

**CHARLESTON COUNTY COUNCIL
DISTRICT 1**

Herbert Sass (*Incumbent*)

1.) According to [Dangerous by Design 2022](#), Charleston-North Charleston ranked as the 5th most dangerous metro area in the nation for people walking between 2016 and 2020. Furthermore, Charleston County leads the state (which ranked 3rd most dangerous in the country) in bike/ped fatalities and injuries. Meanwhile, pedestrian trips are substantially increasing year-over-year. Is safe and connected infrastructure for bicycling, walking (with and without assistive devices), and public transit a high priority for you?

Yes, we spend a lot of money for pedestrians and public transit

2.) Are there specific bicycle, pedestrian and/or public transit projects in your district that are priorities for you? If yes, please tell us about them and how you would lead to address them.

Major routes like HWy 17 need safer crossovers

3.) If elected, would you support greater annual funding from the county for bike, pedestrian and public transit infrastructure? And, would you lobby the South Carolina Department of Transportation to increase the agency's spending on bike, pedestrian and public transit infrastructure?

If it fits in with our overall plan. The state is already increasing spending on these issues as is the county. How much is enough?

4.) Charleston Moves is intensely focused on addressing the multiple Ashley River crossings, to make them safe and connected for people on bikes and foot. So far, the Ashley River Bike & Pedestrian Bridge is funded and should go out for a design-build contract bid in 2023; the County applied for a federal grant for the Better North Bridge project in 2022 (but was not selected); the James Island Connector retrofits have been assessed, but no action has been taken to move forward; and the Wappoo Cut Bridge (as an alternative to the Connector and a linkage to the Ashley River Bridge) has yet to be studied in-depth by a public agency. Would you support advancing the North Bridge, James Island Connector and Wappoo Cut Bridge crossings?

If feasible; I would rather lobby for new bridges with bike/ped designed as a part instead of stand alone bridges that will be expensive to maintain if approved. USCG Approval is needed/

5.) What is your vision for Lowcountry Rapid Transit? Would you support zoning changes to encourage transit-oriented development and a robust network of bicycle and pedestrian paths connecting to the system's stations?

Shift to high density along the line is needed

6.) Do you agree with the following statement [Feel free to explain why or why not]?: All transportation projects (related to roads, streets, bridges and/or commercial development) should include access for multiple modes of transportation.

In a perfect world they would be part of the design