



SC 707 Widening Project

Media Briefing

AGENDA

October 28, 2014

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Sales Tax Overview

On November 7, 2006, Horry County voters, by a 61.4 to 38.6 percent margin, supported a One-Cent Capital Projects Sales Tax for roads. This tax went into effect on May 1, 2007, and increased the level of sales tax in Horry County an additional penny on all retail sales, accommodations and prepared food and beverage.

Horry County was slated to receive \$425,307,500 over the seven-year life of the one-cent Capital Projects Sales Tax, but \$446M was actually collected. All of the road projects to be funded from the One-Cent Capital Projects Sales Tax are specifically listed below:

Original Budget	Revised Budget Range	Prioritized Road Projects
1. \$19,600,000:		Pave 20 miles of County dirt roads (Complete)
2. \$915,000:		Resurface 12 miles of County roads (Complete)
3. \$49,500,000:	\$115 to \$120 million	Construct grade separated interchange at the intersection of U.S. Hwy 17 Bypass and SC Hwy. 707 at the back gate of the Myrtle Beach Air Base (Under Construction)
4. \$132,250,000:	\$100 to \$105 million	Widen SC Hwy. 707 from Enterprise Road to the County line including intersection improvements at SC Hwy 544 (Under Construction)
5. \$25,750,000:		Pave 25 miles of County dirt roads (Complete)
6. \$990,000:		Resurface 12 miles of County roads (Complete)
7. \$46,000,000:	\$15 to \$20 million	Construct Aynor overpass (Complete)
8. \$1,035,000:		Resurface 12 miles of County roads (In Progress)
9. \$76,000,000:	\$75 to \$80 million	Widen Glens Bay Road to 3 lanes and construct a grade separated interchange at US Hwy. 17 Bypass (In Progress)
10. \$1,080,000:		Resurface 12 miles of County roads
11. \$27,750,000:		Pave 25 miles of County dirt roads (In Progress)
12. \$1,125,000:		Resurface 12 miles of County roads
13. \$6,500,000:		Pave 2 lanes of International Drive from Carolina Forest to SC Hwy. 90
14. \$682,500:		Resurface 7 miles of County roads
15. \$36,100,000		Pave 30 miles of County dirt roads

Horry County Council passed a resolution of May 15, 2007, to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with the South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) to act as project/construction manager for those named state highway projects included on the road list.

Those road projects include:

1. A grade separated interchange at the intersection of US Highway 17 Bypass and SC Highway 707 at the backgate of the former Myrtle Beach Air Base;
2. Widen SC Highway 707 from Enterprise Road to the county line including intersection improvements at SC Highway 544;
3. Construction of the Aynor Overpass; and

4. Widen Glens Bay Road to 3-lanes and construct a grade separated interchange at US Highway 17 Bypass.

As project/construction manager, the SCDOT will prepare for each project listed above a detailed scope of work, budget and schedule based upon three phases for each project:

- a. design, preliminary engineering and environmental work;
- b. right-of-way acquisition; and
- c. construction

SC Route 707 Widening

Description: Widening of SC Route 707 from a 2-lane shoulder section to a 5-lane curb and gutter facility with sidewalks from just south of Enterprise Road (S-26-926) in Horry County to US Route 17 in Georgetown County, a distance of approximately 9.2 miles. The project has been broken in to three phases: Phase I is from just south of Enterprise Road (S-26-926) to Salem Road. Phase II runs from Salem Road to the Horry/Georgetown County line. Phase III limits are from the Horry/Georgetown County line to US Route 17. In addition to the additional travel lanes with curb and gutter and sidewalks, there is one section of sound wall in Phase 1, and there are eight sections of sound wall in Phase 2. Also the existing box culverts at Mill Creek and Collins Creek will be replaced with new concrete bridges. Both bridges will have sidewalks on both sides.

Status: Right-of-way acquisition and development of final construction plans and specifications are substantially complete. A combined SC31/SC707 permit was approved by the US Army Corps of Engineers on May 24, 2013. Utility relocations along the corridor are ongoing.

- Preliminary Design: Fall 2007 – Spring 2009 **(Complete)**
- Right-of-way acquisition: **(99% Complete)**
- Letting of advanced clearing and grubbing project for utility relocations and SC 707/Big Block Road interim intersection project: September 24, 2013 **(Complete)**
- Completion of advanced clearing and grubbing project: Fall 2014 **(99% Complete)**
- Completion of SC707/Big Block Road interim intersection project: Fall 2014 **(99% Complete)**
- Letting of main widening project: Spring 2014 **(NTP issued on Oct 15, 2014)**
- Construction completion of main widening project: Summer 2017 to Late 2017/Early 2018

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Phase 1 – Phase 1 is just south of Enterprise Road to just south of Salem Road.

(Maps A, B, C & D)

Phase 2 – Phase 2 runs from just south of Salem Road to the Horry/Georgetown County line.

(Maps D, E & F)

Phase 3 – Phase 3 is from the Horry/Georgetown County line to US Route 17.

(Map G)

Notice to Proceed – Issued on October 15, 2014

Phase 1

Drainage and Embankment

Winter 2014 to Summer 2016

Curb & Gutter/Sidewalk

Summer 2015 to Summer 2016

Asphalt Surface

Spring to Summer 2017

Phase 2

Drainage and Embankment

Winter 2014 to Winter 2015

Curb & Gutter/Sidewalk

Spring 2015 to Summer 2016

Asphalt Surface

Summer to Fall 2016

Phase 3

Drainage and Embankment

Winter 2014 to Spring 2015

Curb & Gutter/Sidewalk

Winter 2014 to Spring 2015

Asphalt Surface

Summer 2015

Mill Creek Bridge

Northbound Lanes

Winter 2015 to Summer 2016

Southbound Lanes

Summer 2016 to Winter 2016

Collins Creek Bridge

Northbound Lanes

Fall 2015 to Spring 2016

Southbound Lanes

Winter 2014 to Summer 2015

Prince Creek Drainage

Winter 2014

Final Project Completion

Summer 2017 to Late 2017/Early 2018

Grading/seeding, striping,
overhead signage, punch list, etc.

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