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CNNA Meeting

May 7, 2022



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Purpose of the Infrastructure Sales Tax

A voter-approved one percent sales tax used to invest in local infrastructure/improvements, such as public safety, roads, sidewalks, parks, lighting, streetscapes, bike paths (MURTS), libraries and schools. Proceeds may not be used to pay operating expenses. For example, proceeds can not pay for police officers, but they can be used to purchase police vehicles. Uses are governed by Florida Statute 212.055 Discretionary Sales Surtaxes.



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This is Not a New Tax

It is an extension of the current, voter-approved penny sales tax.

First enacted in 1989, the penny sales tax was extended by voters in 1997 for 10 years and in 2007 for 15 more years.



What Does the Surtax Apply To?

The one-cent sales surtax applies to the first \$5,000 of any purchase that is subject to the State sales tax. Approximately 20% of the revenues come from tourist and visitors.



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Expiration of Current Surtax Program

December 31, 2024



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Estimated Revenues for Surtax IV 15 Years for the City of Sarasota

\$191 million



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How the Infrastructure Sales Tax is Used

Every penny will be spent right here in Sarasota County and is shared by Sarasota County, the Sarasota County School District, the Cities of Sarasota, Venice and North Port, and the Town of Longboat Key.

25% of the revenues are allocated to the School District. The remaining 75% is distributed among the County and the municipalities based on population.



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Who Gets to Vote for the Surtax?

All registered voters in Sarasota County will have the opportunity to vote for the surtax extension during the November 2022, General Election.



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What is the Period of Time for this Extension?

If approved, the extension will be for another 15 years, from 2025-2039.



Ad-Hoc Advisory Committee

- Established by the City Commission by Resolution on May 3rd, 2021
- Members: Carl Shoffstall (Chair), Lou Costa (Vice Chair), Don Patterson, Willie Shaw and Norm Dumaine
- Committee held 3 public outreach meetings: September 15th at Robert L. Taylor, September 16th at Arlington Park and October 6th at City Hall.
- The public also was able to submit projects via the City and County websites.
- Committee held 6 meetings to review and rank the initial 54 proposed projects received from the public and City staff.
- Made recommendations to the City Commission on February 22nd for inclusion in the extension.
- City Commission adopted 23 projects by Resolution on March 7th.



Project Categories Totaling \$191,425,000

- Neighborhoods \$14,425,000
- Parks and Recreation \$42,000,000
- Environment \$8,000,000
- Public Safety and Public Health \$30,000,000
- Infrastructure and Mobility (Transportation) \$72,000,000
- General Government (Improvements to Public Facilities) \$25,000,000



Project Categories (continued)

Neighborhoods \$14,425,000

- Sidewalk Expansion/Replacement \$5,000,000
- Green Canopy Trees/Streetscapes/Urban Forestry \$2,000,000
- Street Lighting Upgrades and Replacement \$2,000,000
- Traffic Calming Infrastructure \$2,000,000
- Affordable/Workforce Housing \$3,000,000
- Reserve for Future Projects \$425,000



Project Categories (continued)

Parks and Recreation \$42,000,000

- Upgrade/Installation of Amenities including Playgrounds, Gazebos, Picnic Shelters, Benches, Signs, Fencing, Lighting and Habitat Restoration \$25,000,000
- Bobby Jones Nature Park \$5,000,000
- The Bay \$12,000,000



Project Categories (continued)

Environment \$8,000,000

- Seawall Replacement/Upgrades \$3,000,000
- Flooding Resiliency \$4,000,000
- Restoration Hudson Bayou North Branch \$1,000,000



Project Categories (continued)

Public Safety and Public Health \$30,000,000

- Police Vehicle Replacement



Project Categories (continued)

Infrastructure and Mobility (Transportation) \$72,000,000

- Road Resurfacing/Rehabilitation \$25,000,000
- North Legacy Trail \$6,000,000
- Expansion of City Multi-Modal Trail Network \$5,000,000
- Streetscapes \$20,000,000
- Bridge Replacement/Rehabilitation \$3,000,000
- Undergrounding of Power Lines \$2,000,000
- Citywide Smart City \$10,000,000
- Span Wire Signalized Intersection Upgrades with Mast Arms \$1,000,000



Project Categories (continued)

General Government (Improvements to Public Facilities) **\$25,000,000**

- 12th Street North Complex Revitalization \$15,000,000
- Americans with Disability Act Barrier Removal \$5,000,000
- Facility Renovations, Replacement and Upgrades \$5,000,000



Next Steps

1. Completed List of Projects for inclusion in Surtax 4 extension (February 14, 2022, Commission mtg)
2. Adopted Resolution for submitting project list to Sarasota County (March 7, 2022, Commission Mtg)
3. Sarasota County established ordinance for Surtax 4 extension (March 2022)
4. Public outreach asking Sarasota County Voters to approve the Surtax 4 extension (Apr/Nov 2022)
5. Referendum for Approval (November 2022)

Ballot Language Example:

Continues Funding for Local Improvements Through Renewal of One-Cent Sales Tax; Maintains Citizen Oversight Committee

To improve public safety, protect water quality and the environment, reduce traffic congestion, and fund projects for residents relating to local schools, parks, libraries, and other community needs, should the current one-cent sales tax, paid by visitors and residents, be continued through December 31, 2039?