

Independent Transportation Surtax Oversight Board

August 21, 2026

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 2027 Budget Workshop and Regular Meeting of the Oversight Board on August 14, 2026. After giving due consideration to the opinion of the Transportation Surtax General Counsel, the Oversight Board determined that the FY 2027 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:** \$111.3M for capital projects, including \$1.1M for Advanced Signal Control Operations and Maintenance
- **Transportation Department:** \$26.4M for Transit Capital, \$246.3M for Transitways Capital (PREMO), \$135.5M for Transit Infrastructure, \$75M for Regional Transportation Capital, \$181.2M transfer for Transit Operating, and \$15M for the Municipal Community Shuttle Program
- **Support Services:** \$6.5M for support services, including 20 existing staff positions and additional funding for Road Flooding Sensor deployment
- **Municipal Projects:** \$40.7M for Municipal Projects in FY 2027; which includes funds associated with the passage of the Third Amendment to and Restatement of the Transportation System Surtax Interlocal Agreement and the Municipal Community Shuttle Program

Additionally, the Oversight Board reviewed and approved the Five-Year Plans (FY2027-2031) for County and Municipal planned surtax expenditures, consistent with the County Administrator's FY 2027 Recommended Budget:

- **Public Works Department:** \$430.5M for Public Works projects, Capital Design and Construction
- **Transportation Department:** \$1.492.9M for Transit Capital, \$1001.2M for Transit Operating, \$375M for regional transportation capital, and \$83.3M for the Municipal Community Shuttle Program
- **Support Services:** \$34.3M assumes maintenance of existing staff levels and budgeted services, including additional funding for Road Flooding Sensor deployment

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- **Municipal Projects:** \$184.3M is budgeted for municipal projects across the next five fiscal years (2027-2031)

Oversight Board members present on August 14, 2026, 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 included the funding approach for Public Works projects in need of emergency repairs for public safety, and contingency funding for these projects. Members also requested more detailed information on design components related to Public Works projects, such as surveying and geotechnical work. Benchmarking of Broward County Transit's cost per passenger against peer agencies was also discussed, as well as a request for a feasibility review of major capital projects under the PREMO plan and BCR South, under scenarios where federal and state funding sources may not be available. Ongoing evaluation and research of CBE eligibility thresholds and requirements were also raised by members.

Transportation Surtax General Counsel provided an update on upcoming ordinance modifications related to the Oversight Board and Surtax Appointing Authority to meet new requirements for state law.

On behalf of Chair Anthea Pennant-Wallace and my colleagues, we appreciate the opportunity to serve the community in our capacity and look forward to the County Commission's FY 2027 Budget Public Hearings on September 10, and 22, 2026.

Sincerely,



Debbie Madden, Vice-Chair

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