



**Fort Pierce Infrastructure Surtax
Citizen Oversight Committee**

2020-2021 ANNUAL REPORT




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COMMITTEE MEMBERS



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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 County 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, the referendum was approved by the voters of St. Lucie County.

2018 Final Ballot Language

"To fund projects to improve local roads, reduce traffic congestion, add sidewalks, improve local water quality, including the lagoon, reduce neighborhood flooding and similar uses under Florida law and seek matching funds for these purposes, shall St. Lucie County levy a half-cent sales tax, for ten years, with expenditures reviewed by an independent citizens committee ensuring dollars are spent fairly throughout Port St. Lucie, Fort Pierce, St. Lucie Village, and St. Lucie County.

Composition of the Infrastructure Surtax Citizen Oversight Committee

The committee was established by Resolution No. 19 R06, and consists of seven (7) members. One member appointed by each of the five (5) members of the City Commission and two members appointed at large. The committee acts solely in 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

The 2019 Annual Report was presented to the City Commission at their meeting on March 2, 2020.

The COVID-19 pandemic caused some meetings of the Committee to be cancelled during 2020 and 2021. The Committee met three times in 2020 and three times in 2021:

January 9, 2020

February 13, 2020

March 12, 2020

April 8, 2021

June 10 2021

December 16, 2021

Staff provided updates on budgets as well as design and construction activities.

On behalf of the Fort Pierce Infrastructure Surtax Citizens Oversight Committee, we present this report for approval as we have followed the mission of the committee and verified that the funds are being used consistent with the guidelines that we have been asked to follow by the voters of Saint Lucie County and with the State Law.

Respectfully submitted,

Fort Pierce Infrastructure Surtax Citizen Oversight Committee



Daniel Noelke, Chair

2020-2021 SURTAX PROCEEDS RECEIVED

DATE	AMOUNT
1/30/2020	\$133,647.74
2/13/2020	\$75,389.03
2/26/2020	\$144,868.17
3/24/2020	\$133,562.47
4/28/2020	\$136,104.91
5/6/2020	\$85,446.10
5/31/2020	\$123,357.40
6/26/2020	\$108,806.92
7/27/2020	\$127,449.53
8/7/2020	\$79,595.04
8/27/2020	\$135,203.74
9/25/2020	\$134,021.26
10/28/2020	\$119,271.35
11/4/2020	\$84,088.19
11/30/2020	\$132,369.49
12/23/2020	\$140,620.88
2020 TOTAL	\$1,893,802.22
1/27/2021	\$136,757.26
2/5/2021	\$94,756.89
2/26/2021	\$153,626.55
3/30/2021	\$140,682.38
4/23/2021	\$142,115.10
5/17/2021	\$102,831.33
5/28/2021	\$171,678.81
6/26/2021	\$166,018.00
7/27/2021	\$159,147.51
8/20/2021	\$99,573.18
8/27/2021	\$164,754.32
9/28/2021	\$163,449.96
10/27/2021	\$145,314.81
11/5/2021	\$116,922.54
11/24/2021	\$156,211.00
12/23/2021	\$168,139.07
2021 TOTAL	\$2,281,978.71
TOTAL	\$4,175,780.93

2020-2021 ENCUMBRANCES

DATE	AMOUNT	PROJECT
1/30/2020	\$305,897.00	17th Street Reconstruction
3/16/2020	\$14,005.33	Ave A & B CO #1
6/1/2020	\$129,800.00	17th Street Reconstruction CEI
6/1/2020	\$662,927.80	Citrus Overpass Bridge Repair
6/15/2020	\$65,000.00	Citrus Overpass Bridge Repair CEI
8/18/2020	\$23,225.00	8th Street Reconstruction Design
9/10/2020	\$62,970.00	Ave B Reconstruction Design
11/2/2020	\$263,948.80	2020 Resurfacing
2020 TOTAL	\$1,527,773.93	
4/19/2021	\$143,000.00	Georgia Avenue Basin Water Quality Design
5/17/2021	\$32,029.79	17th Street Reconstruction CO #1
8/2/2021	\$6,720.00	2020 Resurfacing CO #1
8/16/2021	\$44,000.00	2020 Resurfacing CO #2
9/7/2021	\$157,880.00	Ohio Avenue Reconstruction Design
12/6/2021	\$415,054.00	2021 Resurfacing
12/20/2021	\$51,126.49	17th Street Reconstruction CO #2
2021 TOTAL	\$849,810.28	
TOTAL	\$2,377,584.21	

2020-2021 STREET RESURFACING

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TOTAL RESURFACING 1.60 MILES

COST \$314,669

18TH STREET (from Okeechobee Road to Delaware Avenue)

21ST STREET (from Okeechobee Road to Delaware Avenue)

TUCKER COURT

EASTER AVENUE (from 21st Street to Tucker Court)

17th STREET (from Georgia Avenue to Delaware Avenue)

SOUTH AVENUE (from Georgia Avenue to 17th Street)

MIAMI COURT (from Georgia Avenue to 17th Street)

PIERCE STREET (from Miami Court to Fulton Drive)

FULTON DRIVE

TENNESSEE AVENUE (from 33rd Street to 30th Street)



2021 STREET RESURFACING

TOTAL RESURFACING 2.34 MILES

COST \$383,375

11TH STREET (from South end to Avenue E)

DOUGLAS COURT (from South end to Avenue E)

14TH STREET (from Moore's Creek to Avenue E)

15TH STREET (from Moore's Creek to Avenue E)

16TH STREET (from Moore's Creek to Avenue E)

LINCOLN PLACE (from 12th Street to Douglas Court)

WARRICK DRIVE (from 12th Street to Douglas Court)

AVENUE E (from 17th Street to 10th Street)

COMPLETED PROJECTS

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.

Total Project Costs:	\$1,132,859.57 (\$727,927.80 Surtax)
M&J Construction Company	\$984,698.57
Kimley Horn & Associates (CEI)	\$65,000
Kimley Horn & Associates (Design)	\$83,616



COMPLETED PROJECTS

17th Street Reconstruction (Orange Avenue to Avenue D)

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.

<u>Total Project Costs:</u>	<u>\$2,099,969.24 (\$518,853.28 Surtax)</u>
Pav-Co	\$1,970,169.24
Captec Engineering (CEI)	\$129,800





Proposed Projects

2018 - Half-Cent Sales Tax

Water Quality Improvements Subtotal \$980,000

- Georgia Avenue Basin

Sidewalks Subtotal \$560,000

- Emil Avenue

Street Resurfacing Subtotal \$16,599,497

- Citywide

Roadway Improvements Subtotal \$22,758,507

- 13th Street
- 17th Street
- Avenue D
- Avenue I
- Indian River Drive Reconstruction

Streetscape Improvements Subtotal \$1,603,840

- Avenue D

Stormwater Improvements Subtotal \$7,772,800

- Moore's Creek Linear Park Phase II

Bridge Repairs Subtotal \$8,600,000

- Citrus Overpass

TOTAL ESTIMATED CONSTRUCTION COST **\$49,005,804**

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UPCOMING CONSTRUCTION

8th Street (Avenue D to Avenue E)

Project Description: The roadway is in need of reconstruction due to deterioration. The City has coordinated with the Fort Pierce Utilities Authority (FPUA) to work jointly on the improvements to this street. Improvements will include a complete reconstruction of the roadway, drainage improvements, concrete curb/gutter, and sidewalks. FPUA has completed updates to water and sewer lines in the area and undergrounding of overhead electric will be accomplished during roadway construction. Construction began Monday April 18, 2022 and is expected to be complete in August 2022.

Project Costs: The current total project cost is \$533,574.25.

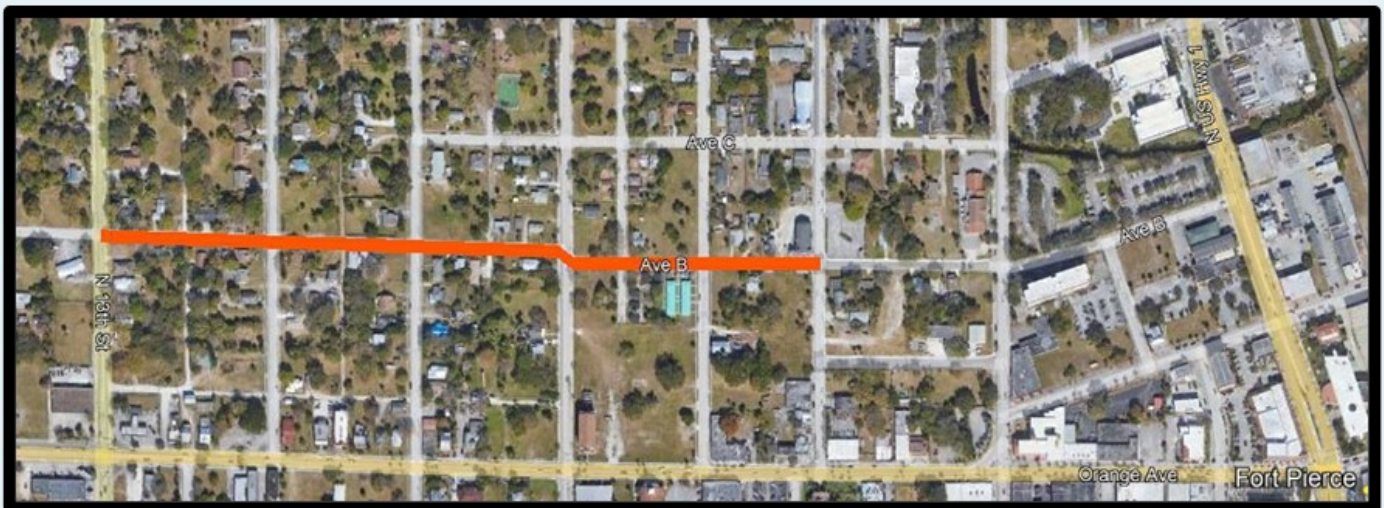


UPCOMING CONSTRUCTION

Avenue B (8th Street to 13th Street)

Project Description: This project will fully reconstruct Avenue B from 13th Street to the west side of 10th Street and from the east side of 10th Street to the west side of 8th Street. New drainage will be installed, sidewalk will be replaced with required ADA improvements. New signage will enhance visibility and safety. This project was advertised for construction on April 14, 2002. Bids are due May 12, 2022. FPUA has already completed the necessary upgrade of underground utilities.

Project Costs: Preliminary cost estimates for this project are estimated at \$972,838, with funding by SUR (1/2 cent Surtax) and Fort Pierce Utilities Authority.



UPCOMING CONSTRUCTION

2022 Street Resurfacing

The streets for the 2022 Street Resurfacing Project are currently being compiled. These streets have been vetted by the Fort Pierce Utilities Authority to determine the condition of existing utilities and the need for replacement. The streets scheduled for repaving are:

Means Court (Moore's Creek to Avenue E)

12th Street (Moore's Creek to Avenue E)

Avenue M (33rd Street Canal dead end to 25th Street)

Quincy Avenue (23rd Street to 13th Street)

Avenue H (13th Street to US 1)

30th Street (Virginia Avenue to Okeechobee Road)

Project Cost: