



## Board Action Item Report and Staff Summary

SUBJECT: Future TSPLOST Project-Program List	AGENDA NO: 2023-10-016
DESCRIPTION: Developed list of needs for TSPLOST funding of project for 2023	
ACTION REQUEST: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approval <input type="checkbox"/> Review Comment <input type="checkbox"/> Information Only <input type="checkbox"/> Other	

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to proceed with coordination of the proposed CAT TSPLOST project-program list with Chatham County and the Cities. As the potential for a future TSPLOST opportunity is considered, the proposed list provides a foundation for discussion.

### **ISSUE/BACKGROUND:**

A Transportation Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (TSPLOST) is a 1% sales tax collected for five years for specific program of transportation uses. For a TSPLOST to be enacted, the voters through a referendum must approve it. There are also guidelines to the allocation of those funds (listed below). As consideration of a TSPLOST of a referendum may advance in the future, CAT has developed a list of needs in preparation, thereof.

### **DISCUSSION:**

In order to meet the broad Chatham and surrounding community needs and expectations for safe, reliable transit services, CAT has identified match fund needs:

A future TSPLOST program could provide funding for capital improvement and operational expenses for CAT Transit Operations and Maintenance functions, for the purpose of providing all accompanying infrastructure and services necessary to provide access to CAT’s public transit system.

To the extent allowed by law, budgeted project funds may be used as matching funds for leveraging grant opportunities. Additionally, to the extent allowed by law, other funding sources, including, but not limited to, grants, may be utilized to offset and/or reduce the project budget.

Under the Project-Program List, the CAT Board of Directors will have the authority to review and approve new TSPLOST funded projects annually, based upon current data and emergent needs, during the annual Strategic and Budget planning process.

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

This funding source would expand CAT’s financial portfolio and support need capital and associated operational needs.

### **NEXT STEPS:**

Upon recommendation for Board approval of the project list, the CEO may engage in discussions with Chatham County and the Cities as a project list is discussed. If approved, this program list would be incorporated into an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with Chatham County in preparation for a ballot referendum by Chatham County voters at a later date.



**ATTACHMENTS:**

CAT TSPLOST 2023 Project List

**COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT:**

Planning and Infrastructure Development Committee

**PROPOSED MOTION:**

Move to: Adopt and Authorize the CEO to proceed with funding coordination of the proposed CAT TSPLOST project list with Chatham County.

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## Chatham Area Transit Authority (PROPOSED) TSPLOST Project-Program List

PROJECT	BUDGET	COST	DESCRIPTION AND/OR NOTES
<b>Operations/Maintenance</b>	Operating	\$10,000,000	
<b>Bus Replacement – EV Expansion</b>	Capital	\$2,000,000	8-10 buses – 12 are needed total as identified in our asset management/vehicle replacement plan
<b>Microtransit Electric Vehicles (includes paratransit service)</b>	Capital	\$3,000,000	15 est. vehicles for expanded microtransit/para service being developed through the Master Transit Plan
<b>Electric Charging Infrastructure and Strategic Park and Rides</b>	Capital	\$3,000,000	Developed through the Master Transit Plan
<b>Supporting Smart Technology and System Resiliency</b>	Capital	\$2,000,000	Technology capital and supporting fleet operations and management
<b>System Amenities</b>	Capital	\$1,500,000	Phased upgrades to shelters and amenities infrastructure in prioritized areas to include solar connections
<b>PROGRAM TOTAL</b>		<b>\$21,500,000</b>	Capital Projects Total \$11.5 to leverage, federal, state, and potential public/private funding for system enhancements of just under \$60M over six years as 80/20 match.

**TSPLOST Guidelines:**

- Transportation projects include roads, bridges, public transit, rails, airports, buses, and accompanying infrastructure and services necessary to provide access to these facilities.
- Roads, streets, sidewalks, bicycle paths, and bridge aspects to include but not limited to the following:
  - acquisition of right of way
  - construction
  - renovation and improvement of said facilities, including resurfacing;
  - relocation of utilities;
  - patching, leveling, milling, widening, shoulder preparation, culvert repair, and other repairs necessary for their preservation
- Stormwater and drainage capital outlay projects, in conjunction with and adjacent to said transportation projects