



2019 SPLOST Referendum

Planning for our Future

What is SPLOST?

- One penny is collected on every dollar of taxable sales
- Pays for large, capital projects for local governments
- Uses Visitor spending for local benefit
- Reduces debt carried locally
- Approved by voters
 - Referendum Date: November 5, 2019 effective Oct. 1, 2020
 - Current SPLOST term expires September 30, 2020

What are the current Sales Tax for each Dollar spent?

- 4 cents – Georgia Department of Revenue for State
- 1 cent – Local Option Sales Tax
 - Used for operations of local governments
 - Split among all cities (77%) and County (23%)
 - Negotiated every 10 years
- 1 cent – ESPLOST to local board of education
- 1 cent – SPLOST to County

SPLOST 7 Distribution Summary

Jurisdiction	% Amount	Amount In \$ Millions
County - Judicial Complex	15.75%	63.00
County projects	28.46%	113.82
Transit equipment	2.5%	10.00
Early Learning Center - County	.78%	3.13
Early Learning Center - Savannah	.78%	3.13
Savannah	38.18%	155.82
Other municipalities	13.55%	<u>54.23</u>
Total		<u>400.00</u>
<i>Distributions above \$400 million</i>		
County - Judicial Complex		20.00
Savannah		10.00
County for SEDA		10.00
<i>Distributions above \$440 million</i>		
<i>Use 2020 Census population #.</i>		

Other Municipal Distributions

Distributions	<u>\$ Millions</u>
Pooler	25.64
Garden City	10.03
Port Wentworth	8.47
Tybee Island	3.94
Bloomingtondale	3.06
Thunderbolt	2.95
Vernonburg	<u>0.13</u>
	<u>54.23</u>

County Project Summary

- Judicial Complex \$63 million
- Recreation Facilities & Parks \$32.5 million
- Drainage \$30 million
- Roads \$30 million
- County facilities \$11 million
- Transit equipment \$10 million
- Public safety communications \$6 million
- Early Learning Center \$3.125 million
- Disaster capital outlay/other adopted CIP \$2.4 million
- Vehicle & equipment \$1.7 million, Sewer \$250,000

County Projects – Judicial Complex

- Judicial Complex Expansion \$63 million
 - Site: Montgomery/Liberty/MLK (old jail)
 - 160,000 square feet
 - Courtrooms – Superior & State Court
 - Jury selection room
 - Judges & staff offices
 - Additional \$20 million if SPLOST exceeds \$20 million

County Projects – Recreation Facilities & Parks

- Projects are in line with Recreation Master Plan & Blueprint
- Indoor recreation facilities \$17 million
- Outdoor multipurpose sports fields \$7 million
- Existing parks improvements \$3 million
- Gardens & greenspace \$2 million
- Multi-purpose center \$1.5 million
- Trails & park connectivity \$1 million
- Carnegie Library improvements \$1 million

County Projects - Drainage

- Westlake/Red Gate drainage basin \$23.5 million
 - Design/construct new outfall channels at Westlake and near CSX tracks
- Talmadge Canal/Salt Creek channel improvements
- Henderson Community drainage system improvements
- Wilmington Island Road storm drainage improvements

County Projects - Roads

- Little Neck Road \$10 million (US17 to I-95)
- Old River Road \$4 million local match
- Jimmy DeLoach Parkway / Little Neck Road at I-16 \$1 million local match for preliminary design
- Resurfacing \$8 million (major roads)
- Walthour Road stabilization and sidewalks \$2 million
- Penn Waller Road pedestrian improvements
- Bush Road – guardrail and resurfacing
- Quacco Road widening (US17 to I-95)

County Projects – Other projects

- Museums \$6 million including Mighty Eighth Air Force Museum facility expansion
- Fleet Facility / Garage \$2.5 million
- Public Safety Facility \$2.5 million
- Eg11 Dispatch Center equipment/technology \$2 million
- Public Safety Radio Tower \$2 million
- Fiber Network \$2 million

Referendum Timeline

- **Monday, July 22, 2019** – Savannah City Council approved the SPLOST IGA between Savannah & Chatham County
- **Friday, July 26, 2019** – Board of Commissioners approved the SPLOST IGA and the Resolution Authorizing the Referendum
- No later than **Wednesday, August 7, 2019** - Public notice on Call for Special Election will be published weekly for 90 days before the election and the Call for Election will be forwarded to Board of Elections office
- Beginning **October 8, 2019** – Ballot question published weekly in newspaper for four weeks each Tuesday
- Referendum date – **November 5, 2019**