



HORRY COUNTY SOUTH CAROLINA

Status Report

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Status Update on the Capital Projects Sales Tax

Conway, South Carolina – It has been over a year since the Capital Projects Sales Tax Referendum was approved by the voters in November 2006 and the road projects are well underway.

The Horry County Engineering Department completed the first 12-mile grouping of roads that were resurfaced on August 2, 2007, at a cost of \$840,003.05, which was \$75,000 under budget. The County is currently well underway with the next group (12 miles) of roads to be resurfaced and a majority of the roads will be completed by August 1. (See attached road list.)

The South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) is the project/construction manager for the several state highway projects included on the road list that was approved by voters. Those road projects include 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. The consultants are working on the Environmental Document for submission to SCDOT and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). All field work, traffic studies, access studies, and interchange alternate studies are complete and engineering designs are in progress.

A public information meeting was held on June 5, 2008, at the Base Recreation Center to present the preferred interchange configuration and other preliminary design information and to receive input and feedback. Approximately 200 people were in attendance. Coordination is ongoing with the adjacent developers of Withers Preserve and the City of Myrtle Beach and right-of-way acquisition is scheduled to begin in 2009. Construction on the interchange is scheduled to begin in 2010 and project completion is anticipated in 2013.

SCDOT's second project is the widening of SC Highway 707 from Enterprise Road to the county line including intersection improvements at SC Highway 544. Location field surveys and subsurface utility engineering surveys are complete. Hydrology field work, environmental field work, and preliminary engineering are in progress. A public information meeting is scheduled for August 7, 2008, from 4pm to 7pm at St. James High School to present the preliminary design to

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the public and to obtain comment and feedback on this design. Right-of-way acquisition is scheduled to begin in 2009 and construction is scheduled to begin in 2010. Project completion is anticipated in 2013.

SCDOT's third project is the construction of the Aynor Overpass in the Town of Aynor. Aerial mapping, wetland delineations, location field surveys, and subsurface utility surveys are complete. Traffic studies and preliminary engineering are in progress. Project newsletters are being sent out monthly to keep local citizens informed of the project's progress. A public information meeting is scheduled for July 16, 2008 from 4pm to 7pm at Aynor High School to present potential alignments within the southern corridor and to obtain comment and feedback on the alignment alternates. Right-of-way acquisition is scheduled to begin in 2009 and construction is scheduled to begin in 2010. Project completion is anticipated in 2012.

The fourth project for SCDOT is to widen Glens Bay Road to 3-lanes and construct a grade separated interchange at US Highway 17 Bypass. Aerial mapping is complete. Field surveys, subsurface utility surveys, traffic counts, and wetland delineations are in progress. Preliminary engineering will begin upon completion of field surveys. Right-of-way acquisition is scheduled to begin in 2010 and construction is scheduled to begin in 2011. Project completion is anticipated in 2013 or 2014.

Horry County has contracted with RPM Engineers to pave the first group of 20 miles of county dirt roads, which consists of 50 projects. Since May 2007 RPM has completed the surveying for all 50 projects, the design of 45 projects, the right of way easement/acquisition for 37 projects and the construction of 18 projects and 12 are underway. These roads are part of the 50 roads that will be paved in Phase I of the \$19,600,000 dirt road paving program. Completion date on Phase I is summer 2009. Horry County has also completed negotiations with RPM Engineers on Phase II of the Sales Tax Dirt Road Paving Program. Phase II includes 44 projects scattered across the County. Phase II will be completed in 24 months from the date of the notice to proceed.

Horry County has also received \$7 million more than anticipated in the first year of collections. From May 2007, when the tax was implemented, to April 2008, Horry County has earned \$63, 536, 289.60, as compared to \$56,550.045, which was the estimated collections for the first twelve months. The estimated collections over the seven year period of the tax, is \$425,539,087.

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**12 miles of Resurfacing
(Group 2 – Underway)**

Name	Length	Council District
RAZZLE DAZZLE	0.08	10
GARDEN CITY CONN	1.10	5
ASHTON GLENN DR	0.38	5
BLUEJAY DRIVE	0.25	4
COLLINS CREEK DR	0.90	4
CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS ROAD	0.20	7
IRIS STREET	0.08	7
NURSERY ROAD	0.25	7
BAY FORGE RD	0.06	4
COPPERSMITH LN	0.05	4
COTTAGE CIR	0.01	4
COUNTRYSIDE DR	0.17	4
ANTLER LN	0.10	6
DEER RUN DR	0.10	6
RED FOX CIRCLE	0.10	6
WILD TURKEY CIRCLE	0.10	6
WOODCHUCK	0.10	6
GRAY SQUIRREL RD	0.02	6
RED FOX RD.	0.40	6
BONNIE LANE	0.15	7
BETHEL DRIVE	0.40	7
MERCEDES DRIVE	0.15	7
SHAMROCK DRIVE	0.20	7
GUMBO LANE	0.05	7
OLYMPIC ST	0.24	9
RED TIP BLVD	0.26	9
ROBIN HOOD CIRCLE	0.34	9
SPRUCE ST	0.06	1
FORESTBROOK DRIVE	0.40	6
BAKER COURT	0.05	6
BUCK COURT	0.05	6
CARLISLE WAY	0.10	6
CHICKASAW LANE	0.37	6
DOE COURT	0.05	6
DOVE COURT	0.02	6
EVANS COURT	0.05	6
HUMMINGBIRD COURT	0.12	6
JOHN COOPER COURT	0.05	6
LYERLY COURT	0.05	6
MARY ANN COURT	0.05	6
MORTON CIRCLE	0.05	6
OONEECAN COURT	0.05	6
PAW PAW LANE	0.33	6
VENEDA CT	0.09	6
WOOD DUCK LANE	0.05	6
FREWOOD RD	0.80	4
FREWOOD RD-2	1.90	4
FORD TAYLOR ROAD	1.00	11
Total Miles Section 2	11.93	