

# SPLOST Phase 7



# What is a SPLOST

- Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax
- A SPLOST is an optional one percent county sales tax used to fund **capital outlay projects** proposed by the county government and participating qualified municipal Governments.
  - Capital Outlay defined – O.C.G.A. § 48-8-110 (1)
  - Authorized Projects – O.C.G.A § 48-8-111(a)(1)

# Examples of SPLOST Projects

- Roads, Streets and Bridges
- Stormwater and Drainage Projects
- Courthouse, Library, and Administrative Facilities
- Recreation, Cultural, and Historic Facilities
- General Obligation Debt
- Public Safety Facilities
- Capital Equipment
- Public Safety Vehicles
- Voting Equipment
- Transportation Facilities

# Phase VI Update

- Collections as of August 31, 2015 – \$169.3 million
  - Total Amount to be Collected = \$184.7 Million
- Average Monthly Collection – \$3.1 Million
- Projected End Date: **March 31, 2016**

# Projected Collection Amounts

- \$37 Million per year
- \$148 Million – 4 years
- \$185 million – 5 years
- \$222 million – 6 years
- *Based on current collection rates*

# Term of the Tax

- When the consolidated government issues general obligation bonds in conjunction with the SPLOST referendum, the tax will terminate when the estimated amount of SPLOST proceeds stated on the ballot is collected.

-O.C.G.A. § 48-8-111.1(b)

# Completed Projects

# Sheriff's Administration Center







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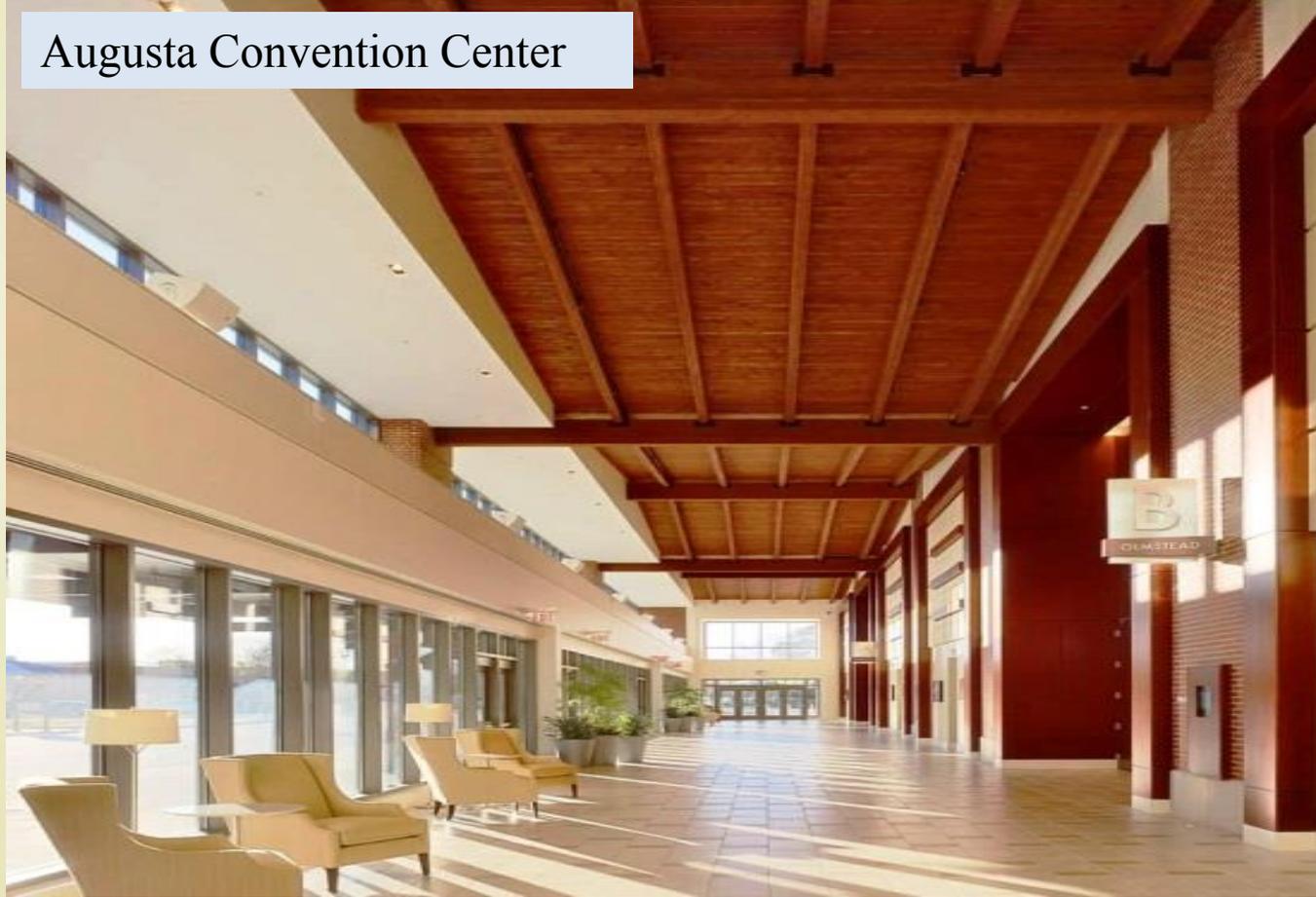
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Augusta Municipal Building  
Renovations & Modernization Project  
Augusta, GA  
May 4, 2015

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# Augusta Convention Center



# Augusta Judicial Center



# Webster Detention Center Visitor Center

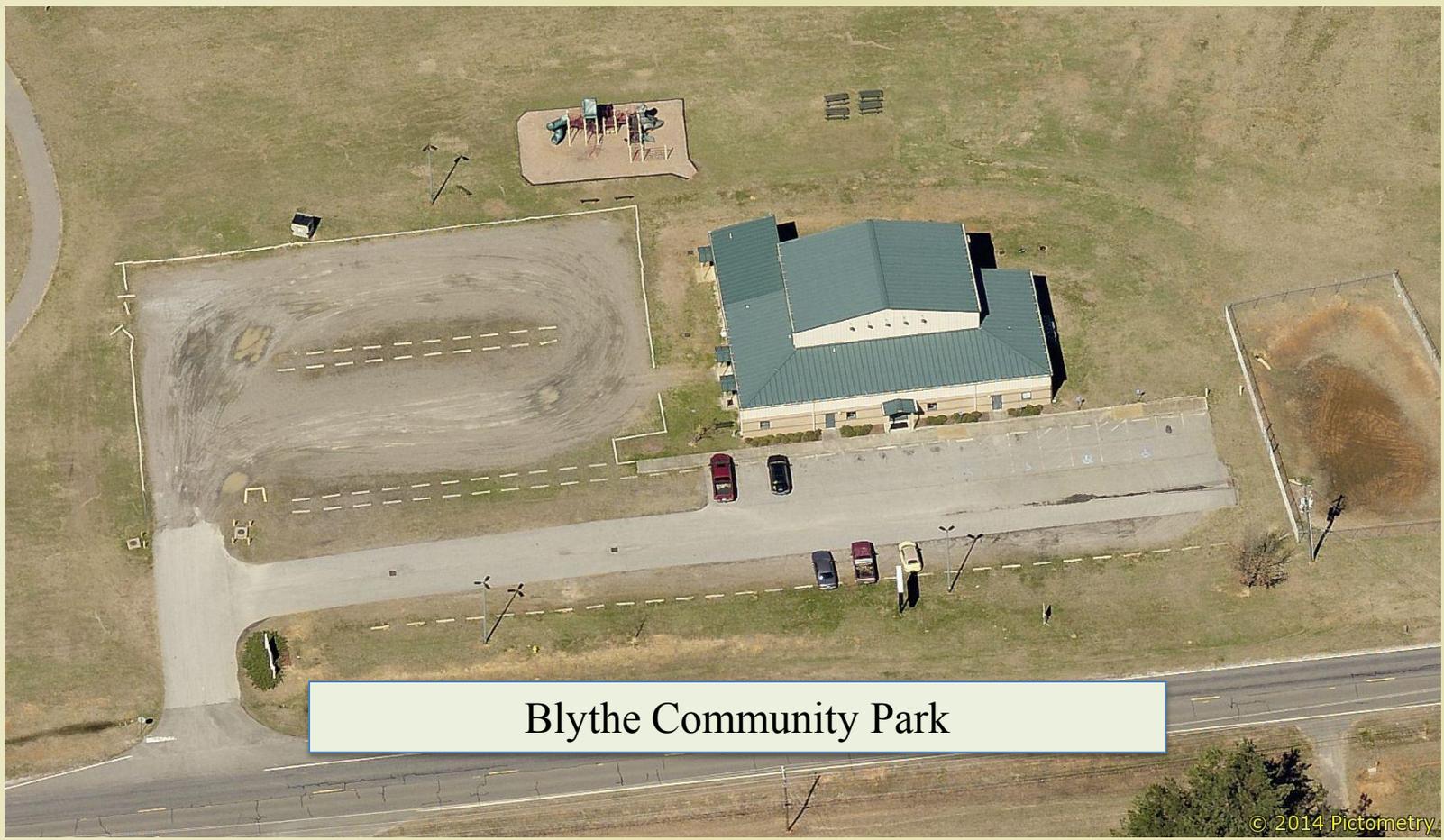




Augusta Aquatics Center



Diamond Lakes Community Center



Blythe Community Park

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Augusta Common

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Fire Station #1



Fire Station #8



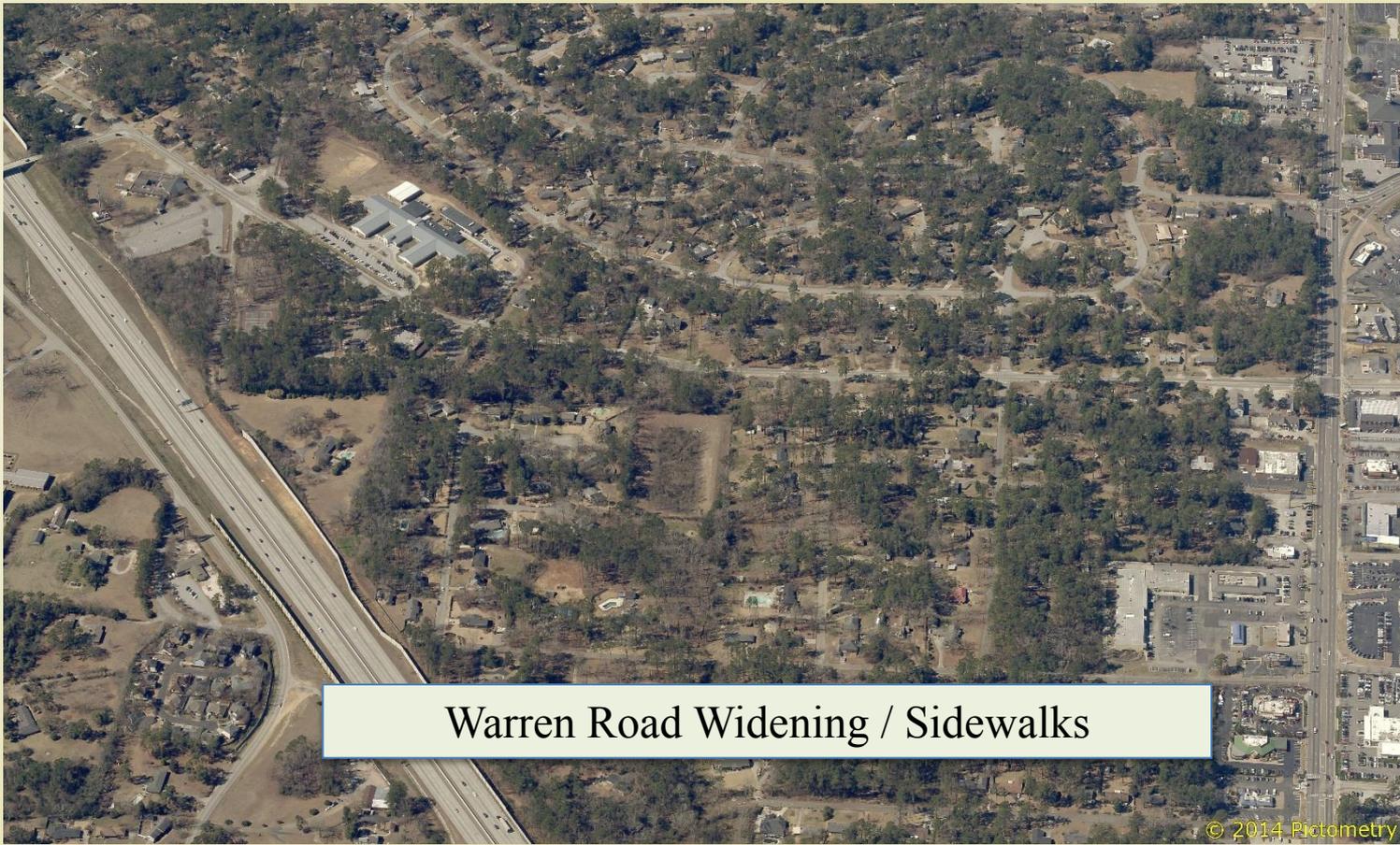
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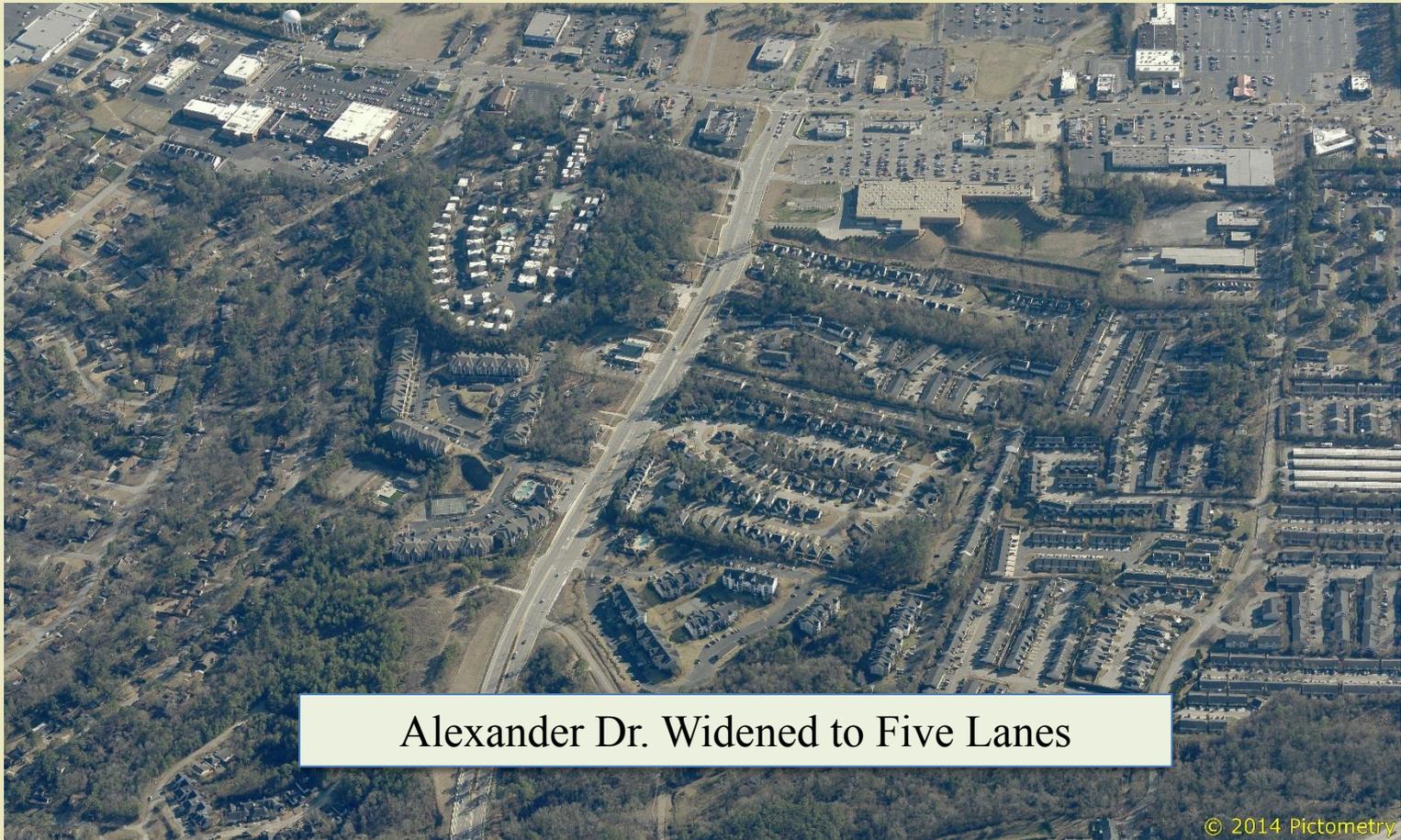


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Warren Road Widening / Sidewalks

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Alexander Dr. Widened to Five Lanes

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# SPLOST 7 REFERENDUM

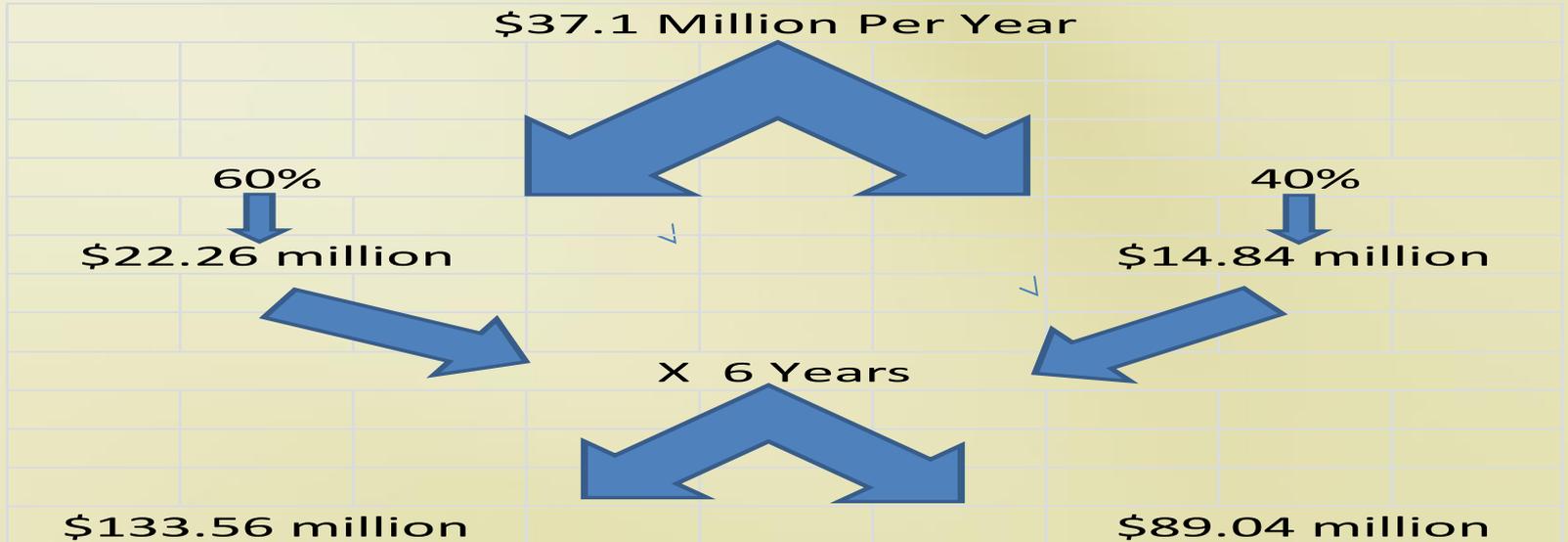
## Categories:

• <b>Public Safety</b>	\$45,500,000	21.11%
• <b>Quality of Life</b>	28,000,000	12.99%
• <b>General Government</b>	11,000,000	5.10%
• <b>Infrastructure and Facilities</b>	122,650,000	56.90%
• <b>Other Governments</b> -		
• Blythe	1,900,000	0.88%
• Hephzibah	6,500,000	3.02%
• <b>Total</b>	<b>\$215,550,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

Commission approved 8-19-15

# WHO ACTUALLY PAYS SPLOST?

- 55% from Augusta Richmond County residents
- At least 45% from non-residents



# WHAT IF THERE WAS NO SPLOST?

## FACTS:

- Augusta collects \$3.7 million *per year* in ad valorem taxes for capital projects. SPLOST collections average \$3.1 million *per month*.
- Funds for Capital Projects would be limited to 10% of the current amount available **OR**
- Augusta could issue voter approved General Obligation Bonds for projects. General Obligation Bonds are paid entirely by ad valorem tax collections

# STORMWATER UTILITY PROGRAM

MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS

VS.

# SPLOST

CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

These funding sources work in tandem.

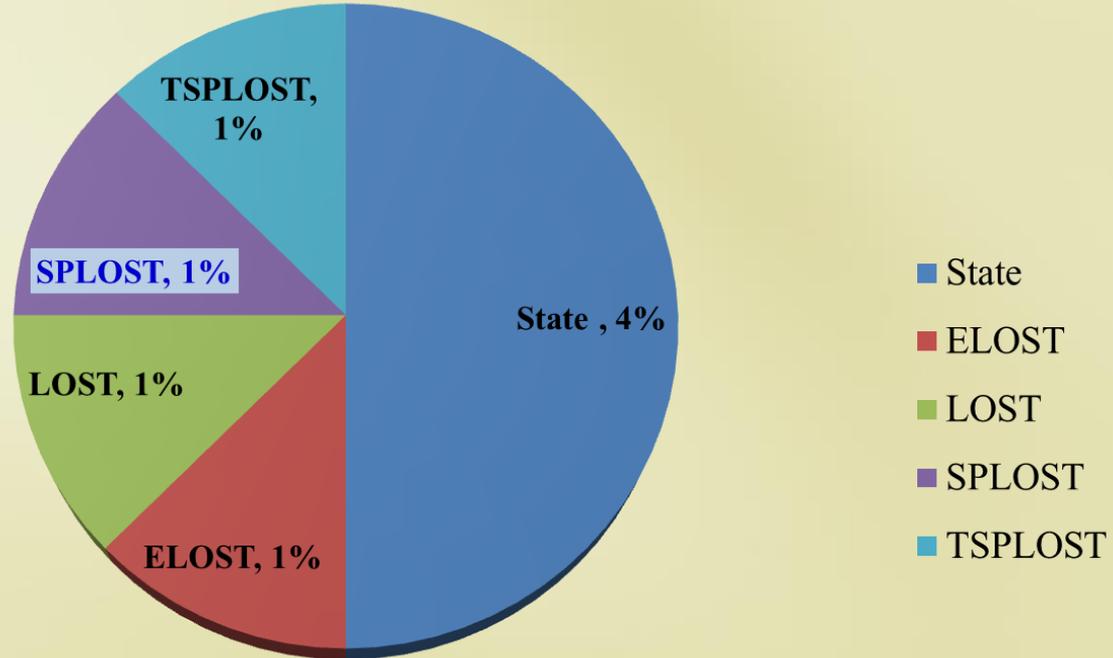
# How long does it take to spend funds once voters approve the SPLOST?

- It takes at least 5 years to collect all revenue, and we minimize what we issue bonds for due to cost of borrowing

Pace of expenditure is affected by:

- Whether state or federal matching funds are available; the wait can be 5 to 10 years
- Whether non-governmental recipients have raised their 25% match
- Whether project bids come in over or under budget

# Allocation of 8% Sales Tax



# Augusta, Georgia SPLOST 7 Project List Approved August 18, 2015

Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax

<b>Category</b>	<b>Approved 8-18-15</b>
<b>Public Safety</b>	\$ 45,500,000
<b>Quality of Life</b>	28,000,000
<b>General Government</b>	11,000,000
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<b>Other Governments</b>	-
Blythe	1,900,000
Hephzibah	6,500,000
<b>NGO Agencies</b>	-
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$ 215,550,000</b>

<b>Department</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Approved 8-18-15</b>
911	911 Center Upgrades	\$ 500,000
Fire	Engines, Pumpers, Aerials	6,000,000
Fire	Construction of three new fire stations	7,500,000
	Construction Training Center/EOC	1,000,000
Fire	Fire Station Alerting System Upgrade	1,100,000
Fleet	Public Safety Vehicles	9,000,000
IT	P25 Radio System	15,000,000
Marshal	Marshal's Operation Center (MOC)	1,000,000
IT	Mobile Data Terminal (MDT) Replacement	900,000
Sheriff	Training Range Enhancements	2,200,000
Sheriff	Special Operations Precinct	1,300,000
	<b>Total - Public Safety</b>	<b>\$ 45,500,000</b>

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Recreation	<b>Hiking/Biking Trails &amp; River Walk Enhancements and Expansion</b> Trails/Greenspace Initiative Land Acquisition	\$ 4,000,000
Recreation	<b>Neighborhood Parks/Urban Parks/Open Space and Playgrounds</b> Playground Unit Replacement Initiative City-Wide Park Site Improvements	4,000,000
Recreation	<b>Community Center Improvement/Equipment</b> HVAC Upgrades Capital Equipment City-Wide Park Community Center Improvements	4,000,000
Recreation	<b>Sports Facility Field and Court Improvements</b> Restoration of Ball Fields/Irrigation Tennis/Multi-Purpose Court Upgrades City-Wide Sports Lighting Improvements	1,750,000
Recreation	<b>Swimming Pools and Splash Pads</b> Splash Pad Water Playground Initiative City-Wide Swimming Pool Renovations	2,000,000
Recreation	<b>ADA Audit &amp; Improvements, Reforestation, and Cemetery Improvements</b> City-Wide Cemetery Improvements City-Wide Reforestation Initiative	1,000,000
Recreation	<b>Administration</b>	750,000
Administrator	Augusta Public Art Infusion/Gateway Beautification	1,000,000
Canal Authority	Augusta Canal Improvements	1,500,000
Coliseum Authority	Modernized James Brown Arena	6,000,000
Transit	Transit Bus Purchase	1,350,000
Transit	New Transit Bus Shelters	650,000
	<b>Total - Quality of Life</b>	<b>\$ 28,000,000</b>

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IT	Consolidated Property Appraisal, Billing, and Collections Software (TAO/TCO)	\$ 3,500,000
Administration	Program Administration	3,500,000
Administration	Interest on SPLOST 7 Bonds	4,000,000
	<b>Total - General Government</b>	<b><u>\$ 11,000,000</u></b>

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<b>INFRASTRUCTURE</b>		
Engineering	On-Call and Emergency Construction	\$ 2,350,000
Engineering	Grading and Drainage (Stormwater)	25,000,000
Engineering	Monte Sano Ave. Improvements (Wrightsboro Rd. to Walton Way) Concept	300,000
Engineering	Wrightsboro Road Reconstruction and Pedestrian Improvements (Highland Ave. to Marks Church Road)	8,500,000
Engineering	Skinner Mill Road Widening and Realignment (Boy Scout to Walton Way) (Concept and Design)	750,000
Engineering	Maintenance/Construction Machinery and Equipment	1,000,000
Engineering	SPLOST Administration	2,500,000
Engineering	Martin Luther King Drive Road Diet/Safety Improvements	1,000,000
Engineering	Walton Way Safety and Operational Improvements (Lake Forest Drive to Milledge Road) Design	700,000
Engineering	Forest Hill Drainage Improvements and Flood Reduction (Concept and Design)	400,000
Engineering	Rocky Creek Drainage Improvements and Flood Reduction	6,650,000
Engineering	Hyde Park Drainage and Wilkinson Gardens Drainage Improvements	6,000,000
Engineering	East Augusta Roadway and Drainage Improvements - Phase III (Marion Homes Area)	4,500,000
Engineering	East Augusta Roadway and Drainage Improvements - Phase IV (Azalea, Brunswick, & Albany Street Areas)	2,500,000
Engineering	East Augusta Roadway and Drainage Improvements - Phase V (Hornsby Area)	2,500,000
Engineering	ADA-Sidewalks-Rehab-Replacement	2,000,000
Engineering	Milling and Resurfacing - Contracts/County Forces	1,500,000
Engineering	Paving Dirt Roads	1,000,000
Engineering	Fort Gordon Gate Operational Enhancement	1,000,000
	<b>Total Infrastructure</b>	<u>\$ 70,150,000</u>

<b>Department</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Approved 8-18-15</b>
<b>Government Facilities</b>		
Fleet	Fleet Maintenance Facility design and upgrades	\$ 1,500,000
Library	Renovation of Existing Facilities	500,000
Augusta Museum of History	Museum Asset Management	1,000,000
Public Facilities	New Offices for Public Defender	5,000,000
Public Facilities	Existing Facilities upgrades	5,000,000
Public Facilities	Animal Control Upgrades	500,000
Public Facilities	New Records Retention Center	2,500,000
Public Facilities	Demolish LEC at 401 Walton Way	1,500,000
Administration	Municipal Campus - debt service payoff	35,000,000
	<b>Total Government Facilities</b>	<u>52,500,000</u>
	<b>Grand Total - Infrastructure and Facilities</b>	<u>\$ 122,650,000</u>

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Blythe	Water System Upgrades and Improvements	\$ 350,000	
Blythe	Surface-water Drainage / Storm Water Improvements	300,000	
Blythe	Police Department / Public Safety Equipment	300,000	
Blythe	Parks / Recreation; Community Building / Public Library / Media Center	750,000	
Blythe	WI-FI Wireless Internet Equipment	50,000	
Blythe	Repairs renovations for City Hall and Administrative facility; Audio-visual; Building Security; telephone; computer; software, printer, copier, Equipment and municipal information technology system	85,000	
Blythe	Paving / Resurfacing Roads / Streets and Solar Street Lights	350,000	
Blythe	Capital Outlay Projects: Tractors, trucks, trailers, backhoes, loaders, mowers, trimmers, edgers and related equipment.	100,000	
Blythe	Additional Water System Upgrades and Improvements	50,000	
	<b>Total - Blythe</b>	<b>\$ 2,335,000</b>	<b>\$ 1,900,000</b>

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Hephzibah Agricultural Center	\$ 2,400,000	
Water Department Upgrades	250,000	
Multi-use Trails	500,000	
Roadway Improvements & Beautification	150,000	
Water Dept. Vehicles & Equipment	180,000	
Public Safety Vehicles & Equipment	150,000	
Fire & EMS Vehicles & Equipment	425,000	
Fire Department Facilities Upgrades	985,000	
Alternative Energy	150,000	
Sports & Recreation	1,500,000	
Senior Facilities	500,000	
Water Tank Upgrades	115,000	
City Hall Expansion	100,000	
<b>Total - Hephzibah</b>	<b><u>\$ 7,405,000</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 6,500,000</u></b>

# Summary Points

1. This is a continuation of an existing tax
2. At least 45% of the money comes from people who do not live in Richmond County
3. We can only use SPLOST proceeds for capital improvement projects
4. Staff is available to meet with neighborhood groups, civic associations, etc. Please contact Sarah Hudson at (706) 821-2400 to schedule.

For More Information Please See:

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