

Annual Report 2019

of the

Fort Pierce Infrastructure Surtax Citizen Oversight Committee

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Committee Members

NAME	CATEGORY
Robert Burdge	Commissioner Perona Appointee
James R. Harding	Commissioner Sessions Appointee
John Hening	At Large
Curtis E. Johnson, Jr.	Commissioner Alexander Appointee
Pearl Davis Liverpool	Mayor Hudson Appointee
Daniel Noelke	Commissioner Johnson Appointee
Anthony Westbury	At Large

Introduction

Creation of Infrastructure Surtax Citizen Oversight Committee

In March of 2018 the City of Fort Pierce adopted a resolution supporting the St. Lucie County Board of Commissioner's proposal to impose a voter approved half cent increase to the state sales tax. This tax, referred to as the Infrastructure Surtax, would be used to help improve roads, build more sidewalks and support water quality projects throughout the county.

On November 6, 2018, a referendum was held, and the voters of St. Lucie County approved the proposed half cent Surtax.

As stipulated by the ballot language approved by the voters, the referendum called for an independent oversight by a citizen committee, to review expenditures of the Surtax proceeds.

Composition of the Infrastructure Surtax Citizen Oversight Committee

The committee as established by Resolution No. 19 R06, consists of seven (7) members. One member is appointed by each of the five (5) members of the City Commission and two members are appointed at large. The committee acts solely as an oversight and advisory capacity to the City Commission. The mission of the members of the Infrastructure Surtax Citizen Oversight Committee is to determine that all Surtax proceeds received by the City of Fort Pierce have been expended in a manner consistent with the requirements of Section 212.055(2), Florida Statutes, and the ballot language approved by the voters. In addition, the committee reviews the expenditures of the Surtax proceeds and verifies these funds are being used for projects consistent with the City's approved Surtax proceeds project list. The committee reviews plans, budgets, designs, permits, reports, photographs, presentations and other material to sufficiently determine the status of each project.

The goals of this report are to provide the Fort Pierce City Commission with the committee's findings and assurance that the Surtax proceeds are in fact being spent in

the manner approved by the voters of St Lucie County and in accordance with state law.

Comments from the Committee

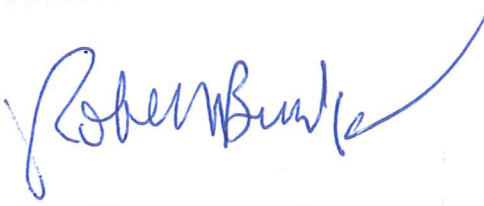
Following the appointment of its members by the City Commission in the spring of 2019, the committee met four times in 2019. At the first meeting, Mr. Robert Burdge was elected Chairperson and Ms. Pearl Davis Liverpool was elected as Vice-chairperson for the committee. The committee was presented and reviewed income, plans, budgets, reports, obligations and other materials to determine if Surtax proceeds were being committed in accordance with Section 212.055(2) of Florida Statutes and the mandate of the voters who approved the surtax. Our unanimous finding was that during the period covered by this report (2019), the Surtax Funds were being properly obligated.

Additionally, the Committee observed, as evidence by the rate of obligation of the surtax funds as well as the use of multiple other sources of funding for projects, that the funds are being prudently used to achieve voters' intentions regarding the Surtax. The committee notes that as the program further matures during 2020, the rate of obligation of funds should accelerate. Details regarding Surtax revenue, obligations, projects and other information is provided subsequently in this report.

Finally, the Committee would like to thank the Department of Engineering for their full and uncompromising support of the Committee's work.

Respectfully submitted,

Fort Pierce Infrastructure Surtax Citizen Oversight Committee



Robert Burdge, Chairperson



Peral Davis-Liverpool, Vice Chairperson

2019 Surtax Proceeds Received

The City of Fort Pierce receives direct electronic transfers from the State of Florida for the Surtax proceeds. Following is receivables for 2019.

03/02/2019	\$126,410.27
04/23/2019	\$129,401.46
05/06/2019	\$ 50,616.13
05/28/2019	\$144,381.25
06/24/2019	\$133,628.18
07/26/2019	\$131,231.92
08/07/2019	\$ 69,310.23
08/26/2019	\$127,623.82
09/23/2019	\$125,970.84
10/28/2019	\$119,786.91
11/12/2019	\$ 71,234.45
11/22/2019	\$118,340.77
12/20/2019	\$135,693.73
TOTAL	\$1,483,629.96

2019 Encumbrances

Following is the list of encumbrances from the 2019 Surtax proceeds

P.O. Date	Project	Vender	Amount
07/02/2019	S. 7 th Street Road Improvements	PRP Construction Group, LLC	\$306,427.86
08/13/2019	Avenues A & B Reconstruction	CW Roberts Contracting, Inc.	\$125,254.32
TOTAL ENCUMBRANCES FOR 2019			\$431,682.18

2019 Projects Completed/Under Construction

- **S. 7th Street Reconstruction (Wendell Road to 10th St)**

Project Description: This project entails the reconstruction of the roadway to include paving, drainage improvements, and sidewalk construction. Utility upgrades for water, sewer and gas as well as undergrounding of overhead utilities are included in the project. The total length of the project is 0.21 miles.

Total Project Cost: \$855,186

- **Funding Sources**

- **SUR Tax: \$306,427.86**
- **Other: \$548,758.14**

(Other funding sources include Fort Pierce Stormwater Management Utility (SMU), Fort Pierce Utilities Authority (FPUA), Fort Pierce Road Impact Fees, (RI))

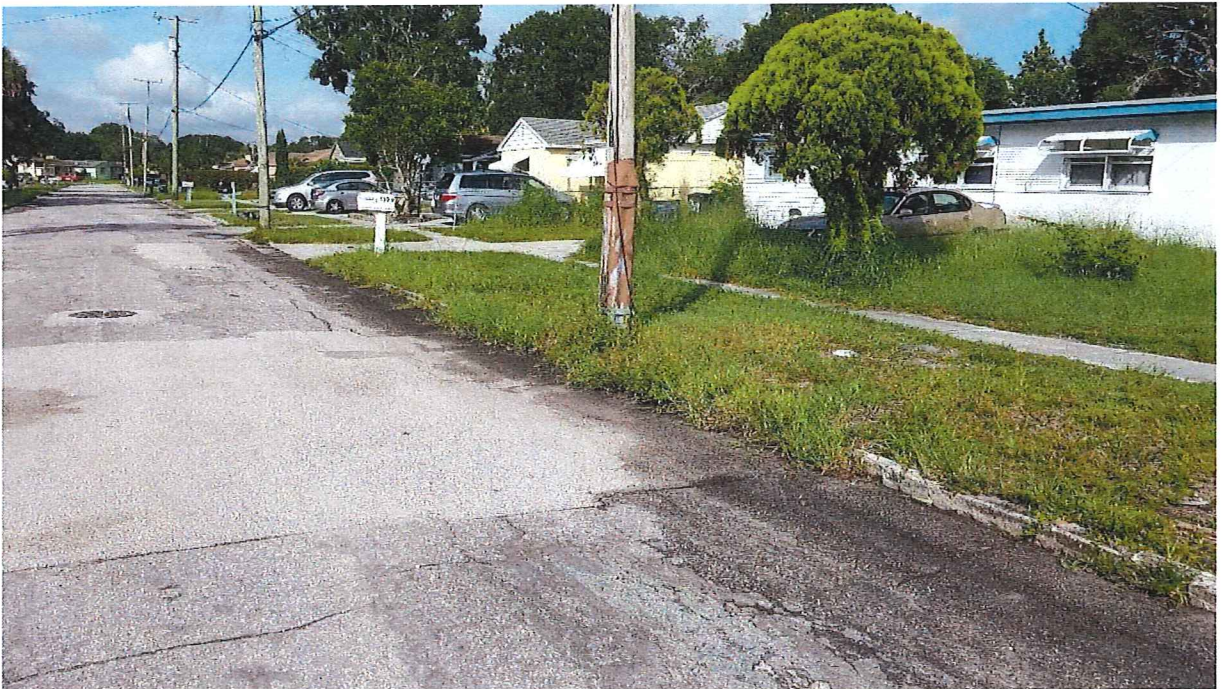
CONSTRUCTION COST BREAKDOWN

ITEM NO.	DESCRIPTION OF WORK	ORIGINAL SCHEDULED VALUE	AMOUNT FUNDED BY SURTAX
1	Demolition / Mobilization / MOT	\$76,725	\$27,846
2	Roadway Construction	\$167,235	\$109,367
3	Drainage	\$99,577	-0-
4	Sidewalk / Driveways	\$201,840	\$135,848
5	Final Restoration	\$13,450	-0-
6	Signing & Markings	\$5,509	\$5,509
7	Water and Sewer	\$171,742	-0-
8	Overhead Electric Conversion	\$45,500	-0-
9	Construction Contingency	\$73,608	\$27,858
	TOTAL	\$855,186	\$306,428

Preconstruction:



S. 7th Street Facing Southwest

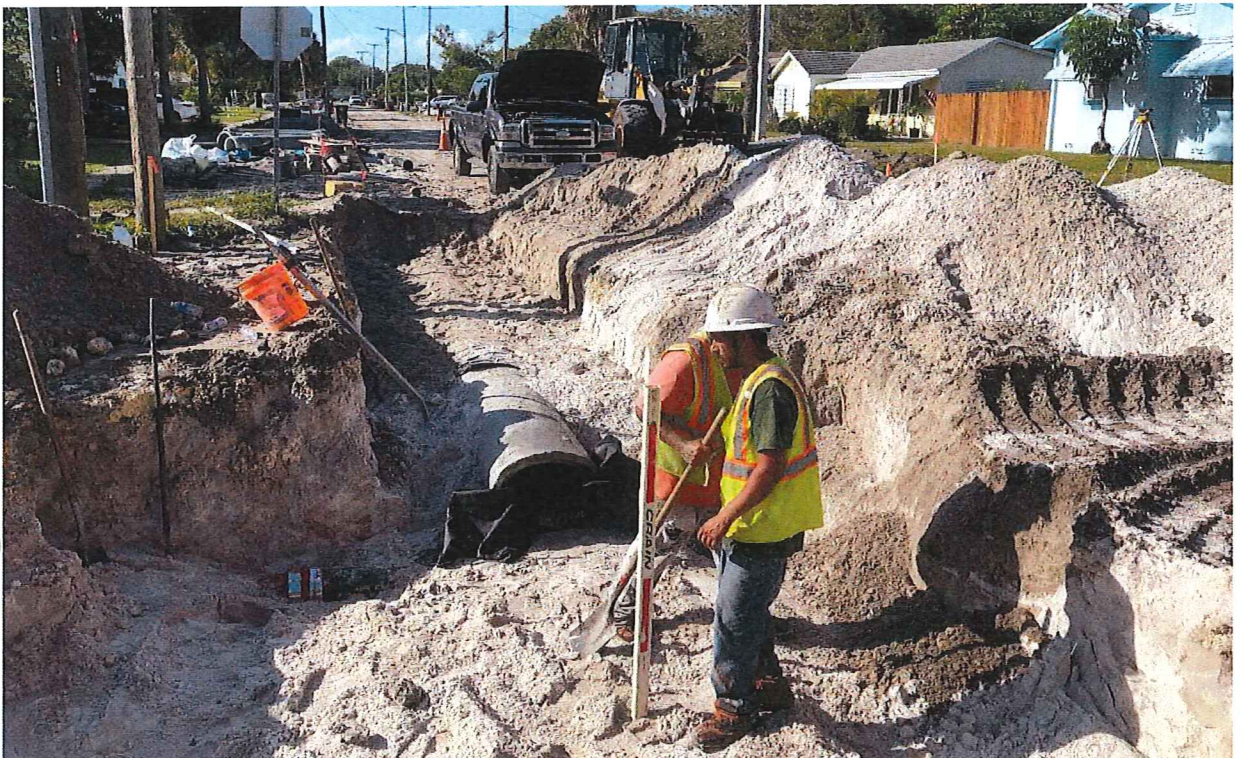


S. 7th Street (Between Wendell Road and 10th Street)

Construction Photos



Milling Old Roadway Surface



Drainage Improvements



Curb and Gutter Installation

7th Street construction completion scheduled for March 2020

- ***Avenues A and B Reconstruction (7th St. to 8th St.)***

Project Description: This project entails the reconstruction of the roadway to include paving, drainage improvements and sidewalk construction. Utility upgrades for water and sewer were accomplished prior to this project. The total length of the project is 0.20 miles.

Total Project Cost: \$351,635

Funding Sources

- **SUR Tax: \$125,254**
- **Other: \$226,381**

(Other funding sources include Fort Pierce Stormwater Management Utility (SMU), Fort Pierce Utilities Authority (FPUA))

CONSTRUCTION COST BREAKDOWN

ITEM NO.	DESCRIPTION OF WORK	ORIGINAL SCHEDULED VALUE	AMOUNT FUNDED BY SURTAX
1	Demolition / Mobilization / MOT	\$134,176	\$44,725
2	Roadway Construction	\$135,094	\$45,031
4	Sidewalk / Driveways	\$68,725	\$30,951
5	Final Restoration	\$13,640	\$4,547
	TOTAL	\$351,635	\$125,254

Preconstruction Photos:

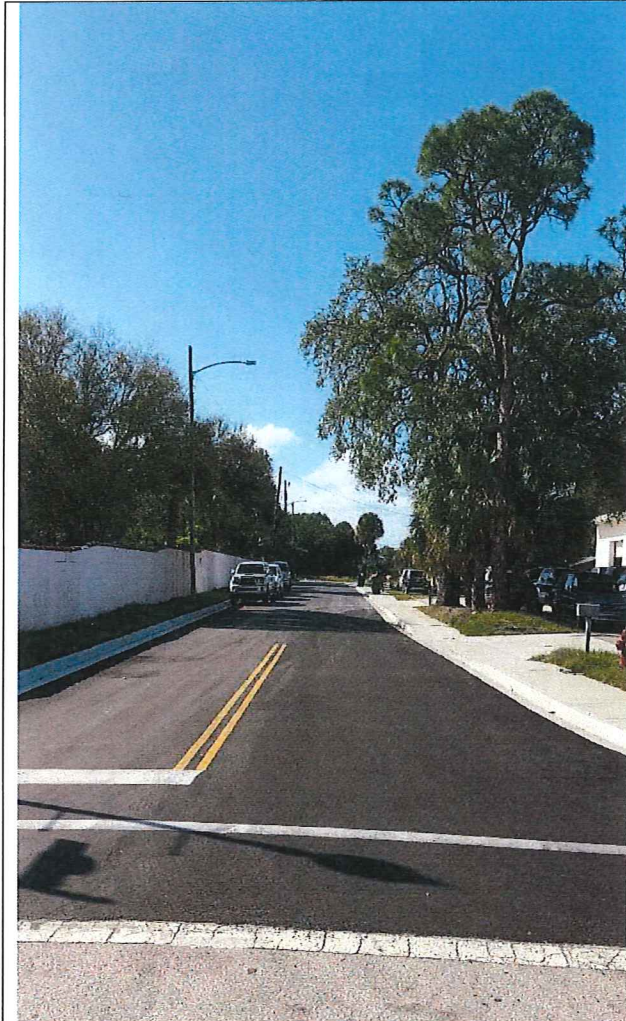


Avenue A – Facing West

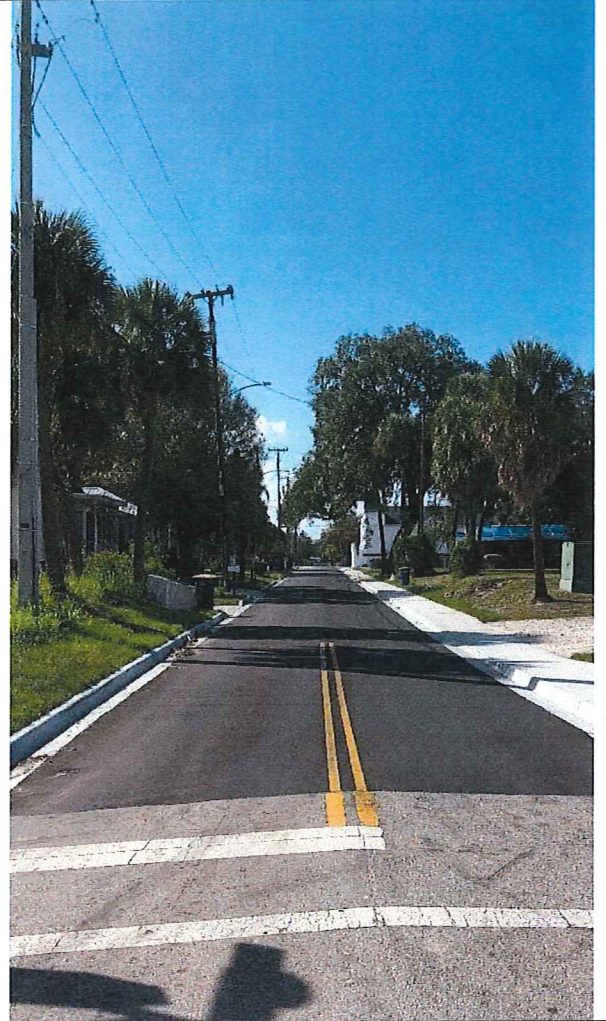


Avenue B – Facing West

Post-construction Photos



Avenue A – Facing West



Avenue B – Facing West

Avenues A and B reconstruction completed December 2019

2020 Proposed Projects

Following are proposed projects that will be scheduled for construction during 2020

- ***Citrus Overpass Bridge Repair***

- **Project Description:** The scope of work for this project is to correct deficiencies outlined by the biennial bridge inspection reports. Work includes repair of concrete spalling, repair of exposed reinforcement bar, correction of failed compression joints, understructure corrosion removal and painting, along with replacement of deck joint seals. This work is required to maintain the overall health of the structure.
- **Project Costs:** The engineer's opinion of probable construction cost is \$980,000. Construction engineering and inspection services is estimated to be \$68,000 for the duration of the project.
- **Surtax Funding Amount:** It is estimated that **\$648,000** will be funded utilizing surtax proceeds.

- ***17th Street Reconstruction (Orange Avenue to Avenue D)***

- **Project Description:** These street improvements will provide complete roadway reconstruction for this urban major collector roadway. Extending approximately 0.38 miles, these improvements include drainage replacement, roadway and sidewalk reconstruction. The project also includes, signage, pavement markings, street lighting and landscaping. Utility upgrades, as well as undergrounding of overhead utilities will be part of this project but funded from separate sources.
- **Project Costs:** Total construction cost for this project is \$2,243,003.00

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- **Surtax Funding Amount:** It is estimated that **\$401,397** will be funded utilizing surtax proceeds.

- ***Street Resurfacing***

- **Project Description:** While many of the city streets require urgent resurfacing and some require total reconstruction, timing of work is often dependent on other infrastructure work being done first. For example, it does not make sense to resurface a road before needed utility work is completed, otherwise the road will need to be again resurfaced.
- This year's resurfacing projects will look to focusing on streets in "POOR" condition that require drainage improvements as well as utility (water and sewer) improvements. By compounding different funding sources together, the city can tackle these major reconstruction projects, fixing the problems, instead of deferring the inevitable failure. The following streets have been identified for this reconstruction/resurfacing work:
 - **8th Street (Avenue D to Avenue E)**
 - **Avenue B (8th Street to 13th Street)**
 - **5th Street (Boston Avenue to Delaware Avenue)**
- **Project Costs:** The total construction cost for these streets has not been determined since design has not been completed.
- **Surtax Funding Amount:** The estimated unencumbered balance of surtax funding that can be dedicated to these projects total **\$1,754,186**.