

Chairman Middleton:

We the below signed support the City of Charleston's priorities for the proposed 2026 TST referendum.

Specifically we support having the Peninsula of Charleston's proportionate share of the funding (based primarily on current resident population but also with anticipated growth projections) be used in part for the City of Charleston's local match for the ongoing efforts with the United States Army Corps of Engineers Perimeter Protection Plan ("Battery Extension") that are directly tied to preventing flooding and storm surge on the major state-owned road arteries of Lockwood Drive, Calhoun Street, Concord Street, Washington Street, East Bay, and Morrison Drive. This effort will also have the double benefit of providing more bicycle and pedestrian mobility in and around the City.

We feel strongly that this is a once in a generation opportunity to leverage federal resources with local funding to protect and improve multiple forms of transportation and urge the County to include these efforts in the upcoming referendum.

Respectfully Submitted:

City of Charleston

Charleston Neighborhood Consortium