



**Fort Pierce Infrastructure Surtax  
Citizen Oversight Committee**

**2023 ANNUAL REPORT  
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# COMMITTEE MEMBERS



Pearl Davis Liverpool — Mayor Hudson Appointee  
Ella Hodge-Wimes — Commissioner Gaines Appointee  
Charles E. Bryant — Commissioner C. Johnson Appointee  
Daniel Noelke — Commissioner J. Johnson Appointee  
Robert Burdge — Commissioner Broderick Appointee  
Anthony Westbury — At Large  
Steven Haines—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 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.



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The Infrastructure Surtax Oversight Committee is pleased to provide this 2022-2023 Annual Report to the Citizens of the City of Fort Pierce. As required by Resolution No. 19-R06, this report provides acknowledgement by the Committee that projects have been reviewed and funds have been spent as approved by the voters and in accordance with State Law.

The 2021-2022 Annual Report was presented to the City Commission at their meeting on February 6, 2023.

The Committee met five times this past year and were presented with budget and project updates that form the basis of this Annual Report.

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

## 2023 SURTAX PROCEEDS RECEIVED

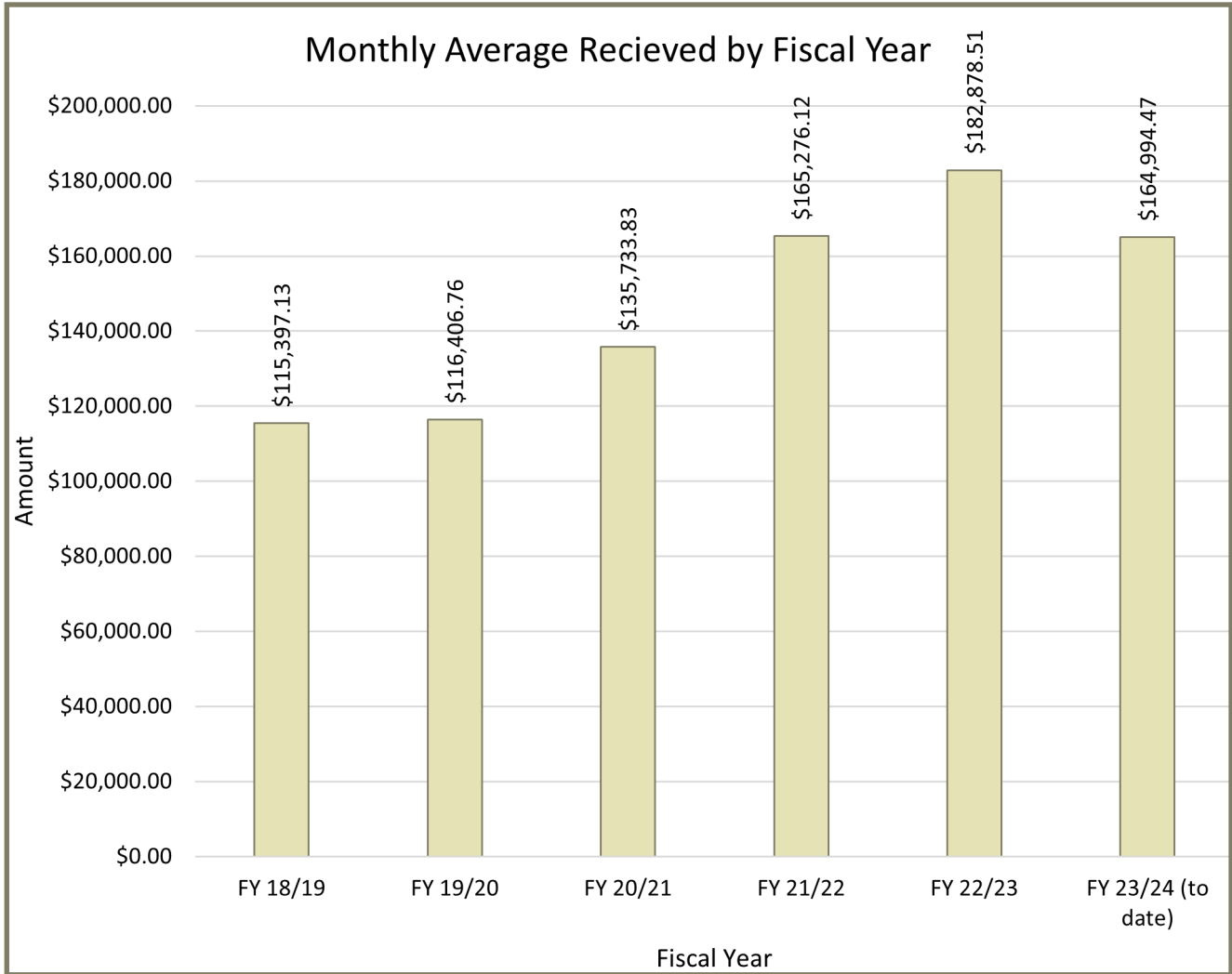
Date	Amount
1/31/2023	\$176,606.20
2/3/2023	\$172,843.33
2/27/2023	\$214,874.37
3/28/2023	\$185,886.31
4/26/2023	\$189,724.89
5/8/2023	\$187,336.33
5/26/2023	\$209,768.06
6/23/2023	\$189,026.71
7/28/2023	\$182,888.08
8/10/2023	\$166,161.36
8/28/2023	\$177,336.28
9/27/2023	\$181,406.86
10/26/2023	\$164,227.15
11/6/2023	\$154,140.47
11/27/2023	\$176,615.80

## 2023 BALANCE

	Funds Received	Expenses	Balance
FY 18/19	\$1,038,574.10	\$0.00	\$1,038,574.10
FY 19/20	\$1,862,508.17	\$529,083.12	\$2,371,999.15
FY 20/21	\$2,171,741.20	\$1,200,667.35	\$3,343,073.00
FY 21/22	\$2,644,417.99	\$782,300.75	\$5,205,190.24
FY 22/23	\$2,926,056.08	\$2,073,063.98	\$6,058,182.34
FY 23/24	\$494,983.42	\$222,346.88	\$6,330,818.88
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$11,138,280.96</b>	<b>\$4,807,462.08</b>	<b>\$6,330,818.88</b>

This is a cash basis report, Therefore, it will not match the accrual basis financial statement revenue numbers.

# MONTHLY AVERAGE RECEIVED



# 2023 ENCUMBRANCES

DATE	ENCUMBERED	PROJECT
6/5/2023	\$1,792,623.00	Purchase Order 231000 - PRP — Ohio Avenue Construction
10/26/2023	\$199,482.85	Purchase Order 240176 - Stantec —11th, Boston, Preston Design
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,992,105.85</b>	

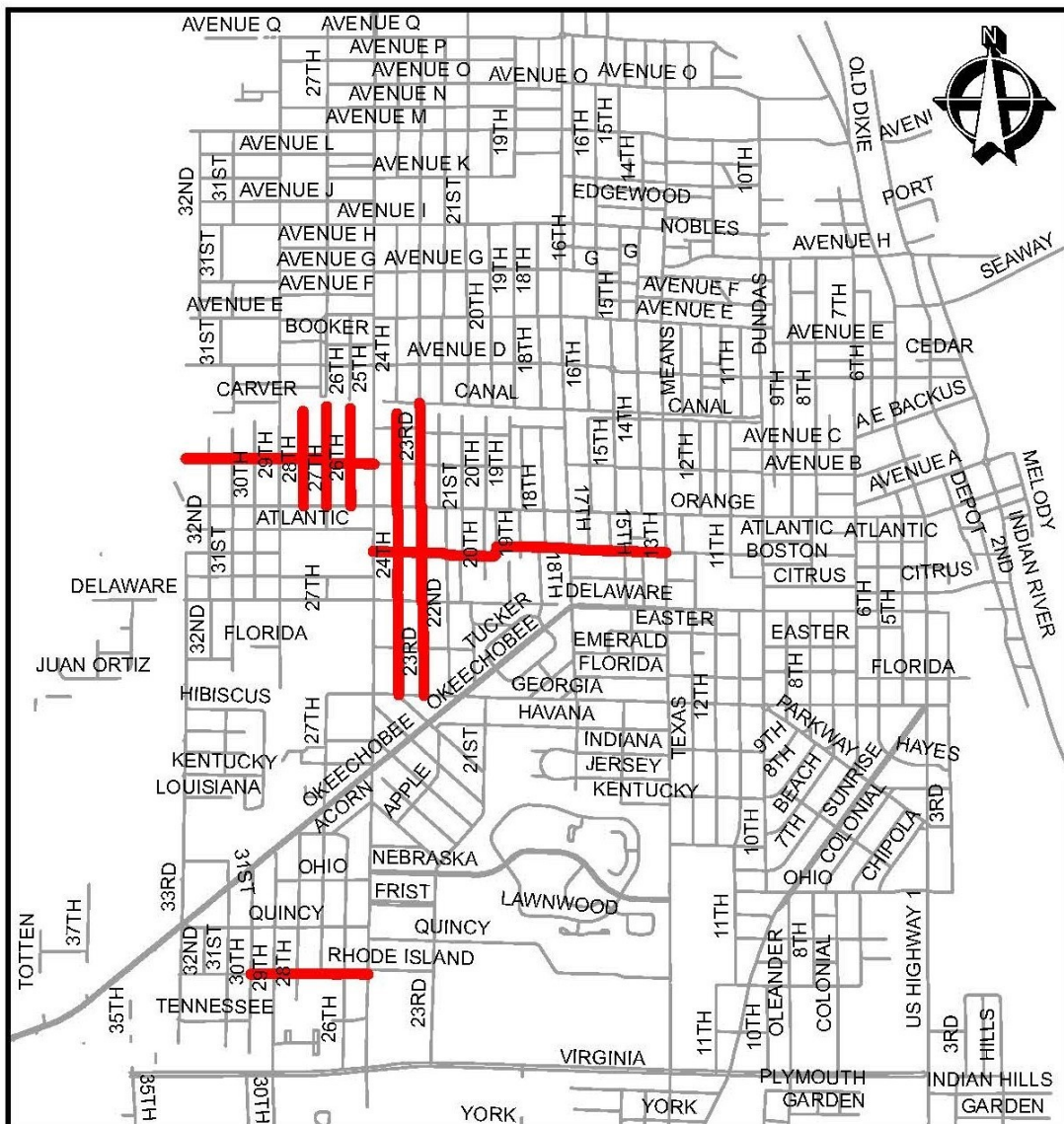
# 2023 STREET RESURFACING

## 2023 STREET RESURFACING - CONTRACT IN PROGRESS

The City has pursued it's own Annual Resurfacing Contract. A contractor has been selected and staff is now working with the City Attorney's Office to execute a contract for signature. Once completed, the work will begin and resurfacing work for the next three to five years will be able to be completed in a much more streamlined process.

We anticipate selecting 2024 Resurfacing candidate roadways in January.

## 2023 STREET RESURFACING PROGRAM



LOCATION MAP

# COMPLETED PROJECTS

## Avenue B (13th Street to 8th Street) - COMPLETE

**Project Description:** The project included complete reconstruction of the roadway including drainage, sidewalks, curb and gutter, paving, decorative lights and undergrounding of utilities. Construction was completed in November 2023. Financial Close out remains.

**Project Costs:** The Surtax Funds expended to date is \$545,844.58.



# COMPLETED PROJECTS

## Georgia Avenue Basin Water Quality Improvements - COMPLETE

The Project included improvements to reduce the pollutants that were discharging directly to the Indian River Lagoon. Three (3) BMP Treatment Trains have been constructed to accomplish this goal. Construction was in September 2023.

Project Costs: The Surtax Funds expended is \$318,940.00



# UNDER CONSTRUCTION

## Ohio Avenue Roadway Improvements

The project consists of complete reconstruction of Ohio Avenue from 11th Street to US 1. Improvements include drainage, sidewalks, curb and gutter, paving, decorative lights and landscaping. A Notice to Proceed was issued to the Contractor in July of 2023 however, long lead times for materials resulted in construction activity being delayed until October 2023.

The total cost from Surtax funds is \$1,792,623.00



# UPCOMING CONSTRUCTION

## 2024 Street Resurfacing

The streets for the 2024 Street Resurfacing Project are currently being vetted by Engineering Staff.

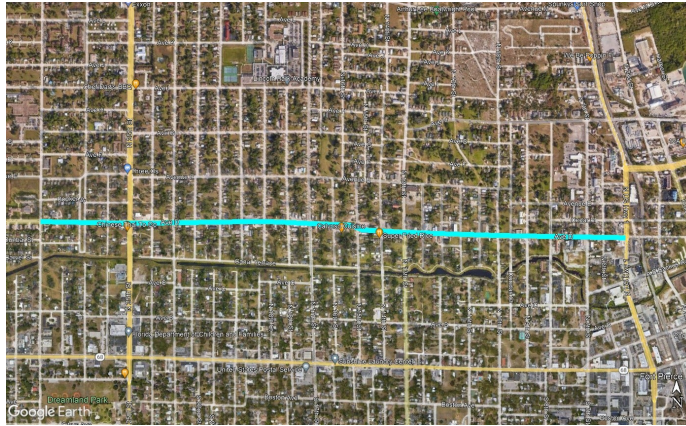
The Budgeted amount for 2024 Annual Street Resurfacing is \$850,000.00

## Avenue D (29th Street to US 1) - Resurfacing

The project will resurface Avenue D from 29th Street to US 1. ADA ramps will be reconstructed to meet updated standards. Sidewalk and driveways will be constructed where needed. Updated signage and pavement markings will help to increase safety.

A \$1.5 million state grant was received for construction of Avenue D. The City will use the grant funds and some Infrastructure Surtax funds to complete the project. Exact amounts will be determined once a bid has been received.

The project is anticipated to be advertised in early 2024.



# 2024 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. Thirty percent plans have been reviewed and comments provided to the designer. Sixty percent plans are anticipated early in 2024. 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.



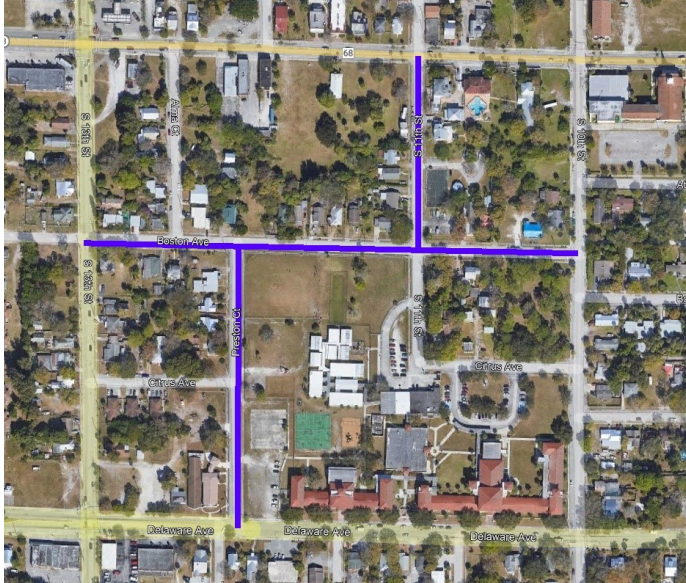
# 2024 NEW PROJECTS

## 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. Ninety percent plans are under review.

Estimated Total Project Cost is \$2,000,000.00,

Surtax Funding Design \$200,000.



## 11th Street—Boston Avenue—Preston Court Roadway Improvements

11<sup>th</sup> Street (Boston Avenue to Orange Avenue)  
Boston Avenue (13<sup>th</sup> Street to 10<sup>th</sup> Street)  
Preston Court (Delaware Avenue to Boston Avenue)

Reconstruction of roadway, drainage, sidewalks, updated signage and pavement markings. A notice to proceed was issued to the consultant and survey and preliminary plans are anticipated in January 2024.

Estimated Total Project Cost is \$1,000,000,

Surtax funding percentages have not been determined.

# MASTER PROJECT LIST

PROJECT/DESCRIPTION	ESTIMATE	SURTAX FUNDING	STATUS
<b>Roadway Rehabilitation Projects ( 8.83 miles total, 1.45 miles complete, 0.6 miles in construction)</b>			
S. 7th Street Reconstruction (Wendell to 10th Street)		\$306,427.86	COMPLETED 2019
Avenues A&B Reconstruction (7th Street to 8th Street)		\$139,259.65	COMPLETED 2019
17th Street - (Orange Ave. to Ave. D)		\$494,395.12	COMPLETED 2021
Citrus Overpass Bridge Repairs		\$727,927.80	COMPLETED 2021
8th Street Reconstruction (Avenue D to Avenue E)		\$206,637.48	COMPLETED 2022
Avenue B Reconstruction (13th Street to 8th Street)		\$671,104.00	99% COMPLETE
Ohio Avenue Reconstruction (US1 to 11th Street)		\$1,889,609.00	15% COMPLETE
Grenada Street (Porpoise Ave to Gulfstream Ave)		\$740,500.00	0% COMPLETE
Avenue D - (29th Street to US 1)	\$1,900,000.00		DESIGN
Avenue D - (US 1 to Indian River Drive)	\$2,500,000.00		DESIGN
Indian River Drive - (Ave. A to Seaway Dr.)	\$8,500,000.00		DESIGN
Wendell Road (8th Street to 7th Street)	\$750,000.00	\$47,940.00	DESIGN
11th Street Reconstruction (Boston Avenue to Orange Avenue)	\$300,000.00	\$199,482.85	DESIGN
Boston Avenue (13th Street to 10th Street)	\$300,000.00		DESIGN
Preston Court (Boston Avenue to Delaware Avenue)	\$300,000.00		DESIGN
13th Street - Phase II (Georgia Ave. to Orange Ave.)	\$9,500,000.00	\$69,840.00	DESIGN
13th Street - Phase III (Ave. E to Ave. Q)	\$4,500,000.00		UNFUNDED
13th Street - Phase IV (Virginia Ave. to Georgia Ave.)	\$8,000,000.00		UNFUNDED
Avenue I - (13th to 25th)	\$4,000,000.00		UNFUNDED
Surfside Drainage/Resurfacing - Phase IV	\$2,200,000.00		UNFUNDED
<b>Sidewalk / Recreational Trail Projects (1.0 miles)</b>			
Emil Avenue - (Oleander Ave. to US 1)	\$700,000.00		UNFUNDED
Nebraska Avenue (Lawnwood Circle) - Phase 1	\$725,000.00		FY 2026
<b>Stormwater Quality Projects</b>			
Georgia Ave. Basin Water Quality Improvements		\$367,598.00	COMPLETE
Moore's Creek Linear Park Stormwater Improvements Phase 2	\$8,500,000.00		UNFUNDED
<b>Street Resurfacing</b>			
2020 ( 1.6 miles)		\$314,668.80	COMPLETE
2021 (2.3 miles)		\$415,054.00	COMPLETE
2022 (2.7 miles)		\$662,141.25	COMPLETE
2023 (3.65 miles)	\$800,000.00		DESIGN
2024 (TBD)	\$850,000.00		DESIGN

TOTALS \$54,325,000.00 \$7,252,585.81