

Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax

SPLOST

2014 SPLOST Highlights

- Approved by voters: November 2013 (58% in favor)
- 3-year program will raise estimated \$498 million
- Current SPLOST ends March 31, 2014
- New program will begin April 1, 2014
- Shared between Gwinnett County and 16 cities:
 - County: 78.9 percent
 - Cities: 21.1 percent

2014 SPLOST purposes:

- 70 percent (approximately \$275 million) for transportation projects:
 - Roads, bridges, intersection improvements, sidewalks
 - Includes \$25 million for joint city/county transportation projects
- 30 percent for other purposes:
 - Public safety facilities/equipment (\$70.7 million)
 - Recreational facilities/equipment (\$29.5 million)
 - Library relocation/renovation (\$11.8 million)
 - Senior service facilities (\$5.9 million)

Project Selection/Citizen Involvement

Transportation Projects

Citizen Project Selection Committee

- One member and one alternate represent six stakeholder groups (homeowners, businesses, civic organizations, environmental groups, schools, seniors)
- Self-selected among peers
- First assignment for committee was to recommend allocation for project categories; CPSC made their recommendations on September 30 (see chart below)
- Committee will reconvene to prioritize projects



Public Safety Projects

- Commissioners allocated funds for the following projects based on staff recommendations:
 - Public safety equipment and vehicles for Fire and Emergency Services, Police, and Sheriff (\$59.126 million)
 - Medical Examiner's facility replacement (\$6.6 million)
 - Upgrade public safety notification system for emergencies at schools (\$5 million)



Recreation Projects

- The Recreation Authority serves as the public body for prioritizing projects that will be funded by the 2014 SPLOST
- The Recreation Authority recommended focusing the 2014 SPLOST allocation for parks and recreation projects on improving/renovating existing parks and park facilities
- Projects will come from the updated Park and Recreation Capital Improvement Plan and will fall into several categories:
 - Countywide park system rehabilitation projects (e.g., ADA improvements, aquatic facilities renovations, athletic fields renovations, energy conservation projects, park furnishings and equipment, park security projects)
 - Existing park renovations and development, based on current park master plans and other existing conditions
 - Historic and cultural assets (e.g., Gwinnett Historic Courthouse, Environmental and Heritage Center)



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Library Projects

- Two library relocations that have received partial funding from previous sales tax programs will be funded by the 2014 SPLOST:
 - Duluth Branch Library
 - Norcross Branch Library



- Potential for new senior center to serve southern Gwinnett County
- ADA-accessible vehicles for senior centers for local activities and trips
- Replacement vans for home-delivered meals program

Senior Services Projects

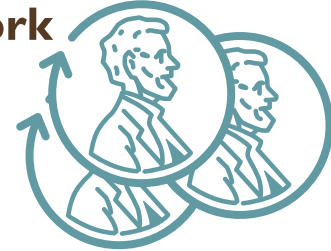
- Four public meetings were held to discuss potential projects
- Types of senior facilities and equipment projects that may be funded:
 - Expansion/renovation to existing senior center facilities such as improved drop-off areas, more space for dining and activities, general renovations, larger and updated restrooms, outdoor improvements such as expanded patios, sidewalks/walking paths, and easily accessible handicapped parking



Other public involvement

- Citizens' oversight committee to monitor all spending
- Conduct annual audits of spending by each entity and of the SPLOST program as a whole
- Post SPLOST projects status report on city and county websites and in the newspaper by the end of each year

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2014 SPLOST Category Allocations for Transportation

Category	Tier I* (Minimum Level):	Tier II** (Minimum Level):
Bridges, Culverts and Transportation Drainage	\$30,000,000	\$0
Capital Projects Rehabilitation and Resurfacing	\$30,000,000	\$2,600,000
Intersections	\$33,000,000	\$10,000,000
Major Roads	\$47,600,000	\$7,400,000
Residential Speed Control	\$500,000	\$0
Road Safety and Alignment	\$15,000,000	\$0
School Safety	\$15,000,000	\$0
Sidewalks and Pedestrian Safety	\$27,000,000	\$5,000,000
Transportation Planning	\$1,300,000	\$0
Unpaved Roads	\$700,000	\$0
Total	\$200,100,000	\$25,000,000

*Tier 1 is the amount of money that will be budgeted initially. It is 90 percent of estimated collections. The 90 percent figure is used in case collections come in lower than expected.

**Tier 2 is an additional 10 percent that will be budgeted after a majority of collections have been received and there is more certainty that final collections will reach the initial estimate.

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