

A RESOLUTION

RECOMMENDING ACTIONS TO THE CAPITAL PROJECT SALES TAX COMMISSION IN SUPPORT OF ROADS, BRIDGES, AND RELATED INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS ON THE BALLOT.

WHEREAS, as an incident to the adoption of this Resolution, the County Council ("**County Council**") of Greenville County, South Carolina (the "**County**"), has made the following findings:

1. The County Council adopted Resolution No. 1962 (the "**Commission Resolution**") on March 5, 2024 establishing a commission (the "**CPST Commission**") pursuant to the Capital Project Sales Tax Act (Title 4, Chapter 10, Article 3 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as amended) for the purpose of considering proposals for funding capital projects within the County area and the formulation of a referendum question to appear on the ballot as to whether a one percent sales tax should be levied for such purposes;

2. In the Commission Resolution, County Council emphasized major challenges facing the County in regard to an unprecedented number of roads, bridges and related infrastructure that are in fair to poor condition throughout the entire geographic limits of the County and that the current estimates to only resurface the roads which are in fair to poor condition exceed \$2 billion, and the current estimates to undertake high-priority transportation projects throughout the County exceed \$1 billion;

3. Additionally, the costs of such transportation projects greatly exceed any appropriations the County receives from the Federal and State governments, and the County lacks a local revenue source to use for the repair, improvement and/or replacement of such infrastructure projects or to use as a local revenue match to obtain additional federal and State funding for such projects;

4. County staff has done an exceptional job in conducting a study of road facilities needs working with other jurisdictions in the County to address congestion, capacity, safety and paving demands;

5. Ensuring County residents have safe, reliable roads, bridges and related infrastructure, no matter where they may travel throughout the County, is the County Council's number one priority and was the reason County Council established the CPST Commission; and

6. The charge of the CPST Commission is to formulate the referendum question or questions that are to appear on the ballot and submit such referendum questions to County Council; at such point, County Council will determine whether to enact an ordinance to place the referendum questions on the ballot.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF GREENVILLE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, IN MEETING DULY ASSEMBLED, AS FOLLOWS:

A. In light of the above findings, the County Council hereby charges the CPST Commission with the task of providing County Council with ballot questions focused on projects to improve roads, bridges and related infrastructure throughout the County in order to improve such infrastructure by providing safe and reliable roads.

B. Additionally, County Council requests that proposals to appear on an approved ballot consist of roads, bridges and related infrastructure projects brought forward by the South Carolina Department of Transportation, the County of Greenville, and the six municipalities within Greenville County.

C. County Council urges the CPST Commission to consider the imposition of the tax for an 8-year timeframe.

ADOPTED IN REGULAR MEETING THIS _____ DAY OF _____, ____.

GREENVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL

Dan Tripp, Chairman
County Council

ATTESTED:

Regina McCaskill
Clerk to Council

Joseph M. Kernell
County Administrator