ON THE ROAD AGAIN?
OUR TRANSPORTATION CHALLENGE

GREENVILLE COUNTY, SC

SEPTEMBER 12, 2023
HESA GAMBLE, PE
TEE COKER, AICP
OUR VISION

WE ARE
GREENVILLE COUNTY.

A COMMUNITY WHERE INNOVATION AND OPPORTUNITY MEET NATURAL BEAUTY AND UNRIVALED QUALITY OF LIFE.
WHO WE ARE

GRENVILLE COUNTY IS THRIVING.

- SIX LEADING CITIES
- REGIONAL ECONOMIC CENTER
- NATIONALLY-CELEBRATED TRAVEL DESTINATION
- SIGNATURE PARKS AND TRAILS
- AWARD-WINNING PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM
CHALLENGES

OUR PROBLEMS ARE “GOOD PROBLEMS.”

- AFFORDABLE HOUSING
- NATURAL RESOURCES
- ROAD CONDITIONS
- TRAFFIC CONGESTION
ROAD & BRIDGE INFRASTRUCTURE

WE ARE ON AN UNSUSTAINABLE PATH.

- DECADES OF UNDERINVESTMENT
- FAILURE TO KEEP PACE WITH GROWTH
- DANGEROUS ROADS AND INTERSECTIONS
- DIMINISHED QUALITY OF LIFE
ROAD & BRIDGE INFRASTRUCTURE

STATE ROADS ARE DETERIORATING.

- 1,512 CENTER LANE MILES
- MAINTENANCE: $5M/yr.
- PAVEMENT/SAFETY: $22M/yr.
- 18% OF SCDOT BRIDGES ARE LOAD-RESTRICTED OR CLOSED

80 LOAD-RESTRICTED BRIDGES
4 CLOSED BRIDGES
ROAD & BRIDGE INFRASTRUCTURE

IF WE DO NOTHING...

“WE WILL MANAGE THE DECLINE OF THE SYSTEM.”

- SCDOT DISTRICT 3 ENGINEER
COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS

HOW DO WE STACK UP?
GREENVILLE COUNTY

OUR 4,000-MILE SYSTEM

- LARGEST COUNTY-OWNED INVENTORY
- THIRD LARGEST STATE-OWNED INVENTORY
- SIX CITY-OWNED INVENTORIES
- PRIMARY FUNDING SOURCES INCLUDE:
  - ROAD MAINTENANCE FEE (RMF)
  - C-FUND (CTC)
  - SCDOT
  - GPATS (MPO)
  - CITIES
COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS
2023 TRANSPORTATION SPENDING (EST.)

TOTAL
$78 MILLION

COUNTY PORTION
$12 MILLION
COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS
2020 COUNTY POPULATION

- Dorchester
- Berkeley
- York
- Spartanburg
- Horry
- Charleston
- Richland
- Greenville
COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS
2023 COUNTY SHARE SPENDING (EST.)

Greenville
Spartanburg
Dorchester
York
Richland
Berkeley
Horry
Charleston
COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS
2023 PER CAPITA COUNTY SHARE SPENDING (EST.)

- Berkeley
- Dorchester
- Horry
- Charleston
- York
- Richland
- Spartanburg
- Greenville

$ - $50 $100 $150 $200 $250 $300 $350 $400
NEXT STEPS
WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?
THE PATH FORWARD

CONSIDER AN ALTERNATIVE PATH

- COUNTYWIDE INVESTMENT
- FOCUS ON THE NETWORK, NOT OWNERSHIP
- BALANCE CONDITION AND CAPACITY IMPROVEMENTS
- LEVERAGE INVESTMENT DOLLARS
QUESTIONS?

THANK YOU!
### Funding Tools

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<td>Road Maintenance Fee</td>
<td>Currently $25* ($15 partial yr)</td>
<td>Was $25 before repeal in 2021</td>
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<td>Penny Tax for Roads</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>No, but capital sales tax used for building projects</td>
<td>Yes, currently on 3rd cycle</td>
<td>Yes, 1/2 cent in 2004, 2nd 1/2 cent added in 2016</td>
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<td>Yes, began in 2012</td>
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<td>Current Penny Tax Details</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td>Referendum moving forward to November 2023 ballot</td>
<td>$592M over 8 years</td>
<td>$1.3B over 25 years ($52M per yr) through 2030, plus $2.1B over 25 years through 2042</td>
<td>$278M over 7 years. Total of $736M over 4 cycles</td>
<td>$1.07B over 22 years</td>
<td>7 years or $587M</td>
<td>15 years or $735M</td>
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<td>Other Funding</td>
<td>$4M match with C-Funds (paving)</td>
<td>$113M over 5 years using GO Bonds in 2022 and 2024</td>
<td>C-Funds</td>
<td>$9M from Council plus C-Funds ($10M)</td>
<td>$7.5M from C-Funds plus at least $2M per year from Council</td>
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<td>MPO Funding (Portion of)</td>
<td>GPATS - $23.2 million</td>
<td>SPATS - $8.2 million</td>
<td>GSATS - $9.8 million</td>
<td>CHATS - $24.4 million</td>
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NEXT STEPS

ROADMAP TO INVESTMENT

- ESTABLISH A GOAL:
  ADDITIONAL $100M/YEAR

- WHAT $100M/YEAR LOOKS LIKE:
  - 30 MIL IN PROPERTY TAXES
  - $200 ROAD MAINTENANCE FEE
  - ONE-CENT SALES TAX

- SELECT THE RIGHT TOOL(S)
NEXT STEPS

THE BEST OPTION: OUR HUMBLE SUGGESTION

SC CODE § 4-10-300 ("CAPITAL PROJECT SALES TAX")
- 1% FOR UP TO 8 YEARS
- MANY TYPES OF PROJECTS ELIGIBLE
- USED FOR APPROVED PROJECTS ONLY
- EXCLUDES ESSENTIALS (GROCERY, PHARMACY, GAS)
- REVENUE CAN BE LEVERAGED
**NEXT STEPS**

**CAPITAL SALES TAX: DRAFT PROJECT LIST**

- STATE/COUNTY/CITY REPAVING
  - 100 MILES/YEAR
- BRIDGES
  - REPAIR & REPLACE
- INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS
  - SIGNALS & TURN LANES
- CAPACITY PROJECTS
  - HIGH-VOLUME CORRIDORS