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## Quick Facts

- York County voters will decide on Aug. 2 whether to continue supporting the York County Capital Projects Sales and Use Tax Program for another seven years.
- Money collected from this third initiative will fund \$161 million in projects, including a planned pedestrian safety improvements along Cherry Road and Oakland Avenue near the Winthrop campus.

ROCK HILL, S.C. - Winthrop University's **Board of Trustees** unanimously adopted a resolution Monday supporting the **Pennies for Progress** road referendum.

York County voters will decide on Aug. 2 whether to continue supporting the **York County Capital Projects Sales and Use Tax Program** for another seven years. Money collected from this third initiative will fund \$161 million in projects, including a planned pedestrian safety improvements along Cherry Road and Oakland Avenue near the Winthrop campus.

**Pennies for Progress** has paid for road improvements in York County for the past 14 years through a 1-cent sales tax. More than \$261 million has been raised to date. The current tax expires in September.

Winthrop board members said that York County remains among the fastest growing counties in the U.S., and the **Pennies for Progress program** has been and can continue to be a pivotal means of keeping up with transportation infrastructure needs created by that growth. The additions by Winthrop would simultaneously improve safety and increase the overall attractiveness of the area for visitors, current and prospective students, and residents of Rock Hill.

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