



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

**#16-0818**

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

**FROM:** Lee R. Feldman, ICMA-CM, City Manager

**DATE:** July 12, 2016

**TITLE:** Local Government Infrastructure and Transportation Local Option Sales Taxes – Next Step and Draft 10 – Year Spending Plan

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Florida law authorizes local governments to impose various types of local option surtaxes. As part of an agreement with the County and other municipalities, the Commission has supported putting two of these discretionary taxes on the November ballot, the Charter County and Regional Transportation System Surtax (1/2 cent) and the Local Government Infrastructure Surtax (1/2 cent) at a Special Meeting held on June 24, 2016.

A draft of the City of Fort Lauderdale ten year spending plan for the infrastructure surtax is included for your review, input, and discussion. Projects included in the plan were identified based upon various studies that have been conducted and plans that have been prepared over the past several years to assess the current condition of City assets:

- Walkability Study
- Parks Master Plan
- Bridge Master Plan
- Sidewalk Assessment
- Wastewater Master Plan
- Facilities Condition Assessment
- Pavement Condition Assessment
- Police Headquarters Replacement Study
- Connecting the Blocks – Multimodal Connectivity Plan

The Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) has facilitated discussions between the County and municipalities in regards to the surtax options throughout the past six months. The Broward MPO has volunteered to take the lead in preparing an educational campaign for the surtaxes. The MPO has available funds set aside to educate the public about the transportation surtax. However, the County and cities will need to provide funding to educate the public about the infrastructure surtax.

### **Resource Impact**

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action.

### **Strategic Connections**

This item is a *Press Play Fort Lauderdale Strategic Plan 2018* initiative, included within the **Internal Support Cylinder**, specifically advancing:

- Goal 12: Be a leading government organization, managing our resources wisely and sustainably.
- Objective 1: Ensure sound fiscal management

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

### **Attachments**

Exhibit 1 – Resolution No. 16-97

Exhibit 2 – Draft City of Fort Lauderdale Ten Year Plan

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