



BEAUFORT, SC

REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Governmental Affairs Committee **2018 Transportation Sales Tax**

- This tax is designed to raise \$120M and will sunset when that amount is reached or at the end of year (4).
- There are (3) projects to be funded with this 'penny' sales tax:
 1. Replacement of Hilton Head Island Bridges – (\$80M)
 2. Lady's Island Corridor Traffic improvements – (\$30M)
 3. Sidewalks & Multi-Use Paths Across County – (\$10M)
- Over (30%) of the funds generated from a sales tax in Beaufort County are contributed by non-residents making this tax the least burdensome way to pay for these required infrastructure updates with (\$36 Million) of it coming from out of area.
- Basic necessities will be exempt from this tax. (Food, Medicine, etc.)
- The (4) Hilton Head Bridges and Lady's Island Road Infrastructure are currently experiencing traffic volume failures that will progressively deteriorate if not addressed.
- The (4) Hilton Head Bridges were constructed in 1982 and will become unsafe in the next (6) to (7) years necessitating preparation for their immediate replacement.
- The bridges to Hilton Head Island will actually cost over (\$240M). South Carolina DOT has already dedicated (\$40M) to replacement of one of the bridges. The transportation sales tax will generate the local portion necessary to begin working with the state infrastructure bank on funding the remainder of the project.
- Beaufort County successfully utilized a capitol penny sales tax to pay for infrastructure needs like these from 2006 to 2012 when the tax sunset.
- Beaufort County is the only county in the state of South Carolina not currently using at least (1) capitol penny sales tax to fund civic infrastructure needs.
- These (3) projects will not be funded or started unless a 'penny' sales tax is voted in by referendum of the citizens of Beaufort County.

Project Name	Project Description	Estimated Capital Cost
Hilton Head Island - US278 Corridor Traffic Improvements	Repair and/or replace the existing spans of the bridges to Hilton Head Island and other improvements between Moss Creek Drive and Squire Pope Road	\$80,000,000
Lady's Island Corridor Traffic Improvements	Roadway traffic improvements between the Woods Memorial Bridge and the Chowan Creek Bridge as outlined in the Lady's Island Corridor Study dated May 19, 2017	\$30,000,000
Sidewalks and Multi-Use Pathways - Safe Routes to Schools	Installation and repair of sidewalks and multi-use pathways at multiple locations within Deaufort County so as to provide safe walking routes to schools and improved access to residential communities	\$10,000,000
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Burnt Church Road, Ulmer Road, and Shad Road 2. Laurel Bay Road Pathway Widening 3. Bluffton Parkway Phase I 4. Joe Frazier Road 5. Meridian Road 6. Alljoy Road 7. Salem Road, Old Salem Road, and Burton Hill Road 8. Middle Road 9. Stuart Point 10. Broad River Boulevard and Riley Road 11. Broad River Drive 12. Lake Point Drive and Old Miller Road Pathway Connection 13. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive 14. Ribaut Road to Parris Island Gateway 15. Pine Grove Road and Burton Wells Road 16. Spanish Moss Trail Extension 17. Seabrook Road 18. Depot Road 19. Chowan Creek Bluff 20. U.S. 17 Pathway Extension 21. Bruce K. Smalls 22. Paige Point 23. Big Road 24. Big Estate Road 	
TOTAL:		\$120,000,000