This brochure contains general information regarding the 2022 Capital Project Sales Tax proposed projects that will be on the November 3, 2020 ballot.

The voters of Lancaster County will decide if the one cent sales tax continues and the proposed projects are completed.
Proposed projects will be on the ballot as a whole – not individually.

By law, Lancaster County can neither advocate for or against the ballot question or particular projects. We may only provide information to help voters understand what is being proposed.

For further information please contact the County Administrator's office.

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HELPFUL LINKS

Find more information online:
www.mylancastersc.org/CPST

Locate Lancaster County Voting Precincts:
www.mylancastersc.org/precincts

PROJECT FACTS

- The Capital Project Sales Tax (CPST) is often referred to as the *Penny Sales Tax*.
- The proposed CPST is a continuation of the existing CPST – It does not add a new or additional sales tax.
- This is the principal source of capital improvement dollars for years to come and helps avoid or defray the need for tax increases to pay for capital improvements.
- By law, CPST dollars can only be spent on the 14 projects outlined in the ballot question. CPST dollars raised in Lancaster County are not shared with the state.
- The current CPST expires April 30, 2022. The continuation of the CPST would be effective May 1, 2022 through April 30, 2029. The length is set by state statute.
- The sales tax is not applied to Essential Food Goods consumed off premises and Prescription Drugs.
- History of the Penny Sales Tax: In 2008, the first Capital Project Sales Tax was approved by voters to construct the new Courthouse. In 2014, the current/second CPST (expiring April 30, 2022) was approved by voters for road improvements and resurfacing of roads owned by the County and SCDOT, the acquisition and construction of a public safety and emergency services communications system, and the construction and equipping of improvements to the library system. To date, most of the road improvements have been completed, and the library improvements are underway.

PROPOSED CONTINUATION OF THE

Lancaster County
South Carolina

CAPITAL PROJECT SALES TAX

OFTEN REFERRED TO AS THE *PENNY SALES TAX*

FUNDING OVERVIEW

Sales Tax funds may be used to bond projects, or to fund projects on a "pay-as-you-go" schedule. Of the 14 proposed projects, the Detention Center will be bonded. The remaining 13 projects would be funded in the order listed, as funds become available during the 7-year time-frame of the sales tax. Please note, if a project listing states "a portion of," then the sales tax funding is only a portion of the total project cost, and the applicant has identified additional funds, outside of this sales tax.

The process used to select projects is set by SC State law. Lancaster County Council appointed a 6-member Capital Project Sales Tax (CPST) Committee, who met from January through May to determine the selection process, solicit and review applications, and select the projects. Visit the County's YouTube page to view applicant presentations and the May 2020 committee meeting. Once the Committee selected the projects and funding level for each, the County Council could not modify the ballot question formed by the CPST Committee. The Committee Chairman presented the ballot question to Council on June 8, 2020. County Council approved the ballot (Ordinance 2020-1673), with the third reading held on July 20, 2020.

*With a growing inmate population and an inadequate detention center, the County is under a mandate from the State Department of Corrections to either find another facility with the capacity and willingness to accept inmates from the County or expand and modernize our facility. The current building and site is inadequate for any significant renovations or additions, so the County is seeking the construction of a Detention Center. Funding will come from either the CPST referendum (if passed by voters) or the County's General Fund, whose primary revenue source is property taxes. Due to the overall cost of construction, the CPST Committee discussed potentially funding the project over two CPST cycles, if approved by voters. The first cycle is included on the November 3rd, 2020 ballot.

PROPOSED PROJECTS

1 . Lancaster County Detention Center*

A portion of the cost of acquiring, constructing and equipping a new Lancaster County Detention Center including a Magistrate's Office and land acquisition. Total project cost is an estimated $47,246,120.

$30,133,800

2. Road Rehabilitation & Resurfacing

Rehabilitation/resurfacing and safety improvements on county, city, town and SCDOT roads, as determined by the County Transportation Committee.

$13,229,719

3. Lindsay Pettus Greenway Phase 2

A portion of the cost of constructing the greenway trail connectors to expand access to the existing two (2) mile greenway in and around the City of Lancaster.

$1,500,000

4. Lancaster County EMS Station 7

Constructing and furnishing a new Lancaster County EMS station located within the Town of Heath Springs.

$1,800,000

5. Lancaster County Airport - New Hanger

A portion of the cost of constructing a new jet hanger at the Lancaster County Airport – McWhirter Field to accommodate larger aircraft. Total project is $1.5 million - the remaining funds will come from the FAA Entitlement Fund.

$900,000

6. Lancaster County EMS Station 10

Constructing and equipping a new Lancaster County EMS station located on Van Wyck Road.

$1,800,000

7. Educational Foundation of USC Lancaster

A portion of the cost of constructing a new health education facility to support an expansion of the existing USC Lancaster Nursing Program.

$1,000,000

8. City of Lancaster Streetscape

Gay Street Commons—Streetscape improvements including sidewalk and road improvements, of the 100 block of West Gay Street within the City of Lancaster as part of the Downtown Revitalization Plan.

$1,500,000

9. Town of Kershaw - Old Bank Building

A portion of the cost of renovating the second floor of the "Old Bank Building" located at 102 S. Hampton Street in the Town of Kershaw for use as auxiliary space to support the Early Childhood Education Center located on the first floor.

$1,000,000

10. Widen Portion of Highway 521

Widening a portion of 521 from four (4) lanes to six (6) from Marvin Road to the North Carolina State line, approximately 1.4 miles.

$9,660,000

11. USC-L - Hwy 9 Pedestrian Connections

A portion of the cost of constructing projects to allow for safe and defined pedestrian/bike crossings across Highway 9 between USC-Lancaster, University Place and beyond.

$1,000,000

12. Town of Van Wyck - Community Park

Constructing active and passive recreational facilities at the Van Wyck Community Center located in the Town of Van Wyck. $647,640

13. Walnut Creek Field Improvements

Replacement of natural turf with synthetic turf at two (2) soccer fields at the Walnut Creek Park.

$1,000,000

14. Council on Aging - IL Senior Center

Land acquisition and constructing a new Senior Center building in the Indian Land area to expand Council on Aging programming. $2,921,117

TOTAL: $68,092,276