



Berkeley Chamber of Commerce Pushes for One Cent Sales Tax

This is the only form of revenue for Berkeley County to address maintenance of existing roads, upgrading new roads and resurfacing roads

- Bill McCall, President of Berkeley Chamber of Commerce

(Berkeley County, SC) October 16, 2008 -- Over one hundred road signs, asking residents to **Vote Yes** on the **One-Cent Sales Tax**, will be popping up along local Berkeley County streets and main highways. The Berkeley Chamber of Commerce is behind the push, hoping it will drive home the positive impact the sales tax would have on the roads to voters.

“100% of the funds generated from the one-cent sales tax will be used for road improvements in Berkeley County over the next 7 years, said Bill McCall, President of the Berkeley Chamber of Commerce.

According to McCall, there are major unfunded and underfunded highway projects in Berkeley County that have not been addressed for over thirty years. With the revenue from this seven-year tax, Berkeley County will be able to resurface all roads with major resurfacing needs. Without this referendum, it could mean higher insurance fees, more repairs and maintenance to vehicles, more accidents and more congestion. Revenue will not be used in new subdivision developments or subsidizing impact fees for new development.

“In the twenty year highway plan for the urban areas of Berkeley County, no funds have been allocated”, said McCall.

If approved, Berkeley County will be able to leverage matching funds that come available from federal and state initiatives, along with the counties who already have this fund available for matching grants.

Proposed roads that would benefit from the tax are highway capacity projects, such as the Henry Brown Boulevard Extension, Clements Ferry Road Improvements, College Park Road Improvements, Railroad Avenue Extension and US Highway 17-A Improvements.

For a complete listing of proposed intersection, repaving and resurfacing projects, go to www.berkeleysc.org/salestax.html.

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