

CHARLESTON COUNTY 2016 SPECIAL SALES AND USE TAX REFERENDUM

QUESTION 1

I approve a special sales and use tax in the amount of one-half (1/2) of one percent to be imposed in Charleston County for not more than twenty-five (25) years, or until a total of \$2,100,000,000 in resulting revenue has been collected, whichever occurs first. The sales tax proceeds will be used to fund the following projects:

- Project (1) For financing the costs of highways, roads, streets, bridges, and other transportation-related projects facilities, and drainage facilities related thereto, operated by Charleston County or jointly operated by the County and other governmental entities, which may include, but is not limited to, the projects listed below. \$1,365,600,000.

Projects of regional significance:

Airport Area Roads Improvements
Dorchester Road Widening, Michaux Parkway to County line
I-526 Mark Clark Extension
U.S. 17 at Main Road with Johns Island Mobility Improvements

Projects of local significance

Annual Allocation continuation: Resurfacing, Bike/Pedestrian Facilities, Local Paving, and Intersection Improvements
Glenn McConnell Parkway Widening
James Island Intersection and Pedestrian Improvements
Northside Drive Re-alignment at Ashley Phosphate Road
Rural Road Improvements
Savannah Highway / Ashley River Bridges / Crosstown Congestion Infrastructure Improvements
Savannah Highway Capacity and Intersection Improvements
S.C. 41 Improvements / U.S. 17 to Wando Bridge
U.S. 78 Improvements

- Project (2) For financing the costs of mass transit systems operated by Charleston County or jointly operated by the County and other governmental entities, which may include, but is not limited to, bus rapid transit system (\$256,400,000), mass transit operations (\$280,000,000), and mass transit capital improvements (\$73,000,000).

- Project (3) For financing the costs of greenbelts. \$125,000,000.

YES _____
NO _____

Instructions to Voters: All qualified electors desiring to vote in favor of levying the special sales and use tax shall vote "YES;" and

All qualified electors opposed to levying the special sales and use tax shall vote "NO."

QUESTION 2

I approve the issuance of not exceeding \$ ____ of general obligation bonds of Charleston County, payable from the special sales and use tax described in Question 1 above, maturing over a period not to exceed twenty-five (25) years, to fund completion of projects from among the categories described in Question 1 above.

YES ____

NO ____

Instructions to Voters:

All qualified electors desiring to vote in favor of the issuance of bonds for the stated purposes shall vote "YES;" and

All qualified electors opposed to the issuance of bonds for the stated purposes shall vote "NO."

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