



TRANSFORM >> METRO ATLANTA



How should Metro Atlanta be transformed?

Everyone agrees - Metro Atlanta has a serious traffic problem.

Metro Atlanta drivers have the longest commute in the country. Averaging 2 hours and 7 minutes per round trip, Atlanta is more congested than Los Angeles, Washington, Chicago, and Houston.

Traffic impacts us all – whether it is our inability to get home in time for a family dinner, or a child’s soccer game, or a midweek church service. It creates additional stress in our lives and diminishes our quality of life.

In the midst of the worst economic downturn since the Great Depression, our region’s transportation problems have reached crisis levels.

Many believe that Metro Atlanta must invest in transportation to address this crisis because improved transportation throughout our region is key to our future economic competitiveness.

Gas tax revenue, our primary source of transportation funding, is steadily declining as cars and trucks become more fuel efficient. In fact, 70% of the metro Atlanta region’s current transportation funding will be spent to simply maintain the existing roads and systems over the next 30 years, leaving little room for expansion, improvements, or new solutions.

By the year 2040, over 8 million people will call the metro Atlanta home – an increase of roughly 3 million people. If metro Atlanta does not improve regional transportation, congestion will worsen. Already too long commute times will lengthen and our quality of life will continue to suffer.

By 2015, 90% of Metro Atlanta seniors will live in neighborhoods with poor or no access to mass transit. Atlanta is the worst in the nation in this category, as well.

Other American cities - Charlotte, Denver, Salt Lake City, Seattle, Dallas, Houston, and Phoenix, to name a few - have already invested in transportation. These communities have taken proactive steps to enhance their economic competitiveness and quality of life.

The Transportation Investment Act (TIA) provides a plan for Metro Atlanta to address our clear and pressing transportation problem.

Is this plan a good solution? It’s now up to Metro Atlanta residents to study and consider it and decide.

For more information, please visit <http://transformmetroatlanta.com>

What should we do to start fixing it?

The TIA gives Metro Atlanta residents the opportunity to vote on a 1% sales tax to fund transportation projects throughout the metro Atlanta region – Cherokee, Clayton, Cobb, DeKalb, Douglas, Fayette, Fulton, Gwinnett, Henry, and Rockdale counties.

If approved by Metro Atlanta voters, this additional penny will raise \$7.22 billion in 2011 dollars over a 10 year period. 85% of this amount, or \$6.14 billion, will fund specific interstate highway, state roadways, transit, sidewalks, bike paths and other projects.

15% of the proceeds, \$1.08 billion, will be allocated to every city and county in the region for local projects to be selected by such governments.

All funds raised within the region will stay in the region and can only be used to implement transportation projects.

A 21-member Regional Roundtable, comprised of Mayors and County Commissioners throughout our region, approved the \$6.14 billion project list. The roundtable, which consisted of leaders of large and small local governments, unanimously approved the project list on October 13, 2011.

The process which led to the adoption of the project list had an unprecedented level of public participation. Thirteen public meetings were held, covering the City of Atlanta and every county in the region. Over 200,000 Metro Atlanta residents participated in the process and provided the Roundtable with substantive input, which helped shape the final project list.

The TIA ensures that public participation and oversight will continue if voters approve the penny for transportation. A five-member Citizens Review Panel will oversee the governance and administration of the projects list and will provide an annual report to the State Legislature on the progress of the projects. Annual audits will be conducted to ensure projects are completed on time and within budget. Citizens will have immediate access to information via the internet where they can monitor the progress of each project.



Now the decision whether this funding will be approved for the list of Metro Atlanta transportation projects resides with the voters of Metro Atlanta. On July 31, 2012, residents will decide whether to approve a penny sales tax to support these projects.

We owe it to ourselves and to our fellow residents to learn about the choice before us so we can decide for ourselves whether it is a good solution to Metro Atlanta's traffic and transportation problems and the right way to reduce congestion, create jobs and improve our quality of life.

How would the 85% Regional Project Allocation be spent?

Mode	TIA Funds	Percent
Transit	\$3,159,892,477	51.5%
Roadway	\$2,903,019,900	47.3%
Roadway/Transit	\$50,000,000	0.8%
Bike/Ped	\$24,070,000	0.4%
Aviation	\$3,190,000	0.1%
Total	\$6,140,172,377	100.0%

Enhanced transit



- Clayton County Local Bus / Fixed Route Transit Service
- GRTA Xpress System - Operations and Capital Funding for Existing Services
- MARTA Train Upgrades and Enhancements
- Airport Train Station Renovations
- Regional Mobility Call Center and Enhanced Transportation Services for Older Adults and Persons with Disabilities

Expanded transit



- Clifton Corridor Transit - Lindbergh Center to Emory University/Centers for Disease Control
- Enhanced Premium Transit Service - Acworth / Kennesaw / Town Center to MARTA Arts Center Station
- I-20 East Transit Corridor Investments
- Atlanta Beltline and Atlanta Streetcar Transit

Improved bike/pedestrian access



- Dorris Road Multiuse Path Phases 1 and 2
- Glenwood Road from SR 155 (Candler Road) to US 278 (Covington Highway) - Corridor Improvements
- SR 13 (Buford Hwy) from Lenox Road to Shallowford Terrace -Pedestrian, Landscape and BRT Improvements

Road widening



- SR 120 (Old Milton Parkway) from SR 400 to Kimball Bridge Road – Widening
- Sigman Road from Lester Road to Dogwood Connector – Widening and Corridor Improvements
- SR 140 (Cherokee, Fulton) - Widening
- US 23 (Buford Highway) from Old Peachtree Road to Sugarloaf Parkway - Widening and Corridor Improvements
- US 23 / SR 42 from SR 138 to SR 155 - Widening

Improved safety



- 10th Street from Howell Mill Road to Monroe Drive - Traffic Signal Improvements
- East Fayetteville Bypass Segment 1 (South) from South Jeff Davis Road to SR 54 (East Lanier Avenue) - New Alignment and Widening
- SR 120 (Kimball Bridge Road) from State Bridge Road to Jones Bridge Road - Widening
- SR 92 from Fairburn Road to Dallas Highway
- SR 316 at US 29 – Grade Separation

Improved traffic flow



- I-285 North at SR 400 Interchange Improvements
- I-85 North at I-285 - Interchange Improvements
- I-75 North at Windy Hill Road - Interchange Improvements
- I-285 West at I-20 West - Interchange Improvements
- I-20 East at Panola Road - Interchange Improvements
- I-85 South at SR 74 - Interchange Improvements

How would the 15% Regional Project Allocation be spent?

The 15% local allocation goes back to each jurisdiction in the region based on population and lane miles and can be used only for transportation purposes. Examples of possible usage would be repaving roads, fixing potholes, improving signal timing and sidewalks, and increasing bike paths. These amounts represent estimated annual amounts.

County	Jurisdiction	Distribution	County	Jurisdiction	Distribution
Cherokee	Unincorporated	\$5,821,769	Fulton	Unincorporated	\$2,915,070
Cherokee	Ball Ground	62,035	Fulton	Alpharetta	1,241,979
Cherokee	Canton	404,999	Fulton	Atlanta	9,071,032
Cherokee	Holly Springs	209,331	Fulton	Chattahoochee Hills	265,921
Cherokee	Mountain park	106	Fulton	College park	348,986
Cherokee	Nelson	3,025	Fulton	East Point	871,827
Cherokee	Waleska	12,493	Fulton	Fairburn	482,409
Cherokee	Woodstock	326,696	Fulton	Hapeville	171,619
Cherokee	Total	\$6,840,454	Fulton	Johns Creek	1,471,910
Clayton	Unincorporated	\$5,040,945	Fulton	Milton	942,564
Clayton	College Park	6,424	Fulton	Mountain Park	35,777
Clayton	Forest Park	404,305	Fulton	Palmetto	234,470
Clayton	Jonesboro	138,462	Fulton	Roswell	1,948,715
Clayton	Lake City	94,373	Fulton	Sandy Springs	1,841,969
Clayton	Lovejoy	62,097	Fulton	Union City	588,155
Clayton	Morrow	160,755	Fulton	Total	\$22,434,403
Clayton	Riverdale	289,703	Gwinnett	Unincorporated	\$14,263,653
Clayton	Total	\$6,197,064	Gwinnett	Auburn	1,055
Cobb	Unincorporated	\$13,280,030	Gwinnett	Berkeley Lake	40,508
Cobb	Acworth	472,829	Gwinnett	Braselton	15,013
Cobb	Austell	516,674	Gwinnett	Buford	477,382
Cobb	Kennesaw	579,030	Gwinnett	Dacula	148,956
Cobb	Marietta	1,063,737	Gwinnett	Duluth	493,390
Cobb	Powder Springs	288,985	Gwinnett	Grayson	75,603
Cobb	Smyrna	821,452	Gwinnett	Lawrenceville	639,500
Cobb	Total	\$17,022,737	Gwinnett	Lilburn	287,685
DeKalb	Unincorporated	\$12,104,694	Gwinnett	Loganville	12,494
DeKalb	Atlanta	142,873	Gwinnett	Norcross	210,992
DeKalb	Avondale Estates	79,635	Gwinnett	Rest Haven	7,805
DeKalb	Chamblee	187,828	Gwinnett	Snellville	425,230
DeKalb	Clarkston	91,909	Gwinnett	Sugar Hill	388,470
DeKalb	Decatur	360,880	Gwinnett	Suwanee	354,729
DeKalb	Doraville	189,620	Gwinnett	Total	\$17,842,464
DeKalb	Dunwoody	786,581	Henry	Unincorporated	\$6,036,768
DeKalb	Lithonia	58,642	Henry	Hampton	208,013
DeKalb	Pine Lake	29,812	Henry	Locust Grove	254,592
DeKalb	Stone Mountain	173,961	Henry	McDonough	492,521
DeKalb	Total	\$14,206,434	Henry	Stockbridge	478,028
Douglas	Unincorporated	\$3,603,386	Henry	Total	\$7,469,922
Douglas	Austell	202	Rockdale	Unincorporated	\$2,563,496
Douglas	Douglasville	756,543	Rockdale	Conyers	391,792
Douglas	Villa Rica	28,224	Rockdale	Total	\$2,955,289
Douglas	Total	\$4,360,130	Fayette	Unincorporated	\$2,534,236
Fayette	Unincorporated	\$2,534,236	Fayette	Brooks	51,917
Fayette	Brooks	51,917	Fayette	Fayetteville	481,642
Fayette	Fayetteville	481,642	Fayette	Peachtree City	1,001,169
Fayette	Peachtree City	1,001,169	Fayette	Tyrone	285,282
Fayette	Tyrone	285,282	Fayette	Woolsey	10,039
Fayette	Woolsey	10,039	Fayette	Total	\$4,364,285
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