

Saturday's Letters to the Editor

- **Bus sales tax good investment for area**

I hope the Columbia area doesn't make the same mistakes that were made in Charleston by failing to pass the penny sales tax in November. This will provide the Central Midlands Regional Transit Authority with a dedicated source of local funding. It took Charleston three votes to finally get a sales tax passed.

Folks in Charleston never realized how much of an impact reducing service would have on the entire community until it finally happened. The business community was hurting because lots of workers had no way to get to work, and lots of people lost their jobs as a result of service being reduced.

Charleston now has funding that ensures we will have a good public transportation system for years to come. We have funds to build and improve our roads and bridges, as the state certainly doesn't have the funds for the needs we have in Charleston. There are also funds to preserve some green space for future generations, which would otherwise be lost forever.

With the passage of the sales tax, you will be getting so much for so little. A vote for the penny sales tax will be a vote for your future.

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