

**No New 1% Sales Tax**



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# Northwest Georgia Region 1

## TIA 2010



## Final Approved List October 2011

- ⊕.. Bartow County
- ⊕.. Catoosa County
- ⊕.. Chattooga County
- ⊕.. Dade County
- ⊕.. Fannin County
- ⊕.. Floyd County
- ⊕.. Gilmer County
- ⊕.. Gordon County
- ⊕.. Haralson County
- ⊕.. Murray County
- ⊕.. Paulding County
- ⊕.. Pickens County
- ⊕.. Polk County
- ⊕.. Walker County
- ⊕.. Whitfield County

## Northwest Georgia **Regional** Transportation Roundtable

Jurisdiction	Title	Name
Bartow County	Commissioner	Clarence Brown
<b>Bartow County</b>	<b>Mayor</b>	Matt Santini
Catoosa County	Commissioner	Keith Greene
<b>Catoosa County</b>	<b>Mayor</b>	Lynn Long
Chattooga County	Commissioner	Jason R. Winters
<b>Chattooga County</b>	<b>Mayor</b>	Josh Wyatt
Dade County	Commissioner	Ted M. Rumley
<b>Dade County</b>	<b>Mayor</b>	Barton Harris
Fannin County	Commissioner	Bill Simonds
<b>Fannin County</b>	<b>Mayor</b>	Donna Whitener
Floyd County	Commissioner	Eddie Lumsden
<b>Floyd County</b>	<b>Mayor</b>	Evie McNiece
Gilmer County	Commissioner	J.C. Sanford
<b>Gilmer County</b>	<b>Mayor</b>	Al Hoyle
Gordon County	Commissioner	Judy Bailey
<b>Gordon County</b>	<b>Mayor</b>	Jimmy Palmer
Haralson County	Commissioner	H. Allen Poole
<b>Haralson County</b>	<b>Mayor</b>	William "Pete" Bridges
Murray County	Commissioner	Greg Hogan
<b>Murray County</b>	<b>Mayor</b>	Billy Cantrell
Paulding County	Commissioner	David A. Austin
<b>Paulding County</b>	<b>Mayor</b>	Boyd L. Austin, Jr.
Pickens County	Commissioner	Robert P. Jones
<b>Pickens County</b>	<b>Mayor</b>	John W. Weaver
Polk County	Commissioner	Marshall Thaxton
<b>Polk County</b>	<b>Mayor</b>	Curtis Lewis
Walker County	Commissioner	Bebe Heiskell
<b>Walker County</b>	<b>Mayor</b>	Neal Florence
Whitfield County	Commissioner	W. Michael Babb
<b>Whitfield County</b>	<b>Mayor</b>	Ken Gowin
Georgia House Appointees	Representative	Katie Dempsey
Georgia House Appointees	Representative	Tom Dickson
Senate Appointees	Senator	Jeff Mullis

## Past ARC Chair Sam Olens: Is it time to elect a metro leader?

Posted in Maria's Metro

Date: September 18th, 2011, 11:50 pm

This past week, the Regional Leadership Institute convened its 2011 class in St. Simons, and one of the panel participants was Sam Olens, who currently is Georgia's attorney general and former was chairman of the Atlanta Regional Commission as well as chairman of the Cobb County Commission.

Olens knows first hand the limitations and potential of the Atlanta Regional Commission.

In a phone interview after his panel discussion, Olens said he believes that now might be the right time to change the "ARC's statutory framework" so that it would have a "region-wide elected chairperson."

**In other words, electing a regional chair of ARC would create a position that could be considered a metro mayor — having someone whose constituency would be the whole 10-county region rather than just a slice of the area.**

"Everybody complains that ARC doesn't do enough, but few people have read the statute to see how little power it has," Olens said. "Having someone elected from the region — it would be a healthy discussion."

## TIA2010 Overview

The Transportation Investment Act of 2010 (TIA2010) provides a legal mechanism in which **regions** throughout the state have the ability to impose a 1% sales tax to fund needed transportation improvements within their **region**. TIA2010 establishes 12 transportation districts throughout Georgia that follow state designated **Regional** Commission (RC) boundaries. Additionally, the law established **Regional** Transportation Roundtables (RTRs) consisting of elected officials from the counties and cities, and three non-voting legislators that make up a transportation district. The RTRs are charged with approving an investment list of transportation projects. This list will be selected by the RTR from an unconstrained example list provided by the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) Director of Planning based on recommendations from the RTR Executive Committee. An overview of the project selection process is provided in the graphic below.

**In the summer of 2012, voters in each of the 12 regions will have the opportunity to vote yes or no on an additional one percent sales tax for transportation in their region.**

**No counties or municipalities are permitted to be exempt from the tax if approved.**

**After the 10 year period, a region can reinstate the tax through the same process as described above.**

# Final Investment List and Project Costs

This document comprises the Final Investment List for the **Northwest Georgia region**. The list represents the transportation projects proposed to be funded through TIA 2010 tax revenue. The projects have been submitted by local governments, **MPOs** and GDOT. This list is constrained by the projected tax revenues for the region while **maximizing public benefits**. It should be noted that this list reflects projects to be funded from the regional share (75%) of the region's TIA2010 revenues, and that by formula 25% of the overall funds, called discretionary funds, will be available to local governments for projects that are more local in nature.

*Those projects have not yet been identified and are not included in this document.* **Individuals interested in learning more about how these discretionary funds will be used within their community should contact their local elected officials and/or planning and public works staff members.**

The Final Investment List totals \$950,997,335 (75% number of 2011 adjusted) of TIA funds in **current** year dollars.

The Roundtable recognizes, however, that the adopted estimate for the TIA is at least **\$1,115,951,384** (75% of actual collections), when adjusted from current year to year of expenditure, and **could be as high as the inflation adjusted** revenue estimate.

**As projects are constructed, project estimates will be adjusted for economic inflation.**

## Voter Referendum July 31, 2012

- **Ballot Question**  
 **Yes**  
  
 **No**

Shall \_\_\_\_\_ County's transportation system and the transportation network in this region and **the state** be improved by providing for a 1 percent special district transportation sales and use tax for the purpose of transportation projects and **programs** for a period of ten years.

CST Project Phase Will Be Underway During This Time Period

2013 - 2015	2016 - 2019	2020 - 2022
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Project ID	Project Name
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RC01-000009	Douthit Ferry Road from Old Alabama Road (Future SR 113) to SR 61/West Avenue
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X

↑Total \$14,843,680	TIA Committed	\$7,296,908
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**-\$7,546,772**

RC01-000013	Part Relocation of SR 20 from I-75 to SR 61/US 411
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X

↑Total \$14,687,421	TIA Committed	\$3,000,000
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**-\$11,687,421**

RC01-000014	Richards Road / CSX Railway Crossing Safety Improvements
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X

↑Total \$1,514,968	TIA Committed	\$1,514,968
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RC01-000023	U.S. 411 Connector
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X

↑Total \$146,000,000	TIA Committed	\$73,000,000
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**-\$58,700,000**

# Note the comment from **all** the projects in all 15 counties

*Comments (Please note all cost estimates are in 2011 dollars and actual costs for all phases at year of expenditure will be higher):*

## Comment from TIA partially funded projects

This project is partially funded through TIA. The remaining project costs will be funded by other sources.

## Common language throughout the projects

This project would benefit the public by **potentially** reducing the incidence of crashes along this roadway segment, corridor, and/or intersection.

This project **could potentially** maximize the full utility of an existing transportation facility(s).

In **some cases, bypasses will be necessary.**

Example benefits **could be:** mitigating congestion (e.g. operational improvements) and optimizing capital asset management (e.g. resurfacing, rehabilitation). The impacts would apply to this roadway segment, corridor, and/or intersection.

# Project Sheet

**Project Number:** RC01-000183      **Project Name:** Program/ Administration Fee

**GDOT ID:**

**Project Description:** These funds are dedicated to cover administrative/program management expenses and other applicable expenses that are necessary or incidental to any project on the final investment list in the Northwest Georgia transportation sales tax district. These include but are not limited to program management, administrative fees for GSFIC, per diem costs for Citizen Review Panel, cost for annual reports and audits, costs incurred by RC in hosting and organizing meetings associated with TIA, etc.

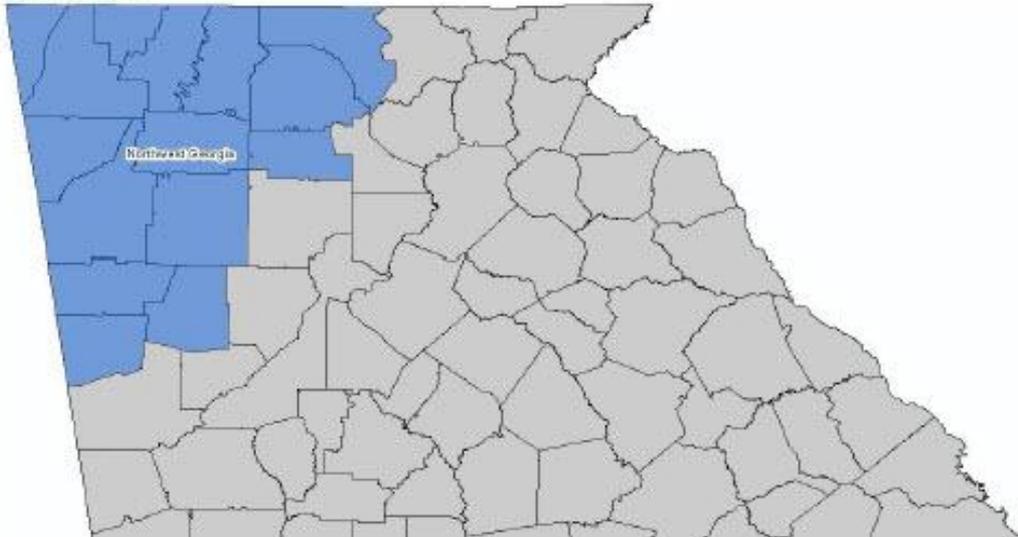
**Regional Commission:** Northwest Georgia

**County:** Region Wide

Phase	Total Project Cost	Total TIA Amount	Comments (Please note all cost estimates are in 2011 dollars and actual costs for all phases at year of expenditure will be higher):
ADM	\$10,689,980	\$10,689,980	These funds are applicable for all project phases.
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$10,689,980</b>	<b>\$10,689,980</b>	

Public Benefit	Notes
Additional Benefits	These funds will help manage and ensure that the projects on the final investment list are delivered on-time and within budget.

## Project Location



## Eminent Domain

Georgia eminent domain laws can be found in Title 22 of Georgia Code. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 22-1-3, the General Assembly determines when the right of eminent domain may be exercised. **The right of eminent domain is the right of the state, to reassert, either temporarily or permanently, its dominion over any portion of the soil of the state on account of public exigency and for the public good.**

**Be BOLD, question our elected officials about where they stand on this and will they **PUBLICALLY** speak out against it.**

**If they won't, it's time to find a replacement!**

# Deal: Take Down This Toll!!!!!!



"As governor, I'll swing the sledgehammer to bring down the Buckhead Wall," Deal said Tuesday. "The state has collected more than enough money to pay the bonds for the highway. We are now using the tolls of Georgia 400 drivers to pay for other road projects. That's not fair to the commuters in north Fulton and Forsyth counties. They've carried more than their fair share."

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