



Home Rule VS TSPLOST

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Thank You



- Appreciation for several groups across Georgia
 1. Diane and Nolan Cox of The Valdosta Tea Party
 2. Bill Evelyn of The Forsythe Tea Party
 3. Steve Brown, Fayette County Commissioner
 4. Several other groups, organizations, and individuals..List very long.....
 5. Lanier Tea Party for creating a space, education, and the tools needed for a stronger Georgia and county.

What is Constitutional Home Rule?



- Quote From Thomas Jefferson

It is not by the consolidation and concentration of power, but by their distribution, that government is effected. Were not this country already divided into states, that division must be made, that each might do for itself what concerns itself directly, and what it can so much better do than the distant authority. Each state again is divided into counties. Each to take care of what lies within its local bounds.....

History Of Home Rule



- Home Rule was first Constitutionally authorized in 1875 in Missouri.
- After Missouri; Alaska, Kansas, Maryland, New Jersey, Virginia, Mississippi, Florida, North Carolina, and Wisconsin soon followed.
- Georgia adopted home rule in 1954

Georgia Home Rule



- Start On Page 66 Of The Georgia Constitution
<http://sos.georgia.gov/elections/GAConstitution.pdf>
- Home Rule And Ordinances
<http://www.georgiaencyclopedia.org/nge/Article.jsp?id=h-1361>
- Hall County Georgia Commissioner
<http://www.hallcounty.org/gov/commissioners.asp>

Difference Between Two States



- The difference between California and Georgia

What Is TSPLOST?



- The Transportation Investment Act of 2010 Signed into law by Governor Perdue
- Goal to:
 1. Put dense development where it make the most sense
 2. Tie transportation investment to land use
 3. Offer residents a choice of ways to move around in their neighborhood
 4. Option to live closer to jobs and services

The Understandable Concerns Of TSPLOST



- Loss of Home Rule
- Only 5% of the population Of Georgia rides Marta
- Forced into a regional transit system
- Creates another regional bureaucracy
- Creates voter disenfranchisement
- Counties will not get back what they collect in funds
- State regional funds divided: 25% to the regions and 75% to the new bureaucracy

How Are the TSPLOST Funds Redirected?



- GDOT says federal and state fuel tax funds will be “redirected.” GDOT website FAQ answer: “In regions that pass the referendum, the revenues generated will supplement funding already appropriated for projects and allow Georgia DOT to redirect federal funding...” Regions pay with regional funds and lose federal fuel tax funds by “redirection” by GDOT. The Regional Fund is created through the voting in of TSPOLST.

Is Money Spent On Marta?



- The TIA will expand MARTA that is 80% subsidized by the general fund. The GDOT funds that are “redirected” could be used to pay the current \$500 million dollar loss. If Marta is expanded the loss will expand. Public transit across America is 59% subsidized.

Hall County



- The Georgia Mountain Regional Commission consists of 13 counties in the northeastern part of the state. The counties include Forsythe, Hall, Franklin, Hart, Dawson, White, Stephens, Habersham, Lumpkin, Union, Town, and Rabin. Georgia Mountain Regional Projects list at \$1.6 billion. Includes widening of GA 400 between exits 12 and 14
- Hall County - \$77 million in the red

Resources



- <http://www.truthtraffic.net>
- <http://valdostateaparty.com/>
- <http://stateofgeorgiateaparty.com/>
- <http://goo.gl/2pk7l>
- <http://www.weekendmorningbuzz.blogspot.com>
- <http://connectgeorgia2012.com>

- History of Regionalism in the United States
http://www.sweetliberty.org/beware_metro.html#contents

Vote No TSPLOST on July 31 2012



- Shall Hall County transportation system and the transportation network in this region and the state be improved by providing for the 1% special district transportation sales and use tax for the purpose of transportation projects and programs for a period of ten years

VOTE NO ON JULY 31 2012