

DATE: *June 29, 2016*  
TO: Mayor and City Council  
FROM: Assistant City Manager  
SUBJECT: Resolution: SPLOST list  
Intergovernmental Agreement



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## RECOMMENDED ACTION

**Approve the SPLOST project resolution and authorize the Mayor and City Attorney to sign the associated intergovernmental agreement.**

## BUDGET IMPACT

The next proposed SPLOST issue is expected to generate \$950,000,000 of which Sugar Hill will receive 2.098 percent of the net proceeds designated for cities based on population. There is an additional portion designated for joint projects as in previous SPLOST cycles which are funded from the County share in an amount equal to 81 percent of the project cost. Council has previously considered projects associated with this IGA and will program the projects into future capital improvement budgets if and when the referendum is approved and SPLOST authorized.

## DISCUSSION

There has been a significant effort in recent weeks to compile the information necessary to assemble the attached agreement for consideration. Given the deadlines established for referenda associated with a normal election cycle, the cities will need to approve the IGA at this month's meeting. The proposed funding program, if approved, will commence on April 1, 2017 and conclude on March 31, 2023—a full six years.

The negotiations proposed two series of local projects, with one being funded exclusively out of Sugar Hill's share and the other being leveraged against the County's share of the proceeds, calling them joint projects. The projects are listed on the following page.

EpiCenter II - Upgrades and Improvements	\$	6,000,000
Park/Greenspace Acquisition	\$	2,236,540
Bowl Improvements II - Greenroom, Pre-Function Area, Concessions	\$	761,249
Gold Mine Park	\$	1,075,000
Sugar Loop - Phase I with Trailheads	\$	4,880,403
Resurfacing Program Enhancement (150,000 per year)	\$	900,000
Level Creek Road Extension/Roundabout	\$	1,800,000
Downtown Streetscape	\$	1,000,000
Whitehead Road at W. Broad	\$	500,000
Local Match - Joint Transportation Projects	\$	769,597
	<b>Base Project List Subtotal:</b>	<b>\$ 19,922,789</b>
Sugar Loop Greenway - JT (Segments 2 & 3 ROW)	\$	2,767,537
Highway 20 East Widening	\$	500,000
Sycamore Sidewalk	\$	187,500
Hillcrest North Sidewalk	\$	120,000
Pinecrest Sidewalk	\$	41,250
Woodward Mill Sidewalk	\$	150,000
Buford Hwy Sidewalk	\$	158,225
Riverside Rd Sidewalk	\$	126,000
	<b>Joint Transportation Project List Subtotal:</b>	<b>\$ 4,050,512</b>

The remaining terms of the agreement are substantially consistent with previous cycles of SPLOST funding. Therefore, staff is recommending approval of the list by resolution and authorization for the Mayor and City Attorney to enter into the intergovernmental agreement with the County.

*Attachment – Resolution – SPLOST project list  
IGA – Distribution of proceeds generated by the 2016 SPLOST referendum*



**A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A LIST OF PROJECTS FOR A 2017 GWINNETT COUNTY SPECIAL PURPOSE LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX (SPLOST) REFERENDUM AND TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR AND CITY ATTORNEY TO EXECUTE AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH GWINNETT COUNTY**

WHEREAS, Gwinnett County has notified the City of Sugar Hill that it is considering placing a referendum question before the voters of Gwinnett County to allow continuation of the Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) in 2017; and

WHEREAS, Gwinnett County has invited the City of Sugar Hill to review and identify qualifying projects for such SPLOST; AND

WHEREAS, the SPLOST program in Gwinnett County has historically funded a wide variety of public projects for the benefit of the citizens of the City of Sugar Hill; and

WHEREAS, the City of Sugar Hill is a “qualified municipality” as defined by O.C.G.A Sec. 48-8-110(4), and as such, is eligible to receive Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) proceeds; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the City of Sugar Hill to designate qualifying projects for consideration by the voters in such referendum and to participate in the negotiation and execution of an appropriate Intergovernmental Agreement for Use and Distribution of any such SPLOST proceeds;

NOW THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SUGAR HILL HEREBY RESOLVES, that the qualifying projects listed on Exhibit “A” attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference are approved and ratified for inclusion in the 2017 SPLOST referendum in Gwinnett County. IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Attorney are hereby authorized to execute a negotiated Intergovernmental Agreement with Gwinnett County for Use and Distribution of Proceeds Generated by the 2017 SPLOST Referendum.

SO RESOLVED this 11<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2016.

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Steve Edwards, Mayor

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Brandon Hembree, Mayor Pro Tem

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Marc Cohen, Council Member

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Susie Gajewski, Council Member

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Mike Sullivan, Council Member

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