



**RIDE 3 SALES TAX COMMISSION** | recommended road projects



## Public Information Meeting Format

The following Public Information Meeting will be informal. Maps of the road projects being considered will be on display and representatives from the RIDE 3 Sales Tax Commission, SCDOT, Horry County and others will be available to answer questions from the public.

## Sales Tax Commission Overview/Mission

The RIDE 3 Sales Tax Commission is comprised of six members, three appointed by Horry County Council and three appointed by the cities as defined by state law.

This commission was tasked by Horry County Council to prepare a final list of road projects that will be funded by a 1% Sales Tax by May 17, 2016. Horry County Council will then have the option to move the final list to a vote by ordinance and to a referendum vote by the citizens of Horry County on the November 2016 General Election ballot. If passed by the voters, the 1% Sales Tax would go into effect May 1, 2017, and would be taxed on all retail sales, prepared food/beverages and accommodations. Groceries (unprepared food) would be exempt from the sales tax. The sales tax would remain in effect for eight years or April 30, 2025. The eight year projected revenues from the 1% Sales Tax are \$590 million.

## Public Feedback

The RIDE 3 Sales Tax Commission encourages feedback from the public on the proposed road projects as well as other road projects to consider. A formal feedback card will be available at the Public Information Meeting. The public can also email comments to [RIDE3feedback@horrycounty.org](mailto:RIDE3feedback@horrycounty.org) by Friday, April 8, 2016.

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## RECOMMENDED PROJECT LISTING

Project Name	Project Description	Cost
US Hwy. 501 Corridor Improvements - SC Hwy 31 to SC 544	1) Complete 6-lane widening and signalized intersection improvements on US Hwy 501 from SC Hwy 31 to US Hwy. 501/544 Interchange. 2) Extend Postal Way east to Waccamaw Pines Dr and install required intersection improvements and sidewalks (including Postal Way @ Carolina Forest Blvd / Renee Dr / Oak Heart Rd). 3) Extend Middle Ridge Drive east (Myrtle Ridge Dr to W. Perry Road) - and west (Wal-Mart to Singleton Ridge).	\$50,000,000
US Hwy. 501 Realignment from Broadway St. to 7th Ave North	Realign Highway 501 at Broadway Street intersection to connect to 7th Avenue N at Oak Street in City of Myrtle Beach (new alignment). Install sidewalks and intersection improvements on 7th Avenue N, between Oak Street and North Kings Hwy.	\$13,900,000
Forestbrook Road Widening	Widen Forestbrook Road between Hwy 501 and Dick Pond Road. Improvements will feature 5-lanes including a center turn lane and the installation of bike/pedestrian facilities such as sidewalks and wider travel lanes.	\$89,100,000
Carolina Forest Boulevard Widening	Complete widening of Carolina Forest Blvd to River Oaks Drive. Improved road will include a multi-use path, 4-lanes (with turning lanes at intersections) and traffic signals as determined by traffic study during design phase.	\$54,700,000
Palmetto Pointe Blvd. Extension to SC Hwy 544	Construct extension of Palmetto Pointe Blvd to connect to SC Hwy 544 at the Big Block Road intersection. New road will include 2-lanes and bike/pedestrian facilities such as sidewalks and wider travel lanes.	\$7,500,000
Conway Perimeter Road Phase II	Construct new road with multi-use path from US 378 (at El-Bethel Road) to US 701 South. The new road will feature 4-lanes with median and turning lanes at the intersection.	\$18,400,000
SC Hwy. 9 East Widening (Loris)	Widen SC Hwy. 9 east of Loris from the end of the existing 4-lane section to intersection of Hwy. 66. Improved road will be expanded to 4-lanes with sidewalks.	\$21,700,000
US Hwy. 701 N Widening (North Conway)	Widen US Hwy. 701 north of Conway from SC Hwy. 319 to Hwy. 22. Improved road will feature 5-lanes including a center turn lane and installation of bike/pedestrian facilities such as sidewalks and wider travel lanes.	\$65,100,000
US Hwy. 17 Business Intersection Improvements - Garden City	Improve capacity and safety at the following three intersections in Garden City (intersection widening, turn lane extensions, and other operational improvements): 1) US 17 Bus @ Inlet Square Mall/Mt. Gilead Rd. 2) US 17 Bus @ Atlantic Avenue 3) US 17 Bus @ Garden City Connector/Pine Ave.	\$19,800,000
US Hwy. 701 Widening - North of Loris	Widen US Hwy. 701 north of Loris from end of existing 3-lane section (Dogwood St.) to SC Hwy. 9 interchange. Improved road will include turning lanes and installation of bike/pedestrian facilities such as sidewalks and wider travel lanes.	\$7,500,000
Fred Nash Boulevard connection to Harrelson Boulevard - Myrtle Beach	Construct new 3-lane road including a center turn lane to extend Fred Nash Blvd. around the end of the airport runway (MYR) to provide a direct connection to Harrelson Boulevard. The project includes bicycle facilities.	\$19,300,000
Southern Evacuation Lifeline (SELL) - Environmental Studies and Right-of-Way	Funding to complete the final environmental impact studies required to obtain Record of Decision (ROD) for future roadway. Purchase land for right-of-way of final alignment identified in the Record of Decision.	\$25,000,000
SC Hwy 31 (Carolina Bays Parkway) Extension to SC/NC state line	Final phase of SC Hwy 31 (Carolina Bays Parkway). Build new limited-access freeway to extend SC Hwy 31 from SC Hwy 9 to NC State line.	*\$123,000,000
Pave 100 miles of dirt roads	Unpaved roads will be paved in four groups of projects with 25 miles in each group.	\$60,000,000
Resurface 100 miles of paved roads	Funding for roadway resurfacing will be distributed between County and Municipalities based on locally-maintained paved roadway mileage in each jurisdiction: Horry County - 66.87%, Myrtle Beach - 12.90%, Conway - 6.70%, North Myrtle Beach - 6.53%, Surfside Beach - 3.00%, Loris - 1.00%, Aynor - 1.00%, Atlantic Beach - 1.00%, Briarcliffe Acres - 1.00%	\$15,000,000
<b>PROJECT TOTAL BUDGET</b>		<b>\$590,000,000</b>

\* Total cost to complete the SC 31 extension north is estimated at \$185 million.