

# REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION SALES TAX

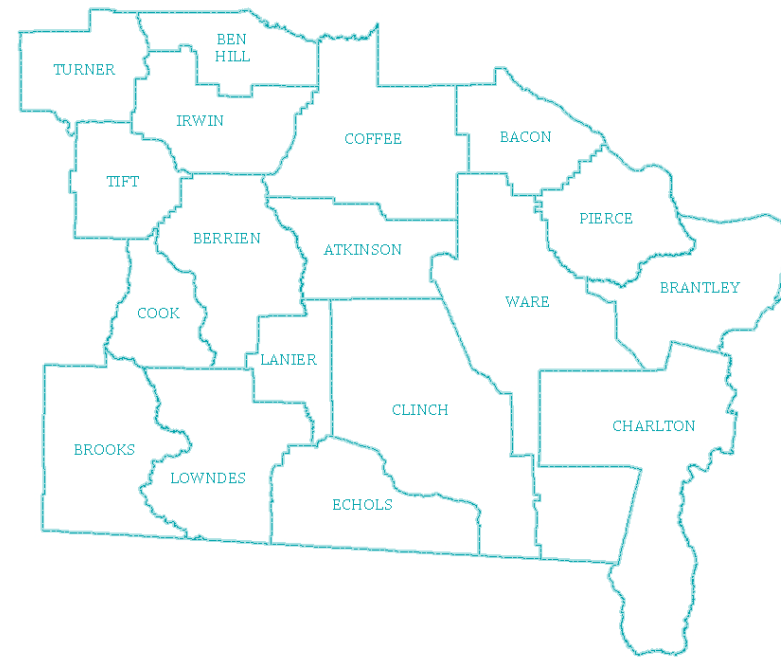
TRANSPORTATION INVESTMENT ACT OF 2010  
AND  
TRANSPORTATION FUNDING ACT OF 2015

AS OF APRIL 5, 2017



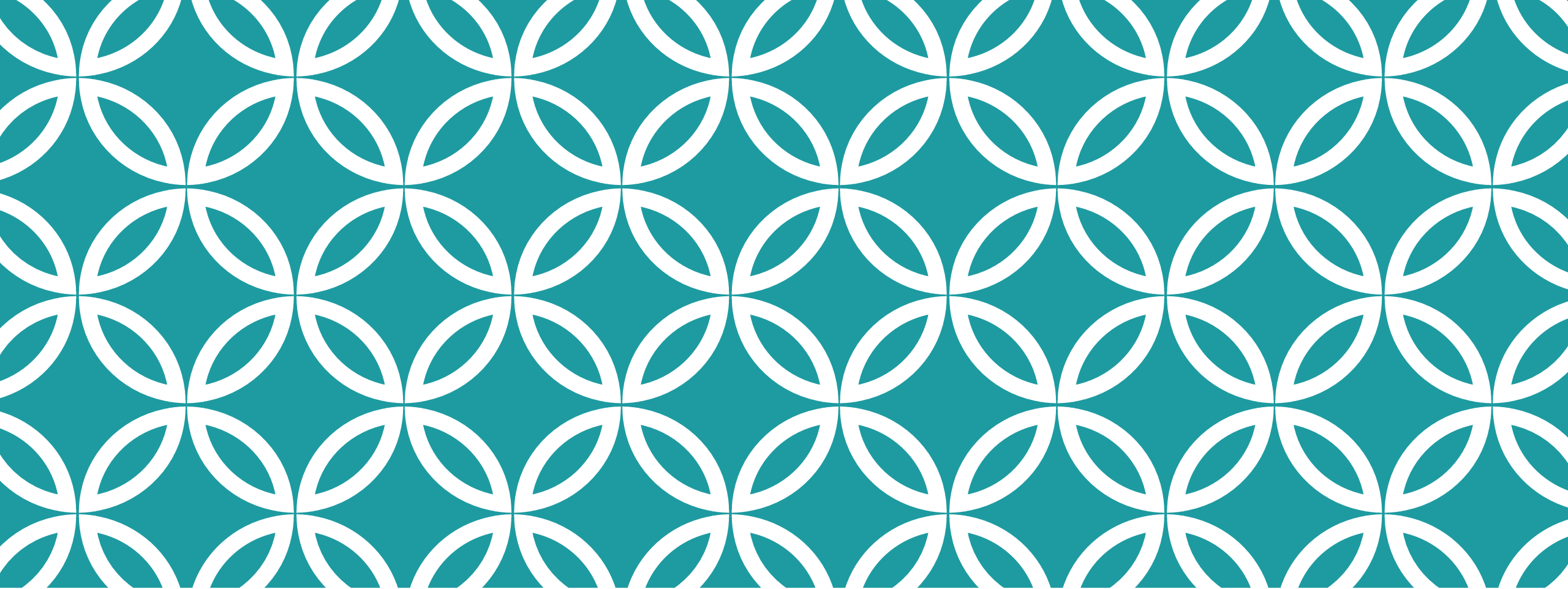
# AGENDA

- Introductions
- Comments from Heart of Georgia TIA Region
- Single County Sales Tax Process
  - Overview / Refresher
- Regional Transportation Sales Tax Process
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  - Revenue Projections
  - Roundtable
  - Executive Committee
  - Investment Criteria
  - Timelines



# KEY DOCUMENTS

- Transportation Investment Act of 2010 (HB277)
  - OCGA Title 48, Chapter 8, Article 5
  - Creates Regional Special Tax Districts.
  - Outlines process for the imposition of a regional transportation sales tax.
- Transportation Funding Act of 2015 (HB 170 and HB 106)
  - OCGA 48, Chapter 8, Article 5A
    - Allows majority of counties in region to trigger regional transportation sales tax process.
    - Allows individual counties to levy single county transportation sales tax after July 1, 2017 (except in Atlanta region).
    - Amendments to HB 170 that only apply to single county transportation sales tax.
- HB 134 (passed current session, awaiting Governor's signature)
  - If 10 of 18 counties pass resolutions for regional process, the single-county process is delayed until regional concludes



# SINGLE COUNTY SALES TAX

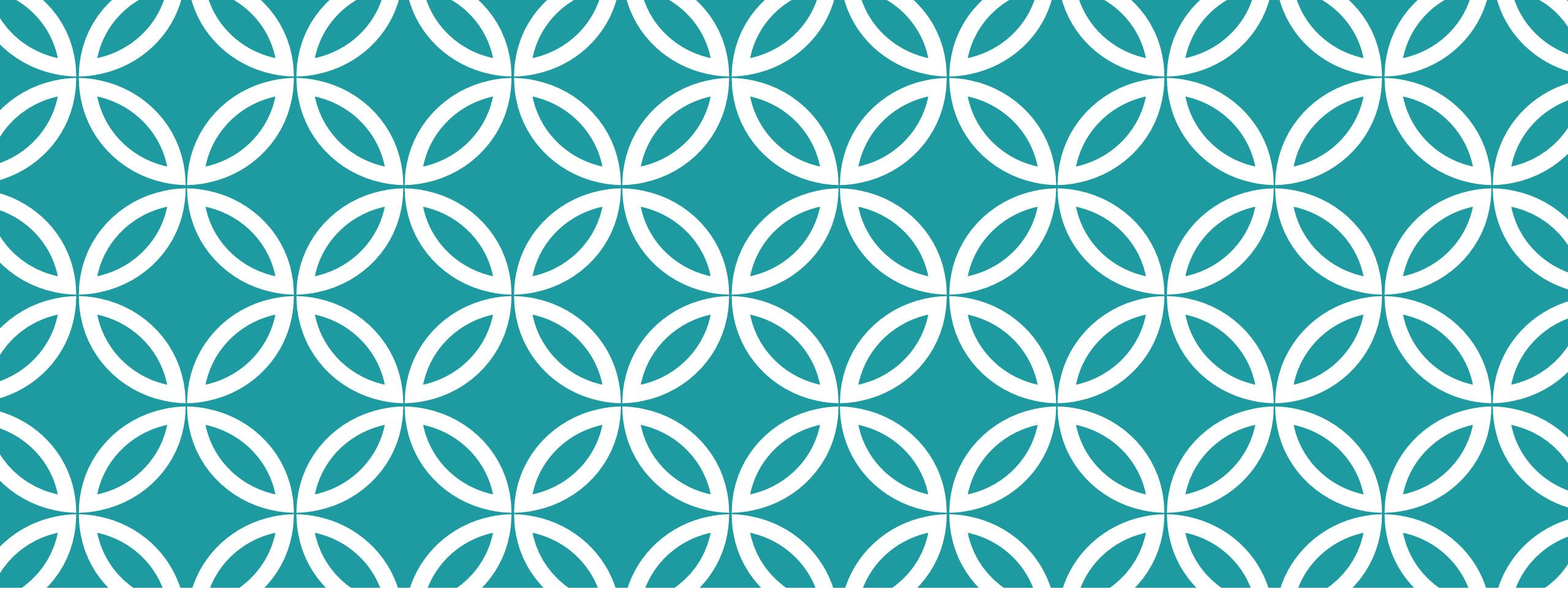
■ Overview

# SINGLE COUNTY SALES TAX

- Levy of sales tax for transportation projects
  - Up to 1% (in .05% increments)
- 5-year tax, or until projected amount collected, whichever comes first
- Requires Counties to meet and confer with Cities
  - 30% of revenues must be spent on Statewide Strategic Transportation Plan projects
  - LMIG Match remains at 30%
- Transportation Defined
  - Broad – roads, bridges, freight/ logistics, airports, bike/ped facilities, safety improvements, transit, maintenance and operations. Includes professional costs – design, ROW acquisition, environmental, etc.
- Cannot have regional and county TSPLOSTs at the same time
- Passage requires a majority of votes cast by registered voters

# SINGLE COUNTY SALES TAX PROCESS

- County initiates process with letter calling a meeting with Mayors
  - Meeting must occur at least 30 days prior to call for referendum
- If Intergovernmental Agreement signed maximum rate is 1.00%
  - Intergovernmental Agreement Includes (among other items):
    - Prioritized list of projects (30% from SSTP projects, see STIP/TIP)
    - Estimated project dollar amounts
    - Procedure/Schedule for distribution of proceeds, audits, finances, etc.
    - Document projects not fully funded by TSPLOST
- If Intergovernmental Agreement not signed by all then 0.75%
- Can coordinate with other counties through intergovernmental agreement (separate), each county still responsible for own process



# REGIONAL SALES TAX

■ Overview

# REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION SALES TAX

- Process begins with 10/18 counties calling for the Regional Roundtable to be formed
  - 10 counties had passed a resolution as of 4/4/17
- GDOT has asked that each county pass a resolution in support of or in opposition to forming a Regional Roundtable by late March/early April 2017
- Initiation of process is not automatically a decision to call for the referendum



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- 10-year tax, or until projected amount collected, whichever comes first
- If call for referendum issued by Roundtable, then passage requires a majority of votes cast by registered voters.
- If passed, LMIG Match goes to 10%
- Transportation Defined
  - Broad – roads, bridges, freight/ logistics, airports, bike/ped facilities, safety improvements, transit, maintenance and operations. Includes professional costs – design, ROW acquisition, environmental, etc.

# USE OF REGIONAL SALES TAX PROCEEDS

- 75% for Projects on the Investment List

- Projects on the Investment List selected by the Executive Committee and approved by Roundtable ([sole decision](#)).
- 30% of funds must go to projects in the SSTP (see STIP/TIP for ideas)

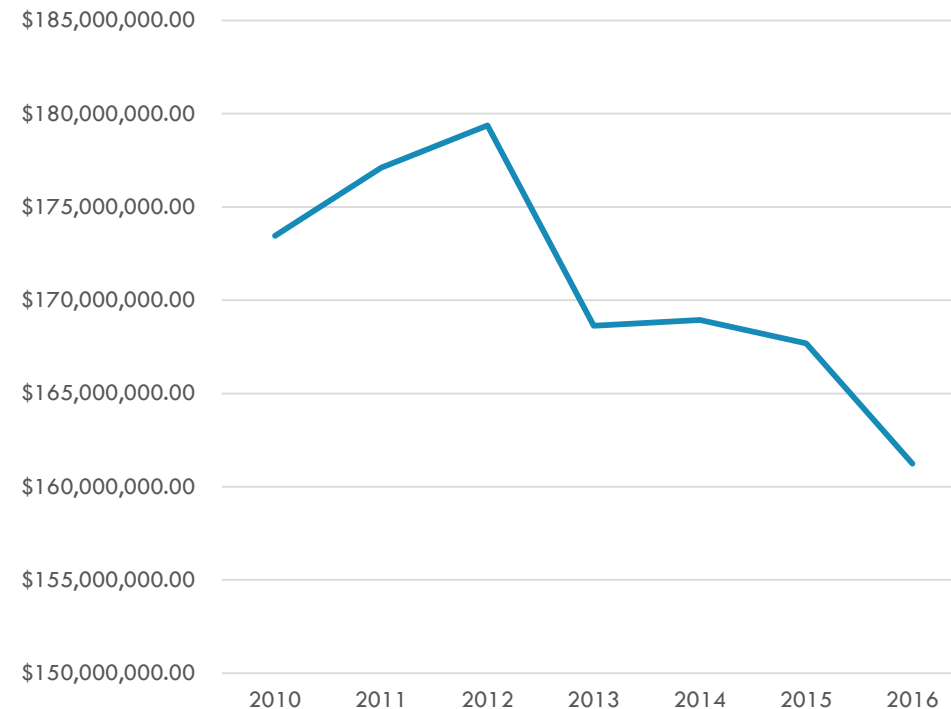
- 25% for Local Governments

- Distributed to cities and counties based on jurisdictions road mileage (4/5), and population (1/5) in the region.
- Can be used for any type of transportation improvements.
- Project list does not have to be developed during the regional process.
- Project list [does not require approval](#) from any other agency.

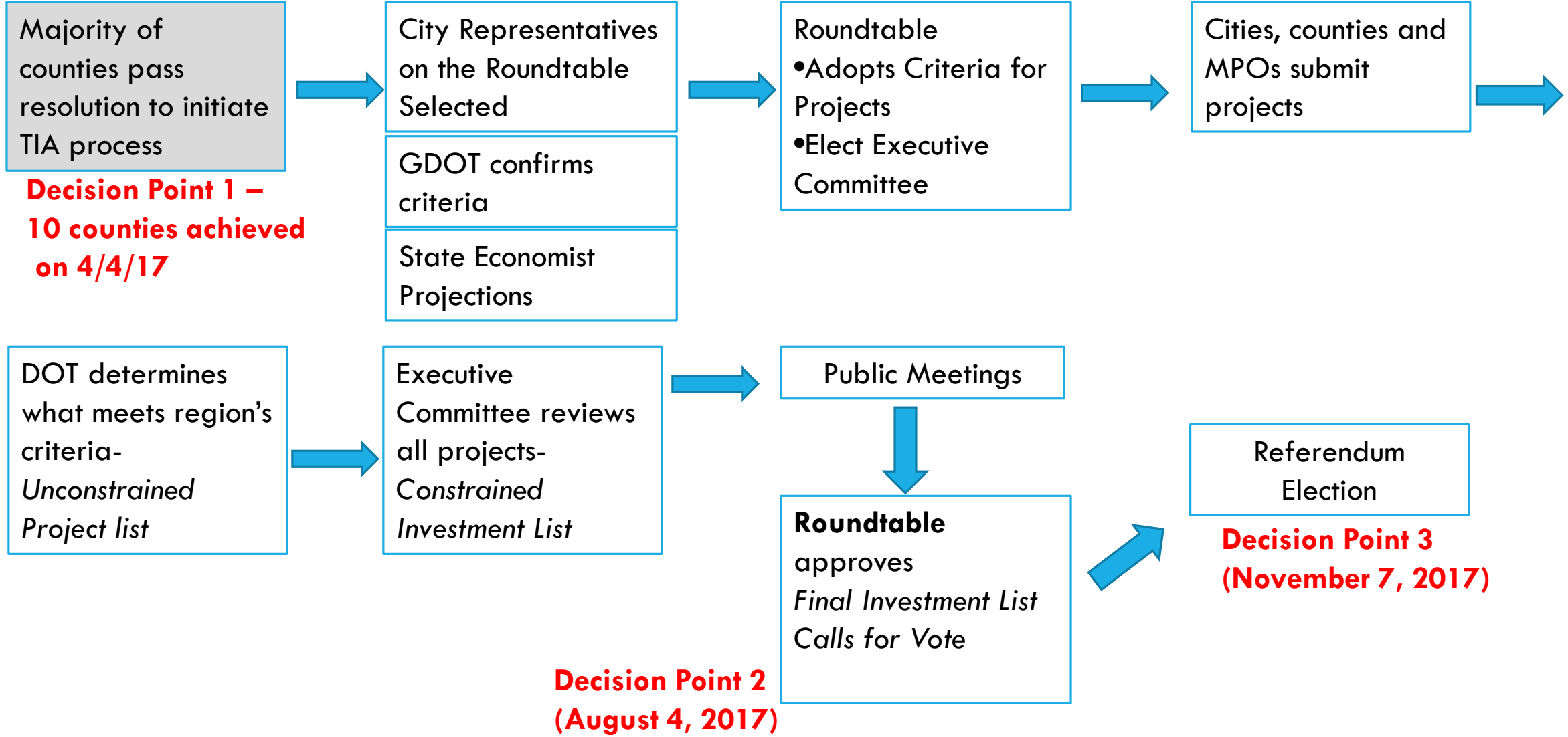
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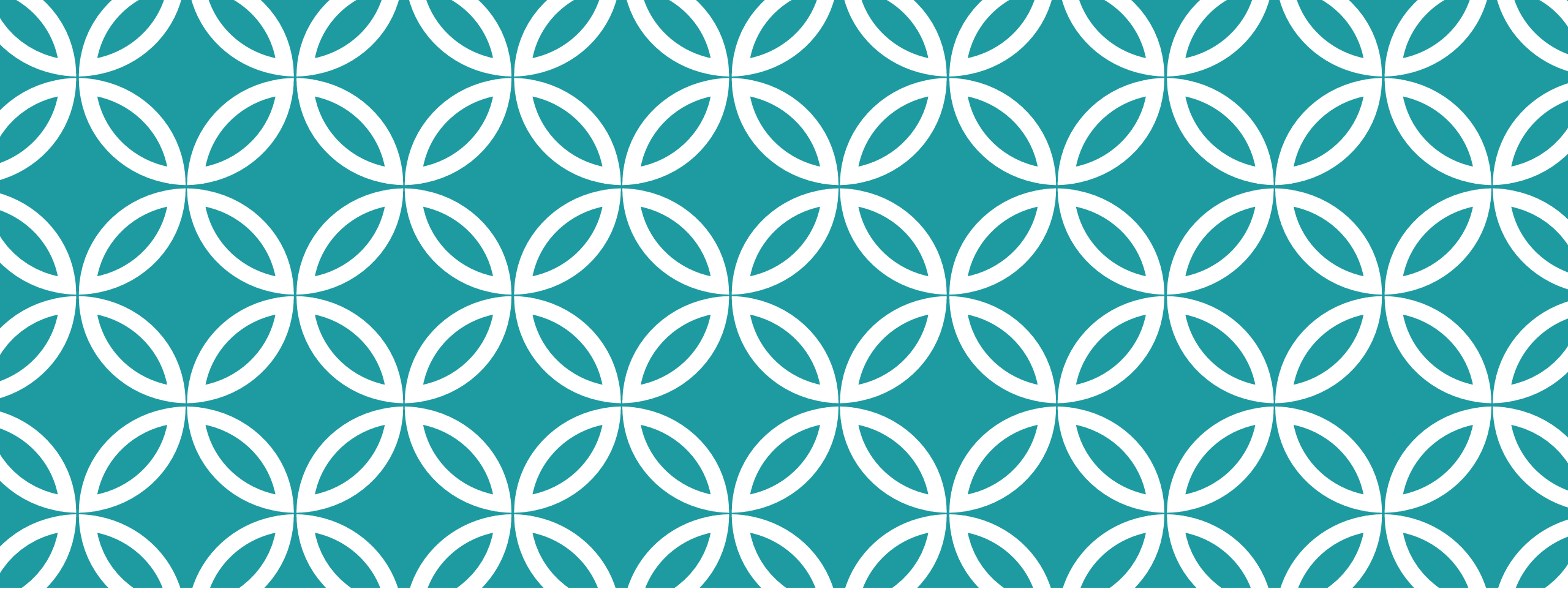
- State economist will need 3-6 weeks to develop and review
- Estimated collections in 2012
  - \$670,985,360 Total
  - \$503,239,020 Regional (75%)
  - \$167,746,340 Local Discretionary (25%)
- Region-wide collections are down about 7.5% since 2010 (based on disbursements from GA DOR)

Region-wide Current SPLOST/ESPLOST Collections  
2010-2016



# REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION SALES TAX PROCESS



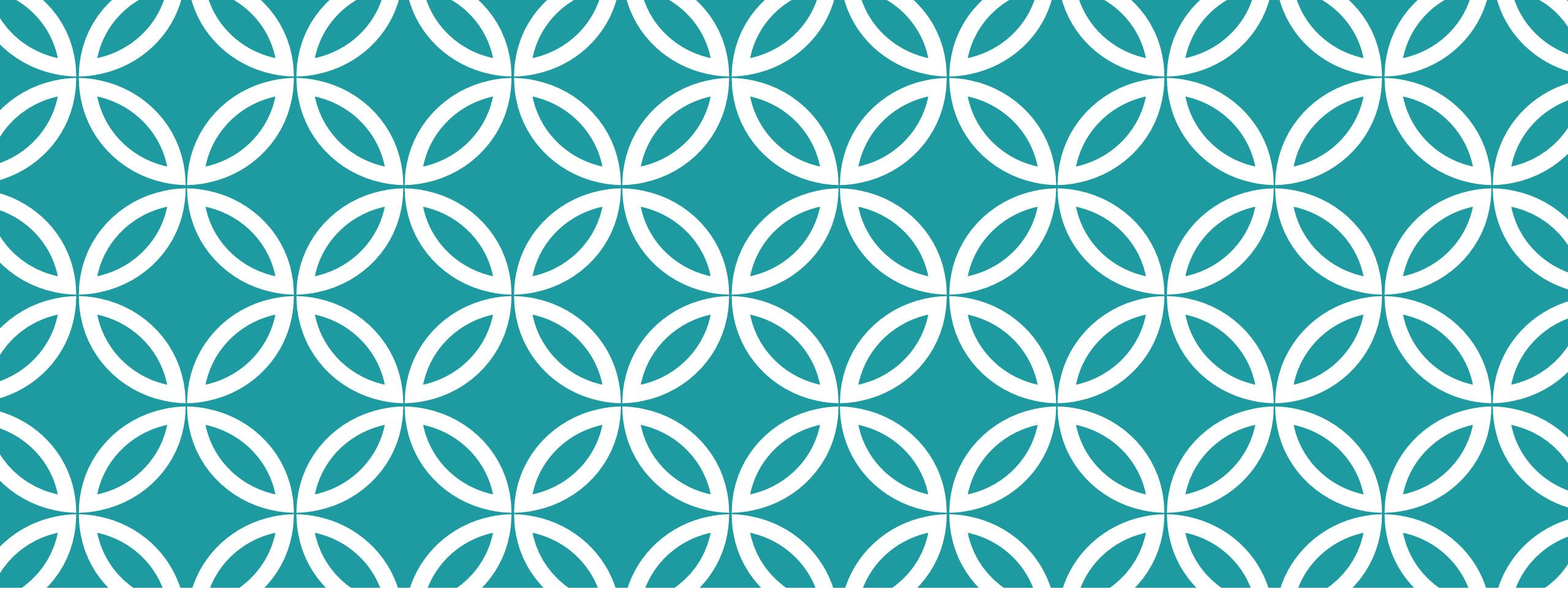


# REGIONAL ROUNDTABLE

- Roles and Responsibilities

# REGIONAL ROUNDTABLE

- Two (2) from each county (REQUIRED by TIA 2010)
  - 36 members; County Chair and Mayor Representative (elected by Mayors), no proxies/designees
- No requirement for Chair of Roundtable to be elected
  - Previous process did
- Conduct two meetings (REQUIRED by TIA 2010)
  - Elect Executive Committee and adopt Investment Criteria
  - Approve / Amend / Reject Investment List and call for referendum (if desired)
- Other meetings are **not** prohibited
- No quorum (minimum number to conduct business) set in TIA 2010
- Voting requires majority vote of members **present** at the meeting (REQUIRED by TIA 2010)



# EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Roles and Responsibilities

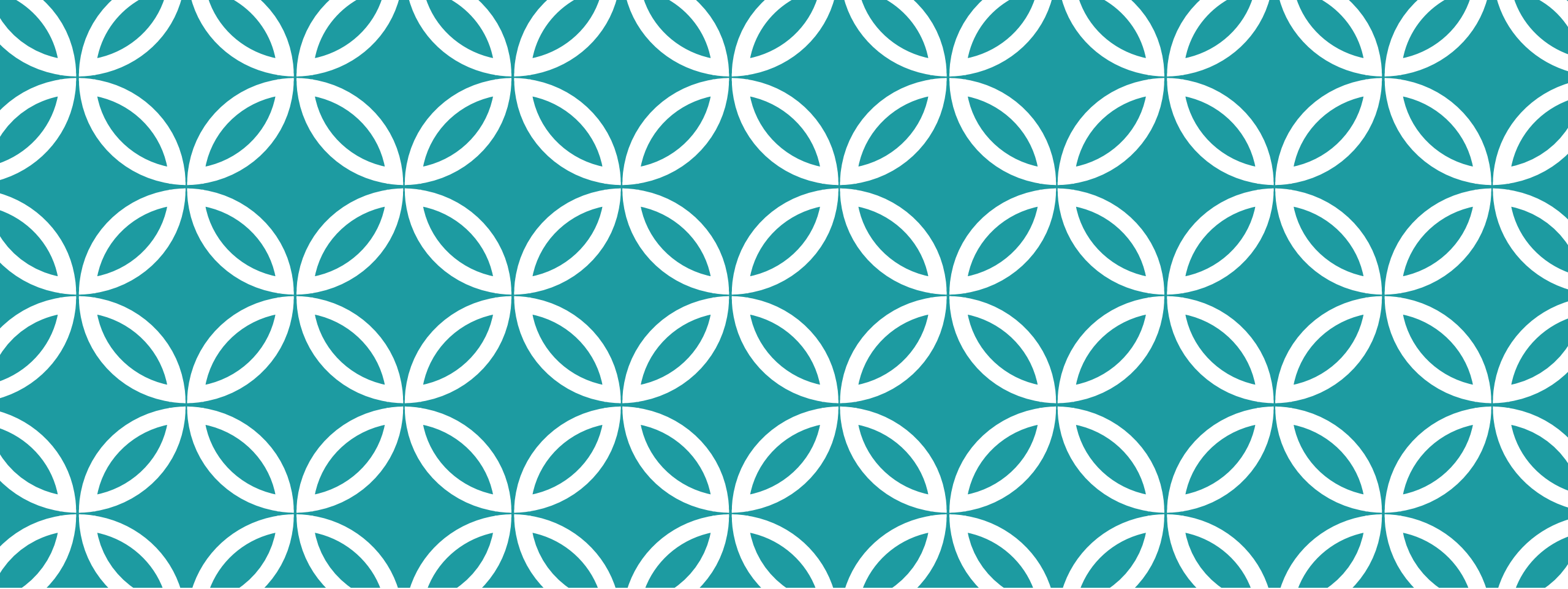
# EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- Elected by Roundtable
- Voting members
  - Five Roundtable members
  - No method for how Executive Committee members are elected in TIA 2010
  - Suggested: Nominations/Volunteers from the floor, secret ballot (due to timeliness)
- Non-Voting Members
  - Two State Representatives (appointed by House Transportation Committee Chair)
  - One State Senator (appointed by Senate Transportation Committee Chair)
- Previous process had Roundtable Chair as Chair of the Executive Committee
- No quorum (minimum number to conduct business) set in TIA 2010
- Voting requires majority vote of members **present** at the meeting (REQUIRED by TIA 2010)



# EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE DUTIES

- Receive the Unconstrained Project List from GDOT
  - Call for Projects from Cities/Counties/MPO/GDOT
- Develop Draft Fiscally Constrained Investment List
- Host two public hearings on Draft Constrained Investment List
- Present Final Investment List to Regional Roundtable



# INVESTMENT CRITERIA

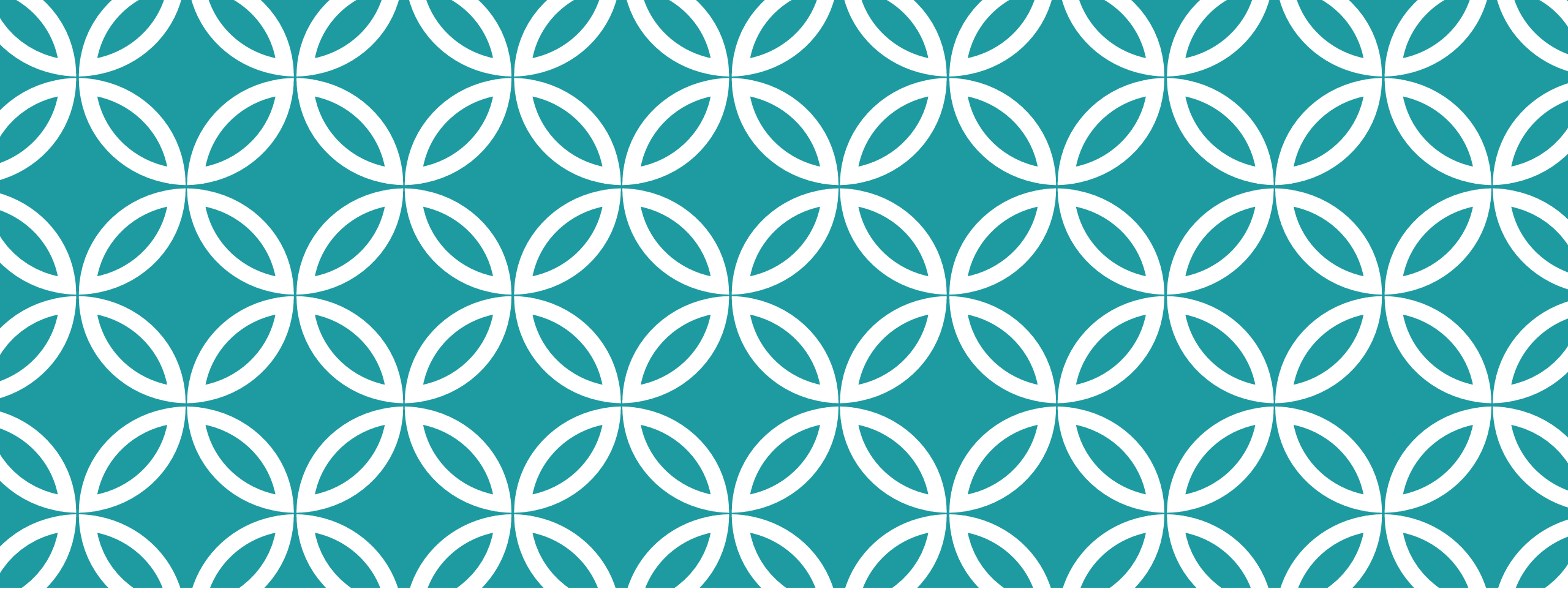
75% Regional Project List

# INVESTMENT CRITERIA

- What are they?
  - TIA 2010 requires that the Regional Roundtable establish investment criteria
    - governs what *types* of projects could be funded through a regional transportation sales tax.
- How are they developed?
  - Originally drafted by GDOT Director of Planning
  - Comments solicited from local governments and MPOs
  - GDOT Director of Planning provided Revised Draft Criteria
- Who adopts the Investment Criteria?
  - Regional Roundtable

# PROJECT TYPES (FROM 2012 TIA)

- Roadway Capital
- Roadway and Bridge Maintenance
- Safety and Traffic Operations
- Freight and Logistics
- Aviation
- Bicycle and Pedestrian
- Transit Capital
- Transit Operations and Maintenance



# TIMELINES



# POTENTIAL ELECTION DATES

Estimated Date for Call for Referendum (Roundtable)	Election Date	Tax Period Would Begin
August 4, 2017	November 7, 2017	April 1, 2018
February 21, 2018	May 22, 2018	September 1, 2018

# POTENTIAL SCHEDULE

(ASSUMING 10 COUNTIES PASS RESOLUTIONS TO FORM ROUNDTABLE)

## ■ March 2017

- GDOT Director of Planning Develops Investment Criteria, solicits input from locals/MPO
- Ask State Economist to Develop Revenue Estimates (3-6 weeks for delivery)

## ■ April 2017

- Mayoral Selections for Roundtable
- Initial Roundtable Meeting; Elect Chair, Appoint Exec. Comm., approve Investment Criteria
- State Appointments to Executive Committee
- Call for Projects (30-45 days)

## ■ May 2017

- Project Validation by GDOT
- Delivery of Unconstrained List by GDOT to Executive Committee

## ■ June 2017

- Executive Committee Meetings (anticipate at least 1 per week)

## ■ July 2017

- Public Hearings
- August 4 Roundtable Meeting to accept/reject list; Call for the Referendum Election