

**RICHLAND COUNTY**  
**TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT**  
**WORK SESSION**  
**AGENDA**



**TUESDAY MARCH 12, 2024**

**3:00 PM**

**COUNCIL CHAMBERS**





**Richland County  
Transportation Improvement  
Work Session**

**AGENDA**

March 12, 2024 - 3:00 PM  
Council Chambers  
2020 Hampton Street, Columbia, SC 29204

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Honorable Jesica Mackey,  
Chair Richland County Council

**2. PRESENTATION**

- a. Transportation Needs and New Transportation Sales Tax Funding [**PAGES 5-14**]

**3. ADJOURNMENT**

The Honorable Jesica Mackey



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March 4, 2024



# Draft 2024 Richland County Transportation Needs Assessment

## Central Midlands COG

Project Type	Project Name	From	To	Council District	2024 Base Project Cost (Millions)
Widening	Two Notch Road US 1 Pontiac	Richland County Line	S-53 Spears Creek	9	38.3
Widening	Kennerly Rd S-129	Hollingshed Rd	Broad River Rd	1, 2	17.3
Widening	Shady Grove Rd	Broad River Rd	Koon Rd	1	33.6
Widening	Broad River Rd US 176 North	I-26	Chapin Rd	1	46.2
Widening	Lost Creek Rd	Broad River Rd	Boat Ramp Rd	1, 2	38.8
Widening	Hardscrabble Rd North	Langford Rd	Kelly Mill Rd	2,8,9	13.6
Widening	Rauch Metz Road	Dutch Fork Rd	Broad River Rd (US176)	1	20.4
Intersection	SC 60 & Columbiana Drive			2	4.2
Intersection	Lawton Street & Monticello Road			4	4.2
Intersection	Broad River Road & Shivers Road			2, 4	4.2
Intersection	Broad River Road & Riverhill Circle			4, 5	4.2
Intersection	Broad River Road & Piney Woods			2, 4	4.2
Intersection	SC 6 at Village Lane			1	2.8
Intersection	SC 6 at Leamington Way			1	2.8
Intersection	Frye Road & US 21			3	3.9
Intersection	Hollingshed at Lost Creek Dr			1	2.8
Intersection	Hollingshed at Raintree Dr			1	2.8
Intersection	Browning Road (Frontage Rd) S-2892 & Zimelcrest Dr S-672			5	3.9
Intersection	Broad River Road & Hopewell Church Road			1	3.9
Intersection	Sparkleberry Lane & Wotan Road			9	3.9
Intersection	Sparkleberry Lane & Viking Drive			9	4.1
Intersection	Kennerly Rd S-217 & Old Tamah Rd S-244			1	5.4
Intersection	Bluff Road & St Marks Road			10	5.5
Intersection	SC 16 (Beltline Blvd) / S-228 (English Ave.)			4	3.9
Bikeway	Two Notch	N. Beltline Blvd	Decker Blvd	3	1
Bikeway	Decker	Two Notch Rd	Percival Rd	3	1
Bikeway	Broad River	Lake Murray Blvd	Greystone Blvd	1	1
Bikeway	Lady	Huger St	Park St	5	1
Bikeway	Saluda	Wheat St	Blossom St/ Devine St/ Greene St	5	1
Bikeway	Hampton St	Huger St	Sumter St	5	1
Bikeway	Washington	Wayne St	Pickens St	4,5	1
Bikeway	Lincoln St	Lady St	College	5	1
Bikeway	Pickens	Park Cir	Wheat St	5	1
Bikeway	Gervais	Park St	Millwood Ave	4,5,3	1
Bikeway	Pickens	Wheat St	Calway Alley	5	1
Bikeway	Greene	Pickens St	Saluda Ave	5	1
Bikeway	Harrison	Two Notch Rd	Forest Dr	3,6	1
Bikeway	Beltline	Valley Rd	Forest Dr	3	1
Bikeway	Assembly St	Calhoun St	Blossom St	4	1
Bikeway	Catawba	Lincoln St	Sumter St	5	1
Bikeway	Whaley	Lincoln St	Pickens St	5	1
Bikeway	Devine St	Harden St	Millwood Ave	5,6	1
Bikeway	Bluff	Norfolk Southern RR	Virginia St	10	1
Bikeway	Covenant	Two Notch Rd	Bethel Church Rd	6,3	1
Bikeway	Wayne	Elmwood Ave	Hampton St	5,4	1
Bikeway	King	Wheat St	Blossom St	5	1
Bikeway	Wheat St	Pickens St	Harden St	5	1
Bikeway	Henderson	Wheat St	St. James St	5	1
Bikeway	Wheat	Harden St	King St	5	1
Remaining 2012 Richland Penny Projects					
Project Type	Project Name	From	To	District	Base Cost
Widening	Pineview Road	Shop Rd	Bluff Rd	10	9
Widening	Broad River Road	I-26 (Exit 97)	Dutch Fork Rd	1	21.6
Richland County Programmatic Categories (Dirt Road Paving, Resurfacing, Sidewalks)					
Program Type				District	Base Cost
Resurfacing	Assume 12 years funding equalling \$100M (\$40M in Columbia)			Various	100
Sidewalks	Assume 12 years funding equalling \$50M (\$20M in Columbia)			Various	50
Dirt Road Paving	Assume 12 years funding equalling \$100M			Various	100
Town of Blythewood					
Project Type	Project Name			District	Base Cost
Intersection	Langford Road/ Wilson Boulevard/Blythewood Road			2	7.2

Intersection	Rimer Pond Road and Wilson Boulevard			2	5.5
<b>Town of Irmo</b>					
<b>Project Type</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>From</b>	<b>To</b>	<b>District</b>	<b>Base Cost</b>
Special Projects	Salem Church Road	Old Dutch Fork Rd	Dutch Fork Rd	1	2
<b>City of Columbia</b>					
<b>Project Type</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>From</b>	<b>To</b>	<b>District</b>	<b>Base Cost</b>
Intersection	Harden St and Taylor St			3,4	0.5
Bikeway	Sumter Cycle Track	Elmwood	Blossom	4,5	0.3
Bikeway	Garners Ferry Shared Use Path	Trotter	Devine	5,10	2.4
Bikeway	Laurel Cycle Track	Harden	Riverfront Park	4,5	0.4
Special Project	Assembly Phase 2 Streetscape	Pendleton St	Lady St	4,5	13
Special Project	Assembly Rail Separation			5,10	300
Special Project	Quiet Zone			4,5	4
Special Project	Crowson Road Diet			6	4
Special Project	Washington and Marion St Safety Improvements			4	1
<b>City of Forest Acres</b>					
<b>Project Type</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>From</b>	<b>To</b>	<b>District</b>	<b>Base Cost</b>
Special Project	Forest Dr Utility Undergrounding	N Beltline Blvd	Trenholm Rd	3	6
Special Project	Traffic Signal Upgrades (9 Locations)			3	6
<b>Public Input</b>					
<b>Project Type</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>From</b>	<b>To</b>	<b>District</b>	<b>Base Cost</b>
Widening	US 76	Broad River Rd (US 176)	SC 6	1	31.5
Widening	US 76	Shadowood Dr	Richland County Line	1	63.5
Widening	Langford Rd	Main St	Hardscrabble Rd	2	58.7
Widening	Main St (US 21)	I 77 (Ex 24)	Langford	2	42
Widening	Blythewood Rd	I 77 (Ex 27)	Main St	2	10.4
Widening	Longtown Rd	Farrow Rd	Longtown Rd E/W	7	38.6
Widening	N Springs Rd	Brickyard Rd	Clemson Rd	8	17.3
Widening	Spears Creek Ch Rd	I-20 (ex 82)	Percival Rd	9	62.1
Widening	Garners Ferry Rd	Trotter Rd	Lower Richland Blvd	11	28.8
Widening	Patterson Rd	Garners Ferry Rd	Caroline Rd	11	8.3
Widening	Bookman Rd S-53	Two Notch Rd	Kelly Mill Rd	9	24
Special Project	Creech Rd Ext	Creech Rd	Firetower Ct	2	3.5
Special Project	New Connector Rd	Arborwood Rd	Indian Mound Rd	6	1.7
Special Project	Shop Rd Ext (Phase 3)	Montgomery Ln	Garners Ferry	11	20
Intersection	US 176 / Bickley Rd			1	2.9
Intersection	Dutch Fork Rd / Mill Place Ct.			1	2.9
Intersection	Broad River / Centerfield (Spring Hill HS)			1	3.5
Intersection	Assembly / Lady			5	0.6
Intersection	Assembly / Gervais			5	0.6
Intersection	Huger / Lady			5	0.6
Intersection	Huger / Gervais			5	0.6
Intersection	Lakeshore Dr / Forest Lake Place			6	2.9
Intersection	N Springs / Mill Field Rd			8	2.9
Intersection	Clemson Rd / Ashcroft Circle			9	2.9
Intersection	Bluff / Lower Richland Blvd			10	4
Intersection	Bluff Rd / MLK Blvd			10	4
Intersection	Bluff / Congaree Rd			10	4
Intersection	Olympia Ave / Bluff Rd			10	3.5
Intersection	Bookman Rd / Old Two Notch / Plantation Pt			9	3.5
Intersection	Millwood Ave / Carlisle St			6	2.9
Intersection	N Springs Rd / S Springs Rd			8	2.9
Intersection	Two Notch Rd / Polo Rd			8,9	2.9
Intersection	Millwood Ave / Gladden St			6	1
Bikeway	Kennerly Rd	Freshly Mill Rd	St Johns Rd	1	1
Bikeway	Broad River Rd	Beatty Rd	River Hill Circle	2	1
Base Project Cost Total (Excludes Programmatic Categories)					1,143
Associated Project Related Costs (PE, RW, Utility, CEI) @ additional 60%					686
Programmatic Categories Budget For Dirt Road Paving, Resurfacing, & Sidewalks					250
<b>Grand Total Project List Budget</b>					<b>2,079</b>

**Notes:**

Project list compiled from CMCOG 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan, Richland County, 4 municipalities, and public input. 2024 Base Construction Costs increased 10% PE, 20% ROW, 15% Utility Relocation, and 15% Construction Engineering. Public Input projects include those received as of March 1, 2024. Public input extends through March 8, 2024. City of Columbia costs provided by City of Columbia. Due to variability in requirements, \$1M for each Bikeway utilized.

**RICHLAND COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**ROADMAP FOR THE**  
**2024 TRANSPORTATION PENNY**

MARCH 5, 2024

## **KEY LANDMARKS**

### **1. TRANSPORTATION NEEDS (PROJECTS)**

#### **A. CATEGORIZE PROJECTS**

- I. COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT
- II. COUNTY ADVANCEMENT
- III. COMET ENHANCEMENT

#### **B. PRINCIPLES FOR EXECUTION OF PROJECTS**

- I. HOW DOES STAFF PRIORITIZE?
- II. HOW DOES STAFF ADD?
- III. HOW DOES STAFF SUBSTITUTE?
- IV. WHEN DOES STAFF NEED APPROVAL FROM COUNCIL?
- V. FUTURE PROJECTS

### **2. FUNDING**

#### **A. PENNY REFERENDUM**

- I. COSTS ESTIMATES
  - A. CONTINGENCY IN CONSTRUCTION COST ESTIMATE
  - B. CONTINGENCY FOR INCREASING CONSTRUCTION COSTS
- II. COLLECTION PROJECTIONS
- III. YEARS OF IMPLEMENTATION
- IV. ALLOCATION OF REVENUES

### **3. STAKEHOLDERS**

#### **A. COUNTY COUNCIL**

- I. TRANSPORTATION AD HOC COMMITTEE (AD HOC)
- II. TRANSPORTATION PENNY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TPAC)
- III. CITIZENS

#### **B. COUNTY**



- I. ADMINISTRATION AND COUNTY ATTORNEY
- II. TRANSPORTATION (STANTEC)
- III. FINANCE
- IV. PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE (CHERNOFF NEWMAN)
- C. OTHERS
  - I. THE COMET
  - II. CENTRAL MIDLANDS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
  - III. LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, INCLUDING ELECTION COMMISSION
  - IV. BUSINESS AND EDUCATION COMMUNITY

**4. APPROVAL PROCESS**

- A. TIMELINE
  - I. COUNTY COUNCIL ADOPTS SCHEDULE AND CHARGES FOR TPAC AND AD HOC
    - A. PROJECTS AND PRINCIPLES
    - B. PENNY ORDINANCE
  - II. ALL STAKEHOLDERS ALIGN WORK WITH APPROVAL SCHEDULE
  - III. MUST CONCLUDE APPROVAL PROCESS BEFORE **AUGUST 15** IN ORDER TO TIMELY NOTIFY ELECTION COMMISSION TO PLACE THE REFERENDUM QUESTION ON THE NOVEMBER 5, 2024 BALLOT.
- B. PROJECTS
  - I. DIVIDE INTO CATEGORIES
  - II. ESTABLISH PRINCIPLES FOR EXECUTION
  - III. FEEDBACK FROM TPAC THROUGH AD HOC
  - IV. FEEDBACK FROM OTHER STAKEHOLDERS THROUGH STANTEC ENGAGEMENT
  - V. COUNCIL ADOPTS RESOLUTION WITH PROJECTS AND PRINCIPLES
- C. PENNY ORDINANCE

- I. COUNCIL DETERMINES LENGTH
  - II. COUNCIL DETERMINES COLLECTIONS
  - III. COUNCIL DETERMINES ALLOCATION OF REVENUES
  - IV. COUNCIL ADOPTS ORDINANCE CALLING FOR PENNY REFERENDUM
- D. PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

## NEXT STEPS

*Goal: For all Stakeholders to be working under a single timeline.*

### A. March 12: Council Work Session #1

- i. Introduce project categories:
  - a. *Community Investment*: these projects benefit citizens and businesses in the County and are focused on improving the integrity, safety, reliability and sustainability of the transportation infrastructure in communities in order to enhance citizens' regular commutes to work, play and live. These projects will mostly encompass road improvement, resurfacing and paving, intersection improvements, and multimodal transportations infrastructure. Additionally, the Community Investment projects will include transportation projects to address emerging home developments and population growth in the County.
  - b. *County Advancement*: these projects address improvements along major roadways within the County and expansion of transportation infrastructure to achieve, support and sustain County economic growth in an equitable manner in accordance with the strategic goals of the County.
  - c. *COMET Enhancement*: funds generated by the penny and allocated to the COMET will assist in funding the continued operation of the COMET
- ii. Discuss recommended transportation projects ("Projects") under each category
- iii. Introduce principles that Council will approve for staff to follow to prioritize, reprioritize, add or substitute the Projects ("Principles")
- iv. Define TPAC role
  - a. TPAC will review the Projects and Principles and provide comments to *Ad Hoc*. The TPAC will serve as one of many inputs that Council will take into consideration when developing the Projects and Principles
- v. Define *Ad Hoc* committee role
  - a. *Ad Hoc* will act as an intermediary between TPAC and Council. *Ad Hoc* will receive TPAC feedback and present to Council.
  - b. *Ad Hoc* will also work in between full Council meetings to develop Projects and Principles.

### B. March 19 Council Meeting: Adopt TPAC Resolution

- i. Revamp membership appointment
- ii. Give TPAC a charge (comment on Projects, Principles and allocation of penny revenues among the Projects; report to *Ad Hoc*)
- iii. Provide them with deadlines so they can organize themselves to meet deadlines (including meeting more frequently, as required)

- C. March 26: *Ad Hoc* Committee Meeting
- D. April 1: Proposed TPAC Meeting
- E. **April 9 Council Meeting: First Reading on Penny Tax Referendum Ordinance**
- F. April 15: TPAC Meeting
- G. April 16: *Ad Hoc* Committee Meeting
- H. April 23: Council Work Session #2
  - i. Receive initial report from *Ad Hoc*
  - ii. Receive projections for penny collections and discuss allocation of revenues among project categories
  - iii. Discuss number of years for implementation
- I. May 6: Proposed TPAC Meeting
- J. May 7: *Ad Hoc* Committee Meeting
- K. **May 7 Council Meeting: Second Reading on Penny Tax Referendum Ordinance**
- L. May 20: TPAC Meeting
- M. May 28: *Ad Hoc* Committee Meeting
- N. June 3: Proposed TPAC Meeting
- O. June 4: *Ad Hoc* Committee Meeting
- P. June 17: TPAC Meeting
- Q. June 18: *Ad Hoc* Committee Meeting
- R. June 25: Council Work Session #3
  - i. Receive final reports from *Ad Hoc*
    - a. Confirm Projects
  - ii. Confirm allocation of penny revenues among categories, collections and years for implementation
  - iii. Confirm Principles
- S. July 9: Public Hearing on Penny Ordinance
- T. **July 16 Council Meeting: Adopt resolution approving Projects and Principles; Third Reading on Penny Tax Referendum Ordinance**
- U. July 29: Council Work Session #4

- i. Review of rules regarding engagement by public employees and elected officials
- ii. Community Engagement review

## **FINISHING WELL**

*Goal: To proudly pass the Penny in 2024 to improve the quality of life for the citizens of Richland County.*

We are grateful for your feedback and attention to the matters discussed in this “roadmap.” County staff is committed to establishing and managing a process for approval of the 2024 Penny that reflects thoughtfulness, order and purpose. We look forward to working with everyone to successfully complete this journey and “finish well.”