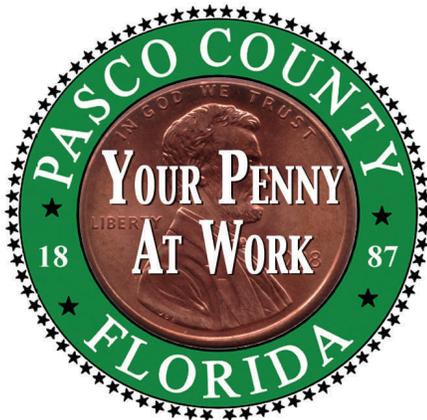


PENNY FOR PASCO



Background:

The Penny for Pasco is a Local Option Surtax passed by voters on March 9, 2004. The surtax became effective on January 1, 2005, and will exist for a period of 10 years. First, the School Board receives the equivalent of .50 mill. Then the balance of the proceeds of the Penny are divided among the Pasco County School Board (45%), local municipalities (10%), and Pasco County Government (45%). The County's 45% share is distributed as follows: 50% for transportation improvements and to address traffic congestion, 25% for the acquisition of environmentally sensitive lands, 20% for equipping public safety, and 5% for contingencies.

Lands Designated for Conservation:

An estimated \$34.6 million is expected to be allocated for land acquisition over the ten years of the Penny for Pasco Program. 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.

Public Safety Improvements:

- Sheriff's Office vehicles and mobile data terminals have been purchased in prior years totaling more than \$6.6 million.
- Emergency Services utilized a total of \$2,067,289 for emergency vehicles and automatic defibrillators.
- Prior years public safety improvements have totaled more than \$8.9 million.

Road Construction & Median Improvements:

- U.S. 19 Channelization: total Penny for Pasco cost estimated at \$9,128,000.
- Seven Springs Boulevard median and safety improvements have totaled \$7,826,693.

Intersection Improvements:

- Seven intersections have been constructed totaling \$6,817,458 since 2004:
 - Collier Parkway and Weeks Blvd. \$1,037,254
 - Grand Boulevard and Mile Stretch Dr. \$1,147,841
 - Grand Boulevard and Moog Rd. \$1,001,387
 - Grand Boulevard and Trouble Creek Rd. \$1,379,555
 - Little Road and Ponderosa Ave. \$1,024,043
 - Regency Park Boulevard and San Miguel Dr. \$477,134
 - US 19 and Fox Hollow Dr. \$750,244
- The SR 54 and Boyette Road improvement is included in the SR 54 East Project, which will start construction in early 2010. SR 52 and Prospect Road construction should also start in 2010.

Other Projects:

- Starkey Trail Connection from New Port Richey along Massachusetts Ave. from Congress St. to Starkey Blvd., has been budgeted for \$1,408,255.
- Transit transfer stations on US 19 and US 301 are estimated to cost more than \$1.2 million.

For a complete list of the Penny for Pasco Capital Plan please consult the County's current Annual Budget by logging on to pascocountyfl.net.

