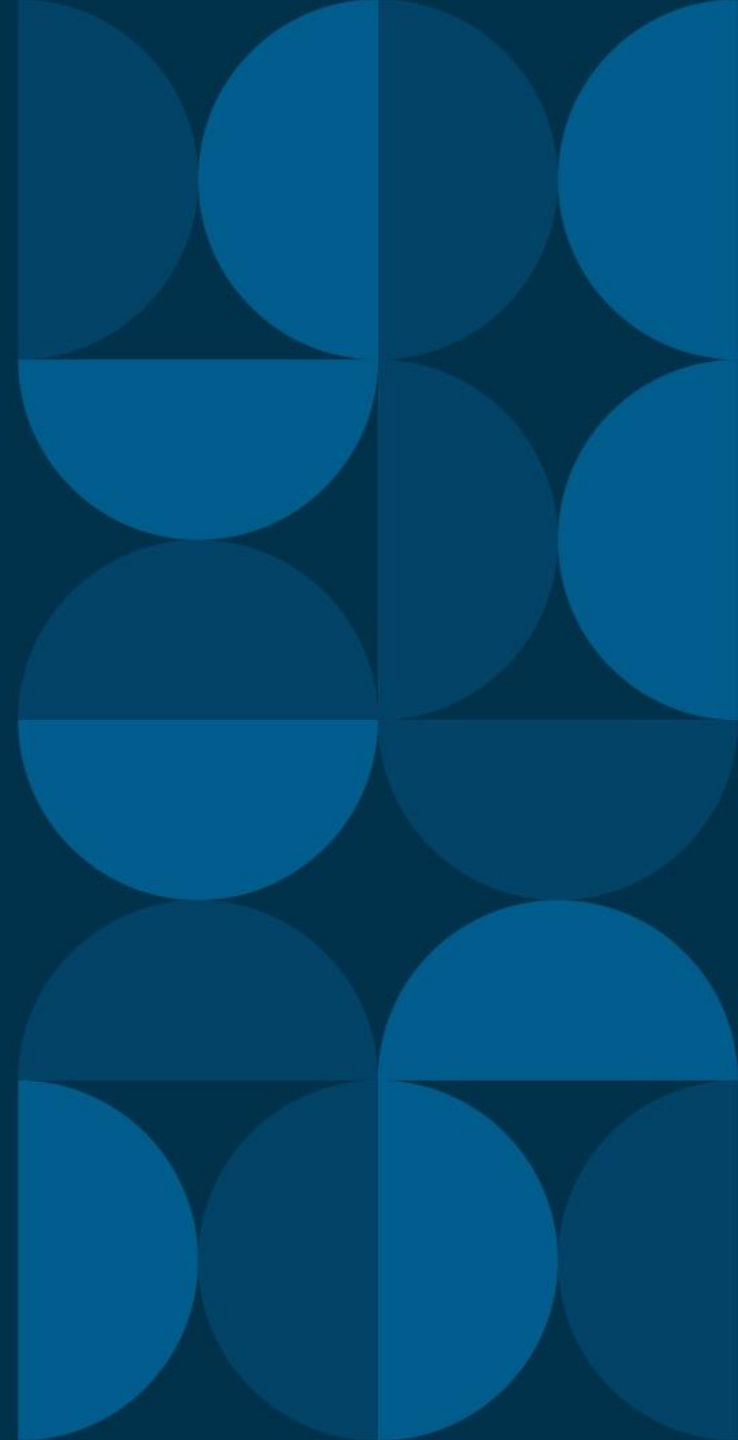




Community Input Online Survey Results

Transportation Sales Tax

April 14, 2026



Overview

- **Sept. 25, 2025:** County Council launched a comprehensive public input process
- **Extensive outreach included** 67 presentations, a countywide survey, and public opinion polling
 - **29,000** comments
 - **600+** project requests
 - **\$68B** in identified needs
- **All projects vetted and scored;** results used by Council to establish guiding principles
- **Feb. 19, 2026:** Council adopted a draft program and initiated a second round of public engagement
- **Ongoing outreach includes** surveys, public meetings, stakeholder presentations, and polling



Overview

- **Online Survey** (March 5–April 10, 2026): 3,548 participants
- **Public Engagement:** 3 countywide public meetings + 7 additional stakeholder presentations
- **Public Opinion Polling:** representative sample survey of 1,276 residents conducted April 6–11, 2026
- Combined input provides County Council with objective, multi-source feedback on the draft 2026 TST program



Online Survey Results

Overall Participation

- Participants: 3,548
- Responses: 27,760
- Comments: 1,543
- **90%** of respondents are Charleston County residents
- The following analysis is derived solely from resident responses



Online Survey Results

Process

- **58%** say process is transparent and community-driven (+30% net positive)
- **77%** say guiding principles reflect community mindset (+57% net positive)
- **64%** say project selection process is fair (+57% net positive)



Online Survey Results

Program Structure

- 36% say funding balance is "about right"
- Remaining responses split across categories

Funding Allocations – Roads and Infrastructure

- 66% say amount is “about right” (32%) or “too low” (34%)

Funding Allocation – Public Transit

- 66% say amount is "about right" (31%) or “too high” (35%)

Funding Allocation – Greenbelt

- 64% say amount is “about right” (35%) or too low (29%)



Online Survey Results

Project Feedback

- **57%** say project list is a good use of available funds (definitely/somewhat)
- **35%** express concerns (not really/not at all)
 - Concerns driven by lack of inclusion of Seabrook Island Road improvements and Laurel Hill Parkway/Highway 41 from 2016 TST



Online Survey Results

Open-ended Comments

- Traffic congestion, safety, and rapid growth remain dominant concerns
- Strong preference for widening roads, fixing intersections, and improving traffic flow over other modes
- Residents want clearer detail on what projects do, where they are, and expected outcomes
- Vocal opposition to Laurel Hill Parkway (Part of the 2016 TST)
- Vocal support for inclusion of improvements to Seabrook Island Road

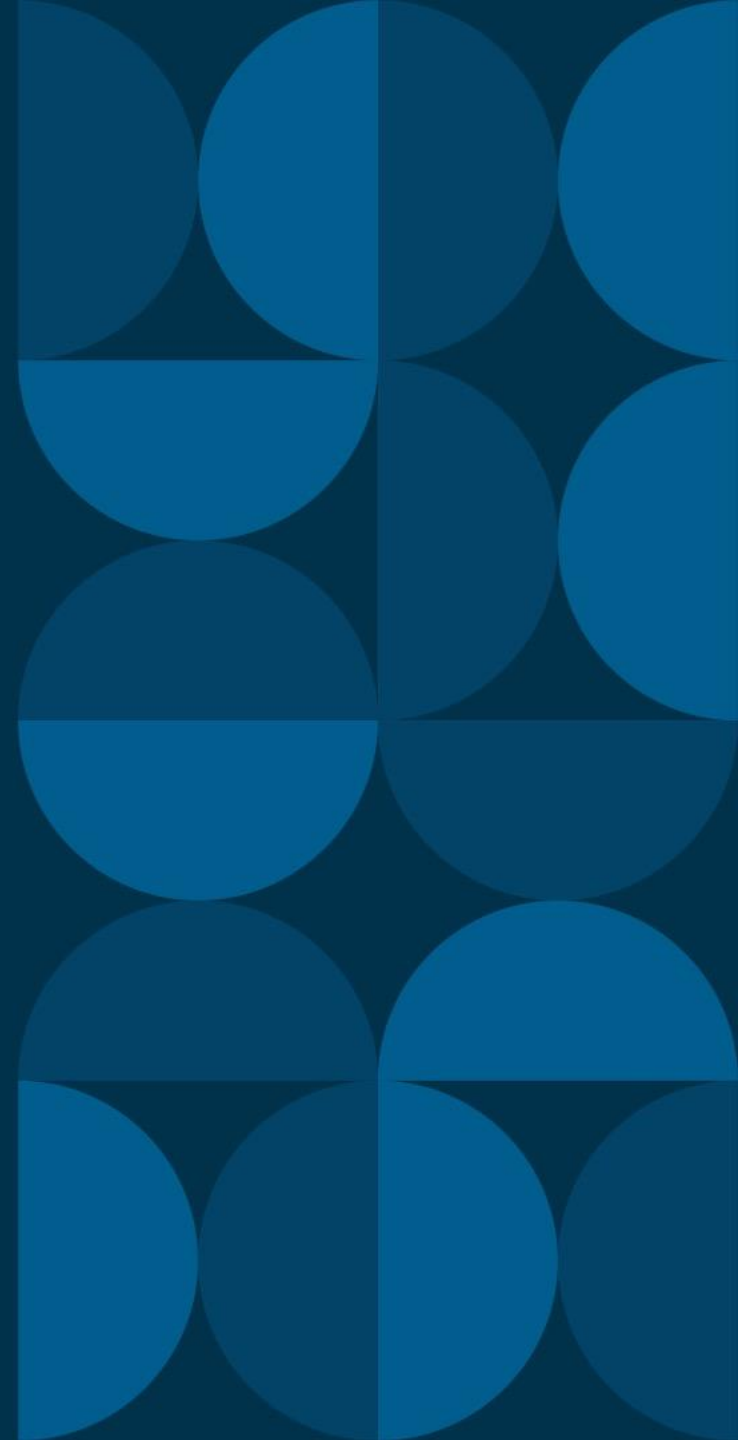




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Public Opinion Polling

Opinion Diagnostics surveyed a statistically representative sample of 1,276 Charleston County residents from April 6–11, 2026.

- **Methodology:** Residents were randomly selected and contacted via live phone calls and SMS-to-web survey.
- **Screening:** All respondents were verified as Charleston County residents.
- **Weighting:** Results were weighted to reflect the county population by gender, age, ethnicity, education, geography, and political affiliation.
- **Statistical Confidence:** Margin of error is $\pm 2.7\%$ at a 95% confidence level.



Public Opinion Polling

- A plurality say the process is transparent and community-driven (+1% net positive)
- 69% believe the guiding principles reflect community mindset (+48% net positive)
- 61% say project selection process is fair (+37% net positive)



Public Opinion Polling

Funding Allocations – Roads and Infrastructure

- 54% say amount is “about right” (30.1%) or “too low” (24.2%)

Funding Allocation – Public Transit

- 57% say amount is “about right” (28.8%) or “too high” (28.8%)

Funding Allocation – Greenbelt

- 61% say amount is “about right” (32.6%) or too low (28.6%)

