

Resolution

WHEREAS, the Transportation Investment Act of 2010 established the ability of each service delivery region in Georgia to levy a sales tax of one cent for the purposes of funding transportation infrastructure improvements; and

WHEREAS, the South Georgia region consisting of Atkinson, Bacon, Ben Hill, Berrien, Brantley, Brooks, Cook, Clinch, Coffee, Cook, Echols, Irwin, Lanier, Lowndes, Pierce, Tift, Turner and Ware counties implemented the requirements of the Transportation Investment Act of 2010 and voters considered but did not approve a sales tax referendum on July 31st, 2012; and

WHEREAS, the Transportation Funding Act of 2015 was signed by Governor Nathan Deal on May 14, 2015 provided a mechanism for regions that did not pass the referendum in 2012 to reconsider the question upon adoption of a resolution by the governing bodies of a majority of the counties in the region; and

WHEREAS, all of the procedural requirements of the Transportation Investment Act of 2010 remain in effect regarding the creation of investment criteria, the establishment of the Regional Roundtable and Executive Committee, the development of a draft investment list, and public participation among other items; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners desire to initiate the process outlined in the Transportation Investment Act of 2010 for the voters of the South Georgia region to consider the imposition of a one cent sales tax for the purposes of funding transportation infrastructure improvements in the region; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of their resolution shall be transmitted to the Director of Planning of the Georgia Department of Transportation, the South Georgia Regional Commission as well as the Boards of Commission of the counties of South Georgia.

This ____ day of April, 2017.

Cook County Board of Commissioners

Dwight Purvis, Chairman

Attest, County Clerk

