



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 to December 31, 2014. 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.

Overall Revenue Comparison

- Originally estimated to collect over \$62 million by the end of FY 09.
- Actually collected over \$67 million by the end of FY 09.
- Originally estimated to collect over \$145 million in total revenue.
- Currently estimated to collect over \$146 million in total revenue.

Transportation Infrastructure (50%):

- 20 improvements and/or projects have been identified and nine completed.
- Four in construction pending phase and four in design phase.
- One in right-of-way acquisition in beginning phase.

More than \$23 million is estimated to be reallocated to additional transportation projects.

Lands Designated for Conservation (25%):

Five properties have been acquired for a total of 1,047 acres and more than \$9 million spent including appraisals for future acquisitions. The County continues to evaluate properties and more than \$10 million remains available for acquisitions.



Public Safety Improvements Examples (20%):

- Mobile Data Terminals (laptops) 422 purchased at a cost of \$526,155.
- An estimated total purchase of 785 for \$1,020,873.
- 102 automatic defibrillators have been purchased for \$137,568.
- The original estimate was 70 for \$140,000.

Statistics state cardiac arrest patients have a survival rate up to 49 percent when a defibrillator is used within the first five to seven minutes after an attack. Only five percent without it or CPR.

Contingency (5%)

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.