



# LAUDERTRAC



## TRANSPORTATION UPDATE FORT LAUDERDALE Tracking Progress on Commission Priorities for 2020

August 2020

### A PENNY FOR YOUR COMMUTE



Broward County voters approved the Penny For Transportation in November 2018. This surtax took effect on January 1, 2019, adding a penny to the sales tax over the next 30 years that is dedicated to transportation improvements. Since then, City staff has worked closely with staff from Broward County and the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) to identify and advance projects that will help transform our transportation system.

#### What's New

In June 2020, the Broward County Commission approved funding for the first cycle of municipal-requested projects which included 97 municipal capital projects equaling \$65.7M and 40 municipal rehabilitation & maintenance (R&M) projects equaling \$55.5M for a total of \$121.2M. Fort Lauderdale received nearly \$9.5 million for projects in this initial round of funding.

#### Capital Projects

Capital projects are projects that add new elements to the street that alleviate congestion or enhance connectivity. Cycle 1 projects were required to be program-ready this year, meaning they are ready to begin either the planning, design, or construction phase.

- ▶ **NW 15th Avenue Improvements from Sunrise Boulevard to Mills Pond Park**  
Consisting of two surtax-funded projects, the improvements in this area were identified as a priority in the City's Connecting the Blocks Transportation Plan and will improve safety for all users. These projects include creating a wide shared use path on the west side of the street for bicyclists and pedestrians, landscaping to shade the path, pedestrian lighting and upgraded roadway lighting, traffic calming, crosswalks, and ADA improvements.
- ▶ **Andrews Avenue and 3rd Avenue One-Way Pairs Study from SE 17th Street to Sunrise Boulevard**  
Consisting of two surtax-funded projects, a one-way pairs feasibility study will reimagine Andrews Avenue and 3rd Avenue in downtown Fort Lauderdale to improve vehicle flow as well as provide space for transit and multimodal accommodations.
- ▶ **New Sidewalks Program (various locations)**  
A surtax-funded project that aims to fill gaps in connectivity and resolve outstanding neighbor sidewalk requests.



#### Repair & Maintenance Projects

Funding R&M projects is an important element of the Penny For Transportation program as it enables the City to move forward with ready-for-construction projects without the use of the City's financial resources.

- ▶ **South Ocean Drive Bridge Repair**
- ▶ **West Lake Drive Bridge Repair**
- ▶ **Sidewalk Repair Program**
- ▶ **Las Olas Isles Pavement Repair**

#### What's Next

Staff will continue to work on moving these important projects forward through the reviews and agreements needed.

Additional information about each of the projects will be shared in future newsletters and on our website at

[www.fortlauderdale.gov](http://www.fortlauderdale.gov).

# NEWS AND NOTES



## Community Shuttle

The transportation surtax began fully funding Community Shuttles in October 2019. City staff is working to implement changes to the Sun Trolley service to adhere to the interlocal agreement between the County and City including consolidating the management and administration of the program by having the City oversee both functions; undertaking a competitive solicitation process to identify a new operator; eliminating sponsorships and charter services; complying with Title VI requirements; and ending the wave and ride system in favor of establishing permanent ADA-compliant bus stops. A portion of these changes are expected to go into effect on August 19 when the Sun Trolley will transition to a free-to-ride service.



## Broward County Projects

Broward County is also moving forward with surtax-funded projects in Fort Lauderdale:

- ▶ Bayview Elementary School Zone Improvements – upgrades to school zone traffic control infrastructure
- ▶ Broward Boulevard from SR 7 to US 1 – installation of adaptive traffic signal control system
- ▶ NW 31st Avenue & McNab Road – intersection improvements
- ▶ NE 56th Street from NE 18 Avenue to NE 22 Avenue – concrete sidewalk construction
- ▶ Cypress Creek Rd from NW 31st Avenue to Powerline Road – resurfacing including addition of bike lanes
- ▶ NW 27th Ave from Broward Boulevard to NW 15th Court – drainage improvements
- ▶ McNab Road from NW 31st Avenue to Powerline Road – drainage improvements, milling & resurfacing, and concrete sidewalk on both sides of street



To learn more about these projects, visit [Broward.org/PennyForTransportation](http://Broward.org/PennyForTransportation).



## Opportunities for Broward Businesses

Surtax-funded projects will help stimulate our local economy during this challenging financial time. The County Commission approved a 30% County Business Enterprise (CBE) participation goal on eligible surtax projects, which serve to support local businesses and reinvest surtax funds into Broward County. The Office of Economic and Small Business Development (OESBD) encourages local businesses to get certified with Broward County to participate in eligible surtax projects. For more information on getting certified with Broward County, or for more information on surtax projects, visit: [Broward.org/EconDev](http://Broward.org/EconDev).

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