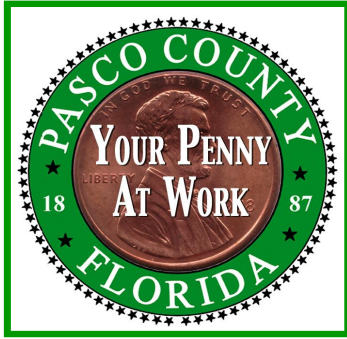


PENNY FOR PASCO



Background:

The Penny for Pasco is a Local Option Surtax passed by Pasco County voters on March 9, 2004, that went into effect on January 1, 2005, for a period of 10 years. Proceeds of the Penny are divided among the Pasco County School Board (45%), local municipalities (10%), and Pasco County Government (45%). Pasco County Government's 45% share of the Penny for Pasco is distributed as follows: 50% for transportation improvements and to address traffic congestion, 25% for the acquisition of environmentally sensitive lands, 20% for improving public safety, and 5% for contingencies.

Lands Designated for Conservation:

On Nov. 22, 2005, and Dec. 6, 2005, the Pasco County Board of County Commissioners approved the first two tracts of land to be acquired using Penny for Pasco funds. The Upper Pithlachascotee River tract was purchased on January 25, 2007. The property is 111 acres of land that will be used by the County for passive recreation, such as bird watching and hiking. The property was purchased for \$1,116,285. The second tract of land is the Morsani property. The property is in the final negotiation stages and the County hopes to announce the acquisition by the end of 2008. Both of these properties lie in critical linkage areas, which will eventually tie these newly acquired properties into the existing public land system, creating green space and conservation areas that stretch for hundreds and hundreds of acres. An estimated \$34.6 million is expected to be allocated over the ten years of the Penny for Pasco Program.

Public Safety Improvements:

- Sheriff's vehicles and mobile data terminals have been purchased with more than \$6.83 million since 2004.
- 104 AEDs were purchased and placed in County-owned facilities totaling \$137,569.
- Two Advanced Life Support ambulances were delivered in 2006 for \$189,600. An additional unit was delivered in 2007 for \$94,800.
- Two fire pumper engines and two new 3,000-gallon tankers and upgrades to four replacement pumpers completed for \$1,645,320.
- Emergency Services utilized a total of \$2,067,289 for vehicles and equipment.

Road Construction & Median Improvements: Progress is being made on the numerous road improvement projects including:

- Interstate 75 & C.R. 54 interchange replacement, plus six-lane C.R.54 from Pasco Rd. to S.R.581: estimated at \$22 million; construction is set for Fiscal Year 2009.
- Main St. from Congress St. to Rowan Rd. in New Port Richey: estimated at \$2 million, site studies began in October 2005, construction projected in Fiscal Year 2009 at \$5.9 million.
- U.S. 19 Channelization: estimated at \$13,365,000 to be combined with Federal Department of Transportation right-turn lane Fiscal Year 2010.
- Clinton Avenue (Pasadena to Fort King): estimated at \$1.1 million programmed for Fiscal Year 2015 at \$7.9 million.

Intersection Improvements: Seven intersections have been completed:

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| • Collier Parkway & Weeks Blvd. | \$1,037,254 (est. \$1.3 million) |
| • Grand Blvd. & Moog Rd. | \$1,000,687 (est. \$987,000) |
| • Grand Blvd. & Trouble Creek Rd. | \$1,379,555 (est. \$1.6 million) |
| • Grand Blvd. & Mile Stretch | \$1,147,841 (est. 1.8 million) |
| • Little Rd. & Ponderosa Ave. | \$1,024,043 (est. \$268,000) |
| • U.S. 19 & Fox Hollow Dr. | \$750,244 (est. 1.7 million) |
| • Regency Park Blvd. & San Miguel Dr. | \$477,134 (est. \$1.2 million) |

Three intersections require right-of-way acquisition and are currently under design or nearing completion. They are:

- Congress St. & Orchid Lake Rd.; estimate \$652,000: to be completed by Fiscal Year 2014 at more than \$2.9 million.
- S.R. 52 & Prospect Rd.; estimate \$4.8 million: to be completed between Fiscal Year 2010 at more than \$6.9 million.
- S.R. 54 & Boyette Rd.; estimate \$1.2-million: to be included in S.R. 54 6-lane project Fiscal Year 2009/10.

A total of more than \$12.6 million of Penny for Pasco funds were distributed to transportation improvements throughout the County.

Other Projects:

- Starkey Trail Connection from New Port Richey along Massachusetts Ave. from Congress St. to Starkey Blvd.: target completion by Fiscal Year 2013.
- Transit shelters along U.S. 19 & U.S. 301: scheduled to begin October 2008, total \$821,258.
- Countywide advanced right-of-way acquisition
- Transit transfer station: \$326,901 in Fiscal Year 2010.