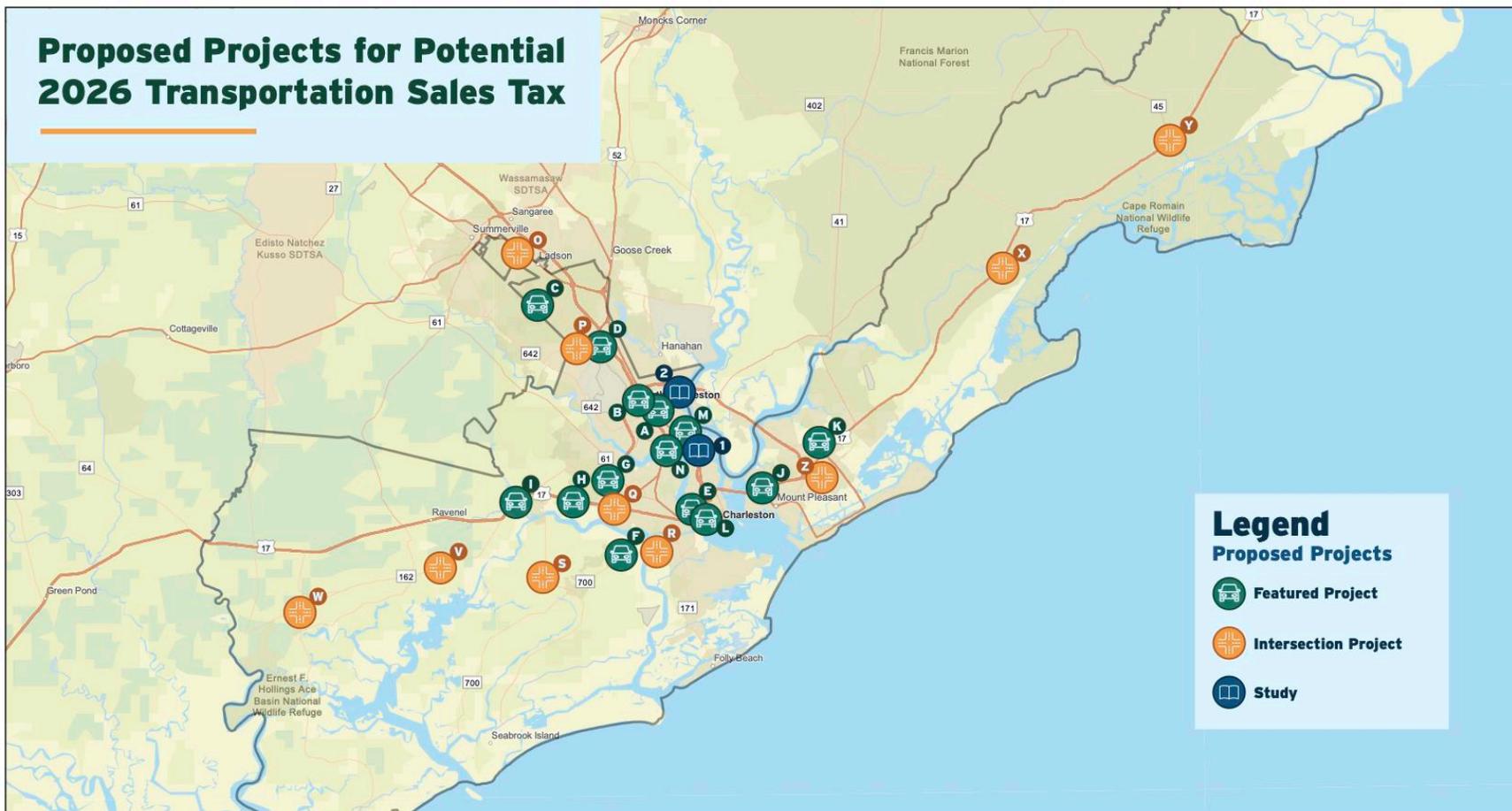
Scoring of Candidate Projects

All projects were evaluated using a 100-point scoring system based on public and municipal support, congestion relief, safety improvements and consistency with County Council’s guiding principles.

Up to 50 Points	Up to 30 Points	Up to 20 Points
Public / Municipal Support 1 st Priority = 50 2 nd Priority = 45 3 rd Priority = 40 4 th Priority = 35 5 th Priority = 30 6 th Priority = 25	Congestion Criteria Level of Service LOS E/F = 30 LOS C/D = 22.5 LOS A/B = 15	Safety Criteria Crash Rate Fatal & Serious Injury per Mile High (>5) = 20 Medium (3-5) = 15 Lower (<3) = 10



Proposed Projects for Potential 2026 Transportation Sales Tax



Legend

Proposed Projects

- Featured Project**
- Intersection Project**
- Study**

Featured Projects

- A. Rivers Ave Overpass at Durant Ave
- B. Mall Dr (S-700) Improvements
- C. Patriot Blvd Widening
- D. Stall Rd Intersection Improvements
- E. Battery Extension - West / Calhoun St
- F. Maybank Hwy Southern Pitchfork and Roundabout
- G. Glenn McConnell Pkwy at Magwood Dr
- H. US 17 South Widening (Dobbin Rd to Main Rd)
- I. US 17 South Widening (Main Rd to SC 162)
- J. Johnnie Dodds Blvd at Houston Northcutt Blvd
- K. Long Point Rd Resiliency (Boone Hall Creek and 2-lane section)
- L. Hagood Ave Improvement Plan
- M. Reynolds Ave Improvements
- N. Better North Bridge (Bike/Pedestrian Bridge)

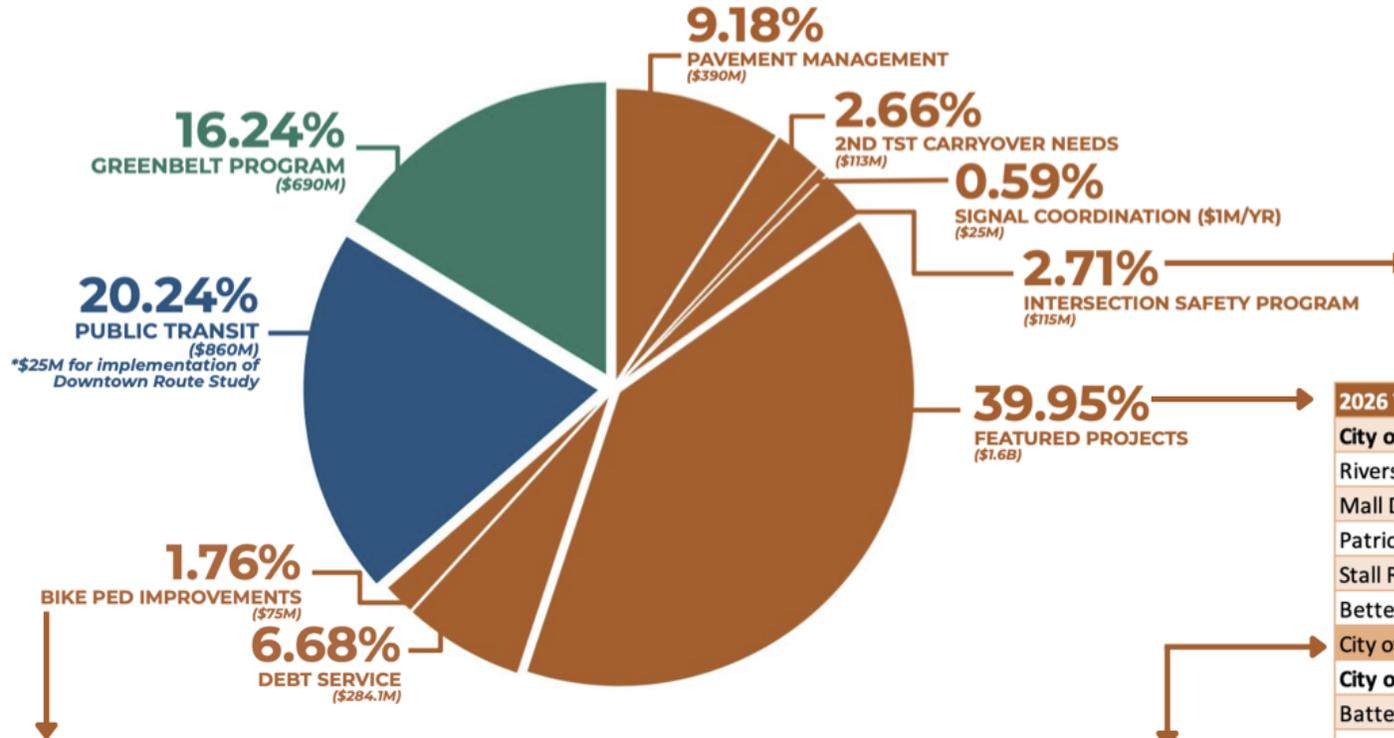
Intersection Projects/Studies

- O. US 78 at Limehouse Ln
- P. Ashley Phosphate Rd at Cross County Rd
- Q. Savannah Hwy at Ashley Town Center Dr
- R. Maybank Hwy at Riverland Dr
- S. Main Rd at Mary Ann Point Rd Roundabout
- T. Ladson Rd at Palmetto Commerce Pkwy
- U. Ladson Rd at Miles Jamison Rd
- V. SC 162 at Salters Hill Rd Roundabout
- W. SC 174 at SC 164 Roundabout
- X. Doar Rd at Sewee Rd Roundabout
- Y. Hwy 45 at US 17 North
- Z. Whipple Rd at Mathis Ferry Rd/Lucy Beckham
- 1. Azalea - Stromboli Overpass
- 2. Noisette - Virginia Overpass



2026 TST Potential Investment Categories and Projects = \$4.25B

DRAFT AS OF FEB. 19, 2026



Intersection Allocation (10yr plan Quick Start)	Funding
City of North Charleston	
Ashley Phosphate Rd at Cross County Dr / Brandywine	\$ 3,500,000
City of Charleston	
Savannah Hwy at Ashley Town Center Dr	\$11,500,000
Maybank at Riverland Dr	\$ 6,000,000
Unincorporated	
US 78 at Limehouse Ln	\$ 2,000,000
Main Rd at Mary Ann Point Roundabout	\$ 5,000,000
SC-162 at Salters Hill Roundabout	\$ 3,000,000
SC-174 at SC-164 Roundabout	\$ 4,000,000
Doar Rd at Sewee Rd Roundabout	\$ 3,000,000
Hwy 45 at US 17 North	\$ 4,000,000
Town of Mount Pleasant	
Whipple Road at Matthis Ferry / Lucy Beckum HS	\$ 8,000,000
TOTAL =	\$50,000,000

2026 TST Proposed Bike and Pedestrian	Funding
City of North Charleston	
Rivers Ave LCRT Last Mile	\$20,000,000
City of Charleston	
City of Charleston SS4A / Rethink Folly	\$20,000,000
Unincorporated	
Countywide Bike Ped Plan	\$15,000,000
Town of Mount Pleasant	
Mount Pleasant Way	\$20,000,000
TOTAL =	\$75,000,000

New \$45mil recommendation for North Charleston	Funding
Ladson Rd at Palmetto Commerce Blvd - WB dual lefts	\$ 8,000,000
Ladson Rd at Miles Jamison Rd - Eliminate split phase	\$ 12,000,000
LCRT Last Mile Connections	\$ 10,000,000
Reynolds Ave Improvements	\$ 10,000,000
RR Overpass Preliminary Engineering - Azalea / Stromboli and Noisette / Virginia Ave	\$ 5,000,000

2026 TST Proposed Featured Projects	Funding
City of North Charleston	
Rivers Avenue Overpass @ Durant Avenue	\$ 175,900,000
Mall Drive (SC-790) Improvements	\$ 100,000,000
Patriot Blvd Widening	\$ 12,000,000
Stall Rd Improvements (Midland Park, Ashley Phosphate)	\$ 15,000,000
Better North Bridge	\$ 45,000,000
City of North Charleston Infrastructure Priorities	\$ 45,000,000
City of Charleston	
Battery Extension - West / Calhoun Street - Medical District	\$ 225,000,000
Maybank Hwy Southern Pitchfork & Roundabout	\$ 65,000,000
Glenn McConnell Parkway at Magwood Road	\$ 100,000,000
US 17 South Widening (Dobbin to Main Rd)	\$ 225,000,000
Better North Bridge	\$ 45,000,000
Hagood Avenue Improvement Plan	\$ 25,000,000
Unincorporated	
US 17 South Widening (Main Rd to SC-162)	\$ 220,000,000
Town of Mount Pleasant	
Johnnie Dodds at Houston Northcutt / Wingo Way 1A, 1B	\$ 230,000,000
Long Point Road Resiliency (Boone Hall Creek and 2 lane section) 2A and 2B	\$ 170,000,000
TOTAL =	\$ 1,697,900,000

Get Involved

Council will continue to engage the community with openness and transparency **to shape decisions for today and the future.**

1

**Attend meetings
& workshops**

3

Stay informed

Sign up for updates on CharlestonTransportation.com

2

Request a speaker

Request a County speaker at your upcoming meeting or event.

4

Submit comments & questions

Email us anytime at TST@PublicInput.com





Scan for Survey

Survey

Charleston County is seeking public input on the current draft of the 2026 potential TST program. Public input will be given to County Council in April.

