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Charleston County invites public to share priorities for future transportation investments

Online survey is available for community input

As part of its new Transportation Sales Tax (TST) planning process, Charleston County has launched an online public input form to gather ideas and feedback from community members that will help shape the future of transportation throughout the region.

The survey, available now at charlestontransportation.com, asks residents to share their transportation priorities, challenges, and project ideas. Responses will guide County Council as they consider how an estimated \$4.25 billion could be invested in future transportation, transit, and greenspace improvements if the existing half penny tax is extended.

"This is our chance to listen," said Charleston County Council Chairman Kylon Middleton. "Charleston County belongs to the people who live and work here, and their voices should guide how we invest in the future. We want to hear from every neighborhood and community about what matters most, because these are their roads, their transit systems, and their quality of life."

The current Transportation Sales Tax program funds road and infrastructure improvements, public transit, and greenspace preservation. The online survey invites the public to rate the importance of each of the following investment categories for potential future projects:

- Roadway Infrastructure: Fixing bottlenecks, paving, and rural road safety.
- Transit Service Expansion & Lowcountry Rapid Transit (LCRT): Improving bus service, access, and connectivity throughout the region.
- Bike & Pedestrian Network: Closing network gaps and improving safety for cyclists and walkers.
- Greenbelt Program: Parks, waterways, and protective land purchases that enhance quality of life.

Residents can also suggest additional investments the county should consider and make recommendations on the allocation of future funding across key areas.

In addition to the online survey, the county will host a series of listening sessions and stakeholder meetings throughout the fall. Organizations and community groups can also request a county speaker to attend an upcoming event through the website. Dates and locations of public meetings will be posted online as they are confirmed.

"This process is about collaboration," said Chairman Middleton. "The Transportation Sales Tax program has moved our region forward for nearly two decades, and as we plan for the next 25 years, it's essential that these investments reflect the community's values and priorities."

Residents are encouraged to complete the questionnaire by December 1, 2025, and to share the link widely to ensure representative feedback. For more information, please visit charlestontransportation.com.

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