

TSPLOST Notes:

- Have citizen committee members list the roads in their precincts that need improvements
- Voters can vote on this sales tax vs. taxes you can't vote on
- Just one penny for every dollar spent in Union County
- Every person spending money here contributes (visitors, tourists, residents, etc.)
- Will raise approximately \$6 million each year (based on current average collections)
- If it passes this November, collections start April 30, 2022 and lasts for 5 years
- City of Blairsville will receive approximately \$500,000 each year for their portion
- City can use TSPLOST funds on roads, streets, sidewalks, pedestrian crosswalks, and airport improvements
- County can use TSPLOST funds on roads, bridges, sidewalks, bicycle paths, pedestrian crosswalks, striping, signage, patching, paving, surface treatment, widening, intersection improvements, sight improvements, culvert repair, shoulder improvements and to purchase vehicles and equipment, such as dump trucks, spreader trucks, motor graders, backhoes, trackhoes, tractors and mowers
- County and City can use TSPLOST funds as leverage on Federal transportation funding and State (GDOT) projects
- County can use TSPLOST funds toward road department salaries, benefits, and operations, which takes some financial burden off property owners/taxpayers
- A minimum of 30% of TSPLOST collections must be used on projects "consistent with" the Statewide Strategic Transportation Plan (SSTP), which our county road projects are. That 30% does not go to the State, it stays in Union County. It just means that 30% of TSPLOST collections must follow the state's plan of projects that they use their transportation funding on.