



**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING**

#25-0675

TO: Honorable Mayor & Members of the
Fort Lauderdale City Commission

FROM: Rickelle Williams, City Manager

DATE: June 30, 2025

TITLE: Resolution to Approve the 2025 Amended and Restated Transportation
System Surtax Interlocal Agreement (Third Amendment) - **(Commission
Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)**

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission adopt a resolution approving and authorizing execution of a 2025 Amended and Restated Transportation System Surtax Interlocal Agreement (Third Amendment) in substantially the form attached.

Background

In November 2018, Broward County voters approved a referendum to levy a one cent sales tax for transportation improvements (Surtax). The participating municipalities entered into a countywide Interlocal Agreement which has been amended twice (July 9, 2019, and January 21, 2021).

The First Amendment focused on modifications to rehabilitation and maintenance projects (roads, sidewalks, bike paths, drainage, etc.). The Second Amendment included modifying the criteria for evaluating, ranking and recommending future funding in the five (5)-year plan and incorporated language related to the municipal minimum annual guaranteed requirement.

The Surtax funding is collected by Broward County and is distributed based on various improvement categories. One of the funding distribution categories is for Municipal Capital Projects (MCP). The MCP program provides an application period each year where municipalities can submit applications (projects) for Surtax funding consideration. The project applications are reviewed and ranked by the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization, based on a scoring matrix that includes primary criteria (80% scoring weight) of the project to alleviate congestion, enhance connectivity, and reduce accidents. The secondary criteria (20% scoring weight) which includes construction readiness, applicant performance, land use policy, leveraged funds and public support.

In 2021, the Broward County City Manager's Association (BCCMA) issued a letter to Broward County outlining collective concerns of the BCCMA membership related to the Surtax Program and MCP methodology. Subsequently, after lengthy collaboration which included more than a dozen meetings and workshops, a new Third Amendment has been drafted.

Third Amendment Objectives:

1. Streamlining, simplifying, and broadening annual municipal access to surtax revenues;
2. Creating an annual formula allocation to each participating municipality to supplement the existing municipal sidewalk and road rehabilitation and maintenance (R&M) funding;
3. Expanding definitions of eligible uses of surtax funding to include micro-transit;
4. Establishing a Grant Match Program that allows municipalities to seek surtax funding as match to competitive funding programs for projects that have not received prior surtax awards;
5. Allowing certain decorative and functional art elements in surtax-funded projects;
6. Permitting revenue-generating parking structures, provided revenues are used for surtax-eligible purposes;
7. Eliminating prohibition on using surtax funds to maintain capital assets built with surtax funds (subject to County ordinance change); and
8. Maintaining transparency and accountability for the program

Third Amendment Eligible Municipal Projects

1. Stand-alone sidewalks, bike paths, and greenways that are used for transportation;
2. Revenue-generating parking projects with some limitations;
3. Certain decorative elements/functional public art (e.g., decorative wayfinding signage) up to the amount that would have been paid for standard elements; and
4. Subject to County ordinance change, R&M funds can be used for rehabilitation,

maintenance, or operation of capital projects funded (in part or whole) by the surtax

Third Amendment Additional Considerations

- The Grant Match Program will allow participating municipalities to seek transportation surtax funding as part of the local match requirements for competitive state and federal programs, grants, and appropriations.
- The proposed Centerline Miles Formula Allocation sheet includes a distribution formula for surtax funds to replace the existing application process for municipal capital projects. The proposed formula is based on the number of roadway centerline miles under each participating municipality's jurisdiction. The proposed formula is estimated to **provide the City of Fort Lauderdale with a funding allocation of \$3,841,408 in Fiscal Year 2026**. The future annual allocation amount may change over time depending on the number of roadway centerline miles, and the amount of funding available in future years.

The Third Amendment was approved by the Broward County Board of County Commissioners on June 10, 2025. Broward County staff is intended to provide an overview of the Third Amendment during the June 30, 2025, City Commission Conference Meeting (CAM #25-0540).

To become effective, the municipalities with at least 50% of the County's total population must approve the Third Amendment (in addition to Broward County). City staff recommends the City Commission approve the proposed agreement to allow the City to participate in receiving future funding as allotted by the Third Amendment.

Resource Impact

This action will enable the City to receive future funding. Funding amount may change over time depending on the number of roadway centerline miles, and the amount of funding available in future years.

Strategic Connections

This item is a *2025 Commission Priority*, advancing the Transportation and Traffic initiative.

This item supports the *Press Play Fort Lauderdale 2025 Strategic Plan*, specifically advancing:

- The Infrastructure Focus Area
- Goal 2: Build a multi-modal and pedestrian friendly community
- Objective: Improve roads, sidewalks, and trails to prioritize a safer, more walkable and bikeable community

This item advances the *Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale Vision Plan 2035: We Are Connected*.

This item supports the Advance Fort Lauderdale 2040 Comprehensive Plan specifically

advancing:

- The Neighborhood Enhancement Focus Area
- The Urban Design Element
- Goal 4: Enhance the existing built environment and elements unique to Fort Lauderdale, including waterways, bridges, tunnels, and other traversable features.

Attachments

Exhibit 1 - 2025 Amended and Restated Transportation Surtax ILA Agreement (Third Amendment)

Exhibit 2 - Resolution

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