



Projects promised for the next 15 years

Phase III Highlights (2010-2024)

Court Facilities

- South County courts
- Judicial Center expansion
- Detention facility

Public Safety

- Sheriff's trunk radio replacement
- Hurricane shelter retrofit program
- Public Safety Training Center

Environmental Restoration

- Spoil island restoration
- Dona Bay watershed management plan

Water and Sewer

- Phillippi Creek stormwater reuse

Libraries

- North Port Library II
- Gulf Gate Library replacement

Parks and Recreation

- Beach enhancements
- Sports facilities and parks

Health Facilities

- South County health department facility

Government Facilities

- R.L. Anderson remodeling

Economic Development

- Fairgrounds economic development
- Celery Fields economic development

Transportation

- Bee Ridge Road east of I-75
- Honore Avenue
- Fruitville Road east of I-75

School Board

- New classroom wings to replace portables
- Five new schools in North Port
- Booker High School renovation
- Venice High School renovation

City of Sarasota

- 12th Street widening (Tuttle Ave to Beneva)
- Payne Park improvements
- Robert L. Taylor Community Complex
- City-wide street reconstruction

City of Venice

- Performing arts center
- Police and fire facilities
- Beach and park improvements
- Renewable Energy project

City of North Port

- New fire stations
- Regional multi-purpose park construction
- City-wide road rehabilitation
- Water and sewer line extensions

Town of Longboat Key

- Beach nourishment and erosion control
- Parks and recreations improvements
- Fire and rescue vehicle replacements
- Canal dredging maintenance



Penny Frequently Asked Questions

What is the penny surtax?

It's a tax that funds capital improvement projects like roads, parks and schools. The tax fills a gap caused by cuts in federal and state funds for these projects.

Is this a new tax?

No. It extends the current penny sales tax. The tax was adopted by voters in a referendum in 1989 and was renewed in 1997. The extended tax will expire Aug. 31, 2009.

Who pays the one-cent sales tax?

People who buy taxable items in the unincorporated portions of Sarasota County and the cities of Sarasota, North Port, Longboat Key and Venice. They pay a penny extra for every dollar they spend.

More than one-third of the revenue is generated by visitors and part-time residents.

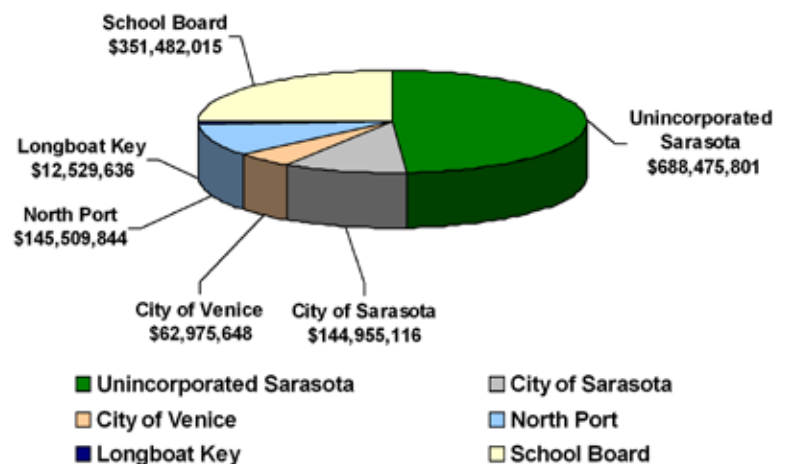
How is the penny sales tax allocated?

The Sarasota County School Board receives 25 percent of the tax collected. The remaining revenue is allocated based on population percentages of Sarasota County and the municipalities of Sarasota, Longboat Key, Venice and North Port.

How much money would the surtax raise?

The penny sales tax is expected to raise about \$1.4 billion countywide over a 15-year period, which will be used for a wide range of capital projects.

Forecasted Revenues for Surtax Extension





Projects promised and delivered

Phase I Highlights (1989 – 1999)

Transportation

- University Parkway
- Tuttle Avenue
- Beneva Road
- Fruitville Road
- Border Road
- Jacaranda Boulevard

Parks

- Arlington Park pool enclosure
- Palmer Ranch Park
- Payne Park development

Public Safety

- Judicial Center/Courthouse
- South County Law Enforcement Center
- Communications Center

Libraries

- Central Library
- Gulf Gate Library addition
- Jacaranda Library and books

Public Schools

- Tuttle Elementary School rebuild
- Brookside Middle School rebuild
- McIntosh Middle School rebuild

Phase II Highlights (2000 – 2009)

Transportation

- Center Road
- North Cattlemen Road
- Roadway Lighting program
- Roadway resurfacing
- McIntosh Road
- Colonial Lane

Parks and Recreation

- Celery Fields
- Twin Lakes Park
- Englewood Sports Complex

Public Safety

- Fire Stations #1, 2, 4, 11, 14
- Hurricane shelter retrofit program
- Health Department addition

Libraries

- North Sarasota Library
- North Port addition
- Fruitville Public Library
- Elsie Quirk expansion

Public Schools

- Tatum Ridge Elementary School
- Heron Creek Middle School
- North Port High School



Penny Frequently Asked Questions

What are the benefits of the penny sales tax?

- Avoids property tax increases
- Promotes public safety by paying for roads, strengthens buildings to serve as emergency hurricane shelters, builds fire stations, stormwater and wastewater systems
- Improves our quality of life by funding parks and schools

What was promised and what was done?

- Transportation improvements such as Center Road, Colonia Lane and Webber Street
- Construction and renovation of fire stations
- Retrofitting public facilities for use as hurricane shelters
- Construction of the North Sarasota Library and improvements to other libraries
- Construction of the Englewood Sports Complex
- Construction of sidewalks near schools

How were the projects selected?

- A citizens' committee conducted six public hearings throughout the county
- An online questionnaire was posted on scgov.net
- The selection process was publicized on scgov.net, local newspapers and TV stations

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