

Anderson County Capital Projects Sales Tax 2025 for Road Paving, Safety, and Bridges Only

What is a Capital Projects Sales Tax (CPST)?

A 1% sales tax used to fund specific capital projects. In Anderson County's case, the projects are ONLY road paving, safety, and bridges. This tax does not apply to unprepared foods, medical prescriptions, or motor vehicle fuel. The tax must be voted on by voters in a referendum. According to economists, about 35% of the taxes will be paid by visitors to Anderson County.



Why does Anderson County need a CPST?

Overall, the condition of Anderson County's 1553 miles of roads score 64.7/100, a failing score. The longer a road goes without being fixed and repaved, the more it costs to fix the road. Of the County's 160 bridges, four are currently closed because the bridges cannot carry even passenger vehicles. Fifty-two are open but weight restricted meaning larger vehicles cannot use the bridges. In 2020, all roads inside the county had the highest pedestrian fatality rate among all counties in South Carolina.

How else could paving be funded?

The County would have to raise property taxes or institute a Road Maintenance Tax that would be paid annually on every registered vehicle in Anderson County. These additional taxes would have to be significant to address the deterioration of County roads.

Do other Counties in SC have a CPST?

22 of the 46 counties in SC have a capital projects sales tax. Across the state the tax is used for a variety of capital projects, including roads.



How do I know the CPST will ONLY be spent on road paving, safety, and bridges?

By state law, the taxes can only be spent on the purposes approved by the Capital Projects Sales Tax Commission. The SC Department of Revenue audits the use of the taxes.

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How was the CPST Commission selected?

By state law, Anderson County Council and Anderson City Council, in cooperation with the other municipalities in the county, appointed 6 members of the commission in public meetings.



How were the projects selected?

Anderson County staff submitted for consideration projects based on road condition, road classification, repeat requests for maintenance, accident experience, and bridge conditions. The 10 municipalities submitted projects based on similar criteria. After public meetings and public participation, the Commission adopted purposes, projects, and restrictions for the tax. These can be found at andersoncountysc.org/capital-projects-sales-tax-commission/. If approved, the tax will be in effect for 8 years, generating an estimated \$352,000,000. The commission adopted restrictions that require that any taxes collected in excess of this amount must be spent on road paving, safety, and bridges.

How did the CPST go from Commission adoption to the ballot?

The County Council received the ballot question, including a list of projects, in July. After three readings in public meetings and a public hearing, the Council voted to hold a referendum with the ballot question adopted by the Commission. By state law, the Council could either approve or deny the work of the Commission. No additions or deletions to the project list could be made after Commission adoption.



When do I vote and how can I learn more?

The referendum will be held November 4, 2025. Any changes to your regular voting places will be announced before voting date. Visit the Capital Projects Sales Tax Commission webpage at andersoncountysc.org/capital-projects-sales-tax-commission/ or call Anderson County Roads & Bridges at 864-260-4190.