



York County Capital Projects Sales Tax Audit

May 1, 2018-June 30, 2024

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The South Carolina Department of Revenue conducted a compliance audit of York County's One Percent Capital Projects Sales Tax program. The audit evaluated the collection and use of the tax revenues from May 1, 2018 to June 30, 2024.

The audit concludes that York County was in compliance and the penny tax collections were used exclusively for projects listed on the 2017 referendum.

I. INTRODUCTION

The South Carolina Department of Revenue (Department) conducted an audit of the York County Capital Projects Sales Tax. The Department has a duty to ensure public accountability and transparency regarding the expenditures of the Capital Projects Sales Tax revenue collected, by utilizing its authority as the administrator of the tax.

II. AUDIT OBJECTIVE & SCOPE

The purpose of this audit was to perform an independent and objective compliance audit of the York County Capital Projects Sales Tax. The audit scope included review of the expenditures and collection of the sales tax revenue for the period from May 1, 2018 to June 30, 2024.

III. BACKGROUND

The Capital Projects Sales Tax Act (SC Code Section 4-10-300) empowers counties to impose, pursuant to a referendum, a sales and use tax not to exceed 1% within its jurisdiction for a specific purpose or purposes and for a specific period of time. The revenue from the tax is to be used to pay for capital projects provided in the resolution and included in the referendum question directly, to service general obligation bond debt incurred by the county for such improvements, or a combination of these purposes.

In the 2017 General Election York County voters approved a referendum on the imposition of the 1% Sales and Use tax for a period of seven years beginning May 1, 2018.

IV. AUDIT SUMMARY

As noted in the 2017 referendum, all revenue received from the sales and use tax would be used to pay the costs of the capital projects detailed in the aforementioned referendum.

To verify collections, we compared the deposit amounts on York County's general ledger to the South Carolina Department of Revenue's Allocation Report. To verify expenses, we reviewed a sample of capital project transactions from the general ledger and verified supporting invoices.

V. TAX COLLECTION

York County collected \$287,062,331 in 1% Capital Projects Sales and Use Tax for the audit period. Below is a list of the York County projects as approved by the 2017 referendum that reflects the budget and project status from May 1, 2018 through June 30, 2025.

York County Capital Projects			
Project Name	Original Budget	Amended Budget	Project Status
Hwy. 557 - 5 lane	\$ 8,000,000	\$ 50,000,000	Started-Not Completed
Hwy. 160 East	\$ 3,300,000	\$ 5,700,000	Started-Not Completed
Riverview Road	\$ 6,010,000	\$ 16,000,000	Started-Not Completed
Mount Gallant Phase 3	\$ 23,810,000	\$ 40,000,000	Started-Not Completed
Hwy. 72	\$ 18,880,000	\$ 41,000,000	Started-Not Completed
Resurfacing	\$ 50,000,000	\$ 43,508,563	Completed
Cel River Road	\$ 40,510,000	\$ 73,000,000	Started-Not Completed
Sutton/Spratt/FM Parkway	\$ 23,130,000	\$ 66,000,000	Started-Not Completed
Hwy. 557 - 3 lane	\$ 25,520,000	\$ 3,558,098	Completed
Hubert Graham Way Extension	\$ 2,830,000	\$ 2,677,695	Completed
Hwy. 49/557/274 Intersection	\$ 7,300,000	\$ 1,076,990	Completed
US 321/Kings Mountain Road	\$ 1,940,000	\$ 1,417,612	Completed
US 21/Springdale Intersection	\$ 6,820,000	\$ 1,090,524	Completed
Sutton Road Intersections	\$ 3,000,000	\$ 3,269,493	Completed
Flint Hill St. Community Drainage	\$ 4,570,000	\$ 1,183,907	Completed
Celanese/Cherry Intersection	\$ 1,590,000	\$ 3,115,720	Completed
US 21 left turn lanes	\$ 1,030,000	\$ 869,572	Completed
Bate Harvey Road	\$ 2,950,000	\$ 1,829,330	Completed
US 21	\$ 35,880,000	\$ 3,065,649	Completed
Neely Road	\$ 10,850,000	\$ 425,923	Completed
Total	\$ 277,920,000	\$ 358,789,076	

*Original budget determined in 2017 prior to referendum. Amended budget mainly due to inflation during Covid.

VI. CONCLUSION

For the audit period, this audit concludes that York County is in compliance with the Capital Project Sales and Use Tax and the 2017 referendum, and the revenue was utilized exclusively for projects identified in the referendum.