TRANSPORTATION FUNDING REFERENDA FACT SHEET: TSPLOST & MARTA

On November 8, 2016, Atlanta voters will have the opportunity to cast their ballots for two ballot referenda authorizing investment in transit and transportation infrastructure.

The City of Atlanta has proposed a special purpose local option sales tax for transportation – a TSPLOST – for four-tenths of a penny or an additional 4 cents on a $10 purchase. This TSPLOST will generate approximately $300 million over a five-year period to fund significant and expansive transportation projects citywide.

1 The City of Atlanta proposed TSPLOST project list is a smart, equitable approach to the city's long-term mobility and connectivity needs.

2 The projects were chosen through a rational process premised on a comprehensive strategy, long-standing priorities, project-readiness, ability to leverage current capital spending and the Renew Atlanta bond program.

3 The projects maximize federal, state and business community partnerships to build more, build smarter.

4 The projects will add to Atlanta's economic competitiveness and will benefit residents, employers, employees and visitors across the City.

5 Accountability and transparency are built into the project list and implementation plan.

TSPLOST PROJECTS INCLUDE:

✓ Complete Streets	$75,398,139
✓ Sidewalks and Streetscapes	$69,611,838
✓ Atlanta Beltline/Multi-use Trails	$65,900,000
✓ Signal Coordination	$40,000,000
✓ Street, Capacity and Vehicular Improvements	$37,797,500
✓ Multi-Use Trails	$18,475,152
✓ Neighborhood Greenways	$4,107,013
✓ Project Scoping and Engineering Studies	$4,000,000
✓ Relay Bike Share	$3,000,000
✓ Partnership and Matching Funding	$40,000,000

Project Total	$358,289,641
Five (5) percent program management	$17,914,482
One (1) percent State of Georgia	$3,762,041
TOTAL	$379,966,165

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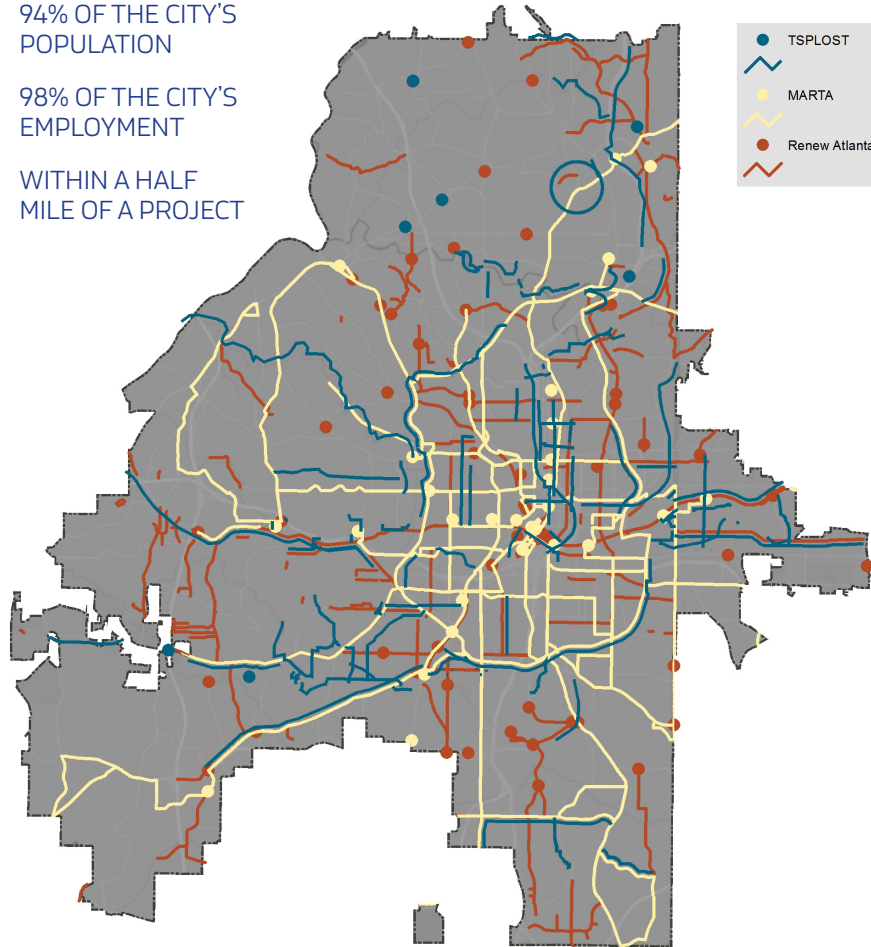
A STORY OF CONNECTIVITY
RENEW ATLANTA & PROPOSED MARTA, TSPLOST PROJECTS

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Legend:
- TSPLOST
- MARTA
- Renew Atlanta

MARTA, the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority, has also proposed a half-penny sales tax for transit expansion and enhancements in the City of Atlanta. The approval of the two referenda will implement high priority projects from the Connect Atlanta Plan, the City's comprehensive transportation plan, the Atlanta Streetcar System Plan, and Concept3, the Atlanta region's transit plan, and more than a dozen neighborhood and community plans that have been adopted in the last six years, and features projects in nearly all of the city's commercial districts.

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This map represents the collaborative process of system level, performance driven project planning conducted by the City of Atlanta through the Renew Atlanta infrastructure program and TSPLOST projects and MARTA.

These two sales tax proposals, if passed, will only take effect within the Atlanta city limits, and only Atlanta voters will have the opportunity to cast their ballots.

Current sales tax in the City of Atlanta is 8 percent. The proposed TSPLOST is for an additional .4 percent sales tax. If the MARTA referendum is also approved, sales tax within the City of Atlanta would be set at 8.9 percent for five years. If approved, the TSPLOST will take effect on April 1, 2017.

Maintaining the public's confidence is important to the City of Atlanta. The program requires an annual audit tracking cost estimates and expenditures as well as an annual report underscoring transparency, efficiency and effectiveness in project delivery.

To learn more, visit http://atlantaga.gov/tsplost.

THE BALLOT LANGUAGE WILL READ,

"SHALL AN ADDITIONAL 0.4 PERCENT SALES TAX BE COLLECTED IN THE CITY OF ATLANTA FOR 5 YEARS FOR THE PURPOSE OF TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENTS AND CONGESTION REDUCTION?"