



Press Release

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Chamber Announces Support of T-SPLOST

Augusta, GA – The Augusta Metro Chamber of Commerce has announced support for passage of a 1% special district transportation sales and use tax (T-SPLOST) for the purpose of transportation projects and programs for a period of 10 years. The announcement was made by the Board of Director’s Chairman, Terry Elam, President of Augusta Technical College, at the Chamber’s annual Pre Session Legislative Breakfast this morning.

With the passage of the Transportation Act of 2010 by the Georgia General Assembly, 12 regions throughout the State of Georgia would become localized taxing districts for localized transportation projects and improvements. The Chamber believes that a broad tax base including resident and visitor spending which will generate \$621 million and fund over 80 projects in the 13-county region, is one of the most important economic development initiatives our region will face in the coming years.

Says Chairman Elam, “If our region is to grow in terms of jobs and population, we need a predictable, stable and well-funded plan for our infrastructure. We must come together as a region to support this measure and ensure we are a superior choice for businesses and residents with a transportation network in place that will support that growth.”

The Augusta Metro Chamber of Commerce represents 1,100 businesses and organizations throughout the region. The Chamber’s Pre Session Legislative Breakfast is an annual event held as an opportunity for members to interact with local members of the Georgia General Assembly.

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