



Building on 20 Years of Transportation Investment

Charleston County Transportation Sales Tax Program

August 28, 2026

Why Are We Here?

Charleston County voters have twice approved a half-penny Transportation Sales Tax (TST). These programs have supported approximately \$4.56 billion in transportation, transit and greenspace investments throughout Charleston County.



The current 2004 half-penny Transportation Sales Tax is expected to expire in 2027. On November 3, 2026, Charleston County voters will be asked to consider a proposed extension of the existing Transportation Sales Tax Program.

The proposed program was developed through:

- Extensive public engagement
- Municipal coordination
- Technical evaluation
- Guiding principles

What We Heard

Countywide public engagement

To help identify transportation projects and priorities, Charleston County conducted a countywide public engagement effort that included:

- Nearly 80 public and stakeholder meetings
- Approximately 29,000 public comments
- More than 600 project requests
- Approximately \$68 billion in identified transportation needs

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Guiding Principles

The six principles adopted by County Council.

- Finish What Was Promised**
Complete key projects carried forward from the existing Transportation Sales Tax program.
- Focus on Congestion Relief and Safety**
Invest fairly across the county to reduce congestion and improve roadway safety brought on by growth.
- Support Multimodal Mobility**
Enhance communities with sidewalks, bicycle facilities, and transit services that address identified needs and improve mobility.
- Use Greenbelt Investments to Manage Growth and Protect Quality of Life**
Protect natural areas through continued Greenbelt investments that help limit overdevelopment and support long-term quality of life.
- Build Resilient Infrastructure**
Integrate flood mitigation and resiliency measures into transportation projects to strengthen infrastructure.
- Ensure Transparency and Accountability**
Maintain strong oversight and clear communication to demonstrate progress and responsible stewardship of public funds.

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How Projects Were Evaluated

Projects were evaluated using a 100-point scoring system.

Public & Municipal Support

(50 Points)

Projects received points based on ranking by municipalities and public input.

Congestion Relief

(30 Points)

Projects were evaluated using roadway level-of-service data.

Safety

(20 Points)

Projects were evaluated using crash history and fatal or serious injury data.

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Proposed Program Overview

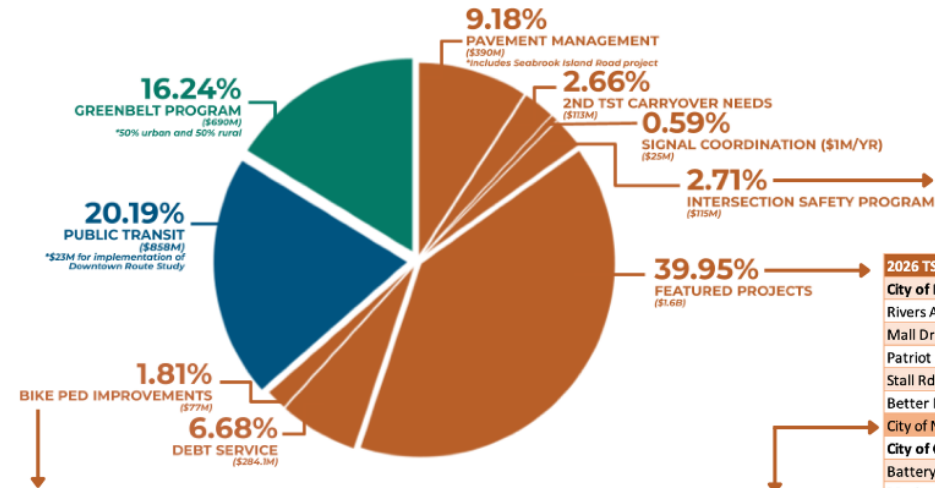
The 2026 Transportation Sales Tax Program is estimated to generate approximately \$4.25 billion over 25 years.

- Begins after the 2004 Transportation Sales Tax concludes
- Investments in infrastructure, public transit and greenspace conservation

Proposed Funding Allocations

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

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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 S54A / Rethink Folly / Huger St	22,000,000
Unincorporated	
Countywide Bike Ped Plan	\$15,000,000
Town of Mount Pleasant	
Mount Pleasant Way	\$20,000,000
TOTAL =	\$77,000,000

New \$45mil recommendation for North Charleston	Funding
Ladson Rd at Palmetto Commerce Blvd - WB dual lefts	\$8,000,000
Reynolds Ave Improvements	\$10,000,000
LCRT Last Mile Connections	\$10,000,000
Noise Wall at Palmetto Commerce Interchange	\$17,000,000

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
Steed Creek Road at Highway 17	\$ 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 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

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Infrastructure Investments

Featured Projects

Includes major roadway, corridor, bridge, and resiliency improvements identified through public input, municipal coordination, and technical evaluation.

Pavement Management

Provides funding for roadway resurfacing, rehabilitation, and maintenance projects intended to preserve and improve roadway conditions throughout Charleston County.

Signal Coordination

Provides funding for traffic signal timing, equipment upgrades, and corridor coordination improvements throughout Charleston County.

Intersection Safety Program

Provides funding for improvements at priority intersections, including operational, safety, and capacity enhancements identified through technical evaluation and public input.

Bike and Pedestrian Improvements

Includes providing funding for sidewalks, shared-use paths, bicycle facilities, and other multimodal transportation improvements that enhance connectivity throughout Charleston County.

Previous TST Carryover Needs

This category provides funding to complete projects and to carry forward commitments from the existing TST program.

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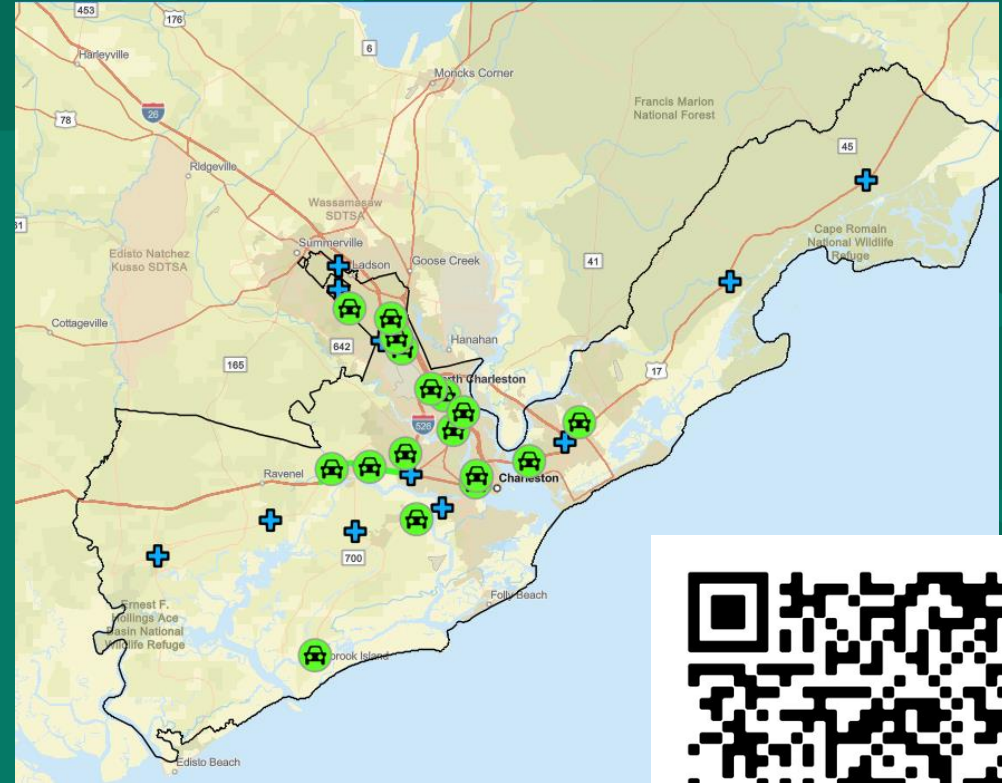
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Featured Projects

The 2026 TST program includes \$2.7 billion in major transportation investments throughout Charleston County.



Project Delivery

Ramp Up Annual Allocation Programs on Day 1

Immediately begin work on signals, paving, rural road safety, resilience, bicycle and pedestrian facilities, and intersection improvements.

Accelerate Major Project Delivery

Begin preliminary engineering and design for the largest projects in Year 1, jump-starting work that traditionally wouldn't begin until later in the program.

Launch a Quick-Start Intersection Improvement Program

Advance identified intersections directly into design and construction, with the first package of improvements delivered within **XX** months

Use Bonding to Move Projects Forward

Explore available bond capacity, where appropriate, to begin construction sooner.

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Public Transit Investments

\$860 million for public transit investments.

Grow service by 17% over the next 10 years. This includes replacing and expanding the CARTA bus fleet.

Utilize \$50 million to make improvements on major transit corridors. This could include implementing transit signal priority, building new park & rides, expanding LCRT and exploring ferry service.

Utilize \$20 million toward modernizing CARTA's maintenance facility.

Support Capital Projects by using the Charleston County Transportation Sales Tax to leverage approximately \$175 million in additional federal funding.

Invest \$40 million in our bus stop amenity improvement program, including additional shelters, benches, bike racks, real-time signage, solar lighting and trash receptacles.

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Greenbelt Program

\$690 million for Greenbelt conservation.

Land conservation

Based on recent acquisition and easement costs, the funding could help protect approximately 40,000 to 47,000 additional acres across Charleston County.

Countywide impact

That level of conservation could represent up to approximately 8.5% of Charleston County's land area, excluding water and low marsh.

Leveraged investment

Based on historical matching patterns, Greenbelt funding could potentially help attract an additional \$800 million to \$960 million from conservation partners and government entities.

Access to greenspace

Future Greenbelt goals may also focus on expanding equitable access to a variety of greenspaces for residents throughout Charleston County.



Previous Transportation Sales Tax Accomplishments

Over the past 20 years, Transportation Sales Tax investments have supported projects throughout Charleston County.

- 895 miles of roadway improvements
- 69 intersections improved
- 49 miles of bike and pedestrian facilities
- 125+ transit vehicles purchased
- 146 shelters and benches installed
- 26,170 acres protected through the Greenbelt Program

Referendum Information

Ballot Questions



Resources can be found at scvotes.gov

Key Dates

Voter Registration Deadlines

October 2, 5 p.m. | Deadline to register to vote in person for General Election

October 4, 11:59 p.m. | Deadline to register to vote online or by fax or email for General Election

October 5 | Deadline to register to vote by mail for General Election (must be postmarked by this date)

Early Voting Period

October 19 - October 31

Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
(Monday – Saturday)

Closed Sunday, October 25

Election Day:

November 3, 2026

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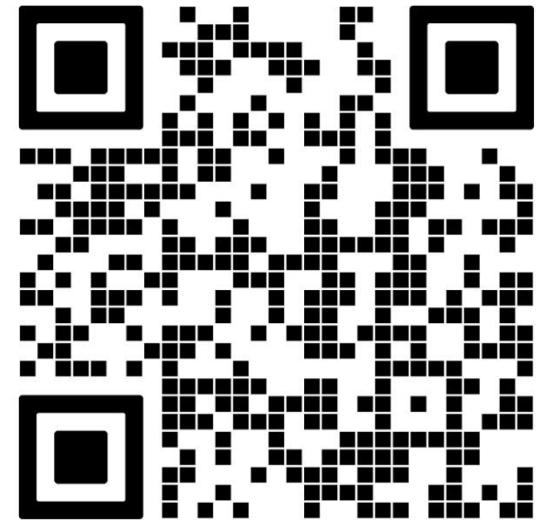
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