Transportation SPLOST (2017-2021)

Public Meetings (April 12-26, 2016)

Agenda

T-SPLOST Meeting With South Fulton County Cities

- **Opening Remarks**

- **TSPLOST Initiative**

Presentation
Questions and Answers

- **PRELIMINARY PROJECT RECOMMENDATIONS**
.75% Sales Tax
Summary of Tiers
Schedule

- **NEXT STEPS/SECOND ROUND OF MEETINGS-** FIRST WEEK IN MAY

- **BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' APPROVAL OF FINAL LIST-** MAY 18

- **BREAKOUT SESSIONS**

What is a SPLOST?

A Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) is a sales tax used to fund capital outlay projects proposed by the county government and municipal governments.

A Transportation SPLOST is simply a sales tax where the capital outlays are intended for transportation purposes only

How does SB 369 create a special district within Fulton County?

Creates a special district for just Fulton County as a whole and a special district for City of Atlanta. The special district for COA is based on it geographic boundaries including the portion in DeKalb County.

'Metropolitan Municipality' = City of Atlanta

'Metropolitan County' minus 'Metropolitan Municipality' = Fulton County outside of COA

Is there a maximum tax rate?

The max rate in the City of Atlanta is 0.75%. Under SB 369, the City of Atlanta is allowed up to 0.5 cents for MARTA. The combined tax can be no more than 1.0%. Therefore, TSPLOST for COA would be limited to 0.50 %.

The max rate for Fulton County outside COA is 0.75%. While there is no current legislation that allows for additional tax, this bill limits any future increases to 0.25%. TSPLOST plus any future tax can be no more than 1.0%.

ESTIMATED 'FULTON OUTIDE COA' TSPLOST FORMULA ALLOCATIONS

Formula Factor = (Local Gov. Pop./County Pop.)

Jurisdiction Formula Amount = Formula Factor x Revenue Projection

Jurisdiction	Total Population (Outside Atlanta)	% of County Population	0.75% TSPLOST 5-Year Revenue
ALPHARETTA	63,038	11.04%	$ 62,736,751
CHATTAHOOCHEE HILLS	2,610	0.46%	$ 2,597,527
COLLEGE PARK	13,290	2.33%	$ 13,226,489
EAST POINT	35,488	6.22%	$ 35,318,409
FAIRBURN	13,696	2.40%	$ 13,630,549
HAPEVILLE	6,669	1.17%	$ 6,637,130
JOHNS CREEK	83,102	14.56%	$ 82,704,869
MILTON	36,662	6.42%	$ 36,486,798
MOUNTAIN PARK	557	0.10%	$ 554,338
PALMETTO	4,437	0.78%	$ 4,415,796
ROSWELL	94,089	16.48%	$ 93,639,364
SANDY SPRINGS	101,908	17.85%	$ 101,420,998
UNION CITY	20,427	3.58%	$ 20,329,383
FULTON (UNINCORPORATED)	94,888	16.62%	$ 94,434,545
Totals	**570,861**	**100.00%**	**$ 568,132,946**

What happens if collections differ from projections?

It is suggested that a tiered process be used:
Tier I Projects – Projects that are based on 85% of Revenue projections

Tier II Projects – Projects that are based on revenue above 85% of the projections up to 100%

Tier III Projects – Projects that can be built if revenue exceeds 100% of projections.

Will there be Project Criteria?

- Projects will be chosen by each of the municipal jurisdictions and unincorporated Fulton County. The manner in which the projects will be chosen will be entirely up to each jurisdiction. It is proposed that general project criteria be used by each jurisdiction and that these criteria be adopted by the Mayors and Commissioners at regular Mayor's meeting.

    - Roadway Capital Expansion Projects
    - System State of Good Repair
    - Safety and Operational
    - System Efficiency/Travel Demand Management/Transit
    - Freight and Economic Development

- The **Final Project Master List** will be a summation of each jurisdiction's list combined together. This Master List will be included in an intergovernmental agreement.

- Per code, an intergovernmental agreement has to be reached on levying the tax, the rate of the tax and a project list.

How does a referendum get called?

- A formal meeting is called by the BOC inviting each city by written notice. The referendum will only be considered if qualified municipalities and county representing 60% of the population of the portion of Fulton outside the City of Atlanta agree to move forward.

- A similar process is in play for the City of Atlanta except the City Council approves the list of projects to move forward to the Fulton County Board of Commissioners.

- The referendum will then be signed by the Fulton Board of Commissioners unless a super majority (5 votes) of the Board of Commissioners vote NOT to move the referendum forward. In the case of City of Atlanta, Fulton County Board still signs the resolution since they have more of City in regards to geographic area than DeKalb County.

Once passed, how will oversight occur?

Fulton County and the cities could create a Fulton Transportation Investment Citizen's Oversight Council.

- Recommended that the Council consist of 15 total members
  - one appointee for each Mayor and one member appointed by the Fulton County Chairman
  - will not be any elected official from within the County or municipalities represented
- Would oversee the progress and implementation of the program.
- Would furnish annual reports to the Board of Commissioners and each Mayor of the cities within the County. The Annual Report will include a complete list of projects and the progress of the projects.
- The Council would meet twice per year and will be paid a per diem for their service on the Council. This per diem would be paid from the proceeds of the Sales Tax.

What would the ballot question look like?

FULTON OUTSIDE CITY OF ATLANTA

Shall an additional ___ percent sales tax be collected in part of _____ County _____ for _____ years for the purpose of transportation improvements and congestion reduction?

*SAMPLE BALLOT: Shall an additional **0.75** percent sales tax be collected in part of **FULTON** County **OUTSIDE OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA** for **FIVE** years for the purpose of transportation improvements and congestion reduction?*

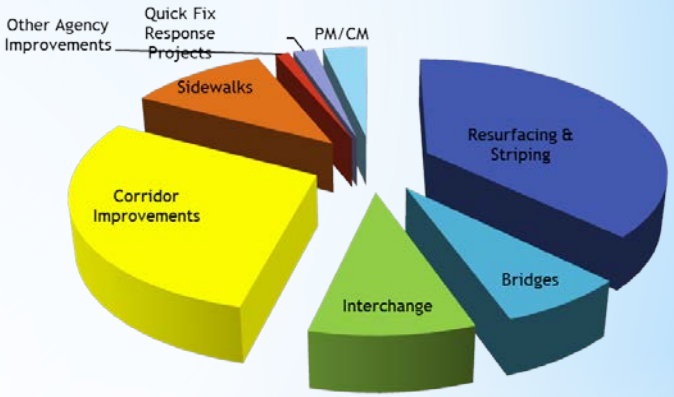
CITY OF ATLANTA

Shall an additional ___ percent sales tax be collected in the City of _____ for _____ years for the purpose of transportation improvements and congestion reduction?

*SAMPLE BALLOT: Shall an additional **0.5** percent sales tax be collected in the City of **ATLANTA** for **FIVE** years for the purpose of transportation improvements and congestion reduction?*

Can the tax be renewed at the end of the five (5) year period?

Yes, the tax can be renewed following the same process. This process can occur while the current tax is still being collected.



Will all the monies go to actual projects?

Yes, nearly all of funds will go to projects. However, there will be monies set aside for program management. Funds for Project engineering and Rights of Way will also be spent. Program management cost typically is in the range of 3%. Please note that the law does require that 1% be paid to the general fund of the state treasury in order to defray the cost of administration at the state treasury.

Proposed timeline

Feb-May	• Jurisdictions develop their lists
May 30	• Lists are due
June 15	• Complete Master List is sent to all jurisdictions
June 30	• Intergovernmental Agreement discussed and signed
August 3	• Resolution signed by County and forwarded to Election Superintendent
Aug - Nov	• Voter Information Campaign
Nov 8	• Vote

Public Meetings

Date	Location	Served the following jurisdictions
Tuesday April 12	Jefferson Park Recreation Center 1431 Norman Berry Dr. East Point, GA 30344	College Park, East Point, Hapeville, Unincorporated Fulton County
Thursday April 14	Burdett Gymnasium/Park 2945 Burdett Road College Park, GA 30349	College Park, Union City Unincorporated Fulton County
Monday April 18	City of Chattahoochee Hills 6505 Rico Road Chattahoochee Hills, GA 30268	Chattahoochee Hills, Palmetto, Unincorporated Fulton County
Tuesday April 19	Southwest Arts Center 915 New Hope Road Atlanta GA 30331	City of Atlanta, Unincorporated Fulton County
Thursday April 21	Cliftondale Park Community Center 4645 Butner Road College Park, GA 30349	Unincorporated Fulton County
Tuesday April 26	Fairburn City Hall 56 Malone Street Fairburn, GA 30213	Fairburn, Palmetto, Union City Unincorporated Fulton County

T-SPLOST- UNINCORPORATED FULTON AND CITIS IN SOUTH FULTON

DESCRIPTION	Unincorporated Fulton	College Park	Union City
1. Resurfacing & Striping	$40,494,983	1,016,630	$11,415,689
2. Bridges	$7,800,000	1,442,980	$1,104,000
3. Interchange	$10,000,000		$17,345,526
4. Corridor Improvements (Complete Streets, Intersection Improvements, Signal Upgrades, and Safety Improvements)	$31,390,000	4,883,245	
5. Sidewalks/Multiuse Trails	$11,950,000	5,302,000	$1,743,636
6. Other Agency Improvements (CID projects/Airport Improvements)/other	$1,189,500	45,280	
7. Quick Fix Response Projects	$1,888,691		$406,587
8. PM/CM	$3,777,382	528,756	$130,000
TOTAL	**$108,490,556**	**$13,218,891**	**$32,145,438**

BREAKOUT
sessions