

Transportation SPLOST 2026
TSPLOST Advisory Committee (TSAC) – Orientation Meeting #2
Monday, February 10, 2025 5:30 – 7:00 PM
Planning Auditorium

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- I. Welcome Alex Sams, Chair
- II. February 3, 2025 Meeting Minutes Review and Approval
- III. M&C Approved Goals and Selection Criteria
- IV. Review the format of project presentations
- V. Chair's business items
- VI. Meeting schedule
- VII. Adjourn



TSPLOST 2026
TSPLOST Advisory Committee (TSAC)
Orientation Meeting #1 Minutes
Monday, February 3, 2025 @ 5:30 P.M.
In-Person w/Live Stream Meeting

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MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Alex Sams, Cary Rivers, Randy Halstead, Jeb Bradberry, John Kopec, Don Niepoth, Daryl McManus, Carl Blount, William Breeding, Stephen Wright, Bryan Gomez, Isabel Scott, Nell Warnes, Paul Dorsey

MEMBERS ABSENT: Kristen Morales, Melissa Darden, Shawanda Johnson, Spring Turner, Rashe Malcolm

STAFF PRESENT:

Josh Hawkins, Capital Projects Director
 Melissa Byler, SPLOST Program Support Specialist

WELCOME/COMMENTS

Alex Sams called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance.

DISCUSSION – The following items were reviewed with the committee:

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| • Introductions | TSAC Chair, Alex Sams |
| • Overview & Fundamentals of TSPLOST | Josh Hawkins, Capital Projects Director |
| • Advisory Committee Duties and Charge | Josh Hawkins, Capital Projects Director |
| • Pre-referendum Timeline | Josh Hawkins, Capital Projects Director |
| • Advisory Committee Timeline | Josh Hawkins, Capital Projects Director |
| • Attendance Policy | TSAC Chair, Alex Sams |

No Actions or Votes were taken at this meeting.

The above summation is an interpretation of the items discussed and decisions reached at the above referenced meeting, not a transcript of the meeting. A digital recording of the meeting is available upon request. Anyone desiring to add to, or otherwise correct the minutes, is requested to return written comments to the Capital Project Director by the date of the next meeting.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'JH', is positioned above the printed name of Josh Hawkins.

Josh Hawkins
 Capital Projects Director

TSPLOST 2026 Advisory Committee Orientation

February 3, 2025

TRANSPORTATION



Sales Tax Funding Community Investments



Sales Taxes in Athens-Clarke County

A total of 8 cents of \$1 or 8%

State Sales Taxes	4%	State of Georgia
Local Option Sales Taxes (LOST)	1%	ACCGov <u>General Fund</u>
Special Purpose Local Option Sales Taxes	1%	ACCGov Capital Fund
Transportation SPLOST	1%	ACCGov Capital Fund
Education SPLOST	<u>1%</u>	CCSD Capital Fund

Total 8%

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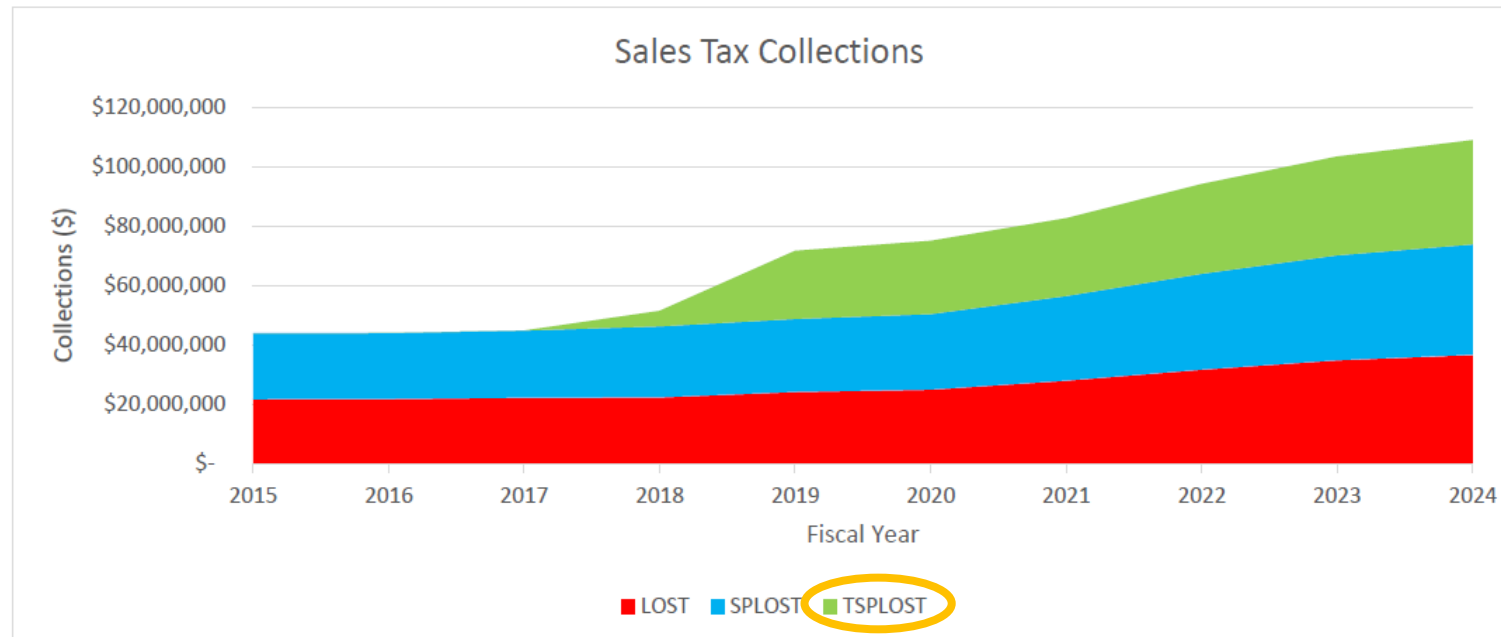


Schedule 10
Athens-Clarke County, Georgia
Sales Tax Collections
Last Ten Fiscal Years

Fiscal Year	Local Option Sales Tax (LOST)	Percent Increase (Decrease)	Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST)	Percent Increase (Decrease)	Transportation Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (TSPLOST)	Percent Increase (Decrease)	Total Sales Taxes
2015	\$ 21,878,655	6.26 %	\$ 22,115,150	6.27 %	\$ -	- %	\$ 43,993,805
2016	21,899,120	0.09	22,133,571	0.08	-	-	44,032,691
2017	22,330,078	1.97	22,571,064	1.98	-	-	44,901,142
2018	22,523,030	0.86	23,777,558	5.35	5,194,686	-	51,495,274
2019	24,266,926	7.74	24,518,639	3.12	22,938,093	341.57	71,723,658
2020	25,121,935	3.52	25,331,845	3.32	24,596,470	7.23	75,050,250
2021	28,069,532	11.73	28,406,978	12.14	26,119,114	6.19	82,595,624
2022	31,817,400	13.35	32,133,725	13.12	30,188,231	15.58	94,139,356
2023	34,910,648	9.72	35,244,889	9.68	33,116,449	9.70	103,271,986
2024	36,764,660	5.31	37,103,141	5.27	35,010,966	5.72	108,878,767

Source: Athens-Clarke County Finance Department

Note: LOST, SPLOST and TSPLOST are \$0.01 sales taxes on each dollar of taxable transactions.



How are ACCGov's finances organized?

Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB)

Governmental Funds		Proprietary	Fiduciary
<u>General Fund</u> <i>(only one General Fund)</i>	<u>Special Revenue Funds</u> <i>(Grants, E911, Building Inspection, Affordable Housing, Hotel Motel tax, etc.)</i>	<u>Enterprise Funds</u> <i>(Water & Sewer, Stormwater, Landfill, Solid Waste, Airport, Transit)</i>	<u>Trust Funds</u> <i>(Pension, Retiree Health, etc.)</i>
	<u>Capital Project Funds</u> <i>(SPLOST, <u>TSPLOST</u>, General Capital Projects Fund, etc.)</i>		
	<u>Debt Service Funds</u> <i>(SPLOST Debt Service, etc.)</i>	<u>Internal Service Funds</u> <i>(Fleet Maintenance, Fleet Replacement, Insurance, etc.)</i>	<u>Custodial Funds</u> <i>(Tax Commissioner, Clerk of Courts, etc.)</i>
----- Budgets & Audits Required -----		--- Budgets Optional & Audits Required ---	

SPLOST 2020

- Approved by voters Nov. 5, 2019
- 35 projects totaling \$314 million
- Collections began April 1, 2020
- Collections projected to end after ~11.5 years
- www.accgov.com/splost2020

SPLOST 2020 Projects & Sub-projects

- Facilities Space Modernization
 - Judicial Center
- Affordable Housing
- Classic Center Arena
- SPLOST Bond Debt Service
- Fire Department Equipment
 - Fit-out Equipment for New Fire Rescue Truck
- Fire Station #5 Replacement
- E911 Phone System Replacement
- Public Safety Vehicle & Equipment Replacement
 - Fire Rescue Truck
- Mobile Medical Services Facility
- Environmental Mitigation & Restoration
- Renewable Energy
- Greenspace Acquisition & Sustainability
- Holland Youth Sports Complex Improvements
- Athens West Park
- Sandy Creek Nature Center Exhibit
- Memorial Park Improvements
- Beech Haven Park Improvements
- Tallassee Forest Nature Preserve Improvements
- Bishop Park Improvements
 - Pool Improvements
- Parks Facilities Improvements
 - Rainbow Forest Access
 - Memorial Park Dog Park Improvements
 - Water Fountain Replacements at Bishop Park & Memorial Park
- Bishop Park BBQ Pavilion Rehabilitation
- Bishop Park Shade Structure Replacement
- Trail Bridge Replacement
- Southeast Clarke Park Ball Field Conversion
- Southeast Clarke Park Skate Park Rehabilitation & Expansion
- Greenway Wayfinding Signage
- Lay Park & Heard Park Improvements
- Bear Hollow Zoo Improvements
- Broadband Connectivity Enhancement
- East Athens Youth & Community Enrichment Facilities
- Animal Shelter Improvements
- East Side Public Library
- Recovered Material Processing & Reuse Facilities
- Facilities Equipment / Systems Replacement
- Mental Health Recovery Facility
- Welcome Center Access Improvements
- Airport Capital Improvements
- Vincent Drive Sidewalk
- Tallassee Road Connector
- Jackson Street Art Walk
- Water Trails
 - Macon Highway Launch
- Live Stream Pipe Replacement
- City of Winterville Projects
- Town of Bogart Projects

What is SPLOST, TSPLOST & E-SPLOST?

A Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) is a 1% sales tax voted on by residents to fund a wide variety of community capital projects. The SPLOST Program provides opportunity to use the sales tax dollars that nonresidents provide to ease the burden on funding from local taxpayers.

TSPLOST is a special type of SPLOST that can be used only for

transportation-related projects.

The SPLOST management team for the Athens-Clarke County Unified Government oversees the planning, design, and construction associated with SPLOST and TSPLOST projects and assists in program scheduling, financial management, and reporting.

An E-SPLOST is an educational SPLOST separately managed by the Clarke County School District.

SPLOST 2011

- Approved by voters Nov. 2, 2010
- 35 projects totaling \$195 million
- Collections began April 1, 2011
- Collection ended March 31, 2020
- www.accgov.com/splost2011

SPLOST 2011 Projects

- Jail Expansion
- Classic Center Expansion
- Fire Protection Services & Safety Equipment
- Integrated Public Safety / Judicial Information System*
- Public Safety Communications Improvements
- Bicycle Transportation Improvements*
- Transit Vehicles & Bus Stops*
- Rails-to-Trails Network Program
- Oconee Greenway Rivers Network Connectors
- Cooperative Extension Service Center
- County Library Improvements*
- Pedestrian Safety & Safe Routes to Schools Program
- Morton Theatre Repair / Renovation
- Sandy Creek Park Renovation*
- Rocksprings Park Pool Renovations
- Parks Facilities Improvements*
- Dudley Park Improvements
- Satterfield Park Renovations
- Animal Shelter Expansion
- Government Facilities Fire Protection
- Public Art Program*
- Youth & Community Enrichment*
- Energy Sustainability Program*
- Affordable Housing Improvements*
- Center for Hard to Recycle Materials (CHaRM)
- Road & Bridge Improvements*
- Areawide Stormwater Improvement*
- Greenspace Acquisition Program
- Facilities Management Facility Relocation
- Expansion of Property & Evidence Facility
- Neighborhood Traffic Management Program (NTMP)*
- Costa Building Renovation*
- Ware-Lyndon House Historic Garden
- City of Winterville Projects
- Town of Bogart Projects

* - Projects that remain in progress

TSPLOST 2023

- Approved by voters May 24, 2022
- 34 projects totaling \$150 million
- Collections began Oct. 1, 2022
- Projected collection end date: September 30, 2027
- www.accgov.com/tsplst2023

TSPLOST 2023 Projects

- Winterville Storm Drainage Improvements
- Lexington Road Corridor Improvements
- Lexington Road Sidewalk Gap
- Atlanta Highway / West Broad Street Improvements
- Prince Avenue / Jefferson Road Corridor Improvements
- Timothy Road / Mitchell Bridge Corridor Improvements
- East Athens Pedestrian & Lighting Safety
- East Athens Neighborhood Traffic Management Program
- East Athens Neighborhood Pavement Rehabilitation
- East Athens Neighborhood Transit Improvements
- East Athens MLK Parkway Oconee River Greenway Trail
- East Athens Neighborhood Greenway Connectors
- East Athens Neighborhood Pedestrian Improvements
- North Athens Transportation Improvements
- Sycamore Drive Pedestrian Improvements
- Westchester Neighborhood Area Pedestrian Improvements
- Stonehenge Neighborhood Area Pedestrian Improvements
- Firefly Trail Project
- ACCGov Public Transit Operations
- Electrify the Fleet Program
- Pavement & Bridge Maintenance Program
- Culvert & Live Stream Pipe Replacement Program
- Greenway Trail Safety Improvements
- Historic District Street Signage
- Bicycle & Pedestrian Improvements Program
- West Broad & Hancock Neighborhood Pedestrian Improvements Program
- Five Points Intersection Safety Improvements
- College Square Pedestrian Plaza
- Smithonia & Smokey Road Pedestrian Improvements
- Traffic Safety Infrastructure Improvements
- Neighborhood Traffic Management Program
- Traffic Signage Replacement Program
- City of Winterville Projects
- Town of Bogart Projects

TSPLOST 2018

- Approved by voters Nov. 7, 2017
- 19 projects totaling \$109.5 million
- Collections began April 1, 2018
- Collection ended Sep. 30, 2022
- www.accgov.com/tsplst2018

TSPLOST 2018 Projects & Sub-projects

- Airport Capital Improvement Program Matching Funds
 - Runway 9-27 Rehabilitation
 - Relocation of Runway 9-27 Localizer
 - Taxiway A Rehabilitation*
- Transit Vehicle Expansion & Replacement*
- Bus Stop & Transfer Facilities*
- Transit Service Expansion
- Oconee Rivers Greenway
 - 1/3/5. Oconee Rivers Greenway sub-projects funded by SPLOST 2011 Project #9
 - Oconee Hill Cemetery Connector
 - Research Drive Connector
 - Carr's Creek / Barnett Shoals Road Connector*
 - Oak / Oconee Bridge Underpass*
 - Riverside Trail – MLK Parkway*
- Firefly Trail
 - Old Winterville Road to Winterville Road Section
 - Winterville Road to County Line Section
 - Bridge over Trail Creek
- Pavement Rehabilitation
- Tallassee Road Bridge Replacement
- Downtown Transportation Improvements
- Whitehall Road at South Millledge Avenue
- Bicycle Improvements Program*
 - Cherokee Road Multiuse Path*
 - Riverbend Road Multiuse Path*
 - Jefferson River Road Multi-use Path*
 - Barber Street Multi-use Path*
- Pedestrian Improvements Program
 - Cherokee Road Multiuse Path*
 - Riverbend Road Multiuse Path*
 - Jefferson River Road Multiuse Path*
 - West Broad Sidewalk Gap
 - King Avenue Sidewalk
 - FY17 Sidewalk Gaps
 - Barber Street Multiuse Path*
- West Broad Pedestrian Improvements
 - Roundabout at West Broad Street & West Hancock*
- Lexington Highway Corridor Improvements*
- Atlanta Highway Corridor Improvements*
- Prince Avenue Corridor Improvements*
- Acquisition of Private Streets
 - Laurel Springs
- City of Winterville Projects
- Town of Bogart Projects

* - Projects that remain in progress

What appears on the ballot?

Some offices are voted by district and may or may not appear on your ballot. Please refer to your voter registration card to determine if such offices should appear on your ballot or visit: <https://www.mvp.sos.ga.gov/MVP/mvp.do> (★ offices voted by district only).

ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY

OFFICIAL ABSENTEE/PROVISIONAL/CHALLENGED BALLOT

OFFICIAL GENERAL MUNICIPAL AND SPECIAL ELECTION BALLOT OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA
NOVEMBER 7, 2017

To vote, blacken the Oval (●) next to the candidate of your choice. To vote for a person whose name is not on the ballot, manually WRITE his or her name in the write-in section and blacken the Oval (●) next to the write-in section. If you desire to vote YES or NO for a PROPOSED QUESTION, blacken the corresponding Oval (●). Use only blue or black pen or pencil. Do not vote for more candidates than the number allowed for each specific office. Do not cross out or erase. If you erase or make other marks on the ballot or tear the ballot, your vote may not count. If you change your mind or make a mistake, you may return the ballot by writing "Spoiled" across the face of the ballot and return envelope. You may then mail the spoiled ballot back to your county board of registrars, and you will be issued another official absentee ballot. Alternatively, you may surrender the ballot to the poll manager of an early voting site within your county or the precinct to which you are assigned. You will then be permitted to vote a regular ballot.

"I understand that the offer or acceptance of money or any other object of value to vote for any particular candidate, list of candidates, issue, or list of issues included in this election constitutes an act of voter fraud and is a felony under Georgia law" (OCGA 21-2-285(n) and 21-2-383(a)).

<div>CITY OF WINTERVILLE ★</div> <div>For City Council (Vote for Two)</div> <div><div><input type="radio"/> BRENDA KEEN</div><div><input type="radio"/> GARY A. SNOW (Incumbent)</div><div><input type="radio"/> KENNETH TWEEDELL (Incumbent)</div><div><input type="radio"/></div><div>Write-in</div><div><input type="radio"/></div><div>Write-in</div></div>	<div>SPECIAL ELECTION ★</div> <div>For State Representative in the General Assembly From 117th District (To Fill the Unexpired Term of Regina Quick, Resigned) (Vote for One)</div> <div><div><input type="radio"/> HOUSTON GAINES Republican</div><div><input type="radio"/> DEBORAH GONZALEZ Democrat</div><div><input type="radio"/></div><div>Write-in</div></div>
<div>SPECIAL ELECTION ★</div> <div>For City Council (To Fill the Unexpired Term of Councilman Markus Boenig, Resigned) (Vote for One)</div> <div><div><input type="radio"/> MARK FARMER</div><div><input type="radio"/> SAVANNAH M. HEMBREE</div><div><input type="radio"/></div><div>Write-in</div></div>	<div>★</div> <div>For State Representative in the General Assembly From 119th District (To Fill the Unexpired Term of Chuck Williams, Resigned) (Vote for One)</div> <div><div><input type="radio"/> TOM LORD Republican</div><div><input type="radio"/> STEVEN STRICKLAND Republican</div><div><input type="radio"/> JONATHAN WALLACE Democrat</div><div><input type="radio"/> MARCUS A. WEDOWER Republican</div><div><input type="radio"/></div><div>Write-in</div></div>
	<div>COUNTY-WIDE TSPLOST</div> <div>(Vote for One)</div> <div><p>"Shall a special one percent (1%) sales and use tax be imposed in the special district of Athens-Clarke County for a period of time not to exceed five years and for the raising of not more than an estimated amount of \$109,500,000 for transportation purposes? If the imposition of the tax is approved by the voters, such vote shall also constitute approval of the issuance of general obligation debt of the Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County, in the principal amount of up to \$95,000,000 for the above purposes."</p><div><input type="radio"/> YES</div><div><input type="radio"/> NO</div></div>

SPLOST Timeline

Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax Implementation

[O.C.G.A. § 48-8-111 (a)]

Note: When counting days in using this timeline, count weekend days and holidays unless the weekend day or holiday falls on the last day of the specified period of time. O.C.G.A. §§ 1-3-1(13); 21-2-14.

ACTION:

TIMELINE:

Board of commissioners sends notice inviting mayors to a meeting to discuss SPLOST projects. Notice must specify time, place, and purpose of meeting.

Notice must be mailed or delivered to each mayor at least 10 days prior to the meeting.

Meeting is held with municipal officials to discuss potential SPLOST projects, including possible municipal projects.

Meeting must take place at least 30 days prior to the call for the election.

Board of commissioners adopts a resolution calling for imposition of the SPLOST. Resolution must contain a list of projects, the estimated cost of each project and the total time period of the tax levy.

Resolution is adopted after the meeting with the municipal officials, but prior to the call for election.

Board of commissioners forwards a copy of the resolution to the county election superintendent.

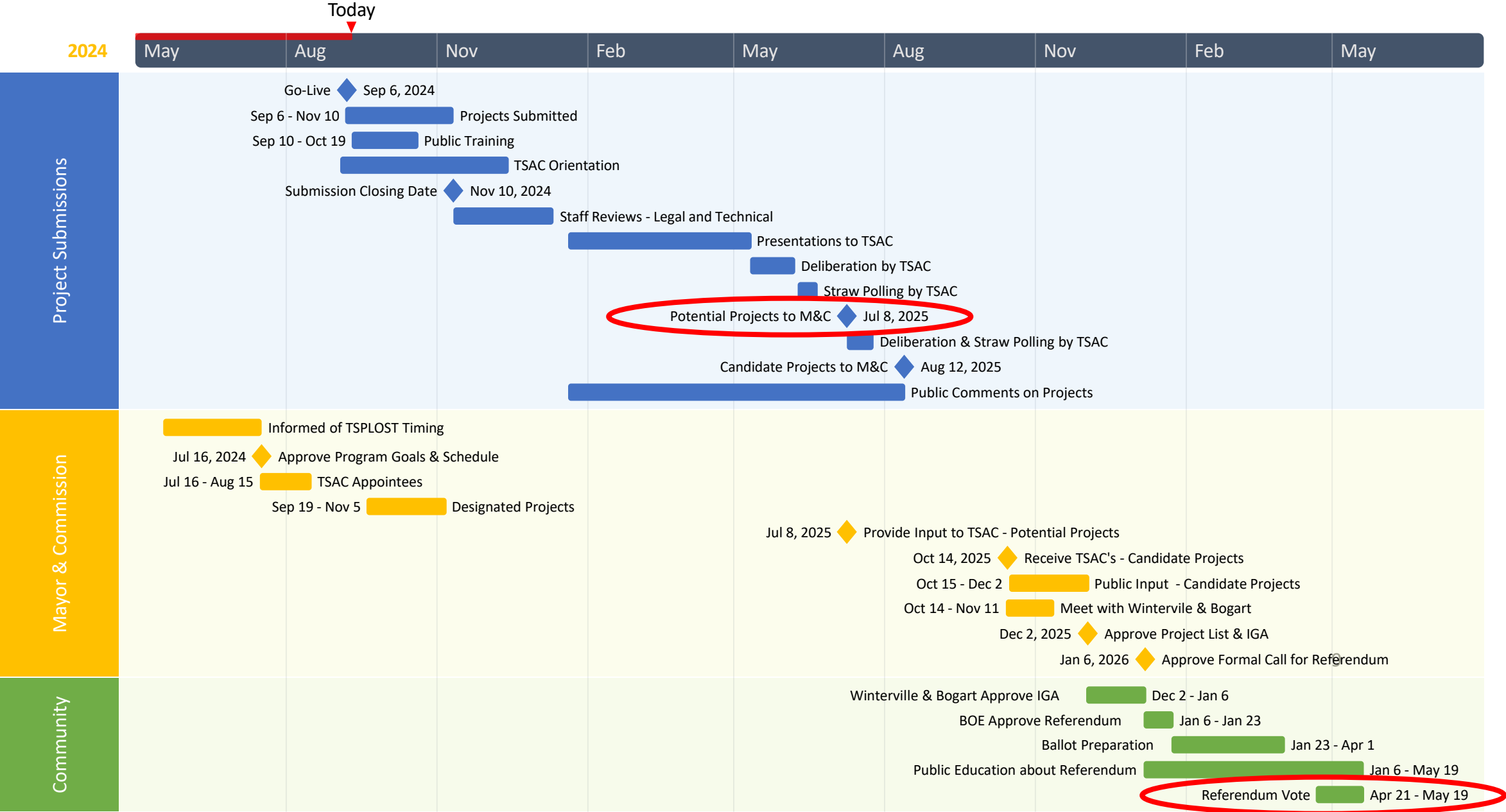
After adoption of the resolution.

County election superintendent issues the call for the referendum and publishes notice in a newspaper of general circulation as required by law.

The call is issued by the county election superintendent after receiving the resolution from the county. The call must be at least 90 days before the date of the special election at which the SPLOST question will be voted on, if it is held in conjunction with a general primary or general election. If the SPLOST election is not held in conjunction with a general primary or general election, the call must be at least 29 days before the SPLOST. (See Resources, Call for Election Defined, p. 68).

Referendum is held and projects are approved or disapproved by voters.

TSPLOST 2026 - Implementation Schedule for a May 19, 2026 Referendum



“Transportation Purposes” – How can the money be spent?

... authorized uses of the tax proceeds shall include:

- (A) Acquisition of rights of way for roads, streets, bridges, sidewalks, and bicycle paths;*
- (B) Construction of roads, streets, bridges, sidewalks, and bicycle paths;*
- (B) Renovation and Improvement of roads, streets, bridges, sidewalks, and bicycle paths, including resurfacing;*
- (C) Relocation of utilities for roads, streets, bridges, sidewalks, and bicycle paths;*
- (D) Improvement of surface-water drainage from roads, streets, bridges, sidewalks, and bicycle paths; and*
- (E) Patching, leveling, milling, widening, shoulder preparation, culvert repair, and other repairs necessary for the preservation of roads, streets, bridges, sidewalks, and bicycle paths.*
- (F) Storm-water capital outlay projects and drainage capital outlay projects may be funded pursuant to subparagraph (a)(1)(D) of Code Section 48-8-111 or in conjunction with road, street, and bridge capital outlay projects.*

5:30-8:30pm	
Mondays	
3-Feb-25	orientation
10-Feb-25	orientation
17-Feb-25	President's Day
24-Feb-25	Day 1 presentations
3-Mar-25	Day 2 presentations
10-Mar-25	Day 3 presentations
17-Mar-25	Day 4 presentations
24-Mar-25	Day 5 presentations
31-Mar-25	Day 6 presentations
7-Apr-25	Day 7 presentations
14-Apr-25	Day 8 presentations
21-Apr-25	Day 9 presentations
28-Apr-25	Day 10 presentations
5-May-25	Day 11 presentations
12-May-25	Day 12 presentations
19-May-25	Day 13 presentations
26-May-25	Memorial Day
2-Jun-25	flex
9-Jun-25	deliberate/vote round 1
16-Jun-25	deliberate/vote round 2
23-Jun-25	deliberate/vote round 3
30-Jun-25	work session prep
8-Jul-25	potential project list presented to M&C

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