



General TSPLOST 2020 Program Information

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If approved, the TSPLOST 2020 program would increase the sales tax by 1%, making Dawson County's total sales tax 8%. The Board of Commissioners and City Council approved to enter an intergovernmental agreement (IGA) which will be on the May 19 primary ballot.

IGA TERMS (IF APPROVED):

- Collect a cap of \$45 million over a five year period;
- Dawson County would collect 91% of the revenue totaling \$40.95 million;
- City of Dawsonville would collect 9% of the revenue totaling \$4.05 million;
- Dawson County will receive funds from Georgia Department of Revenue then pay the City a certain percentage;
- City of Dawsonville will receive some money upfront to start projects while Dawson County completes current SPLOST projects;
- Through joint funds, the City and County will improve the safety and traffic flow for three intersections:
 - o Hwy. 53 and Allen Street;
 - o Hwy. 9 north and Perimeter Road; and
 - o Hwy. 9 south and Perimeter Road.
- Complete list of county projects included and can be found [here](#);
- Complete list of city projects included and can be found [here](#).

TIMELINE (IF APPROVED):

- January 14, 2020: Board of Commissioners and City Council entered an intergovernmental agreement on the Transportation Special Purpose Local Option Sale Tax (TSPLOST) and approved the final list of TSPLOST 2020 projects;
- May 19, 2020: TSPLOST 2020 will be on primary ballot;
- October 1, 2020: If approved, TSPLOST 2020 Collections began;
- October 1, 2025: If approved, TSPLOST 2020 Collections will end (unless the cap of \$45 million is reached prior to this date.)

Georgia law allows local communities to use Transportation Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (TSPLOST) proceeds for transportation purposes if approved by voters in a referendum. General guidelines for projects are below, see Official Code of Georgia (O.C.G.A) 48-8-260(5) for more details.

- Transportation purposes includes: roads, bridges, public transit, rails, airports, buses, and all accompanying infrastructure and services necessary to provide access to these facilities.
- Roads, streets, sidewalks, bicycle paths, and bridge purposes such as:
 - acquisition of rights of way;
 - construction;
 - renovation and improvement, including resurfacing;
 - relocation of utilities;
 - improvement of surface-water drainage; and/or
 - patching, leveling, milling, widening, shoulder preparation, culvert repair, and other repairs necessary for their preservation;
- Storm water and drainage capital outlay projects, in conjunction with transportation projects.

These transportation projects would otherwise be paid for with General Fund and property tax revenues. Governments cannot use TSPLOST funds to pay for operating expenses such as personnel salaries or ongoing expenses.



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Dawson County Proposed Projects

Project	Purpose	Estimated Cost
Shoal Creek Road Widening/Rehab	Roads	\$1,300,000.00
Shoal Creek Road Bridge Replacement	Bridges	\$3,500,000.00
Dogwood/Nightfire Rehab	Roads	\$1,000,000.00
Lumpkin Campground Road Corridor Improvement	Roads	\$5,000,000.00
Elliott Road Widening	Roads	\$1,000,000.00
Cowart Road Rehabilitation (SR 53 - County Line)	Roads	\$1,500,000.00
Grizzle Road - Widen and Rehabilitation	Roads	\$1,200,000.00
Frank Bruce Road/Seed Tick Road - Rehabilitation	Roads	\$1,500,000.00
Old Henry Grady Rehabilitation	Roads	\$800,000.00
Gold Mine Road Improvements	Roads	\$1,400,000.00
Hubbard Road Improvements	Roads	\$1,200,000.00
SR 53 @ Dawson Forest Intersection Improvements	Roads	\$1,500,000.00
Country Crossing Subdivision Rehabilitation	Roads	\$550,000.00
Existing Asset Stormwater Culvert Rehabilitation	Roads	\$7,000,000.00
Existing Asset Road Improvement Program	Roads	\$10,500,000.00
SR 53 @ Allen Street Intersection Improvements	Roads	\$1,000,000.00 *
Intersection Improvement SR 9 North/Perimeter Road	Roads	\$500,000.00 *
Intersection Improvement SR 9 South/Perimeter Road	Roads	\$500,000.00 *

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City of Dawsonville Proposed Projects

Project	Purpose	Estimated Cost
Main Street from Hwy. 53 to Main Street Park Repair	Roads	\$162,000.00
Maple Street Repair	Roads	\$360,000.00
Pearl Chambers (Drive, Court, Way) Repair	Roads	\$250,000.00
Richmond Drive Repair	Roads	\$95,000.00
Jack Heard Repair	Roads	\$91,000.00
Memory Lane Repair	Roads	\$105,000.00
Stegal Place Repair	Roads	\$98,000.00
Stonewall Subdivision Repair	Roads	\$200,000.00
Rain Hill Subdivision Repair	Roads	\$400,000.00
Existing Asset Road Improvement Program	Roads	\$29,000.00
Burt's Crossing Drive, Winding Court, Ridgewater Repair	Roads	\$260,000.00
SR 53 @ Allen Street Intersection Improvements	Roads	\$1,000,000.00 **
Intersection Improvement SR 9 North/Perimeter Road	Roads	\$500,000.00 **
Intersection Improvement SR 9 South/Perimeter Road	Roads	\$500,000.00 **
Total		\$4,050,000.00

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