



Transportation Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax

**TRANSPORTATION  
SPLOST REFERENDUM:  
NOV. 5, 2024  
EARLY VOTE: OCT. 15TH**

## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs)**

### ***How many miles of road are maintained by Gilmer County?***

Gilmer County has 503 miles of roads that are either asphalt, tar & chip, or gravel.

### ***How much does it cost to pave roads?***

Gilmer County currently pays approximately \$250,000 for one mile of asphalt pavement and \$125,000 for one mile of tar & chip surfacing.

### ***Who pays the tax?***

The one cent sales tax is paid by anyone, citizen or visitor, when they purchase items in Gilmer County.

### ***Will the one cent tax be included on my vehicle purchase?***

No. Vehicle purchases are exempt.

### ***Will we have to pay the one cent sales tax if it is passed regionally?***

Yes, but Gilmer County will have little to no control on how the funds are allocated in the region.

### ***How long would the TSPLOST be in place?***

The TSPLOST would last five years starting on April 1, 2025.

### ***How much roadway would Gilmer County repave per year if the TSPLOST is passed?***

Gilmer County aims to pave approximately 57 miles of road per year if approved. This will significantly improve road conditions, enhancing safety and accessibility for the citizens of Ellijay, East Ellijay, and Gilmer County.

### ***How many miles of road can Gilmer County pave within the current budget and millage rate?***

Gilmer County can pave about eleven miles of road per year. At this rate, it would take around 45 years to pave all the roads, assuming material costs remain static. However, asphalt roads last about 15 years and tar & chip roads last 6-7 years before needing resurfacing, meaning the county could never fully pave all the roads in that time frame.

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