

# North Central Neighborhood Association

December 15, 2025

**Jennifer Cook**

Clerk of Council

City of Charleston, SC

Ms. Cook,

**Subject:** Upper Peninsula - TST Priorities

**Agenda Item #1: 3:** Approval of City of Charleston Priorities for the proposed 2026 Charleston County Transportation Sales Tax

As the presidents of four neighborhoods covering most of the Uptown, we join in asking City Council to **not** approve the priorities for the half-cent sales tax (TST).

First, all we have been told is that the \$500 million for peninsula projects will pay for “improvements” to seven streets. The City has refused to share any details about those improvements despite having been asked several times. We cannot know whether the projects correlate with the wish-list of Uptown road projects. No one can possibly assess whether the “improvements” are a fair return for \$500 million. We will not support a half-billion-dollar slush fund, but the details are so lacking, that is what City Council is voting on.

Second, the City asked us to sign a letter supporting having “some” of that same \$500 million redirected to the Battery Extension project with no chance to ask any questions first. We are troubled by City Council’s considering a list of undefined road priorities while at the same time preparing to reroute possibly 90% of those same funds to a totally different project.

It is unfortunate that the City never asked Uptown residents what projects we would like to see funded. But, we cannot support prioritizing undefined “improvements” over projects we would like to see undertaken. And we certainly cannot support any projects—whether Uptown residents would prioritize them or not—when the City is already laying the foundation for disregarding the vote to be taken this week and use the money on a completely different project benefiting no one but the owners of the priciest homes in Charleston along the southern waterfront.

We would ask that the matter be tabled so that residents can finally learn what the City Council is thinking and have a voice in the matter.

Sincerely,

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**Jarett Nicholson**

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