

SOUTH CAROLINA)
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RICHLAND COUNTY)

A RESOLUTION No. 2024-0319-01

**EXPANDING THE FUNCTIONS, DUTIES AND POWERS OF THE
TRANSPORTATION PENNY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 4-37-30 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended (“Act”), Richland County, South Carolina (“County”), previously imposed a sales and use tax in the amount of one percent in the County (“Existing Sales and Use Tax);

WHEREAS, the County established the 15-member Transportation Penny Advisory Committee (“TPAC”), which is comprised of citizens of the County representing the County and the several municipalities in the County (i.e., Town of Arcadia Lakes, Town of Blythewood, City of Columbia, Town of Eastover, City of Forest Acres and Town of Irmo), to advise the County in connection with the execution of the transportation-related projects funded with the Existing Sales and Use Tax;

WHEREAS, the County is authorized to proscribe and expand the functions, duties and powers of the TPAC from time to time;

WHEREAS, the County desires to continue to improve and expand the accessibility, reliability, sustainability, quality, and resiliency of the County’s transportation-related infrastructure and systems and is undertaking an assessment of the ongoing transportation infrastructure needs of the County (“Transportation Needs”);

WHEREAS, the County is considering the imposition of a one percent sales and use tax (the “Proposed Sales and Use Tax”) pursuant to the provisions of the Act, subject to approval of the qualified electors of the County in a referendum, to be levied and imposed immediately following the expiration of the Existing Sales and Use Tax, to provide funding for the Transportation Needs;

WHEREAS, because of the experience of the TPAC in connection with the Existing Sales and Use Tax, the County desires to expand the functions, duties and powers of the TPAC to include assisting the County in reviewing the Transportation Needs and developing principles by which the County would undertake the Transportation Needs;

WHEREAS, the County anticipates that the TPAC would serve as the body through which the several municipalities of the County would provide input for the County’s consideration on the Transportation Needs and the principles by which the County would undertake the Transportation Needs; and

WHEREAS, the County would consider the recommendation from the TPAC with respect to the Transportation Needs in determining to submit a referendum question to the qualified electors of the County regarding the Proposed Sales and Use Tax.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council as follows:

Section 1. The County directs the TPAC to review and advise the County on the Transportation Needs, the projects necessary to address the Transportation Needs (“Projects”), the principles to be applied to determine and execute the Projects (“Principles”) and the categorization of the Projects for purposes of the referendum ballot question for the Proposed Sales and Use Tax (“Ballot Categories”). The County shall provide to the TPAC the reports, assessments, documents and such other information relating to the Transportation Needs, Projects and Principles as the TPAC may request in order to enable its review and recommendation.

Section 2. The County directs that the TPAC shall meet more frequently, as may be necessary, to fully review and develop a recommendation on the Transportation Needs, Projects, Principles and the percentage of the Proposed Sales and Use Tax to be assigned to each of the Ballot Categories.

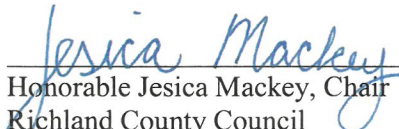
Section 3. The County directs that the TPAC shall make regular, interim reports from its meetings to the Chairman of the Transportation Penny *Ad Hoc* Committee of County Council (“Committee”). The County further directs that the TPAC shall determine a final report by no later than June 17, 2024, and provide its final report, in such form as the TPAC may determine, to the Committee by no later than June 18, 2024.

Section 4. The County directs the TPAC to solicit from the City of Columbia and the Town of Arcadia Lakes (and any other municipality which may have a vacancy in its representation in the membership of the TPAC) appointees to fill their representative vacancies on the TPAC membership. If no appointment is made by April 5, 2024 to fill the current representative vacancies as of the date of this Resolution, the County Council Chair, the Chair of the Committee and the Chair of the Rules and Appointments Committee are authorized to recommend appointments to fill any vacancy on the TPAC, which shall be confirmed by a vote of County Council.

Section 5. As the creator of the TPAC, County Council confirms its authority to ensure the membership of the TPAC is filled so that it may meet and fulfill its proscribed duties. If there are other vacancies that occur and the applicable municipality has not made an appointment within 30 days of such vacancy, County Council confirms the County’s authority to make an appointment to fill such representative vacancy. The County shall use its best efforts in all cases to appoint an individual that lives in the geographic jurisdiction of the applicable municipality.

Section 6. This Resolution is effective after its approval by the County Council.

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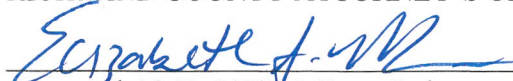


Honorable Jessica Mackey, Chair
Richland County Council
(SEAL)

ATTEST:


Anette A. Kirylo, Clerk to County Council

RICHLAND COUNTY ATTORNEY’S OFFICE



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No Opinion Rendered As To Content
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