

Municipal Activity



This is an ongoing project. There are currently 31 municipalities that are eligible to receive surtax funding with 30 participating in the program and shown in the table below. (Indian Creek is not participating.) The municipalities incorporated at the time of voter approval of the PTP receive 20% of surtax revenue. This amounts to approximately \$35,000,000 annually and is distributed to each city based on population. Cities must spend a minimum of 20% on transit projects and no more than 80% on public works (transportation) improvements.

2002 People’s Transportation Plan 30 Participating Municipalities		
City of Aventura	City of North Miami	Town of Medley
City of Coral Gables	City of North Miami Beach	Town of Miami Lakes
City of Florida City	City of Opa-Locka	Town of Surfside
City of Hialeah	City of South Miami	Village of Biscayne Park
City of Hialeah Gardens	City of Sunny Isles Beach	Village of El Portal
City of Homestead	City of Sweetwater	Village of Key Biscayne
City of Miami	City of West Miami	Village of Miami Shores
City of Miami Beach	Town of Bal Harbour Village	Village of Palmetto Bay
City of Miami Springs	Town of Bay Harbor Islands	Village of Pinecrest
City of North Bay Village	Town of Golden Beach	Village of Virginia Gardens

Funding expended of \$174.3 million represents audited amounts and budgeted amounts for transportation expenses through FY 2009-2010. (See Table 2 in the Appendix for amounts of each municipality.) Transportation projects include a broad range of public works projects such as road widening, road resurfacing, intersection improvements, roadway drainage improvements, ADA compliant sidewalks and curbs, pedestrian signals, traffic circles and traffic calming devices. The amount budgeted by the municipalities for eligible transportation projects in FY 2010-2011 is \$26.0 million. It should be noted that many of these projects are multi-year and that a number of municipalities have multi-year debt obligations to complete capital projects.

Municipal accomplishment highlights for transportation projects and programs following adoption of the People’s Transportation Plan are presented below. The transit highlights are discussed under “Expand on Successful Municipal Circulator Program” on page 37.

Road improvements in the **City of Aventura** include Country Club Drive and Northeast 207 Street. Planned road improvements include resurfacing of Aventura Boulevard. The City has two new public works road improvement projects in the design phase – NE 29th Avenue and NE 187th Street and NE34th Avenue.

The **Town of Bal Harbour Village** continues to utilize PTP funds for city wide street resurfacing, street maintenance and drainage projects.

The **Town of Bay Harbor Islands** utilized surtax funds for a roadway and drainage improvement project. The project encompassed the entire Town from West Broadview Drive to East Bay Harbor Drive. The Town is currently bonding \$9.5 million for citywide roadway improvements from 91st Street to 103rd Street from West Broadview Drive to East Bay Harbor Drive.



The **Village of Biscayne Park** utilized surtax proceeds to finance a Comprehensive Traffic Study for the Village. Additionally, a traffic flow study was financed using surtax funds. The Village has selected a separate consultant to prepare a Standing Water Study.

The Miracle Mile Streetscape Improvements conceptual streetscape plans have been completed for the redevelopment of new sidewalks along the primary pedestrian roadway in the **City of Coral Gables**. The plans have generated considerable interest among stakeholders and will likely serve as a nucleus for future development considerations. Total County surtax funds expended on the project to date are \$22,417. The City also has utilized PTP surtax funds to revise and reinstall thirty (30) stop sign assemblies along Ponce de Leon Boulevard. Phase One is from Almeida Avenue to Alcazar Avenue and Phase Two is from Minorca Avenue to SW 8th Street. The City has additionally installed supplemental sidewalk safety improvements at various traffic calming locations and made them ADA compliant.

The **Village of El Portal** is utilizing surtax funds to resurface and improve 87th Street from Biscayne Boulevard to NE 2nd Avenue. Work included ADA compliant sidewalks and curbs, and various traffic calming devices along 87th Street.

The **City of Florida City** utilized surtax funds for resurfacing and drainage work along SW 5 Avenue from SW 7 Street to SW 344 Street, from SW 5 Street from 5 Avenue to 187 Avenue, and Davis Parkway from Krome to 6th Avenues. In addition, the City continues to use surtax funds for other city wide resurfacing projects.

The **Town of Golden Beach** utilized their portion of Surtax proceeds to initiate various projects. These include the Verona Bridge Project, the striping of newly paved roads, road resurfacing, the Brick Pavers Project at the Strand.

In the public works area, the **City of Hialeah** utilized surtax monies to fully fund or partially fund over 70 projects including the resurfacing of West 12 Avenue to 15 Avenue from 30th to 35th Street, SE 9 Court from Hialeah Drive to 5th Street, West 8th to 10th Avenue from 23rd to 29th Street, and West 6th to 8th Avenue from 68th to 74th Place. In addition, the City has utilized PTP funds for ADA sidewalks, drainage projects and general transportation projects such as traffic calming devices including traffic circles. The City is using PTP funds to pay off the approximately \$ 77 million in bonds utilized to construct the projects.

The **City of Hialeah Gardens** is utilizing PTP funds to leverage a \$2 million loan to aggressively tackle road improvements throughout the city. The City awarded four contracts for road projects, which include paving grading, drainage, and sidewalk construction in the following project locations: NW 79 Avenue between NW 98 Street and NW 103 Street; NW 87 Court between NW 117 Street and NW 119 Street; NW 117 Street between NW 87 Court and NW 89 Avenue; and NW 89 Avenue between NW 108 Street and NW 111 Terrace. These projects have been completed and the City will once again go out and leverage Surtax funds to start other projects. In 2010, the City began utilizing surtax funds for the construction of NW 122 Street.

The **City of Homestead** recently contracted with consultants to develop a Transportation Master Plan for their city. Plan expected to be finished in 6 months. The City is utilizing surtax funds to provide street improvements along SW 328th Street from 152 Avenue to 157 Avenue and from 147 Avenue to 137 Avenue. The project is expected to be finished by the end of this month. The City additionally used surtax funds for the Portofino Plaza project and continues to utilize surtax monies to fund road construction and street improvements on a city-wide basis.

The State of Florida Department of Transportation Improvement Program granted the **Village of Key Biscayne** \$1 million towards the construction of improvements on Crandon Boulevard. Surtax funds were used as leverage. The State of Florida legislature approved and the Governor signed an amendment to the legislation regarding the historic designation of Crandon Boulevard to permit the improvements that were made with surtax funds and the above mentioned grant.

The Village completed construction of Phase II of the Crandon Boulevard Master Plan Streetscape Project along the Boulevard from the Village entrance to McIntyre Street. Additionally, public transportation-related improvements were

continued along Crandon Boulevard to the entrance of Bill Baggs Cape Florida State Park. The Village continues to improve Crandon Boulevard for safety and mobility, plus has greatly improved the appearance of Main Street through the use of PTP Surtax funds.

The **Town of Medley** utilized surtax funds to help fund the cost of three transportation studies. Two studies addressed the traffic congestion on NW South River Drive westerly from the Palmetto Expressway all the way to the HEFT. The information from those studies was presented via reports and verbally to the MPO. Suggestions from both of these reports have already been implemented.

One major result will be a new bridge crossing the Miami Canal from N.W. South River Drive to Okeechobee Road at NW 138th Street. This is currently in the final design phase and will be constructed by Miami-Dade County (see page 78). The Town is additionally using surtax monies for the NW 121 Street Bridge repair project and the NW 116 Way Bridge road improvement project.

In a Joint Partnership Agreement (JPA) with Miami-Dade County and using Surtax funds, the **City of Miami** completed the Grand Avenue project. It encompassed drainage improvements, curb cuts, better lighting and signalization, as well as street beautification elements such as brick sidewalks, tree grates, benches and landscaping. The City's People's Transportation Plan also features completion of the Miami River Greenway Streetscape Project – Segment 2. The project entailed the reconstruction of street, including new sidewalks, new pavement road, new drainage, landscaping and street lighting based on the Greenway Master Plan. Estimated cost of the project is over \$630,000, funded in part with over a quarter million Surtax dollars.

The City completed the Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard project as well, in collaboration with Miami-Dade County. Work included: milling and resurfacing, re-striping and replacement of substandard street signs, sidewalks and pedestrian ramps for NW 62nd Street from NW 37th Avenue to NW 5th Place. Furthermore, NW 62nd Street from NW 12th Avenue to NW 5th Place will be enhanced by implementing elements of the streetscape portion of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Boulevard Master Plan. Estimated cost of the project is \$4,700,000. Surtax funds will pay \$300,000 of total cost.

A feasibility study for the West Avenue Bridge project was completed in October 2007 for the **City of Miami Beach**. The project provides an extension of West Avenue over the Collins Canal south of Dade Boulevard. Currently West Avenue ends at its intersection with Dade Boulevard and does not connect with the Avenue portion south of the canal. The project will improve roadway and intersection capacity, level of service and traffic operations.

Miami Beach's Dade Boulevard Bike Path project, funded by surtax funds, began construction in August 2008. The Bike Path is an east-west connector bicycle-pedestrian trail along the Boulevard from the 23rd street Bridge to the Venetian Causeway. It provides a major connection to Miami via the Venetian Way Trail, which runs from Purdy Avenue to downtown Miami on a residential causeway over Biscayne Bay and will eventually link up to Miami's Flagler Trail to the west. Furthermore, this Bike path will improve connectivity for bicyclists traveling from the South Beach Neighborhood to Middle Beach, as well as to major destinations such as City Hall, the Convention Center, the Holocaust Memorial and the Jackie Gleason Theater.

With its Road System Maintenance & Sidewalk Replacement program, the **Town of Miami Lakes** has provided road resurfacing and sidewalk repair as identified in the 2002 Road Assessment Report. To date the Town has completed resurfacing of Miami Lakeway South, Aberdeen Way, Glen Eagle Drive, West Troon Circle, East Troon Circle, West Preswick Place, South Preswick Place, Burnside Way, Dornoch Round, Torphin Place, Turnberry Drive, NW 148th Street, Jackaranda Lane and Bamboo Street; as well as 4,908 square feet of new sidewalks and 7,642 square feet of repaired sidewalks.



The Town completed the first traffic calming element on Lake Childs Court in November 2008. Based on the positive feedback from the residents and the element's effectiveness, a second traffic calming was authorized for construction by the Town Council. Furthermore, as part of the People's Transportation Plan (PTP) approved by voters in November 2002, the County installed new bus signs along Ludlam Road (NW 67th Avenue) and along Miami Lakes Drive. The new signs coordinate with the Town's new forest green pre-fabricated bus shelters along Ludlam Road and NW 60th Avenue.

The **Village of Miami Shores** is utilizing surtax allocations to make roadway improvements along 96th Street at NE 3rd, 5th, 8th and 10th Avenues, plus constructing traffic calming devices city-wide. The Village, along with the City of North Bay Village, utilized PTP Surtax Funds to purchase street sweepers for the municipality. The MadVac is a sweeper/vacuum machine with a small wheelbase and adjustable brushes. It can simultaneously clean sidewalks and gutters in one pass. Municipalities save funds by piggybacking on the purchase.

Utilizing PTP funds the **City of Miami Springs** has made necessary streetlight and repairs throughout the last several years. The following are some of the most significant projects: Citywide Streetlight repairs and improvements (\$4,610); Street Maintenance - Citywide street sweeping (\$21,109); Asphalt/Repaving (\$12,866); Striping – Citywide re-striping of public roadways (\$4,805).

The **City of North Bay Village** has utilized surtax funds to replace sidewalks on the south side of Galleon Street, to install proper ADA ramps at sidewalks along entire length of South Treasure Island Drive and to install high speed humps that help control speeding along citywide interior streets. The City is currently using surtax funds to partially fund the Kennedy Causeway Redevelopment Project, which consists of road improvements, ADA compliant sidewalks and curbs, pedestrian crosswalks and lighting.

The **City of North Miami** has worked hard towards creating a more bicycle-friendly environment using PTP dollars. NE 135th Street in the Arch Creek Neighborhood, east of Biscayne Boulevard, the City now has the first dedicated bicycle lane running adjacent to the Boulevard. The neighborhood also has a newly milled and repaved road that was previously bumpy and uneven. FDOT funding will allow the bicycle lane to continue through an environmental preserve and link to Florida International University's beautiful bicycle path along Biscayne Bay. This bicycle path is the first leg in the updated Bicycle Network Plan which was made possible with PTP funding, leveraged with an MPO grant. The Network Plan is just one component of a Bicycle Parking/Transit Feasibility Study currently under way and expected to be completed next quarter.



A feasibility study was performed to determine the city's potential for transit-oriented development in order to support a variety of transportation choices. The study analyzed existing policies and community demographics that support transit oriented development as well as the land use and transportation challenges that would need to be addressed. The study will begin the process of shaping a plan for a more sustainable, livable development pattern within the City that would eventually increase the transportation choices for all residents.

On transportation issues the **City of North Miami Beach** has completed the resurfacing project for NE 171 Street from NE 15 Avenue to NE 19 Avenue.

Reconstruction of Hanford Blvd. (164th Street) has been completed. In addition, during this period, the City completed the Highland Village Roundabout, as well as road improvements along NE 169 Street, between NE 18 Avenue and NE 19

Avenue, and NE 18 Avenue, between NE 163 Street and South Glades Drive. Two blocks were previously built partially funded by PTP funds. Additionally, work began on a storm water drainage analysis for streets as part of the Fulford City Center/Hanford Boulevard project.

The **City of Opa-Locka** has allocated Surtax funds to various citywide circuits and roadway resurfacing projects. Additionally, the City utilized Surtax funds for drainage and roadway improvements on Port Said Boulevard. The City has also pursued possibly entering into an ILA with Miami-Dade County for various public works projects.

In 2004, the **Village of Palmetto Bay** held a charrette attended by over 130 residents. Among the issues discussed were the possible use PTP surtax funds for connections to a future Metrorail station (at the intersection of U.S. 1 and Banyon Street), and for traffic calming devices and street and intersection improvements. The Village completed a 5-Year Transportation Master Plan that was presented to their City Commission in October 2004. The Village has completed various construction projects including a traffic calming project on SW 148th Street and Mangowood. In addition, the Village completed a much needed traffic circle project at SW 82nd Avenue and SW 162nd Street. The Village is currently using surtax fund for various citywide resurfacing projects.

The **Village of Pinecrest** has utilized PTP funds on various projects including transportation improvements on SW 120th Street from 73rd Avenue to SW 77th Avenue and on road drainage projects between SW 104th Street an SW 106 Street parallel to Dixie Highway (US1). The Village is currently using surtax funds for road improvement project on SW 57 Avenue (Red Road) between SW 88 Street and 111 Street.

The **City of South Miami** completed various PTP funded projects including the Manor Lane Drainage project which will improve drainage at the intersection of SW 79th Street, 66th Avenue along Manor Lane to SW 72nd Street; Downtown Improvements Phase III, which include infrastructure improvement. The work encompasses SW 73rd Street from SW 58 Court to US1. Project elements include drainage, water main, sidewalks, paving and landscaping. The City’s Sunset Drive Improvements (SW 62nd Ave to U.S. 1) project has been completed. The project includes improvements for traffic calming (installation of roadway brick pavers, construction of median curbs, sidewalk widening) and for pedestrian (crosswalks, ramps and bus shelters). The projects include drainage, streetscape, lighting and other architectural features. A ribbon cutting event for completion of the project took place October 29, 2008.



Surtax funded projects of the **City of Sunny Isles Beach** include the Sunny Isles Beach Boulevard Street Improvement project from the Intercoastal Waterway east to Collins Avenue; Road Repair and Re-paving from 158 Street, 159 Street, 74 Street and Atlantic Boulevard; and Citywide Street lighting. Initiated closure of median turn lanes and rerouting of traffic to “u-turn” only lanes to improve safety. Also has enhanced service level by purchasing a replacement street sweeper.

The **Town of Surfside** used Surtax funds to pay for the resurfacing of roads within the City. It has also used funds to construct and maintain right-of ways on a citywide basis, while currently utilizing surtax funds for a citywide street lighting project and for resurfacing and crosswalk improvements along Collins Avenue.

The **City of Sweetwater** is utilizing surtax funds for street resurfacing along 2nd Street from SW 112th Avenue to 114th Avenue, curb cuts along 102nd Avenue from W. Flagler to 1st Street and 103rd Court from W. Flagler to 1st Street, and ADA compliant sidewalk construction at 113th Avenue from 2nd Street to 7th Terrace.



The **Village of Virginia Gardens** has utilized surtax allocations for the purchase of roadway maintenance equipment. Equipment has been used for right-of-way maintenance and roadway improvements along NW 68 Avenue.

The **City of West Miami** utilized PTP funds to conduct a citywide traffic study to identify key issues affecting traffic in the residential areas of the municipality. Study identified the need for seventeen traffic calmers within the city boundaries. These calmers are in areas of high traffic volume. The City has also used Surtax funds to pay for citywide road improvements, drainage projects and ADA compliant sidewalks.

In total the 31 municipalities who are eligible to receive the Charter County Transit System Surtax have done an admirable job. Together with Miami-Dade County, the municipalities have utilized the Surtax funds to improve mobility in our community.

The Trust and the municipalities are about ready to commence a new cycle of Interlocal Agreements in 2012, which is the end of the five year cycle.