

Fort Pierce Infrastructure Surtax Citizen Oversight Committee



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2024 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 2023-2024 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 January 16, 2024.

At the January 18, 2024 meeting, the Committee agreed to have quarterly meetings. The Committee met four times this year January 18, April 18, July 17 and October 17.

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

2024 SURTAX PROCEEDS RECEIVED

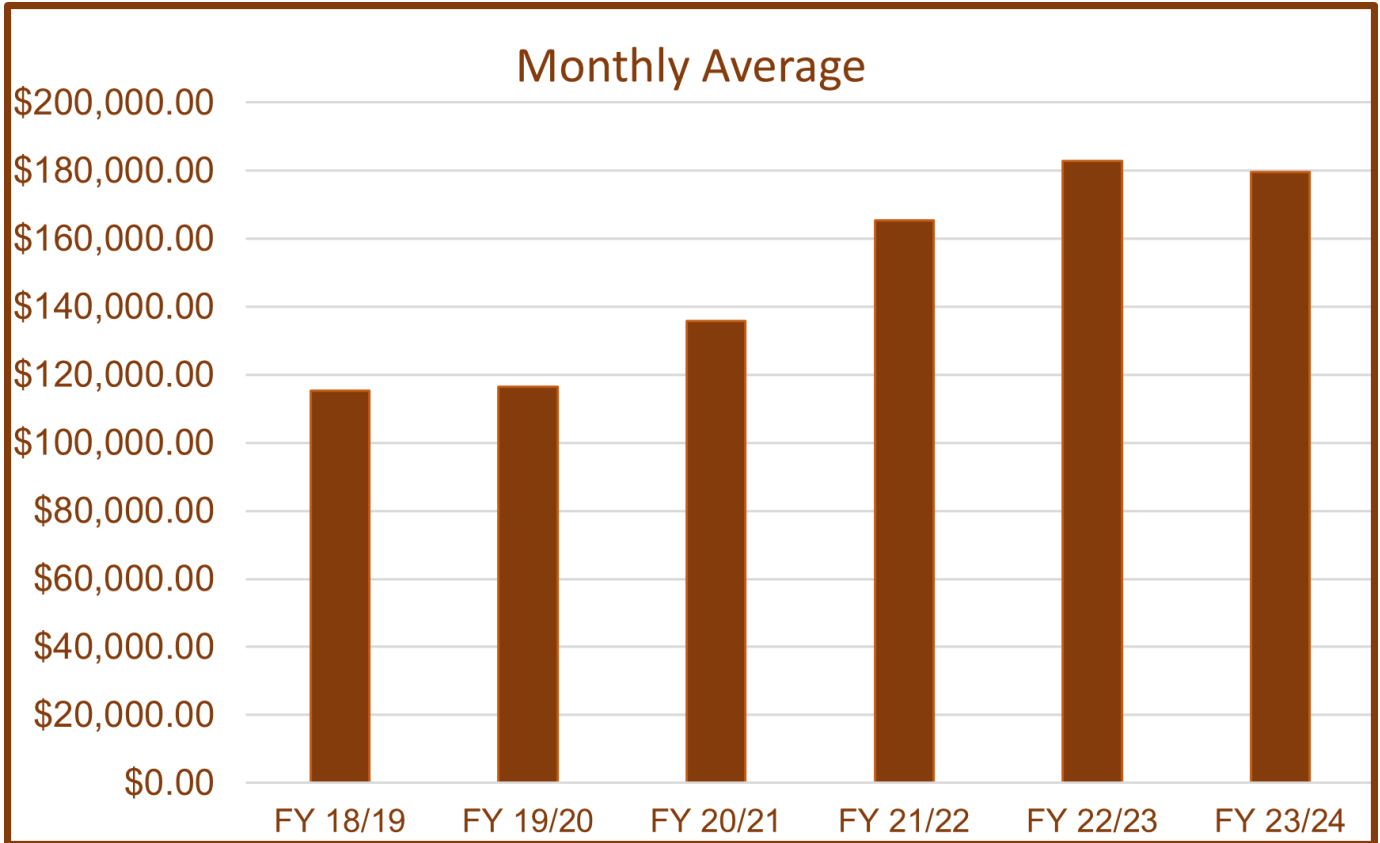
Date	Amount
1/29/2024	\$170,816.68
2/7/2024	\$173,980.97
2/28/2024	\$197,380.07
3/27/2024	\$177,852.88
4/26/2024	\$182,205.00
5/9/2024	\$197,261.00
5/28/2024	\$198,191.18
6/27/2024	\$183,739.83
7/29/2024	\$188,980.15
8/14/2024	\$181,962.83
8/27/2024	\$176,145.40
9/26/2024	\$175,303.38
TOTAL	\$2,203,819.37

2024 BALANCE

	Funds Received	Encumbrances	Expenses	Balance
FY 18/19	\$1,038,574.10	\$431,682.18	\$0.00	\$1,038,574.10
FY 19/20	\$1,862,508.17	\$1,263,825.13	\$529,083.12	\$2,371,999.15
FY 20/21	\$2,171,741.20	\$647,578.59	\$1,200,667.35	\$3,343,073.00
FY 21/22	\$2,644,417.99	\$2,681,019.05	\$782,300.75	\$5,205,190.24
FY 22/23	\$2,926,056.08	\$1,840,563.00	\$2,073,063.98	\$6,058,182.34
FY 23/24	\$2,871,712.74	\$2,042,098.06	\$2,914,617.42	\$6,015,277.66
TOTALS	\$13,515,010.28	\$8,906,766.01	\$7,499,732.62	\$6,015,277.66

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

MONTHLY AVERAGE RECEIVED



2024 ENCUMBRANCES

DATE	ENCUMBERED	PROJECT
10/26/2023	\$199,482.85	Purchase Order 240176 - Stantec 11th-Boston-Preston Design
1/4/2024	\$15,000.00	PO 240441 - EDC for Design Completion (FDOT)
4/1/2024	\$69,840.00	PO 240717 - KHA for 13th Street (Georgia to Orange) Design
4/23/2024	\$891,659.73	PO 240763 - The Paving Lady - 2023 Annual Resurfacing
6/27/2024	\$132,500.00	PO 240931 Captec - Nebraska Ave Sidewalk
7/9/2024	\$16,392.50	CO 2 - Heavy Civil - Avenue B
9/20/2024	\$717,222.98	PO 241151 - The Paving Lady 2024 Annual Resurfacing
TOTALS	\$2,042,098.06	

2024 STREET RESURFACING

2024 STREET RESURFACING - Work Underway

The Contractor has begun ADA sidewalk ramp replacements for the roadways that are scheduled to be resurfaced between October and November.

2024 Street Resurfacing		
STREET	FROM	TO
32nd Street	Delaware Avenue	Moore's Creek
31st Street	Okeechobee Road	Nebraska Avenue
Avenue E	29th Street	25th Street
Avenue F	29th Street	25th Street
Avenue G	29th Street	25th Street
Citrus Avenue	33rd Street	29th Street
Florida Avenue	17th Street	13th Street
Pennsylvania Avenue	11th Street	Sunrise Boulevard
Quincy Avenue	25th Street	23rd Street
Parkway Drive	3rd Street	US 1
Wisteria Avenue	Hills Court	East End

COMPLETED PROJECTS

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

Some sidewalk areas remained due to delays in getting utility poles removed. The work is still being scheduled but should be completed by the end of 2024.

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



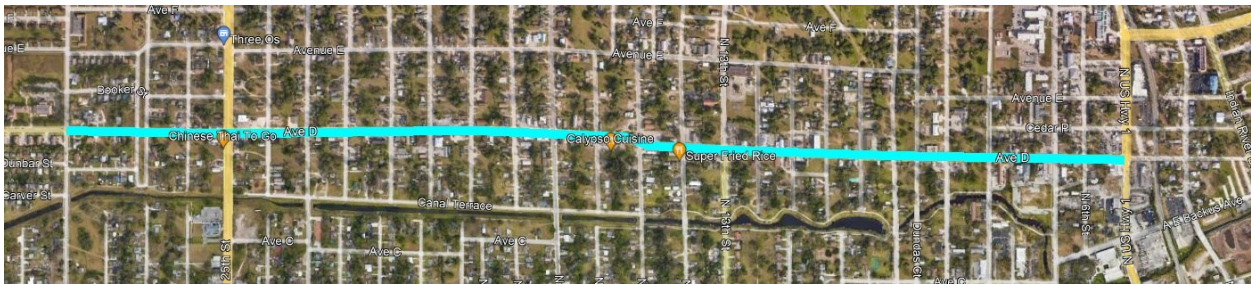
UPCOMING CONSTRUCTION

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.

Staff continues to work with FDOT for authorization to begin construction.



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 9,750,000, Surtax funding percentages have not been determined.



2024-2025 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

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. A notice to proceed was issued to the consultant and survey and preliminary plans are anticipated in January 2024.

Estimated Total Project Cost is \$2,500,000.00

Surtax funding percentages have not been determined.

2024-2025 PROJECTS

13th Street (Orange Avenue to Georgia Avenue)

This project was previously designed to about 80% and funding became unavailable. A new contract was issued to complete the design. The project includes reconstruction of the roadway, drainage, and sidewalk. Some limited landscaping and street lighting is included. While there may be some needed utility improvements to sanitary sewer and water, these costs have not been included in the estimate at this time.

The design should be complete late 2024 and be ready for construction in 2025.

The current cost estimate is \$6,250,000.00.

Avenue D Reconstruction—US 1 to Indian River Drive

This reconstruction project will include new roadway, sidewalks, drainage infrastructure with enhancements to landscaping, lighting, and street atmosphere in the Edgartown district of the City.

Staff is working with the designer to complete the plans in early 2025 to complete construction with the Indian River Drive Improvements.

Currently the cost estimate is \$1,800,000.00.

MASTER PROJECT LIST

PROJECT/DESCRIPTION	ESTIMATE	SURTAX FUNDING	STATUS
Roadway Rehabilitation Projects (8.83 miles total, 1.97 miles complete, 1.82 miles in construction)			
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	85% COMPLETE
Grenada Street (Porpoise Ave to Gulfstream Ave)		\$740,500.00	DESIGN
Avenue D - (29th Street to US 1 Resurfacing)	\$2,380,000.00		0% COMPLETE
Avenue D - (US 1 to Indian River Drive Reconstruction)	\$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 - Boston- Preston Street Reconstruction	\$1,500,000.00	\$199,482.85	DESIGN
13th Street - Phase II (Georgia Ave. to Orange Ave.)	\$2,200,000.00	\$69,840.00	DESIGN
13th Street - Phase III (Ave. E to Ave. Q)	\$2,500,000.00		UNFUNDED
13th Street - Phase IV (Virginia Ave. to Georgia Ave.)	\$5,000,000.00		UNFUNDED
Avenue I - (13th to 25th)	\$4,000,000.00		UNFUNDED
Surfside Drainage/Resurfacing - Phase IV	\$2,200,000.00		DESIGN
Sidewalk / Recreational Trail Projects (1.0 miles)			
Emil Avenue - (Oleander Ave. to US 1)	\$700,000.00		UNFUNDED
Nebraska Avenue (Lawnwood Circle) - Phase 1	\$725,000.00		DESIGN
Stormwater Quality Projects			
Georgia Ave. Basin Water Quality Improvements		\$367,598.00	COMPLETED 2024
Moore's Creek Linear Park Stormwater Improvements Phase 2	\$8,500,000.00		UNFUNDED
Street Resurfacing			
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)		\$891,659.73	COMPLETE
2024 (2.18 miles)		\$717,222.98	IN PROGRESS

TOTALS \$41,455,000.0 \$8,861,468.52