

# Mobility Advancement Program

## Independent Transportation Surtax Oversight Board

January 2, 2020

Broward County Board of County Commissioners  
115 South Andrews Avenue  
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301  
[delivered via email]

**RE:** Public Hearing on the proposed revisions to the Transportation Surtax Ordinance

The Honorable Mayor Holness, Vice Mayor Geller, and Commissioners:

On behalf of the Independent Transportation Surtax Oversight Board (Oversight Board), I am writing to advise you that at our emergency meeting of December 19, 2019, our members and staff discussed, and listened to members of the public regarding the proposed Surtax Ordinance amendments. It is with much deliberation and careful consideration of the public nature and independence of the Oversight Board that we respectfully submit the following input to the ordinance changes:

- (1) (g) *Staffing*. We request the following addition at the conclusion of the existing ordinance's language to read: ". . . to perform its responsibilities, consistent with the County Charter, appropriation and procurement procedures."
- (2) (i) *Approval of Projects and Expenditures*. We request that in both sections of the amendments related to the appeal process for eligibility determinations that the language, "**in consultation with and based upon the advice of**" the surtax general counsel and the County Attorney, be changed to read "**in consultation with and in consideration of**" the advice of surtax general counsel.
- (3) (k) *Annual Audits*. The Oversight Board requests the following minor clarifications to Cmsr. Sharief's amendment to section (k)(1): The Oversight Board may retain independent performance auditing, financial auditing, and review services related to Transportation Surtax projects as provided in section (g) above. The Oversight Board rejects the requested amendments sought by the County Auditor.

We respect the role of the Board of County Commissioners and staff's ability to execute on such a significant and meaningful long-term transportation project. One that will affect the citizens of Broward County for generations to come. The Oversight Board therefore takes our responsibility to maintain integrity, public purpose, and independence very seriously.

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Sincerely,



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