

**A RESOLUTION OF THE DEKALB COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
URGING THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND COUNTY ADMINISTRATION TO
ESTABLISH A COMMUNITY-DRIVEN “PEOPLES CHOICE” ROAD SELECTION
PILOT PROGRAM WITHIN SPLOST RESURFACING**

WHEREAS, DeKalb County’s Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) program has resurfaced more than 125 miles of roadway in unincorporated DeKalb County and continues to prioritize transportation improvements, including road resurfacing, sidewalk connectivity, and safety enhancements DeKalb Count...; and

WHEREAS, the County currently utilizes an objective, third-party Pavement Condition Index (PCI) assessment to evaluate and rank roadway conditions on a scale of 0 to 100, with 100 representing the highest pavement quality, to ensure an unbiased and data-driven resurfacing program Stonecrest, GA; and

WHEREAS, the PCI system is an industry-standard tool that supports fairness and transparency, but residents have expressed a desire for greater community involvement in determining which corridors receive priority resurfacing; and

WHEREAS, the SPLOST Transportation program is designed to improve quality of life for all residents and has historically emphasized community engagement and public transparency in project selection and reporting DeKalb Count...; and

WHEREAS, incorporating structured community input into a portion of the resurfacing program would strengthen public trust, increase civic participation, and align with DeKalb County’s commitment to responsive and inclusive governance; and

WHEREAS, allowing residents to vote on a limited number of resurfacing candidates—while still grounded in PCI data—would maintain the integrity of the technical evaluation process while empowering citizens to influence improvements in their neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, a pilot program that designates up to five (5) miles of roadway annually for community-driven selection would allow the County to test a hybrid model that blends technical scoring with resident priorities; and

WHEREAS, the SPLOST Citizen Oversight Committee, established to ensure accountability and transparency in SPLOST expenditures, is an appropriate body to review, validate, and recommend the community-selected corridors for inclusion in the resurfacing schedule.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the DeKalb County Board of Commissioners hereby urges the Chief Executive Officer and County Administration to establish a Community Road Selection Pilot Program within the SPLOST Transportation resurfacing initiative.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the pilot program shall:

1. Identify a list of eligible roadway segments in unincorporated DeKalb County totaling no more than five (5) miles annually, selected from the lowest-scoring PCI corridors and/or major community corridors already ranked for repair.
2. Develop and publish a public survey, accessible online and in print, allowing residents to vote on which of the eligible corridors they believe should receive resurfacing priority.
3. Ensure equitable participation, including outreach to seniors, low-internet-access communities, and multilingual residents.
4. Submit the top-ranked community selections to the SPLOST Citizen Oversight Committee for review and recommendation.
5. Integrate the selected corridors into the annual resurfacing schedule, provided they meet all engineering, safety, and cost-efficiency requirements.
6. Report annually on participation rates, selected corridors, and program outcomes to the Board of Commissioners and the public.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that this initiative is intended to enhance transparency, strengthen community trust, and ensure that residents have a meaningful voice in shaping transportation improvements that directly affect their daily lives.

ADOPTED by the DeKalb County Board of Commissioners, this ____ day of _____, 2026.

CHAKIRA JOHNSON
Presiding Officer
Board of Commissioners
DeKalb County, Georgia

APPROVED by the Chief Executive Officer, this ____ day of _____, ____.

LORRAINE COCHRAN-JOHNSON
Chief Executive Officer
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