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SPLOST Referendum 2008
Joint County/City Meeting
July 17, 2008



Purpose of Today's Meeting

O.C.G.A. § 48-8-111 requires the following:

- **Governing authorities of the County and cities meet to discuss possible projects/ purposes for inclusion in the SPLOST referendum**
- **A meeting must be held at least 30 days prior to the issuance of the call for the referendum**



Georgia's SPLOST Law

- Qualified cities are entitled to a share of the SPLOST
- Cities are qualified if they provide at least three out of 12 services – all Gwinnett cities are qualified



Georgia's SPLOST Law

- **The County and individual cities receiving SPLOST proceeds must each maintain records, prepare annual audits, and publish annual reports in the newspaper**
- **Proceeds must be used for capital outlay projects as distinguished from current expenditures and ordinary maintenance expenses**



Georgia's SPLOST Law

Examples of eligible projects/purposes:

- **Transportation projects which purposes may include roads, bridges, sidewalks, bike paths, stormwater, and drainage**
- **Recreational, cultural, and historic facilities (or combination)**
- **Public safety facilities and equipment**
- **Courthouse, administrative buildings, local or regional jail**



Georgia's SPLOST Law

Examples of eligible projects/purposes:

- Libraries
- Water and sewer capital projects
- County health department facility
- Retirement of general obligation debt
- Other capital projects



Georgia's SPLOST Law Options

- **Countywide projects**
 - For use or benefit of citizens of entire county
 - Certain countywide projects are level one and receive funding first; SPLOST shall be five years without IGA or potentially six years; no limit on collections
 - Can have 20 percent of proceeds for level two countywide projects first; SPLOST up to six years; no limit on collections



Georgia's SPLOST Law Options

- **No intergovernmental agreement**
 - **Proceeds distributed to County and cities based on population after level one and level two projects**
 - **Must have purposes and estimated costs for the resolution**
 - **Proceeds distributed monthly**



Georgia's SPLOST Law Options

- Intergovernmental agreement with cities representing no less than 50 percent of municipal population
 - Agreement must contain:
 - List of projects/purposes and estimated cost of each
 - Proceeds distribution schedule
 - Record-keeping/audit procedures
 - Agreement entered into prior to call for the referendum can be up to six-year SPLOST



2009 SPLOST PLANS

- Five year program
- Estimated amount \$850 million
- Intergovernmental agreement with all 15 Gwinnett County cities



History – 1985 SPLOST

- **County's first SPLOST**
- **Approved by voters in June 1985**
- **Purpose: Construction of Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center**
- **Collections: \$65.5 million – 24 months (October 1985 – September 1987)**
- **Average monthly collection: \$2.7 million**





History – 1988 SPLOST

Approved by voters in November 1987

- Purposes:

- Construction of Civic Center and the Pre-Trial Detention Center





History – 1988 SPLOST

- Purposes:
 - Preservation of the Gwinnett Historic Courthouse





History – 1988 SPLOST

- Purposes:
 - Road, street, and bridge projects



Ronald Reagan Parkway



History – 1988 SPLOST

- **Collections: \$162.7 million – 48 months (April 1988 – March 1992)**
- **Average monthly collection: \$3.4 million**



History – 1992 SPLOST

Approved by voters in November 1991

- Purposes: Road, street, and bridge projects



Annistown Road Widening



History – 1992 SPLOST

- **Collections: \$249.1 million – 48 months (April 1992 – March 1996)**
- **Average monthly collection: \$5.2 million**



History – 1997 SPLOST

Approved by voters in November 1996

- Purposes:

- Recreational and public safety facilities (\$120 million)





History – 1997 SPLOST

Purposes:

- Road, street, and bridge projects (\$295 million)



Satellite Boulevard extension



History – 1997 SPLOST

- **Collections: \$415 million – 48 months (April 1997 – March 2001)**
- **Average monthly collection: \$8.6 million**



History – 2001 SPLOST

Approved by voters in November 2000

- Purposes:
 - Public safety (\$59.5 million)
 - Libraries (\$12.4 million)





History – 2001 SPLOST

- Purposes:
 - Parks and recreational facilities (\$212.1 million – includes \$11 million for cities)





History – 2001 SPLOST

- Purposes:
 - Parks and recreational facilities – \$11 million for cities
 - City projects include:

City of Buford



City of Grayson





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History – 2001 SPLOST

– Parks and recreational facilities



City of Duluth



City of Lilburn



History – 2001 SPLOST

– Parks and recreational facilities



City of Snellville



City of Sugar Hill



History – 2001 SPLOST

- Parks and recreational facilities

City of Suwanee





History – 2001 SPLOST

- Purposes:
 - Road, street, and bridge projects (\$212.1 million – includes \$11 million for cities)



Safety Project at Peachtree Ridge High School



History – 2001 SPLOST

- Purposes:
 - Road, street, and bridge projects – \$11 million for cities
 - City projects include:

City of Snellville



Oak Road realignment at U.S. 78 (joint venture with County)



History – 2001 SPLOST

- **Collections: \$496.1 million – 48 months (April 2001 – March 2005)**
- **Average monthly collection: \$10.3 million**



Current 2005 SPLOST

Approved by voters November 2004

- **First SPLOST under the new law (\$550 million)**
 - **Cities' allocation: \$88.6 million**
 - **County allocation \$461.4 million**
- **County purposes:**
 - **Public safety (\$87.6 million)**
 - **Libraries (\$13.8 million)**



Animal Welfare and Enforcement Center



Current 2005 SPLOST

- **County purposes:**
 - **Parks and recreational facilities (\$180 million)**



West Gwinnett Park and Aquatic Center



Current 2005 SPLOST

- **County purposes:**
 - **Road, street, and bridge projects (\$180 million)**

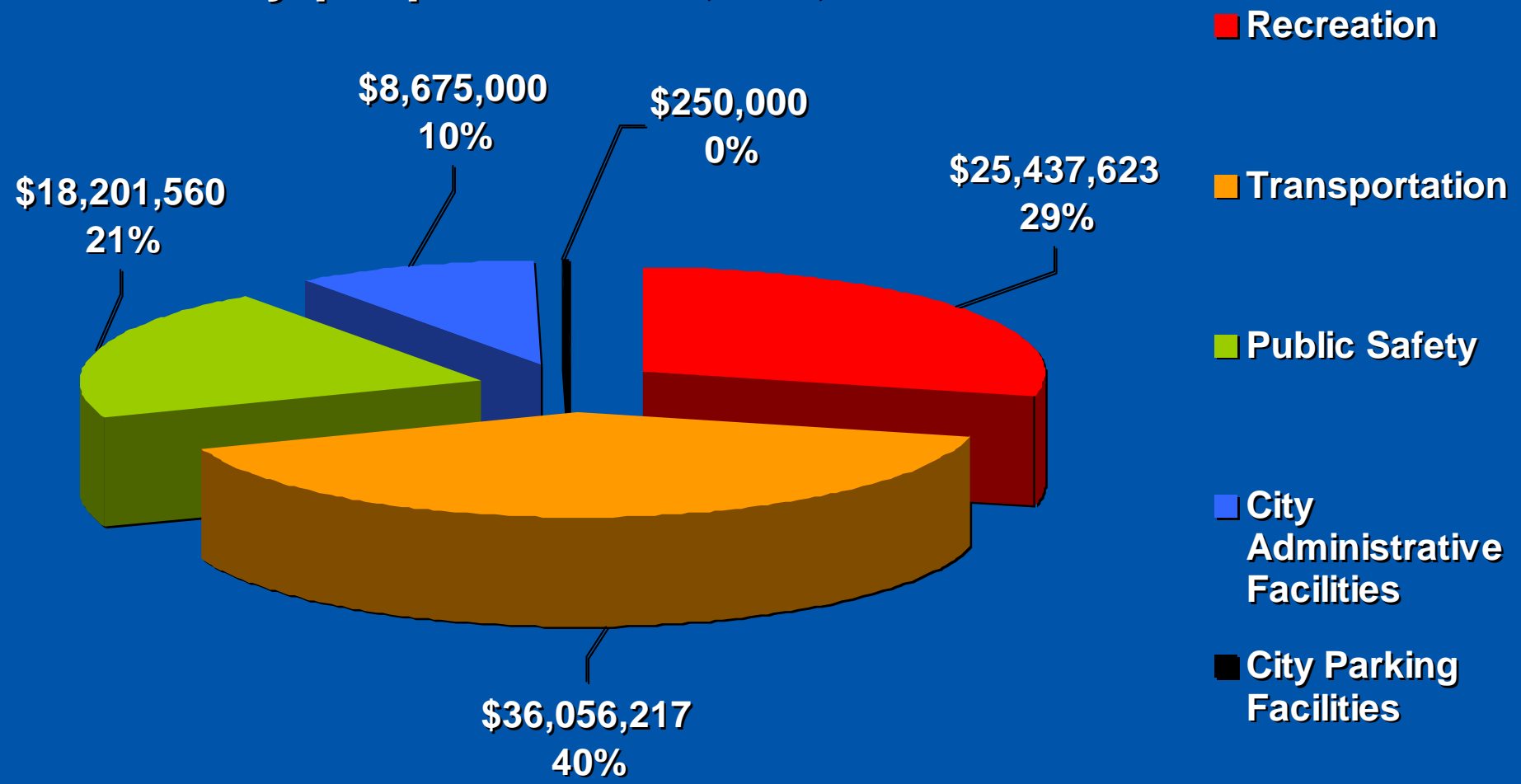


Sugarloaf Parkway at SR-20 extension



Current 2005 SPLOST

City purposes: \$88,620,400





Current 2005 SPLOST

- **City purposes:**
 - **City projects include:**

City of Lawrenceville

City of Duluth



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Current 2005 SPLOST

- City projects continued:

City of Buford

City of Snellville





Current 2005 SPLOST

- **Collections: To date \$461.4 million – 37 months (April 2005 – April 2008)**
- **Average monthly collection: \$12.5 million**



SPLOST Actions

- **8/15/08** - County/City joint meeting to sign the IGA
- **8/19/08** - BOC approval of resolution to call SPLOST referendum
- **8/21/08** - Election Superintendent issues the call for an election
- **11/4/08** - SPLOST vote
- **4/1/09** - SPLOST effective date



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SPLOST

your pennies
for transportation

Community
Input

SPLOST

your pennies
for protection

SPLOST

your pennies
for protection

Funding
Decisions
(Project
Categories)

SPLOST

your pennies
for protection

SPLOST

your pennies
for greenspace

Voter Approval

Project
Selection

your pennies
at work
