

Independent Transportation Surtax Oversight Board

December 6, 2021

Ms. Bertha Henry, County Administrator
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Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301
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Dear County Administrator Henry:

In furtherance of the Transportation Surtax Oversight Board's ("Oversight Board") responsibilities enumerated in Section 31½ -75(i)(1), of the Broward County Code of Ordinances, please accept this formal transmittal approving, as to eligibility under Section 212.055(1), Florida Statutes, proposed projects and expenditures detailed during the Regular Agenda of November 19, 2021.

Specifically, we approved:

1. The statutory eligibility of the proposed project and expenditures in the not-to-exceed amount of \$2.75M per year for up to five years (\$13.75M total) for the Transportation Department's ("BCT") Community Micro-transit Pilot Program. As part of the Oversight Board's discussion and approval process, BCT staff indicated that the pilot is three-years in duration, with two optional renewal periods. Pursuant to Section 31½ -75(j) of the Code, titled "Project Oversight," the Oversight Board is required to review, critique, and assess projects funded with Transportation Surtax proceeds for their duration. We recommend approval of the project and funding and request that the Oversight Board receive progress reports regarding whether the pilot is operating as BCT staff intends as follows: 1) complimenting the Community Shuttle program; 2) connecting individuals within the five contemplated zones (as may be amended through the pilot program) with the fixed route system; operating within a three-mile radius; 3) achieving the expected level of first-mile, last-mile service (not to exceed fifteen-minute wait times); 4) meeting contractual terms and conditions, including ADA accessibility; and; 4) other factors aligned with BCT's program goals and objectives.
2. The statutory eligibility of the proposed project and expenditures in the not-to-exceed amount of \$2M per year for up to five years (\$10M total) for the BCT Late Shift Connect Pilot Program. This pilot is structured as a three-year contract with two optional renewal periods. We recommend approval of the project and funding and request that the Oversight Board receive progress reports regarding whether the pilot is achieving contractual benchmarks, as well as demonstrating cost-effectiveness. The Oversight Board suggests participating employers be encouraged to financially contribute to the pilot program's costs, requests a

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robust advertising and outreach campaign to encourage use, and requests periodic reports on the pilot's performance.

3. The statutory eligibility of the proposed project and expenditures in the amount of \$500,000 in FY 2022 for the Public Works Department's roadway drainage planning study. The Oversight Board recommends that the Board of County Commissioners allocate funds for the project if the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) awards grant funds for which the Public Works Department has applied. The DEO grant requested \$16.7M in State funding to address significant roadway flooding issues within the County's unincorporated area, the Broward Municipal Services District. The County's match to the DEO request is \$5M and is expected to be funded from the surtax. The Oversight Board commends the County's pursuit of State and Federal funding to leverage the local dedicated source of revenue that is the transportation surtax.
4. The statutory eligibility of proposed additional surtax expenditures for the Pat Salerno Drive full interchange, including a northbound ramp and new tolling booth, in the amount of \$29M, inclusive of \$3M previously approved during the FY 2021 budget process for design of the project.
5. The statutory eligibility of the proposed project and expenditures up to \$2.35M in FY 2022, for the Broward Commuter Rail Project in furtherance of the County's roles and responsibilities pursuant to the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Florida Department of Transportation, District 4 (FDOT, 4); allowing the County to complete financial planning, legal negotiations, and other aspects of a commuter rail feasibility study. We have been receiving updates on this project even before approving any surtax funds and expect progress reports to continue throughout FY 2022.

Sincerely,


Alan Hooper, Chair

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