



# *Gainesville - Hall*

## *Metropolitan Planning Organization*

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**GHMPO**

Flowery Branch - Gainesville - Hall County - Oakwood

December 18, 2008

Representative James Mills  
Room 228, State Capitol  
Atlanta, GA 30334

Representative Tommy Benton  
Room 501, CLO Building  
Atlanta, GA 30334

Representative Carl Rogers  
Room 245, State Capitol  
Atlanta, GA 30334

Representative Doug Collins  
4833 T. Martin Road  
Gainesville, GA 30506

Senator Lee Hawkins  
4710 Jim Hood Road  
Gainesville, GA 30506

Lt. Governor Casey Cagle  
PO Box 7067  
Chestnut Mountain, GA 30502

Dear Representative Mills, Representative Benton, Representative Rogers, Representative Collins, Senator Hawkins and Lt. Governor Cagle:

As you are aware, Hall County and its jurisdictions need an estimated \$165 million over the next six-years to address our transportation needs. Therefore, the Gainesville-Hall Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and its member jurisdictions would encourage our local delegation to support a Transportation Special Purpose Local Optional Sales Tax (TSPLOST) proposal during the upcoming 2009 Legislative Session. Of particular note, we request that you consider allowing municipalities within MPOs to collect one-cent in sales tax irrespective of whether the MPO is made up of single or multiple counties. This provision would allow Hall County to participate in TSPLOST as a single county and yet collect one-cent sales tax dedicated to transportation projects.

Bottom line, we want to make sure that single counties are allowed to participate in the TSPLOST program by collecting one-cent in sales tax. We look forward to working with you and appreciate the important role that our state legislators play in the continued success of Hall County and its jurisdictions.

Sincerely,

  
Sam Chapman  
GHMPO Chairman

cc: GHMPO Policy Committee