

ABOUT THE SPLOST

In July 2014, the Cobb County Board of Commissioners approved a referendum on a six-year one-cent Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax that was approved by voters and is in effect from Jan. 1, 2016, thru Dec. 31, 2021.

This current one-cent SPLOST expires on **Dec. 31, 2021.**

Cobb County has one of the lowest sales tax rates in Georgia (6 percent) and is **one of only three counties in Georgia** with a sales tax rate below 7 percent.

The Nov. 3, 2020, referendum will allow voters to determine, upon expiration of the existing 1 percent sales tax, if a renewed 1 percent sales tax should be used for needed capital improvements including parks, transportation, public safety, libraries, senior centers and other Cobb and city facilities.

If approved by Cobb voters, the 2022 SPLOST Renewal will fund:

- ✓ Traffic congestion relief
- ✓ Pedestrian improvements including sidewalks
- ✓ Improvements to public safety communications systems, including the replacement of two 800 Mhz towers
- ✓ Park revitalizations including upgrades, enhancements and renovations to existing facilities
- ✓ Security improvements to parks and library facilities
- ✓ Infrastructure preservation including resurfacing, drainage and rehabilitating bridges
- ✓ Safety and operational improvements including roadways, intersections and school zones
- ✓ Library and Senior Services facility improvements
- ✓ Public Safety needs including a new facility for Animal Services and Emergency Management Agency. Replacement for an old fire station

COUNTYWIDE PROJECTS

TOTAL \$46,000,000

Projects include replacing the Animal Services facility; new 800Mhz radio towers; improvements to judicial technology and replacing the access control system at the Adult Detention Center.

ROADS & INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS

TRANSPORTATION TOTAL \$329,867,822

Projects include infrastructure preservation (resurfacing, drainage, bridges and culverts), pedestrian improvements, safety and operational improvements (intersections, roadways and school zones) and congestion relief and mobility improvements (thoroughfares, traffic management, traffic signals and planning). SPLOST funding will be leveraged to receive additional funding from other sources, including federal, state and community improvements districts.

FACILITIES & TECHNOLOGY IMPROVEMENTS

FACILITIES \$10,150,000
TECHNOLOGY \$17,000,000
TOTAL \$27,150,000

Facility projects include infrastructure improvements to existing facilities such as roof replacements, equipment installations and interior/exterior renovations.

Technology improvements will replace aging technology infrastructure; enhance cyber security and advance smart community innovation to engage and connect residents, increase government transparency and modernize business technology.

This is **NOT A TAX INCREASE** – the current SPLOST expires Dec. 31, 2021 and the **proposed SPLOST runs Jan. 1, 2022 thru Dec. 31, 2027.**

PUBLIC SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS

PUBLIC SAFETY TOTAL \$82,000,000

Public Safety enhancements include renovating and including storage garage for the new police headquarters. The improved facilities will benefit training, increase quality of service to the community and provide equipment and technology to expand communications and have better on-scene technology.

- Renovate, expand and add facilities to enhance training, allow adequate working space, modernize operations, enhance security and provide better service to the community.
- Add essential Public Safety vehicles to provide more efficient response capabilities to the community.
- Replace vital communications equipment for all Public Safety departments within the county.

PUBLIC SERVICES

LIBRARY IMPROVEMENTS \$ 3,850,000
PARKS IMPROVEMENTS \$ 24,000,000
TOTAL \$ 27,850,000

Library projects include renovations and upgrades to Lewis A. Ray, Vinings, Stratton, Kemp, West Cobb Regional, Mountain View and South Cobb Regional libraries. These changes include technology and security enhancements and improvements to allow more efficient and effective use of space.

Funding for parks and recreation projects will be used for upgrades, enhancements and renovations to existing park buildings, fields and facilities.

PARKS projects include technology and security improvements, building renovations, turn conversions of athletic fields, mechanical replacements, electrical and lighting upgrades in parks and facilities. Other improvements include mechanical system replacements, paving and site and erosion improvements.

2022 SPLOST BUDGET SUMMARY (ESTIMATED)

6-YEAR PROJECTED SALES TAX \$750,000,000

COUNTYWIDE \$46,000,000

Judicial Technology, Animal Services facility, Sheriff's Office - access control system for Adult Detention Center and replace 800Mhz towers.

PUBLIC SERVICES \$27,850,000

Includes Library System, Senior Services and PARKS.

ROADS & INFRASTRUCTURE \$329,867,822

Congestion relief, repair and rehab bridges, pedestrian improvements, safety and operational improvements.

FACILITIES/TECHNOLOGY \$27,150,000

Restore and repair facilities. Improve and replace aging technology infrastructure; enhance cyber security.

PUBLIC SAFETY \$82,000,000

Upgrades to facilities, equipment and apparatus.

MUNICIPAL IMPROVEMENTS \$18,000,000

Each Cobb city will receive a portion of the funds allocated according to 2020 Census projections.

COMMUNITY IMPACT \$32,000,000

Improvements and upgrades to community parks, county libraries and senior facilities, greenspace purchase and sidewalk/intersection improvements.

CITIES \$183,132,178

The cities of Acworth, Austell, Kennesaw, Marietta, Powder Springs and Smyrna will share this portion.

Cobb Sales Tax

- Cobb County is **one of only three counties in Georgia** with a sales tax rate below 7 percent.
- Of Cobb's current 6 percent sales tax; 4 percent goes to the state, 1 percent to the school SPLOST, and 1 percent to the current county SPLOST.
- **NOT A TAX INCREASE** – the current SPLOST expires Dec. 31, 2021, and the **proposed SPLOST begins Jan. 1, 2022, and runs thru Dec. 31, 2027.**

What makes up Cobb County's current 6% sales tax?



4 pennies to State



1 penny to School SPLOST



1 penny to County SPLOST

Total Operating & Capital Budgets

| County | City of Atlanta | DeKalb County | Fulton County | Gwinnett County | COBB COUNTY |
|----------|------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|------------------------|--------------------|
| Atlanta | | | | | |
| DeKalb | | | | | |
| Fulton | | | | | |
| Gwinnett | | | | | |
| COBB | | | | | |
| | City of Atlanta | DeKalb County | Fulton County | Gwinnett County | COBB COUNTY |
| | \$ 1,964,912,760 | \$ 1,273,503,064 | \$ 1,093,251,728 | \$ 1,828,000,000 | \$ 1,046,084,012 |

FY2019

Cobb County's conservative fiscal policies and tight expenditure controls have resulted in the lowest millage rate and lowest property taxes among the listed counties.

Cobb Property Tax

- Approximately two-thirds of property tax revenue is directed to the school system and one third to the general fund.
- Cobb DOT receives less than 5 percent; an equivalent of approximately \$50 per average household per year.
- Parks also receives less than 5 percent of property taxes.
- Funding provides for operation and routine maintenance of existing systems.

Metro Atlanta Millage Comparisons

| KEY | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 |
|----------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Atlanta* | 23.80 | 22.20 | 22.53 | 22.63 | -- |
| DeKalb | 21.21 | 20.81 | 20.81 | 20.81 | 20.81 |
| Fulton* | 16.66 | 15.36 | 10.80 | 15.49 | -- |
| Gwinnett | 13.75 | 13.58 | 13.18 | 13.51 | 13.32 |
| COBB | 10.71 | 10.51 | 9.85 | 9.85 | 11.45 |

*North Fulton County * City of Atlanta within Fulton County

*2018 Millage rates for Fulton County unpublished at this time

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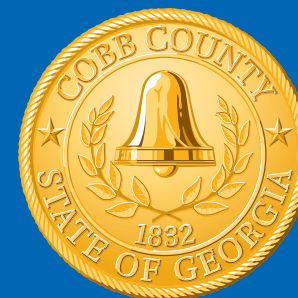
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