

Phase VI One Cent Sales Tax Program Constituent District 1

Constituent Board Meeting Summary

February 25, 2025

On February 25, 2025, a constituent board meeting was held at St. James-Santee Elementary-Middle School located in Constituent District 1. The purpose of the meeting was to inform the board about the upcoming Phase VI One Cent Sales Tax Program (2029-2034). In addition, to gain board input of the types of school related building improvements they would like to see in their area. There were a total of 16 in attendance and everyone was offered the opportunity to provide comments and feedback. We receive 18 questions and emails as a form of input.

A synopsis of those comments are listed in this summary related to Capital Programs.

Summary of Constituent Board Questions

1. What was the funding source used to purchase the Kaiser Farm property in D1 near Jenkins Hill Rd.?

Response:

FY2017 Fixed Cost of Ownership.

2. Who can vote?

Response:

For the November 2026 ballot, anyone within Charleston County can vote.

3. Does this survey go to every community member if they are not associated with a school?

Response:

Yes.

4. The slide said email but can we drop it off at the school?

Response:

Yes.

5. We can distribute to churches and return them to the school?

Response:

Yes.

6. We have a charter school in McClellanville, may they use the QR code posted on the CCSD website?

Response:

Yes.

7. Phave VI dates starts on Jan 2029?

Response:

Yes. January 1, 2029.

8. November 2026 is the next ballot?

Response:

Yes.

9. Do you know when the update for the community date is?

Response:

March 13, 2025 located at St. James-Santee Elementary-Middle School at 6pm, Cafeteria.

10. If our project doesn't get funded, what can we do to get the project back on the list? Fill in the Phase VI One Cent Sales Tax Survey.

Response:

Please complete the Phase VI One Cent Sales Tax Survey for consideration of project improvements.

[*Phase VI One Cent Sales Tax Survey \[English\]*](#)

[*Phase VI One Cent Sales Tax Survey \[Spanish\]*](#)

11. What is the dollar amount that decides the ballot priorities?

Response:

The dollar amount is not associated with the ballot priorities. The dollar amount is associated with the cost to design, construction, and equip the project using the market value cost. The ballot priorities are based on the focus areas discussed in slide 4.

12. When was the last time St. James-Santee Elementary-Middle got money from a sales tax program?

Response:

Within the Phase IV One Cent Sales Tax program in the amount of \$5.9 million dollars worth of capital maintenance improvements.

13. The replacement for Lincoln was on the last 2 ballots. Why haven't they been funded?

Response:

For student enrollment less than 500, new schools are not constructed. The student enrollment was less than 500.

14. What would be the ramifications if the project for phase VI also does not get funded?

Response:

If a project is not funded within the Phase VI, it could 1) be considered for the Phase VII One Cent Sales Tax, 2) wait until all the revenue are collected to assess excess revenues, and/or 3) evaluate if the project is still a need.

15. So that project was on the last ballot may or may not be on the initiative?

Response:

Yes.

16. Do we have to start all over for this Phase VI Sales Tax Program?

Response:

Yes, in order to be considered and for potential funding.

17. Our weakness is growth. Would this change if the constituent district lines were redrawn?

Response:

Any situation that would allow for increase student enrollment for 500 or more students would strengthen the opportunity for a new school. This could be in the form of constituent district lines being redrawn or student enrollment from growth in the area.

18. The ½ million allocated for design-is it all gone? No. There is still money left in that project.

Response:

Currently, the ½ million for the design is still left in the project.