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
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**Distributions above $400 million**

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**Distributions above $440 million**

*Use 2020 Census population #.*
## Other Municipal Distributions

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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
- E911 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**