

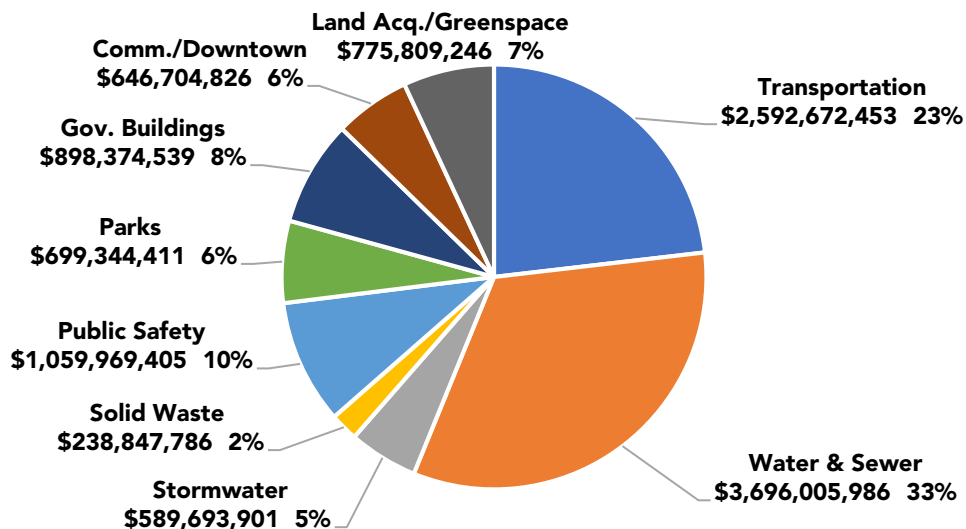
Capital Needs of Georgia's Cities 2018-2022



GMA asked cities to report needs for nine general categories: transportation, water and sewer, stormwater and drainage, solid waste, public safety, parks and recreation, government buildings, community/downtown improvements, and land acquisition and greenspace. A total of 156 cities submitted a response to the survey (29% of all 538 cities in Georgia).

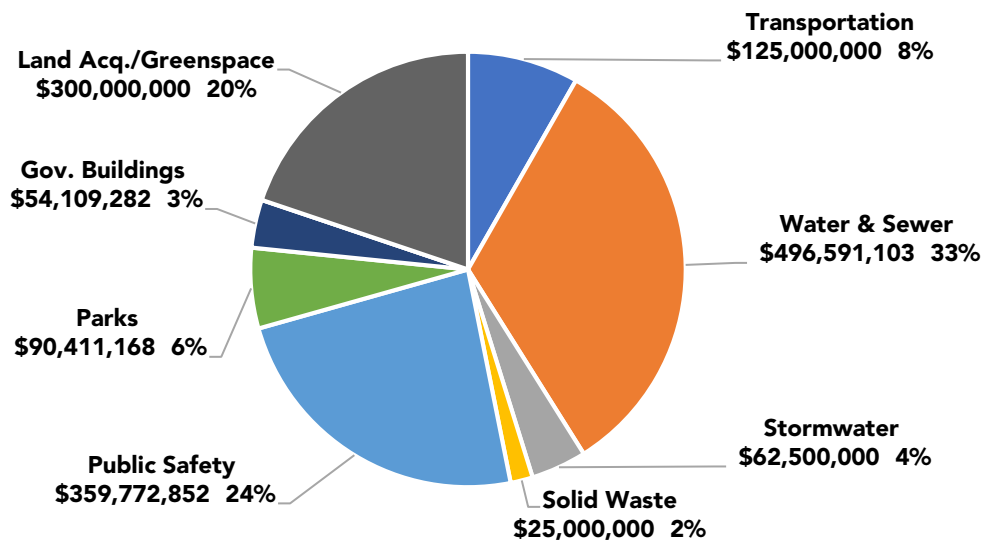
Projections indicate that Georgia's cities will need approximately \$11.2 billion for capital projects over the next five years. The greatest category of need for most cities is water and sewer, followed by transportation, public safety, and government buildings.

Projected Statewide Capital Needs (incl. ATL)

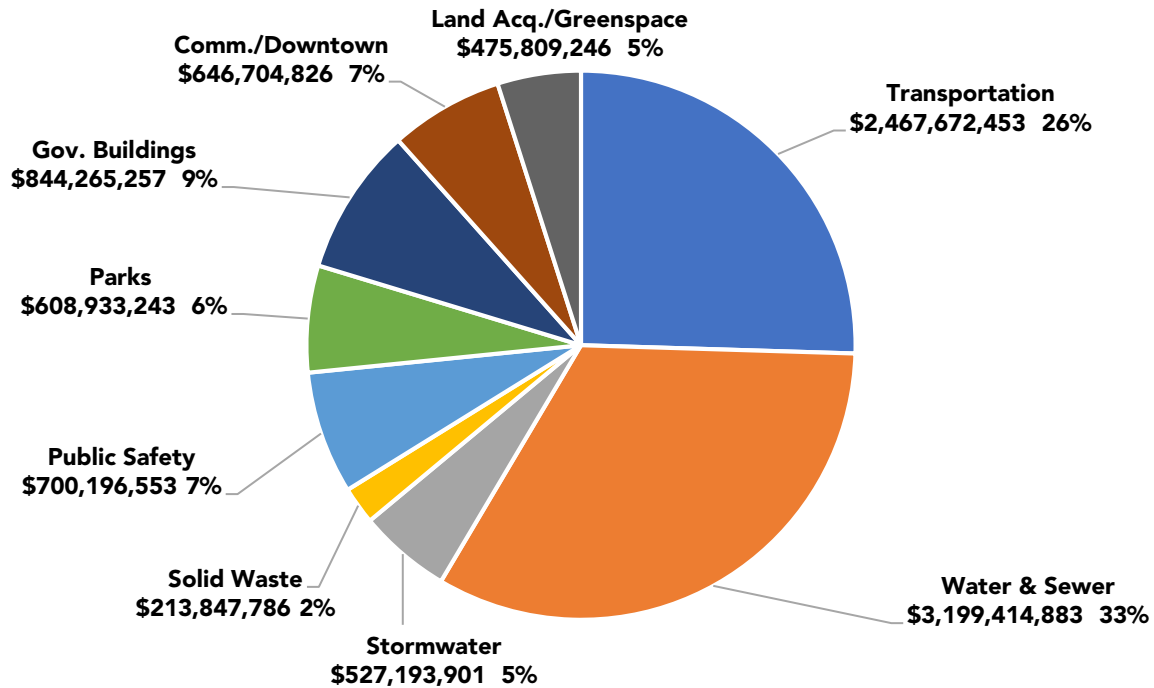


The City of Atlanta's survey response reveals that the city has significantly greater public safety capital needs (24%) than the public safety needs projected in other areas of the state (6%).

City of Atlanta Reported Capital Needs



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Key Points

- Over the next five years, cities will need an estimated \$11.2 billion for capital improvements.
- Cities continue to invest local dollars, including LOST, SPLOST, TIA, and TSPLOST, along with property tax revenues and user fees to complete capital projects.
- Local residents have also approved bond referenda, taking on long-term debt to invest in capital improvements.
- Local tax increases and rate increases will not be sufficient to complete critical infrastructure projects.
- Failure to address these needs jeopardizes the public's health and safety and threatens the state's economy.