

Florence County Capital Project Sales Tax Road Projects

On November 7, 2006, Florence County voters approved a One-Cent Capital Project Sales Tax for roads for up to seven years. This penny tax went into effect on May 1, 2007.

If the designated sales tax amount approved by voters in the referendum is collected before the end of the seven years, or if all of the listed projects have been completed before the end of the seven years, the tax will end earlier. The one-cent sales tax is estimated to generate \$148 million over the seven years, which when combined with a grant from the State Infrastructure Bank of \$250 million will yield \$398 million for the road projects identified and prioritized below.

The road projects to be funded from the One-Cent Capital Project Sales Tax are specifically listed below in order of priority approved on the referendum:

1. Pine Needles Road project
Widening of Pine Needles Road from Southborough Road to South Ebenezer Road
2. US 378 Project
Widening of US 378 from US 52 near Lake City to SC 41 in Kingsburg
3. US 76 Project
Widening US 76 from I-95 to Main Street in Timmonsville
4. TV Road Project
Widening of TV Road to four lanes from Wilson Road to I-95
5. Pamlico Highway Project
Widening SC 51 from Claussen Road to US 378 in Kingsburg
6. 301 By Pass
Completion of the 301 ByPass from US 76 near Timmonsville to the intersection of US 52/301 and Howe Springs Road

2008 First Quarter Activities

February 2008

Pine Needles Project

The engineering and right of way acquisition continues for this project. The construction contract for Phase I was signed by Florence County in February 2008 with Dane Construction of Mooresville, North Carolina for \$1.9 million. Phase I will entail widening approximately .025 miles of the overpass over I-95 portion of the roadway. The work is slated to be completed in August 2008.

Phase II of the project coming in the summer of 2008.

To view SCDOT's design of the widening project, [*please click here.*](#)

Highway 378

Florence County signed a contract for the engineering services related to the Highway 378 widening project in February 2008. The work is estimated to take approximately 6 months.

A public information meeting was held on Thursday, February 28, 2008 from 4-7 pm at the Lake City Senior Center, located at 198 North Acline Street in Lake City. The public comments period closed on March 13, 2008 with 65 comments being received regarding the project.

US 76

In February 2008, a contract for the professional engineering services portion of this project was signed with STV, Inc.

2008 Second Quarter Activities

May 2008

Highway 378

Based on input received during the public comments period, SCDOT proposed that Highway 378 be widened to a 5-lane road with ditches. Florence County Council approved the widening scope as presented by SCDOT at the May 1, 2008 regularly scheduled Florence County Council meeting. The Highway 378 project has been divided into 5 sections and an aerial of each section can be viewed by [*clicking here.*](#) The aerials are very large and may take several minutes to download. If you have problems downloading the aerials, a CD of the aerials can be obtained by completing a *Freedom of Information* request and submitting to the Clerk to Council's office in Room 802, City-County Complex. If you would like more information, please contact the Clerk to Council at 843-665-3044.

US 76

Preliminary design work has begun on the TV Road project.

June 2008

Highway 378

A contract for engineering services was entered into for the widening of the US 378 Lynches River Bridge.

August 2008

The construction contract for Phase II of the Pine Needles Road widening project was signed by Florence County with Weaver Company, Inc. of Conway, SC for \$10.4 million. Phase II of the project will be the widening of Pine Needles Road from South Ebenezer to Southborough Road. Work on this portion of the project is slated to begin within a few months.