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Via email: "Michael Kaigler" [mkaigler@chathamcounty.org](mailto:mkaigler@chathamcounty.org)

RE: Chatham Area Transit Authority SPLOST VIII Request

Dear County Manager Kaigler:

Under the strategies outlined in the Chatham Area Transit Authority's Master Transit Plan, adopted in August 2023 by the CAT Board of Directors, it is crucial to plan financially to meet capital needs in support of public transportation service delivery that meets community needs.

Public transportation is capital-intensive. Because CAT's existing fixed-route and paratransit fleet contains a high percentage of fully depreciated vehicles, and a ferry that will reach its useful life during the SPLOST VIII period, coupled with funding unknowns at the federal level impacting formula and competitive grants, we must be financially prepared to meet CAT's vehicle replacement needs at the end of the vehicle useful life. SPLOST VIII revenue is crucial for these reasons.

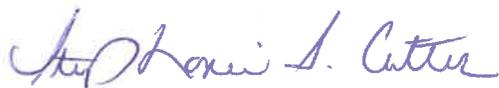
The Master Transit Plan, grounded in transportation equity, aims to provide dependable, safe, and convenient service through a transportation network that gets people to where they need and want to go. Thus, a significant investment in our fleet will be made over the next six years to replace fully depreciated vehicles, expand the fleet to meet the community's public transportation needs, and support preventive maintenance.

The SPLOST VIII request for transit will support local match requirements for grant-funded projects, provide financial resources for public transportation expansion, and support the construction of facilities needed to operate and maintain the agency's fleet adequately. The table below summarizes the SPLOST VIII request for the Chatham Area Transit Authority.

<b>SPLOST VIII Funding Request</b>	
Fixed-route bus & supporting equipment - Replacement & fleet additions to support service expansion and new modes of public transportation	\$ 20,000,000
Paratransit bus replacement	4,500,000
Micro-transit vehicles and supporting equipment	7,000,000
Hydraulic Lifts to support bus repair	500,000
Ferry Replacement / Expansion	14,000,000
Paratransit Maintenance Facility	2,200,000
<b>Total Request</b>	<b>\$48,200,000</b>

Thank you in advance for your consideration of CAT's VIII request. If you need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at (912) 704-6604 or [stephanie.cutter@catchacat.org](mailto:stephanie.cutter@catchacat.org).

Regards,



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