

A top-down view of various construction safety items laid out on a dark wooden surface. In the top left is a yellow hard hat. Next to it are a pair of yellow leather work gloves. To the right is a rolled-up white blueprint with technical drawings. Below the gloves is a black headlamp with a white lens. In the bottom left is a yellow safety vest. At the bottom center are several folding rulers. In the bottom right is a pair of brown leather work boots. A piece of orange and grey safety fabric is visible in the top right.

PLANNING FOR Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax

SPLOST 8

City Council Workshop
March 27, 2025

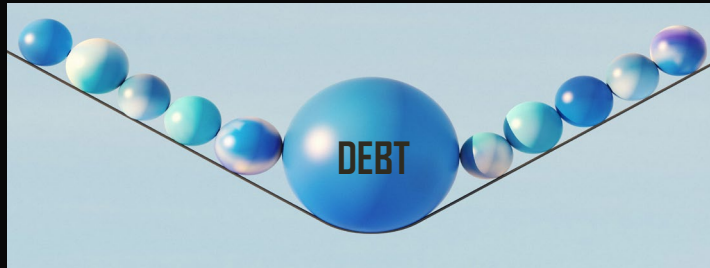
Types of Investments



Community Development



Parks & Recreation Facilities



Retiring Debt



Public Safety Facilities & Apparatus



Stormwater/Drainage Infrastructure



Transportation & Transit Infrastructure (Roads, Sidewalks, Bike Lanes & Trails)



Cultural & Entertainment Venues



HOW **SPLOST** HELPS TO ADDRESS IMPORTANT NEEDS & CREATE OPPORTUNITIES



FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

- Investment in capital projects that align with Savannah GPS Strategic plan priorities and respond to community interests and needs.
- Investment in capital projects that address deferred maintenance and renovate or replace infrastructure & capital assets in disrepair.
- Addressing funding shortfalls of existing capital projects to get them over the finish line.
- Opportunities to retire debt or provide capital matching funds to reduce general fund burden.
- Investments that help address the rising annual costs of capital projects.
- Opportunities to develop new infrastructure and capital assets that position Savannah for the future.

The Planning Process



1.
IDENTIFY
CAPITAL
NEEDS &
OPPORTUNITIES



2.
PRIORITIZE
& APPROVE
LIST OF
PROJECTS



3.
PRESENT
APPROVED
PROJECTS TO
COUNTY
BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS



4.
FINALIZE
& APPROVE
INTER-
GOVERNMENTAL
AGREEMENT
(IGA)



The Planning Process

1. IDENTIFY CAPITAL NEEDS & OPPORTUNITIES

What we will provide to City Council:

1. List of City Capital Needs
 - a. Projects already approved or in some phase of planning.
 - b. Unmet capital needs already recognized and communicated as important by City Council.
2. Possible funding mechanisms to support those needs (e.g., annual capital budget plan, impact fees, tourism product development, SPLOST, municipal bonds, etc.)

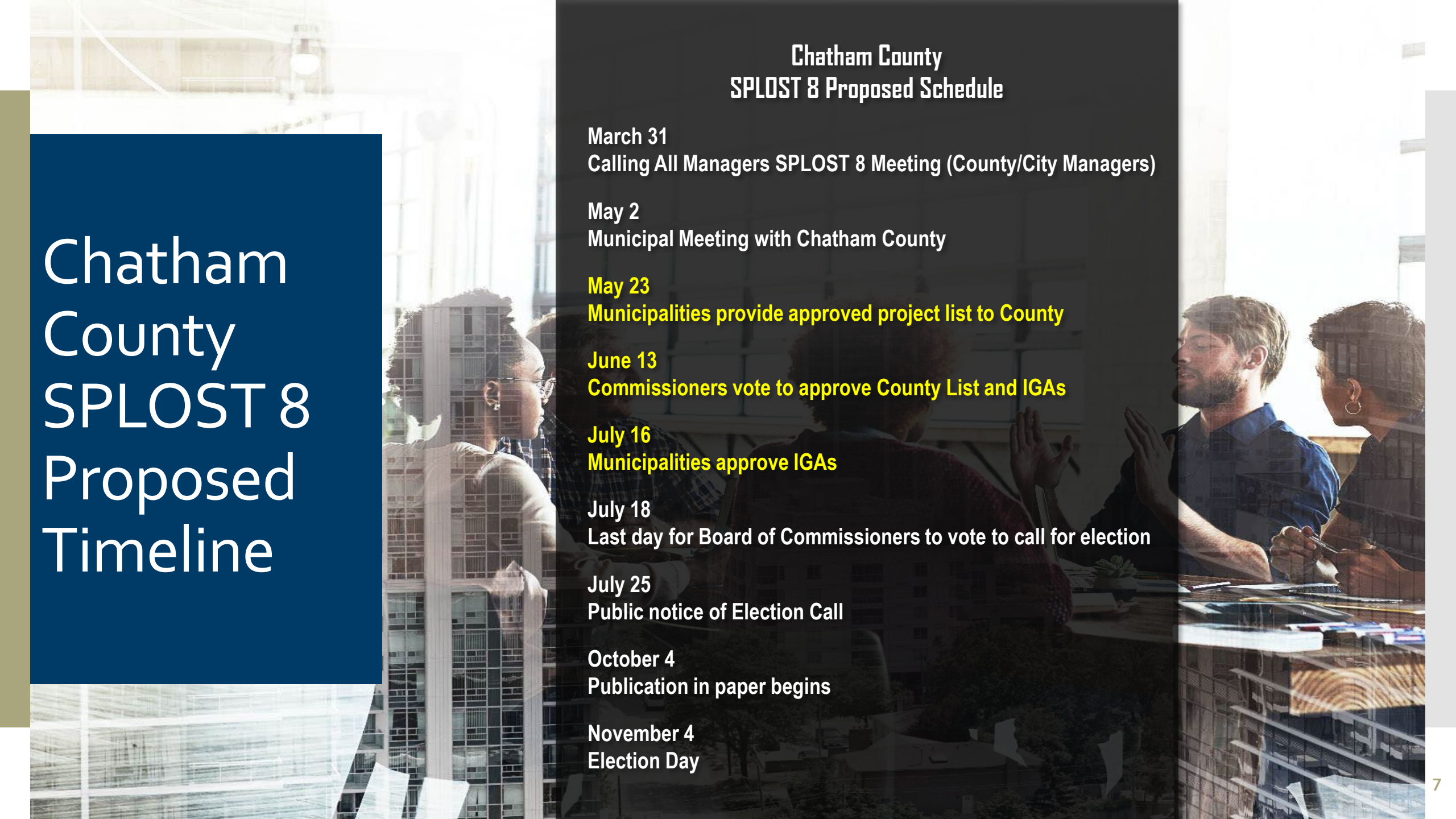


The Planning Process

2. PRIORITIZE AND APPROVE LIST OF PROJECTS

What we will need from City Council:

1. **Consider Funding Needs:** Review existing capital needs, municipal funding challenges, and future funding opportunities.
2. **Identify Funding Priorities:** Provide guidance on areas where you want to see funding focused based on approved strategic plan priorities and investment categories (e.g., community development, public safety, stormwater/drainage, recreation, etc.)
3. **Propose new projects** that should be added to the list.
4. **Finalize and approve the City's proposed SPLOST 8 Projects List.**



Chatham County SPLOST 8 Proposed Timeline

Chatham County SPLOST 8 Proposed Schedule

March 31

Calling All Managers SPLOST 8 Meeting (County/City Managers)

May 2

Municipal Meeting with Chatham County

May 23

Municipalities provide approved project list to County

June 13

Commissioners vote to approve County List and IGAs

July 16

Municipalities approve IGAs

July 18

Last day for Board of Commissioners to vote to call for election

July 25

Public notice of Election Call

October 4

Publication in paper begins

November 4

Election Day

City of Savannah – Proposed Tasks & Timeline

City Council Weeks in
Red Text

	Week1 Mar24-28	Week 2 Mar31-Apr4	Week 3 Apr 7-11	Week 4 Apr 14-18	Week 5 Apr 21-25	Week 6 Apr28-May2	Week 7 May 5-9	Week 8 May12-16	Week 9 May19-23
3/27/25: TODAY - City Council SPLOST 8 workshop, initiating municipal planning process.	Council Workshop								
5 WEEK PERIOD TO: ▪ Compile list of capital needs and work with City Council to develop a “Short List” of proposed SPLOST 8 Capital Projects for Council approval on May 8th. (Meetings TBD)									
▪ 5/8/25: SPLOST 8 City Council Workshop to present final proposed list.							Council Workshop		
▪ 5/8/25: City Council vote to approve SPLOST 8 list.							Council Vote		
If proposed SPLOST 8 list is not approved, 5/22 Council date remains. CAUTION: Final approved list is due 5/23/2025.									
▪ CM revises proposed SPLOST 8 list, if needed.									
▪ 5/22/25: Council vote to approve revised SPLOST 8 list.									Back-Up Vote 5/22
▪ 5/23/25: Municipalities provide approved, prioritized list to Chatham County.									Projects Due 5/23

Thank you
for your time.

