

### **TSPLOST**

### Why should voters support a TSPLOST?

- · To keep property taxes low!
- The one cent TSPLOST sales tax is used to pay for specific projects approved by the voters.

An independent auditing firm audits TSPLOST revenue and expenses. Regulations specify when TSPLOST can be collected, and what projects TSPLOST revenue can fund. This time-limited tax is strictly for specific long-term transportation projects, approved by voters.





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Menlo and Trion

# Transportation Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (TSPLOST)



The TSPLOST tax is a sales tax paid by all those purchasing goods and some services in Chattooga County, including the cities of Lyerly, Summerville, Menlo, and Trion. This tax is paid by everyone—residents and visitors alike—when they shop locally.

This sales tax provides an additional source of income for the community and reduces the county's reliance on revenue sources such as property taxes.

TSPLOST will improve the condition of our roads & bridges and improve the repaying cycle.

#### What is TSPLOST?

Transportation Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax, or TSPLOST, is a one cent sales tax that funds major transportation projects over six years.

The TSPLOST can be used for any transportation purposes, including:

- Roads, streets and bridges
- Public transit
- Rails
- Airports
- Buses
- Seaports
- All accompanying infrastructure and services necessary to provide access to these transportation facilities.



# TSPLOST in Chattooga County

#### How does it work?

The sales tax in Chattooga County is currently 7%, which means that everyone contributes one additional cent for each dollar spent on goods purchased. It's a fair tax because sales tax is paid by residents and visitors alike, not just property owners.





#### What does it fund?

The pennies collected through TSPLOST are used to enhanced public transportation. TSPLOST projects focus on roads, bridges, stormwater and other transportation projects. TSPLOST cannot be used to pay for general operating expenses.

# TSPLOST Project List

Projects and 6-Year Total \$20,500,00

Examples of County & City Projects:

## Statewide Strategic Transportation Plan Qualified

- Bridge replacement, repair, and maintenance (200+ bridges)
- Road Safety Improvements
- Construction and improvements to roads and streets
- Resurfacing Including patching and milling of roads

# **Chattooga County Transportation Projects - Other**

- Acquisition of rights-of way or relocation of utilities
- Sidewalks/Bike Paths
- Lease/purchase of road equipment
- Improvement of surface water drainage
- Shoulder preparations
- Matching funds to support LMIG, and other transportation grants
- Program Management