

Roads and Bridges
SPLOST



Transportation
Special Purpose Local
Option Sales Tax



REFERENDUM NOVEMBER 2018

On November 6, 2018, Habersham County voters will have the opportunity to approve a 1-cent sales tax for transportation purposes. This proposed Roads & Bridges SPLOST will apply to all users of our County's roads and bridges, not just Habersham County residents. All who travel through our beautiful county and use our roadways would contribute to the maintenance and improvement of our roads and bridges.

What will the Roads & Bridges SPLOST do for Habersham County?

Funds generated from the Roads & Bridges SPLOST are used for transportation purposes only. Some of the current capital project needs within Habersham County that would be funded by the Roads & Bridges SPLOST are:

Existing Pavement: Repave roads

Roadway Drainage: Culverts and ditches

Roadway Safety: Restriping, signs, guard rails

Bridges: Resurface bridge decks

Roadway Capacity: Pave dirt roads

Roadway Repairs: Potholes, cracking, etc.

Sidewalks: Repair existing and install new

Equipment: Road department equipment

- The standard recommended resurfacing cycle for newly paved roads is every **10 to 15 years**.
- Currently, Habersham County is able to resurface roads every **40 years**. The Roads & Bridge SPLOST would allow a resurfacing cycle of every **20 years**.



The proposed Roads & Bridges SPLOST will be collected over a period of five (5) years and, if passed, collection will begin on April 1, 2019. Based on road miles and population, along with expected growth over the next five years, the revenue anticipated from the Roads & Bridges SPLOST is approximately \$35.5 million.

- Habersham County maintains **56** bridges
- **11** of those bridges have a sufficiency rating **between 50 and 80**, which qualifies them for rehabilitation
- **5** of those bridges have a sufficiency rating **less than 50**, which qualifies them for replacement
- **6** of those bridges are reported as **functionally obsolete**
- **2** of those bridges are reported as **structurally deficient**

Following are the proposed funds revenue distribution, project lists for the County and cities, and examples of just some of the current needs that the Roads & Bridges SPLOST funds will allow us to complete:

HABERSHAM COUNTY: \$27,127,827
(Unincorporated)

- Resurface Existing Paved Roads
- Roadway Drainage
- Roadway Capacity
- Roadway Safety Improvements
- Bridge Repairs
- Equipment-Road Dept.
- Aviation-Maintenance

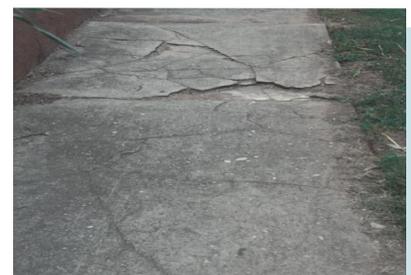


ALTO: \$447,177

- Resurface Existing Paved Roads
- Roadway Drainage
- Roadway Capacity
- Roadway Safety Improvements

BALDWIN: \$1,358,499

- Resurface Existing Paved Roads
- Sidewalks
- Roadway Safety Improvements



CLARKESVILLE: \$1,143,612

- Resurface Existing Paved Roads
- Roadway Drainage
- Sidewalks
- Equipment-Road Dept.



CORNELIA: \$3,087,055

- Resurface Existing Paved Roads
- Roadway Repairs
- Roadway Drainage
- Sidewalks
- Bridge Repairs

DEMOREST: \$1,351,826

- Resurface Existing Paved Roads
- Road Repairs
- Roadway Drainage
- Roadway Safety Improvements
- Roadway Capacity
- Equipment-Road Dept.



MOUNT AIRY: \$929,589

- Resurface Existing Paved Roads
- Bridge Repairs

TALLULAH FALLS: \$121,887

- Resurface Existing Paved Roads
- Roadway Capacity



How will the Roads & Bridges SPLOST work?



The Transportation Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax, or Roads & Bridges SPLOST, is a 1-cent sales tax on purchased items. Gasoline, diesel, and motor vehicle purchases are exempt and would not be taxed under TSPLOST. Currently, the sales tax rate in Habersham County is 7%. Of that 7%, 4% goes to state government, 2% goes to local schools, and 1% goes to Habersham County and the cities for special projects.

About 40% of SPLOST money comes from people who live outside of our county who come here to visit, work, or just pass through.

If passed, the Roads & Bridges SPLOST would add 1-cent to the sales tax already being collected. The funds generated by the Roads & Bridges SPLOST would then be distributed amongst the County and Cities for various transportation projects. The Roads & Bridges SPLOST will provide the necessary funds to maintain and improve roadways throughout Habersham County, as well as throughout the cities within Habersham.

Shown below are just a few roads and bridges projects completed by Habersham County using SPLOST VI funds:

Willingham Avenue 2015-2016



Wall Bridge 2015-2016



Crane Mill Road 2016-2017



Important Points to Know Regarding the Roads & Bridges SPLOST:

- Roads & Bridges SPLOST, or Transportation Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax, is a Fair Tax that will apply to all who use our roadways. It protects Habersham County's property tax payers by distributing the burden of our roadway repair and maintenance costs to everyone, not just property owners.
- Roads & Bridges SPLOST will apply to those who live outside of Habersham County, but who travel on our roadways to work, visit, vacation, or simply just pass through.
- Roads & Bridges SPLOST will add only one cent to our current sales tax rate. This single penny tax would be collected over five years beginning on April 1, 2019.
- Roads & Bridges SPLOST pennies could add up to over \$35.5 million that will go towards Habersham County's transportation needs only. This will provide much needed funds for the maintenance and improvement of our roads and bridges.

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