



**Fort Pierce Infrastructure Surtax
Citizen Oversight Committee**

2022 ANNUAL REPORT




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COMMITTEE MEMBERS



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Daniel Noelke — Commissioner J. Johnson Appointee
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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 Infrastructure Surtax Citizens Oversight Committee

The 2020-2021 Annual Report was presented to the City Commission at their meeting on June 21, 2022.

The Committee was able to meet five times in 2022:

February 17, 2022

May 19, 2022

July 21, 2022

September 15, 2022

November 17, 2022

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

2022 SURTAX PROCEEDS RECEIVED

DATE	AMOUNT RECEIVED
1/27/2022	\$160,154.61
2/18/2022	\$151,345.84
2/28/2022	\$189,928.44
3/28/2022	\$164,591.21
4/27/2022	\$169,121.40
5/13/2022	\$171,760.77
5/31/2022	\$193,240.89
6/24/2022	\$176,296.21
7/27/2022	\$174,828.26
8/5/2022	\$152,906.70
8/26/2022	\$178,885.64
9/26/2022	\$174,770.60
10/28/2022	\$178,225.80
11/7/2022	\$160,382.72
11/28/2022	\$172,847.63
12/22/2022	\$180,741.15
TOTAL	\$2,750,027.87

2022 ENCUMBRANCES

DATE	ENCUMBERED	PROJECT
1/18/2022	\$206,637.48	Purchase Order 220827 - Pavco 8th Street Reconstruction
2/8/2022	\$415,054.00	Purchase Order 220756 - CWR - 2021 Street Resurfacing
8/15/2022	\$612,065.83	Purchase Order 221326 - Heavy Civil Inc - Avenue B Construction
9/21/2022	\$318,940.00	Purchase Order 221440 - Boromei Construction Inc - Georgia Ave Basin
9/21/2022	\$662,141.25	Purchase Order 221439 - CWR - 2022 Street Resurfacing
TOTAL	\$2,214,838.56	

2022 BALANCE

	FY 18/19	FY 19/20	FY 20/21	FY 21/22	FY 22/23 (to date)
Funds Received	\$1,038,574.00	\$1,862,508.00	\$2,171,741.20	\$2,644,418.00	\$692,197.00
Expenses	\$0.00	\$529,083.00	\$1,200,667.00	\$772,801.00	\$1,024,171.00
Balance	\$1,038,574.00	\$2,371,999.00	\$3,343,073.20	\$5,214,690.20	\$4,882,716.20

THE UNENCUMBERED BALANCE OF THE SURTAX FUND AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2022 IS **\$3,121,385.01**

2022 STREET RESURFACING

2022 STREET RESURFACING - COMPLETE

TOTAL RESURFACING 2.72 MILES COST \$662,141.25

Means Court (from Moore's Creek to Avenue E)
12th Street (from Moore's Creek to Avenue E)
Avenue H (from 13th Street to US 1)
Avenue M (from west end to 25th Street)
30th Street (from south end to Okeechobee Road)
Quincy Avenue (from 23rd Street to 13th Street)



COMPLETED PROJECTS

8th Street (Avenue D to Avenue E) - COMPLETE

Project Description: The City has coordinated with the Fort Pierce Utilities Authority (FPUA) to work jointly on the improvements to this street. Improvements included a complete reconstruction of the roadway, stormwater drainage, concrete curb/gutter, and sidewalks. Construction was completed in December 2022.

Project Costs: The current total project cost is \$533,574.25. Surtax Funds \$206,637.00



UNDER CONSTRUCTION



Georgia Avenue Basin Water Quality Improvements

Improvements to the 235-acre Georgia Avenue Drainage Basin will include the construction of numerous Best Management Practices (BMPs) to aid in the removal of phosphorous, nitrogen, and other harmful nutrients from stormwater before discharging into the Indian River Lagoon. Construction began on October 25, 2022 with the removal of exotic vegetation with the boundaries of the new bio-swale situated on the south side of the FEC Access Road.

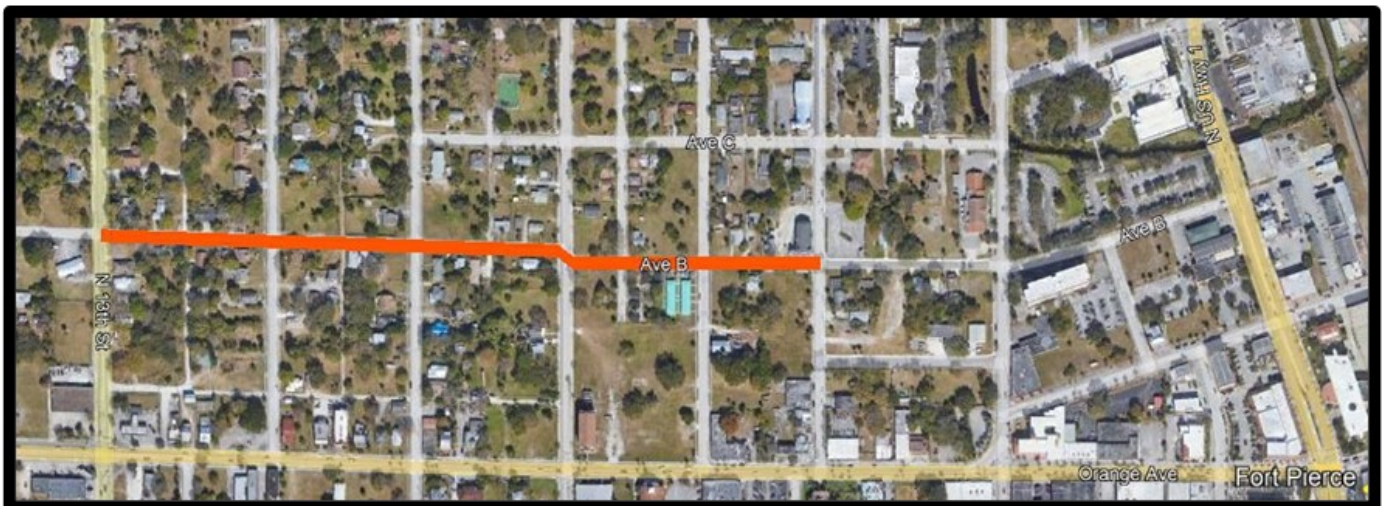
The total project cost is \$1,688,940.00 with \$318,940.00 from Surtax funds.

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. The construction contract was awarded to Heavy Civil, Inc and a purchase order has been issued. Shop drawings have been approved and materials are being ordered. Construction is anticipated to begin in January 2023.

Project Costs: The total cost is \$1,112,846.96, of which \$612,065.83 is Surtax Funding.



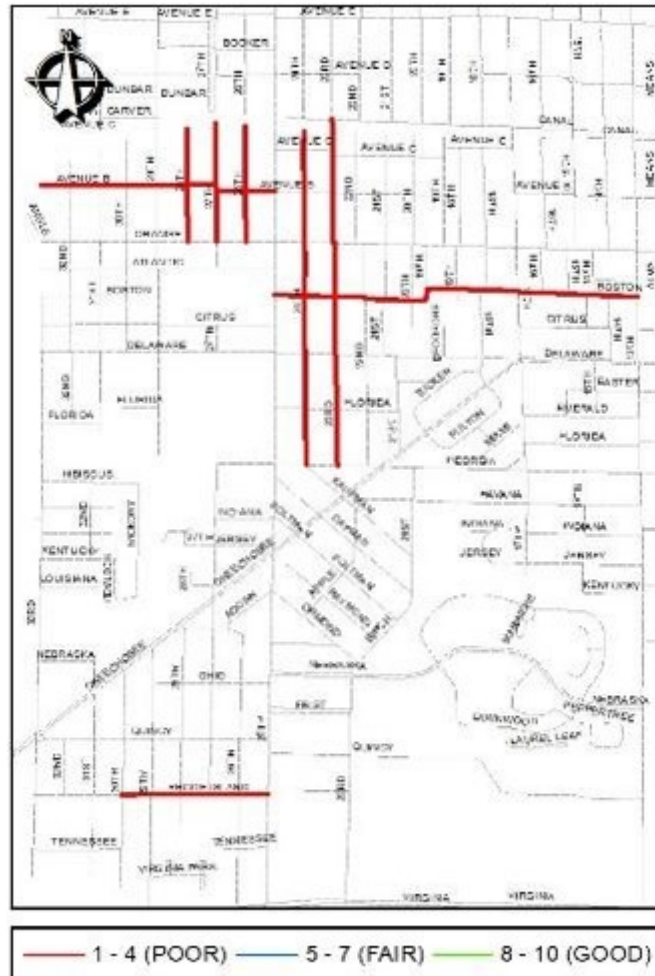
UPCOMING CONSTRUCTION

2023 Street Resurfacing

The streets for the 2023 Street Resurfacing Project are currently being 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 shown in the table and map below.

Estimated Project Cost: \$880,000.00

STREET	FROM	TO	LF
23rd Street	Georgia Avenue	Canal Terrace	4,137.00
24th Street	Georgia Avenue	Canal Terrace	3,990.00
26th Street	Orange Avenue	Moore's Creek	1,362.78
27th Street	Orange Avenue	Moore's Creek	1,374.66
28th Street	Orange Avenue	Moore's Creek	1,333.09
Avenue B	33rd Street (Angle Road)	27th Street	2,300.00
Avenue B	27th Street	25th Street	650.00
Boston Avenue	25th Street	13th Street	4,100.00
Rhode Island Avenue	30th Street	25th Street	1,620.00



2023 NEW PROJECTS

Indian River Dr. (Marina Way to Seaway Dr.)

Reconstruction of roadway, drainage, sidewalks, street lighting, and landscaping. Conversion of overhead utilities to underground and water/sewer replacement. A proposal is being requested for engineering design and permitting and is expected in December. Surtax funding will be combined with a Department of Economic Opportunity Grant as well as other available funds.

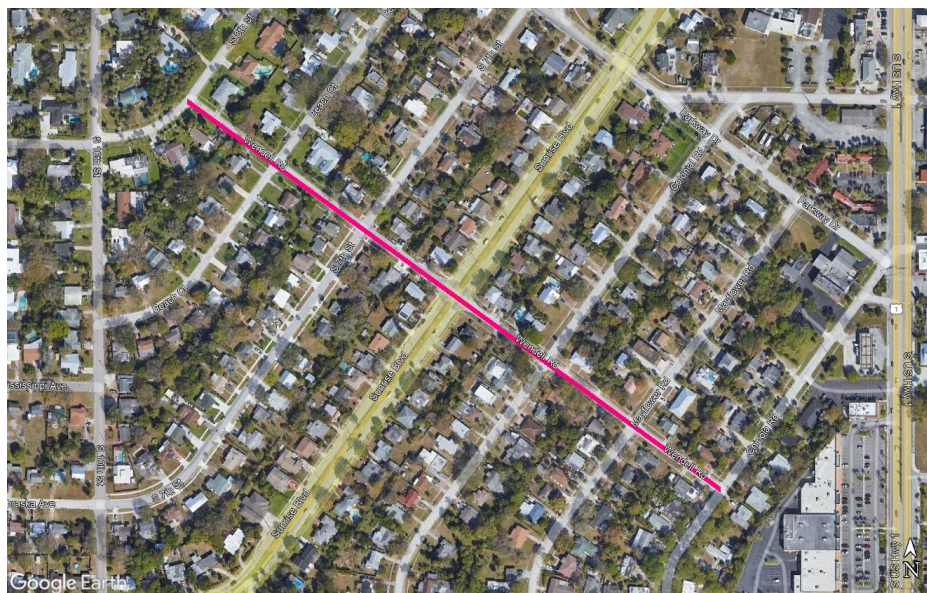
Estimated Total Project Cost is \$2,750,000.00, Surtax funding percentages have not been determined.



Wendell Road (from 8th Street to Chipola Road)

A joint project by the City and Fort Pierce Utilities Authority primarily for the replacement of utilities. This project will entail water and sewer main replacement, drainage improvements, sidewalk replacement and roadway reconstruction. A proposal is being requested for engineering design and is expected to be presented to the City Commission in December 2022.

Estimated Total Project Cost is \$2,000,000.00, Surtax Funding Design \$200,000.



2023 NEW PROJECTS

11th Street—Boston Avenue—Preston Court Roadway Improvements

11th Street (Boston Avenue to Orange Avenue)
Boston Avenue (13th Street to 10th Street)
Preston Court (Delaware Avenue to Boston Avenue)

Reconstruction of roadway, drainage, sidewalks, updated signage and pavement markings. Conversion of overhead utilities to underground. A proposal is being requested for engineering design and permitting and is expected in February.

Estimated Total Project Cost is \$1,000,000, Surtax funding percentages have not been determined.

