



On Nov. 6, Richland County will vote on increasing the sales tax by a penny to fund public transit. The tax will raise \$300 million over the next 22 years.

The money will:

- allow fixed routes to be restored and expanded.
- reduce wait times to 15-30 minutes
- extend hours of service
- restore Sunday service
- expand DART service
- fund new transit station and shelters
- attract more riders and reduce traffic congestion through Park-and-Ride services

Let's fund a transit system people will want to use.

**Vote YES TWICE for the penny tax
on Nov. 6!**

Two "Local Questions" must pass to save the buses.

What's wrong with public transportation in the Midlands?

Richland County's bus and DART (Dial-A-Ride-Transit for the disabled) service has been reduced 40% in the past two years. Buses run less often, and routes have been cut. All buses stop running at 6:30pm, and there is no Sunday or holiday service. There is no longterm source of funding for buses or DART, and if the penny does not pass, the system will run out of funds on June 30, 2013.

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The penny sales tax will appear on Pages 5 and 6 on your Richland County voting machine as Local Question #1 and Local Question #2.

A "YES" vote on # 1 will allow Richland County to collect a penny sales tax for transportation for the next 22 years. The tax will raise \$1 billion for transportation.

42% of the money is projected to come from people who don't live in Richland County. Each project gets a set percentage of the money raised that cannot be transferred between projects. Buses will get 29% (an estimated \$301 million); roads, 63%; pedestrian and bicycle pathways and greenspace, 8%.

A "YES" vote on # 2 will allow the County to issue a bond to immediately begin working on the projects.



To help Save the Buses, contact the SC Progressive Network at 803-808-3384 or network@scpronet.com. For more about the Network, see www.scpronet.com or find us on Facebook.