

Independent Transportation Surtax Oversight Board

August 20, 2024

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 2025 Budget Workshop presentation to the Oversight Board on August 2, 2024. After giving due consideration to the opinion of the Transportation Surtax General Counsel during the regular agenda of the August 9, 2024, Oversight Board meeting, the Board determined that the FY 2025 proposed projects and proposed expenditures for the Public Works Department, Transportation Department, MAP Administration, and Municipalities who participate in the surtax program, are eligible per Florida Statutes Section 212.055(1):

- **Public Works Department:** \$77M for Public Works projects, Capital Design and Construction.
- **Transportation Department:** \$27.9M for Transit Capital, \$6.4M for Transitways Capital, \$118.8M for Transit Infrastructure, \$1.1M for Commuter Rail, \$20M for Regional Transportation Capital, \$153.7M transfer for Transit Operating, \$4.8M for Late Shift Connect and Micro-transit Pilots, and \$20.1M for the Municipal Community Shuttle Program.
- **Operations/Support Services:** \$5.8M for 20 staff positions: 3 in OESBD, 3 in Public Works Department, 14 in MAP Administration, and recurring contractual obligations.
- **Municipal Projects:** \$33.2M is budgeted for Municipal Projects in FY 2025.

Additionally, the Oversight Board reviewed and approved the Five-Year Plans (FY2025-2029) for County and Municipal proposed projects and proposed expenditures:

- **Public Works Department:** \$326.7M for Public Works projects, Capital Design and Construction (within 11 project types).
- **Transportation Department:** \$1.107.5B for Surtax Transit Capital, \$882.1M for Transit Operating, and \$105.2M for the Municipal Community Shuttle Program.

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- **Operations/Support Services:** \$29.4M for 20 staff positions: 3 in OESBD, 3 in Public Works Department, 14 in MAP Administration, and recurring contractual obligations.
- **Municipal Projects:** \$170M is budgeted and \$190.5M is programmed for the Municipal Project Five-Year Plan FY2025-2029, for capital and rehabilitation/maintenance projects in planning, design, and construction phases.

The Oversight Board members present on August 9, 2024, 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). The members voted to add an action agenda to the October 25, 2024, scheduled Oversight Board annual retreat. The action agenda will include taking a formal position regarding advertising on the transit fleet. Also at the October 25th meeting, the Oversight Board will have a discussion item with the Office of the County Auditor regarding program and/or project performance audit opportunities.

On behalf of my colleagues, we appreciate the opportunity to serve the community in our capacity and look forward to the County Commission's discussion at the Transportation Surtax Budget Workshop on August 27, 2024.

Sincerely,



C. Douglas Coolman, Chair

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