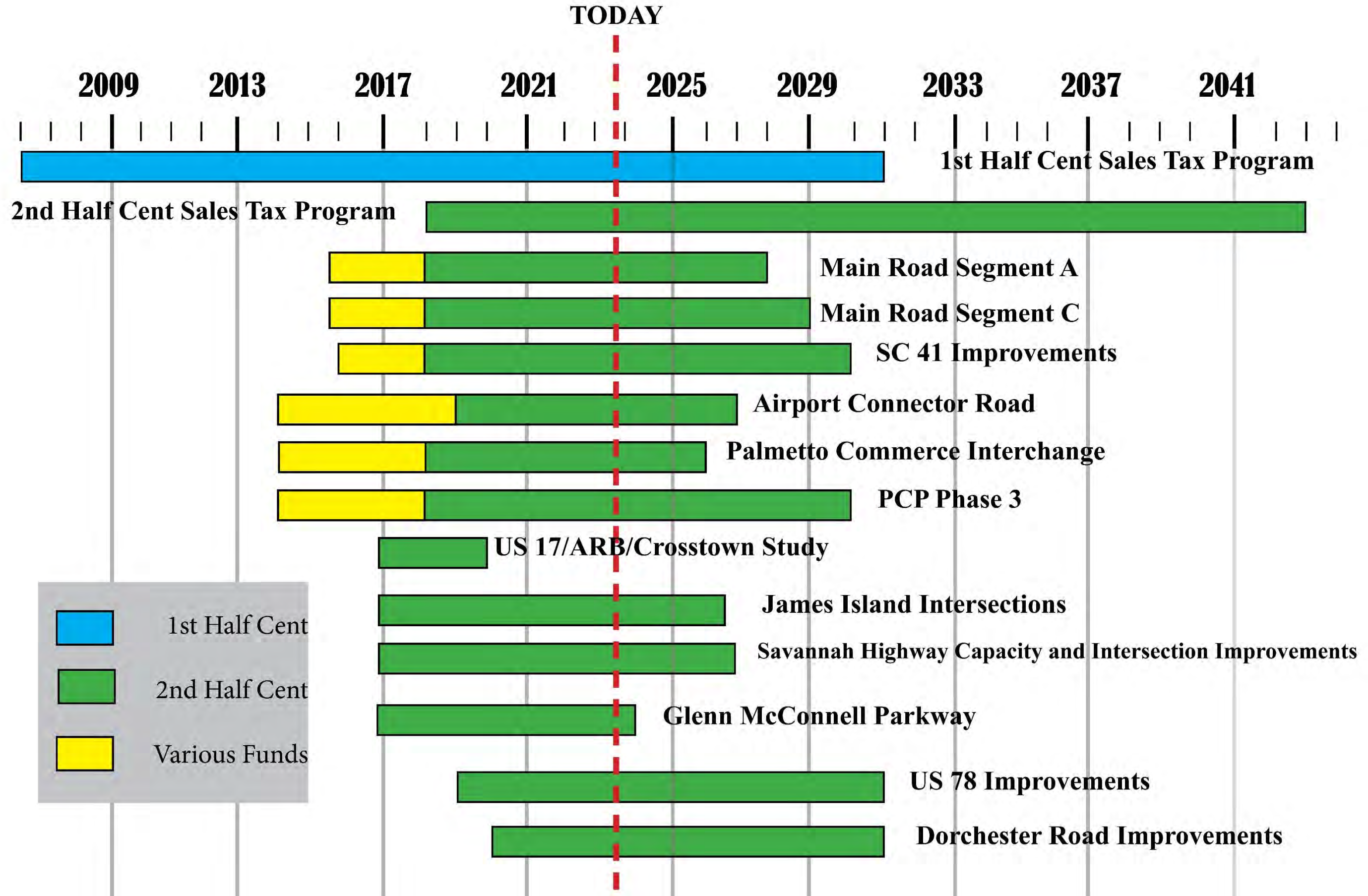


Transportation Sales Tax Update

November 30, 2023

2nd Half Cent Project Outlook (based on Cashflow)



Major Milestones – Featured Projects

Glenn McConnell Parkway Widening

- Contractor is approaching completion of additional travel lane and intersection improvements on eastbound side roadway
- Contractor working on shared-use path adjacent to eastbound travel lanes
- Project lighting installation in early 2024
- Construction substantially complete end of 1st Quarter 2024



Glenn McConnell Parkway Widening



Maybank Highway Improvements – Northern Pitchfork

- Contractor working to complete Phase 2 from Stono Oaks Apartments to River Road
- Maybank Restriping – TBD after change order executed
- Project substantially completed in January 2024, with final completion end of 1st Quarter 2024



Palmetto Commerce Interchange

- Project will reduce congestion, improve access, and increase mobility in the I-26/Ashley Phosphate Road area
- Construction began August 1, 2023, with substantial completion expected in February 2026
- Community Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, December 5th @ 6 pm



Main Road Segment A:

Segment A - US 17 and Main Road Intersection & Main Road Improvements – Bees Ferry to River Road

- Currently securing right-of-way along the project corridor
- 1st Quarter 2024 – Army Corps of Engineers environmental permit review & decision
- 3rd Quarter 2024 – Award design-build contract
- 4th Quarter 2024 – Begin construction
- 4th Quarter 2028 – Project substantially complete



Main Road Segment C:

Segment C - Bohicket Road Improvements – Maybank Highway to Betsy Kerrison Parkway

January 18, 2024 – Public Meeting

2nd Quarter 2024 – Develop Preliminary 30% Plans

3rd Quarter 2024 – Prepare and Submit USACE Permit

2nd Quarter 2025 – Begin Right-of-Way Acquisition process



Other Projects Under Design:

- **SC-41 Corridor Improvements**
- **Airport Connector Road**
- **Palmetto Commerce Parkway – Phase 3**
- **James Island Intersections:**
 - **Camp Road & Fort Johnson**
 - **Central Park & Riverland**
 - **Folly Road Complete Streets**
 - **Fort Johnson & Secessionville**
- **Savannah Hwy (US-17) Capacity/Intersection Improvements**
- **US-78 Improvements**
- **Dorchester Road Improvements**



Proposed 3rd

Transportation Sales Tax

Current Transportation Sales Tax Programs

- **1st Transportation Sales Tax**
 - **½-cent sales tax**
 - **Began collections in FY2005**
 - **\$1.3 billion by the end of FY2026**
- **2nd Transportation Sales Tax**
 - **Additional ½-cent sales tax**
 - **Collections in FY2017 - FY2042**
 - **\$2.1 billion**



3rd Transportation Sales Tax Background

- **February 1, 2023 – Council directed staff to research financial approach to fund Mark Clark Extension project**
 - **Staff determined continuation of Transportation Sales Tax program was best approach**
- **May 18, 2023 – Chairman Sass requested staff formulate plan for 2024 Transportation Sales Tax referendum.**



Proposed 3rd Transportation Sales Tax

- **3rd Transportation Sales Tax would replace 1st Transportation Sales Tax**
 - **Continue ½-cent sales tax**
 - **25-year collection period**
 - **FY2027 – FY2052**
 - **\$5.4 billion**
 - **Provides funding for:**
 - **Transportation Infrastructure Improvements**
 - **Mass Transit**
 - **Greenbelt Program**



Proposed 3rd Transportation Sales Tax

- **June 2023 – Staff engagement with BCDCOG, SCDOT, City of Charleston, City of North Charleston, Town of Mount Pleasant, and the Town of James Island**
- **Public Involvement:**
 - **5 public meetings**
 - **North Charleston**
 - **West Ashley**
 - **Johns Island**
 - **James Island**
 - **Mount Pleasant**
 - **Website for comment submission**



3rd Transportation Sales Tax Proposed Timeline

