

Independent Transportation Surtax Oversight Board

August 28, 2025

Monica Cepero, County Administrator
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Dear County Administrator Cepero:

In furtherance of the Transportation Surtax Oversight Board's (Oversight Board) responsibilities enumerated in Chapter 31½-75(i)(1), County Code of Ordinances, please accept this formal transmittal approving, as to eligibility under Section 212.055(1), Florida Statutes, Broward County's proposed projects and expenditures detailed in staff's FY 2026 Budget Workshop and Regular Meeting of the Oversight Board on August 22, 2025. After giving due consideration to the opinion of the Transportation Surtax General Counsel, the Board determined that the FY 2026 proposed projects and proposed expenditures for the Public Works Department, Transportation Department, Support Services agencies, and municipalities participating in the surtax program, are eligible per Florida Statutes Section 212.055(1):

- **Public Works Department:** \$100M for capital projects, as well as \$909,000 in signal system operational support
- **Transportation Department:** \$4.5M for Transit Capital, \$59.3M for Transitways Capital, \$41.8M for Transit Infrastructure, \$75M for Regional Transportation Capital, \$152.3M transfer for Transit Operating, \$4.8M for Late Shift Connect and Micro-transit Pilots, and \$11.9M for the Municipal Community Shuttle Program
- **Support Services:** \$6.3M for support services, including 20 existing staff positions, contractual services, and one-time additional funding supporting for the Near Miss Pilot Project and Road Flooding Sensor deployment
- **Municipal Projects:** \$56.7M is budgeted for Municipal Projects in FY 2026; which includes funds associated with the passage of the Third Amendment to and Restatement of the Transportation System Surtax Interlocal Agreement

Additionally, the Oversight Board reviewed and approved the Five-Year Plans (FY2026-2030) for County and Municipal planned surtax expenditures, consistent with the County Administrator's FY 2026 Recommended Budget:

- **Public Works Department:** \$428.1 M for Public Works projects, Capital Design and Construction
- **Transportation Department:** \$1.262.2B for Transit Capital, \$846.7M for Transit Operating, and \$70.1M for the Municipal Community Shuttle Program
- **Support Services:** \$30.2M assumes maintenance of existing staff levels and budgeted services
- **Municipal Projects:** \$203.2M is budgeted for municipal projects across the next five fiscal years (2026-2030)

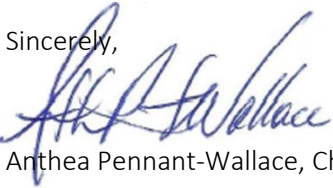
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Oversight Board members present on August 22, 2025, posed general questions about the program's performance and offered review, critique, and assessment of projects and initiatives funded with surtax proceeds, consistent with Broward County Code of Ordinances, Article V, Section 31½ -75(j). Concerns of note relate to seeking a more comprehensive understanding of how the program is advancing its goal of connectivity; specifically, as it relates to bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure. The Oversight Board requested Public Works and MAP Administration develop visualizations demonstrating how completed, active, and planned multimodal facilities reduce existing gaps and provide a more connected regional network. Additionally, questions were posed about when the Comprehensive Operational Analysis will be presented to the Oversight Board, and how it is expected to influence future investments, especially for bus stops and shelters, as well as the Community Shuttle Program.

At the request of the Oversight Board, Transportation Surtax General Counsel led a Discussion Item related to the anticipated revisions to the Broward County Code of Ordinances and Administrative Code, to align both with the terms and conditions of the Third Amendment, while also offering general clean-up for consistency with other County Boards. The Oversight Board provided consensus on quorum and virtual participation; then, requested that proposed language accompanying the Agenda Item setting the Public Hearing be distributed to them via email in advance of the Agenda's publication.

On behalf of my colleagues, we appreciate the opportunity to serve the community in our capacity and look forward to the County Commission's FY 2026 Budget Public Hearings on September 4, and 16, 2025.

Sincerely,



Anthea Pennant-Wallace, Chair

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