

Sales Tax Committee Agenda

January 30, 2014

4:00 p.m.

Leon County LeRoy Collins Main Library

200 West Park Avenue

Item #	Agenda Topic
1.	Citizens to be Heard
2.	Comments from the County Administrator and City Manager
3.	Approval of the Summary Minutes for the January 16, 2014 Meeting of the Sales Tax Committee
4.	Committee Discussion on the Sales Tax Committee's DRAFT Report

Leon County Sales Tax Committee

Cover Sheet for Agenda #3

January 30, 2014

To: Members of the Leon County Sales Tax Committee

From: Alan Rosenzweig, Deputy County Administrator
Cassandra Jackson, Interim Assistant City Manager
Wayne Tedder, Director, Department of P.L.A.C.E.
Cristina Paredes, Intergovernmental Affairs and Special Projects Coordinator

Title: Approval of Summary Minutes for the January 16, 2014 Meeting of the Leon County Sales Tax Committee

Executive Summary:

This agenda item approves the summary minutes for the January 16, 2014 Meeting of the Leon County Sales Tax Committee (Attachment #1).

Analysis:

Attachment #1 is the summary minutes for the Leon County Sales Tax Committee meeting held on January 16, 2014, 9:00 a.m. in the First Floor Program Room of the Main Library.

The Leon County Clerk of Courts Office maintains a voice recording of all meeting. A transcription of the meeting minutes will be provided by the Clerk's office upon request.

Options:

1. Approve the summary minutes for the January 16, 2014 meeting of the Leon County Sales Tax Committee.
2. Do not approve the summary minutes for the January 16, 2014 meeting of the Leon County Sales Tax Committee.
3. Committee Direction.

Recommendation:

Options #1

Attachments:

1. January 16, 2014 Summary Minutes

Sales Tax Committee Meeting

Summary Minutes

January 16, 2014

Absent members: None

Meeting began at 9:10 AM

Agenda Item #1: Citizens to be Heard

Mr. Rick Minor addressed the Committee on behalf of the Mayor in support of the Desoto Winter Encampment project.

Mr. Wilson Wright addressed the Committee in support of using the sales tax revenues to enhance the water quality of Lake Jackson.

Mr. David Ferguson addressed the Committee in support of providing sidewalks along Shamrock Way.

Mr. Brad Trottman addressed the Committee on behalf of the Killlearn Homeowners Association in support of the Killlearn Estates Freshwater Restoration project.

Chairman Steve Evans also shared with the Committee resolutions in support of dedicating 15% of the sales tax revenue to Economic Development. These resolutions came from the Tallahassee-Leon County Economic Development Council and the Leon County Research and Development Authority.

Agenda Item #2: Approval of Summary Minutes for the December 12, 2013 Meeting of the Leon County Sales Tax Committee

Mr. Curtis Richardson moved to approve the Summary Minutes for the December 12, 2013 meeting of the Leon County Sales Tax Committee. Mr. Bill Tucker seconded the motion. The motion passed without opposition.

Agenda Item #3: Committee Discussion on the Project Evaluation Process

Chairman Evans proposed a 'three strikes' evaluation process to the Committee. Under the process, each Committee member would receive three dots to place next to Tier I infrastructure projects for further discussion on reduction or elimination. Projects with three or more dots would then be discussed as The Committee agreed to the proposed process by assent.

Staff then provided the Committee with cost adjustments to several infrastructure projects. Mr. Wayne Tedder, Director of P.L.A.C.E., notified the Committee that Staff had identified additional cost savings that reduced the funding for Capital Circle Southwest from \$85.5 million to \$70 million. It is anticipated that the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) will receive funding the widening of Capital Circle. Sales tax funding supports making the necessary improvements to make Capital Circle a 'Blueprint' roadway, such as larger right of way, sidewalks and multiuse paths, and landscaping. Ms. Cassandra Jackson, Assistant City Manager, informed the Committee that the City has commitments from CNL to cover their portion of the infrastructure within Project #28 (Northeast Gateway), which is about \$13 million. Ms. Jackson suggested that the cost of Project #28 could be reduced from \$47.3 million to \$34.3 million.

Agenda Item #4: Committee Discussion on the Final Recommendations on the Infrastructure Projects List and Imagine Tallahassee/Economic Development portion of the Sales Tax

The Committee reviewed the Tier 1 infrastructure projects, starting with the projects that received the most ‘strikes’. The table below provides a list of the Committee members and their initials, which corresponds to the initials below the table.

Project #	Project Name	Committee Members (Initials)¹
1	Capital Circle Southwest	
2	Westside Student Corridor Gateway	CR, BT, CH, BP, WM, and EM (6).
3,5	Airport Gateway: Springhill Road and Lake Bradford	KR and TS (2).
4	Southside Gateway Enrichment	
6	North Monroe Gateway	
7	Build Bike Route System	LH (1).
8	County/City Independent Sidewalk Projects	KR (1).
10	Northwest Connector Corridor	
14	Market District Activity Center Connectivity	
15	Midtown Placemaking	
17	College Avenue Placemaking	GT, CR, and TH (3).
19	Florida A&M Entry Points	HM, BP, and WM (3).
22	Monroe-Adams Corridor Placemaking	
23	Orange/Meridian Placemaking	
24	Beautification and Improvements to the Fairgrounds	GT, BT, BP, and KW (4).
26	Northeast Connector Corridor	
27	Orange Avenue Widening from Adams Street to Springhill Road	LH, HM, TO, SE, and TS (5).
28	Northeast Gateway: Welaunee Critical Area Plan Regional Infrastructure (Phase I Only until 2024)	LT, TH, SE, CH, and BP (5).
29	StarMetro	DN, BB, SE, KR, EM, HM, WM, BT, and LH (9).
9 & 37	Implement Greenways Master Plan	
46A&B	Operating Costs for Parks Built with Sales Tax Funds (Past and Future): A - County (59%) & B - City (41%)	GT, KR, TO, EM, DM, CH, and KW (7).
47	Desoto Winter Encampment	
48	Northeast Park	TH, TO, CR, DM, TS, BB, and LT (7).
49	Water Quality and Stormwater Funding: Projects 30, 36, & 38-45	

¹ Mr. Bill Berlow (BB), Mr. Steve Evans (SE), Ms. Laurie Hartsfield (LH), Ms. Christic Henry (CH), Mr. Terence Hinson (TH), Ms. Henree Martin (HM), Mr. Will Messer (WM), Mr. Ed Murray (EM), Mr. Dan Newman (DN), Mr. Tom O’Steen (TO), Mr. Bill Peebles (BP), Mr. Curtis Richardson (CR), Ms. Kim Rivers (KR), Mr. Todd Sperry (TS), Mr. Lamar Taylor (LT), Ms. Glenda Thornton (GT), Mr. Bill Tucker (BT), Mr. Kim Williams (KW).

- #29 – StarMetro
 - The Committee discussed the merits of funding the ADA Compliance and SuperStops aspects of the project.
 - Mr. Bill Peebles moved that the Committee not fund the ADA Compliance and SuperStops aspects of Project #29 (the remainder of the project provides \$7.55 million for bus stop enhancements). Mr. Lamar Taylor seconded the motion. The motion passed without opposition.

- #48 – Northeast Park
 - The Committee discussed the need for a park in the northeast and scaling the project cost down.
 - Ms. Henree Martin moved to reduce the project funding from \$13.2 million to \$10 million. Mr. Bill Berlow seconded the motion. The motion passed 12-6 with Hinson, Newman, O’Steen, Peebles, Taylor, and Williams opposed.

- #46 – Operating Costs for Parks Build with Sales Tax Funds: County and City
 - The committee discussed the need for the County and City to operate and maintain the new parks and the merits of reducing project funding.
 - Mr. Ed Murray moved that the Committee proportionally reduce the project funding to \$10 million. Mr. Curtis Richardson seconded the motion.
 - Mr. Lamar Taylor moved to amend the motion to eliminate Project #46 from Tier I funding. Ms. Glenda Thornton seconded the motion. The motion to amend the motion failed 3-15 with all but O’Steen, Peebles, and Thornton in opposition.
 - The original motion failed 8-10 with Berlow, Henry, Hinson, Martin, Messer, Peebles, Rivers, Taylor, Thornton, and Tucker in opposition.
 - Ms. Henree Martin moved that the Committee proportionally reduce the project funding to \$20 million and keep it as a Tier I project. The motion was seconded by Mr. Lamar Taylor. The motion passed 10-8 with Murray, Newman, O’Steen, Peebles, Rivers, Thornton, Williams, and Evans in opposition.

- #2 – Westside Student Corridor Gateway
 - The Committee discussed the importance of the stormwater improvements and the redundancy of gateway improvements to W. Pensacola since the Committee has determined that Lake Bradford/Springhill should be the gateway from the airport.
 - Mr. Kim Williams moved that the \$21 million for road and gateway improvements be moved to Tier II while \$8,936,800 remains in Tier I to fund stormwater and connectivity improvements. Mr. Bill Peebles seconded the motion. The motion passed without opposition.

- #28 – Northeast Gateway
 - The Committee discussed the impact this project would have on the community.
 - Mr. Ed Murray moved that the Committee allocate full funds as recommended by staff (\$34.3 million) in Tier I. Mr. Kim Williams seconded the motion.
 - Mr. Bill Peebles moved to amend the motion to further reduce the project funding by \$13 million. The motion failed without a second.
 - The Committee discussed that the federal and state agencies should see the full commitment of \$47.3 million and the \$13 million adjustment discussed by staff should be reflected internally as a payback from the developer.

- Mr. Curtis Richardson offered a substitute amendment to fund the project at \$47.3 million with the caveat that any developer contributions associated with the project be returned to Blueprint. Mr. Ed Murray accepted the motion. The amended motion passed 16-2 with Peebles and Taylor in opposition.
- #27 – Orange Avenue Widening
 - The Committee discussed the impacts the widening would have and if it was possible to do the project in phases.
 - Mr. Bill Peebles moved that the Committee retain the project in Tier I at full funding. Ms. Christic Henry seconded the motion. The motion passed 17-1 with Sperry in opposition.
- #24 – Beautification and Improvements to the Fairgrounds
 - Mr. Curtis Richardson moved that the Committee retain the project in Tier I at full funding. Mr. Terence Hinson seconded the motion. The motion passed 16-2 with Messer and Peebles in opposition.
- #19 – FAMU Entry Points
 - The Committee discussed whether or not Blueprint funds should be used to fund FAMU Way from S. Martin Luther King Boulevard to S. Monroe Street, which is a City project.
 - Mr. Bill Peebles moved that the Committee remove project funding for the FAMU Way extension improvements; project reduced from \$16.5 million to \$1.5 million. Ms. Glenda Thornton seconded the motion. The motion passed 15-3 with Henry, Hinson, and Williams in opposition.
- #17 – College Avenue Placemaking
 - During discussion, the Committee established that elements of this project do not overlap with elements from the Downtown Stormwater Improvements and Madison Mile Convention District projects.
 - Mr. Ed Murray moved to retain the project in Tier I at full funding. Mr. Bill Peebles seconded the motion. The motion passed without opposition.

As a result of the ‘three strikes’ process, the Committee reduced the Tier I infrastructure project allocations from \$644,014,038 to \$597,669,738.

The Committee moved on to discuss how much to allocate to economic development and to determine how to fund the economic development projects.

Mr. Lamar Taylor shared his recommendations regarding the need for oversight and transparency regarding the economic development projects (Attachment #1). His five recommendations entailed:

1. Require all economic development projects and participating groups to maintain (for the life of the tax) detailed records of activities and expenditures.
2. Accounting transparency.
3. Periodic reports detailing the relevant success metrics of each funded project.
4. Full financial and compliance audits performed by nationally recognized independent auditing firms.
5. Allocate funding from the economic development portion to provide financial oversight and accountability.

The Committee further discussed how these measures would allow the Economic Development Coordinating Council and the Intergovernmental Agency to review economic development projects for efficiency and effectiveness. Mr. Bill Peebles moved that the Committee endorse Mr. Lamar Taylor's recommendations. Ms. Kim Rivers seconded the motion. The motion passed without opposition.

Ms. Kim Rivers moved that in the event of program reductions, dollars allocated for economic development projects would remain within the economic development bucket. Mr. Kim Williams seconded the motion. The motion failed 8-10 with Berlow, Hartsfield, Henry, Hinson, Martin, Messer, Newman, O'Steen, Peebles, and Sperry in opposition.

The Committee further discussed the allocation of the economic development dollars and whether they should be allocating a percentage or a specific dollar amount. Mr. Bill Peebles moved that the Committee allocate up to 10% of the sales tax dollars to economic development, with the Madison Mile Convention Center project and the Raising the Ship/Talent Development project being fully funded from the 10%; the rest of the economic development projects would be funded from the remaining 10%. Mr. Bill Berlow moved to amend the motion to allocate 12% instead of 10%; Mr. Bill Peebles did not accept the amendment and the amendment died without a second. Ms. Henree Martin moved to amend the motion to also include the full Regional Airport Growth & Development project as fully funded. Mr. Bill Peebles accepted the motion as friendly. The Committee discussed whether or not some economic development projects should be fully funded and others not, or if there should be across the board cuts.

Mr. Bill Peebles revised his motion to state that the Committee should allocate 10% of the sales tax dollars to economic development, with the Madison Mile Convention District project fully funded from the 10%, and the remaining economic development projects adjusted pro rata. The Committee discussed different percentage allocations. Mr. Bill Peebles retracted his motion and instead moved that the Committee allocate up to 10% of the sales tax dollars to economic development. Mr. Dan Newman seconded the motion. The motion failed 6-12 with Berlow, Evans, Henry, Martin, Messer, Murray, Rivers, Sperry, Taylor, Thornton, Tucker, and Williams in opposition.

Mr. Ed Murray moved that the Committee allocate 12% of the sales tax dollars to economic development. Mr. Bill Berlow seconded the motion. The motion passed 16-2 with Hinson and Peebles in opposition.

Mr. Dan Newman moved that the Committee fully fund the Madison Mile Convention District project (\$20 million) out of the 12%, prorating the funding for the remaining economic projects. Mr. Ed Murray moved to amend the motion to also fully fund the airport infrastructure in the Regional Airport Growth & Development project (\$3 million for hanger development and \$2.5 million for utilities); the funding for the remaining aspects of the airport project would be prorated along with the remaining economic development projects. Mr. Ed Murray accepted the amendment. Ms. Henree Martin moved to amend the motion to include \$5 million to fund the Raising the Ship/Talent Development project. Ms. Kim Rivers seconded the amendment. After discussion on the amendment, Ms. Henree Martin withdrew her amendment. The motion as amended passed 17-1 with Taylor in opposition.

The Committee again reviewed their entire project list. Mr. Will Messer moved that the Committee move the Lake Lafayette and St. Marks Regional Linear Park project into Tier II. Mr. Bill Peebles seconded the motion. The motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Bill Peebles moved that the Committee put the stormwater elements of the Lake Lafayette and St. Marks Regional Linear Park project (\$2.2 million) into Project #49: Water Quality and Stormwater Funding (Tier I). Mr. Todd Sperry seconded the motion. The motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Bill Peebles moved that Project #9: Implement the Greenways Master Plan be moved to Tier I. Ms. Henree Martin seconded the motion. Ms. Henree Martin moved to amend the motion to fund Project #9 at \$10 million in Tier I and \$10 million in Tier II. Mr. Bill Peebles accepted the amendment. The motion passed without opposition.

The Committee reviewed the Sales Tax allocations at that time. The Committee asked staff to include a five percent 'hedge' to account for increased Sales Tax revenues, grants, and other leveraged funds that might be secured.

The Committee discussed how the project costs as presented might change in the future. It was noted that Blueprint 2000 projects often increased in cost as project scopes were developed. For example, through community planning Cascade Park evolved beyond what was originally envisioned by the Economic and Environmental Consensus Committee.

Ms. Henree Martin moved to close discussion and submit the current project list and funding allocations as the Committee's final project recommendations. These funding recommendations, as shown in the attached Sales Tax Committee's Recommended Project List (Attachment #2), include:

- 25 Tier I infrastructure projects.
- Four Tier II infrastructure projects; Tier II projects would only be funded only if there is a revenue surplus available after funding all Tier I projects.
- 12% of sales tax revenues set aside for economic development projects.
- 10 economic development projects. The Madison Mile Convention District project and airport infrastructure in the Regional Airport Growth & Development project are to be fully funded; the remaining economic development projects will be proportionally funded from the remaining 12% economic development funds.

Ms. Kim Rivers seconded the motion. The motion passed without opposition.

Agenda Item #5: Committee Discussion on Possible Referendum Date

Mr. Curtis Richardson moved that the Committee recommend placing the Sales Tax Extension Referendum on the November 2014 general election ballot. Mr. Tom O'Steen seconded the motion. The motion passed without opposition.

Agenda Item #6: Next Steps

The Committee will review their final report at its next meeting on January 30, 2014.

Meeting adjourned at 2:26 p.m.

Attachments:

1. Email from Mr. Lamar Taylor regarding oversight and transparency for Economic Development projects.
2. Sales Tax Committee's Recommended Project List

Cristina Paredes - Re: Sales Tax Committee: Infrastructure Notebooks

From: <ltaylor99@comcast.net>
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Date: Thursday, December 19, 2013 10:28 PM
Subject: Re: Sales Tax Committee: Infrastructure Notebooks

Hi, Cristina. In an effort to follow up on Chairman Evan's request to send you an email detailing the points I made at the end of the last meeting, I submit the following:

In order to maintain the credibility that the Blueprint 2000 brand has garnered over the past decade, it is important that the economic development portion of the proposed tax extension be subject to rigorous oversight and accountability standards. Oversight and accountability is no less important for the infrastructure portion of the tax; however, those projects will be subject to a tried-and-true process that has worked well over the past decade. Moreover, the infrastructure projects are largely discrete, identifiable projects, which have been publicly vetted and discussed.

In contrast, certain aspects of the economic development projects, e.g. the innovation fund, the rapid response fund, and others, will entail the deployment of resources on a much more discretionary basis and in some cases on a more expedited basis than is typical in a more traditional government function. I agree that in some cases this kind of discretion and speed is essential to maintain our community's competitiveness in attracting and retaining the high quality, clean, sustainable enterprises we all desire in Tallahassee. However, this same speedy and discretionary allocation process may give rise to reasonable concerns about the disinterestedness of the parties involved and the quality of the due diligence surrounding the underwriting of the funding decisions. In this regard, the Imagine Tallahassee participants have proposed an oversight committee (the EDCC - not the EDC), comprised of FSU, FAMU and TCC stakeholders, City and County economic development staff as well as local economic development professionals, which will serve as a technical coordinating committee to advise on resource allocation decisions. It is my understanding, that beyond this advice (along with input to the extent feasible from a CAC), the IA will ultimately be responsible and accountable for the decisions made.

In the main, this proposed structure seems reasonable to me to provide a measure of oversight on the front-end of these decisions while retaining the degree of flexibility sought by the proponents of these projects which they feel is necessary to make these economic development options truly meaningful. However, I submit this structure is not, by itself, sufficient to ensure the degree of oversight and accountability necessary to preserve the credibility of the Blueprint brand going forward.

In addition to the structure proposed by Imagine Tallahassee, I propose a back-end (after-the-fact) evaluation of all economic development programs funded through the sales tax. This back-end evaluation would have five key components:

1. The requirement for all economic development projects and participating groups to create and maintain (for the life of the tax) detailed records of their activities and expenditures. For example, I believe full transcripts of all meetings of all parties should be prepared and maintained. This should not be an overly burdensome requirement as all meetings are already

subject to the minutes requirement of Chapter 286. Although it has been a standard practice the County to prepare summary minutes for Blueprint activities (as permitted by Chapter 286), a full transcript should be transcribed from the audio recordings of the meetings and maintained on file--even for meetings that are exempt from Chapter 286, so long as they are held with respect to decisions pertaining to sales-tax funded economic development decisions.

2. Detailed accounting transaction records should be prepared and maintained for the life of the tax. These records would be the equivalent of a financial transcript of all dollars flowing through the economic development portion of the tax. These records should also be coded and recorded in such a way as to be distinct and segregated from other City/County/Blueprint transactions. The goal of such detailed financial records would be to enable one to literally trace one dollar of sales tax funding through to its ultimate economic development expenditure. I submit that these records and reporting requirements should be more detailed than what I presume is necessary to comply with what I understand to be existing requirements to provide reports to the Bureau of Economic and Demographic Research per Section 125.045, Fla. Stat.
3. All projects funded from sales tax dollars should be monitored going forward. To the extent possible all funding should be conditioned on providing on-going periodic, detailed reporting on the relevant success metrics of the project, e.g. jobs produced, value added to property tax rolls, etc. To the extent funding is provided that is not conditioned on such on-going periodic reporting, an explanation should be documented.
4. Full financial and compliance audits performed by nationally-recognized independent auditing firms. From my perspective, these audits need not be every year, but should be performed with reasonable regularity, i.e. every two to three-years max.
5. Finally, in order to ensure that these oversight controls remain robust and in place, I propose that some portion of the economic development component of the sales tax be set aside to fund the above oversight activities. This funding portion should, in my opinion, be elevated to the status of a project in its own right to be voted on by the electorate in concert with the other economic development projects.

In my view the single, most important output of a robust review process described above is the production of a data set that will irrefutably establish (i) what dollars were allocated to which projects, (ii) who were the parties involved in the decision, and (iii) the ultimate outcome of the economic development project. This data will truly enable the economic development portion of the tax to stand or fall on its own merits. It might also provide a rich source of information to help us as a community determine which economic development projects and funding processes were most productive, which programs or processes did not work as well as hoped. In the end, I think Blueprint and our community will be well served by such a robust review process.

The above is largely stream-of-consciousness, and I may refine this as the January 16th meeting draws closer. However, I did want to provide this to you now to be responsive to Chairman Evan's request.

I hope you and yours have a very Happy Holiday Season. Please let me know if you have any questions or need anything further from me.

Best regards,

Lamar

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Subject: Sales Tax Committee: Infrastructure Notebooks

Good Morning -

A electronic copy of the notebooks that were distributed last week has been posted online. It is a user friendly site that will allow you to click through the projects individually. It can be found on the following website:

<http://cms.leoncountyfl.gov/Home/LeonCountySalesTaxCommittee/Projects>

Please note, these will be your materials for the January 16th meeting. This meeting will begin at 9:00 am and will be held in the First Floor Program Room of the Main Library. Coffee and donuts will be available in the morning and lunch will be provided as well.

Please let me know if you have any questions regarding the notebooks or a specific project.

Thank you and Happy Holidays, Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year!

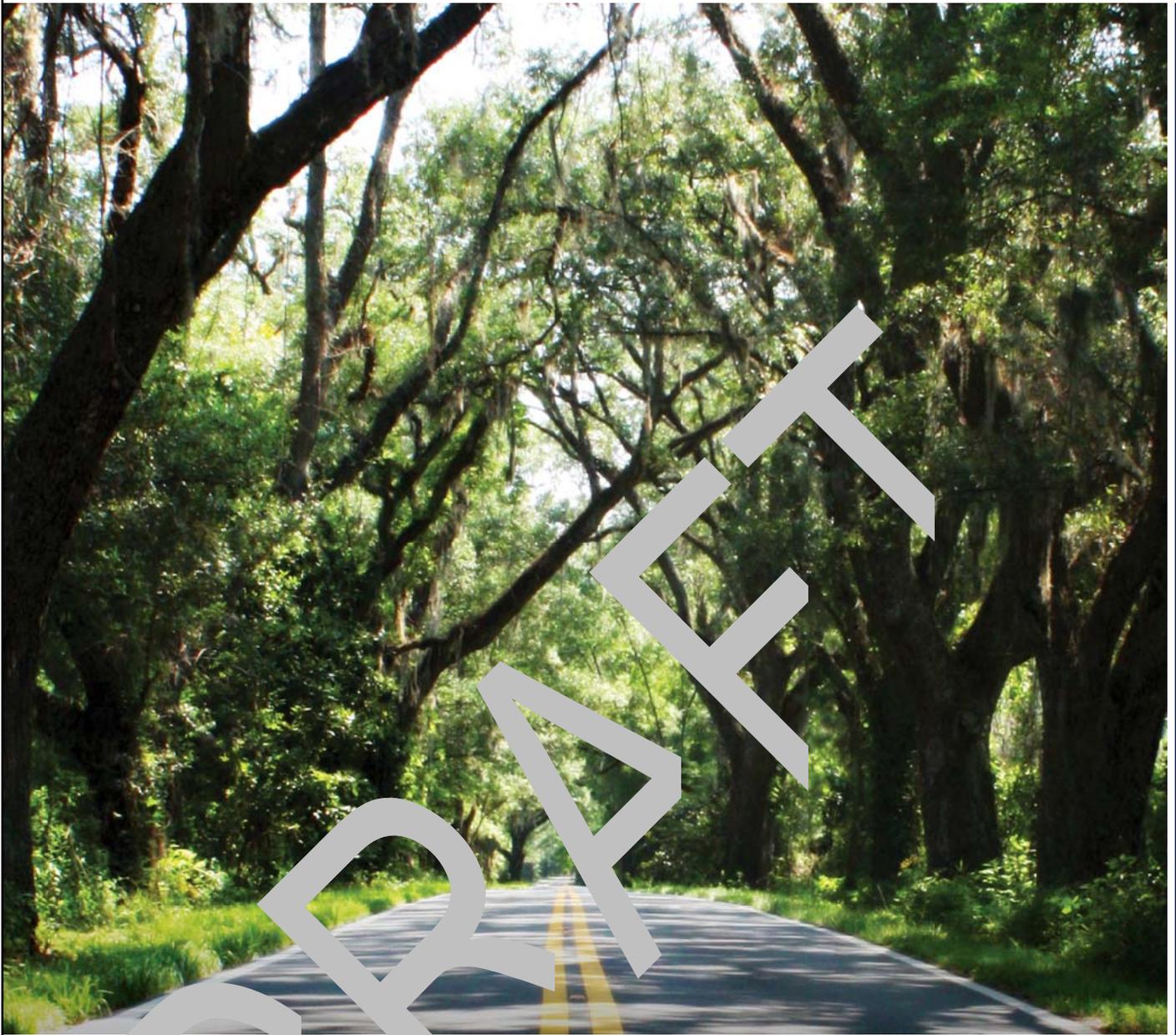
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Sales Tax Recommended Project List			
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TIER 1 Projects			
1	Capital Circle Southwest	Quadrant 3	\$ 70,000,000
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46B	Operating Costs for Parks Built with Sales Tax Funds (Past and Future): City (41%)	Quadrant 1,2,3,4	\$ 8,000,000
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48	Northeast Park	Quadrant 1	\$ 10,000,000
49	Water Quality and Stormwater Funding: Projects 30, 36, & 38-45	Quadrant 1,2,3,4	\$ 85,000,000
Tier 1 Subtotal			\$ 607,669,738
TIER 2 Projects			
9 & 37	Implement Greenways Master Plan	Quadrant 1,2,3,4	\$ 10,000,000
11	Lake Lafayette and St. Marks Regional Linear Park	Quadrant 1,2	\$ 13,616,640
2	Westside Student Corridor Gateway	Quadrant 4	\$ 21,000,000
28	Northeast Gateway: Welaunee Critical Area Plan Regional Infrastructure (Phase II)	Quadrant 1	\$ 30,690,000
Tier 2 Subtotal			\$ 75,306,640
Imagine Tallahassee/Economic Development Projects			
	Madison Mile Convention District	NA	\$ 20,000,000
	Regional Airport Growth & Development Part 1	NA	\$ 5,500,000
	Entrepreneurial Development Fund	NA	\$ 12,270,931
	Minority & Women Business Investment Fund	NA	\$ 6,135,466
	Technology & Innovation Incubators	NA	\$ 8,180,621
	Regional Airport Growth & Development Part 2	NA	\$ 7,771,590
	Business Retention, Expansion & Attraction Fund	NA	\$ 12,270,931
	Economic Opportunity Rapid Response Fund	NA	\$ 6,135,466
	Quantum Leaps & Signature Festivals	NA	\$ 4,090,310
	South Monroe / Adams Corridor Catalyst	NA	\$ 4,172,117
	<i>Raising the Ship</i> Talent Development	NA	\$ 4,192,568
Imagine Tallahassee/Economic Development Projects Subtotal			\$ 90,720,000

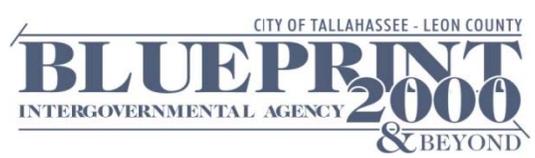
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Project #	Project Name	Location	Totals
Projects Placed into Project #49 (\$85 million): Water Quality & Stormwater Funding			
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36	Killearn Estates Freshwater Restoration Project	Quadrant 1	\$ 10,000,000
38	Downtown Stormwater Improvements	Quadrant 3,4	\$ 25,000,000
11	Lake Lafayette and St. Marks Regional Linear Park	Quadrant 1,2	\$ 2,200,000
39	Alternative Sewer Solutions: Creating Comprehensive Wastewater Management for Leon County Unincorporated Area (Nitrogen Reduction and Infill Development)	Quadrant 1,2,3,4	\$ 2,800,000
40	Woodville Water Quality	Quadrant 2	\$ 25,800,000
41	Oak Ridge Sewer Project	Quadrant 2,3	\$ 30,600,000
42	Centerville Trace Water Resources	Quadrant 1	\$ 5,000,000
43A&B	Alternatives to Central Sewer in Harbinwood Estates: A) Decentralized Cluster System or B) Advanced Wastewater Treatment Plant	Quadrant 4	\$ 29,300,000
44	Lake Jackson Preservation and Mobility Enhancements	Quadrant 4	\$ 29,400,000
45	Sewer Hookups Incentive Program	Quadrant 1,2,3,4	\$ 33,100,000
Water Quality 'Bucket' Subtotal			\$ 201,000,000
Projects Not Recommended for Funding by the Sales Tax Extension			
12	Pine Flats Trail	Quadrant 3	\$ 15,333,200
13	Black Swamp Restoration, Regional Pond and Cascades to Munson Slough Greenway Trail Developments	Quadrant 3	\$ 15,000,000
16	Goodwood Playground and Community Garden	Quadrant 1	\$ 200,000
18	Downtown Outdoor Pedestrian Mall	Quadrant 4	\$ 6,000,000
20	Downtown Parking Garage	Quadrant 4	\$ 25,000,000
21	Florida Center of Performing Arts and Education	Quadrant 4	\$ 30,000,000
25	Tennessee Street Beautification and Pedestrian Safety Enhancement	Quadrant 4	\$ -
31	Intersection Safety and Improvements	Quadrant 1,2,3,4	\$ 5,800,000
32	Tram Road	Quadrant 2,3	\$ 41,900,000
33	Extension of Jackson Bluff Road	Quadrant 3,4	\$ 26,000,000
34	Service Road (Capital Circle NW)	Quadrant 4	\$ 41,800,000
35	Phase II: Water Quality 'Bucket'	Quadrant 1,2,3,4	\$ 50,000,000
Priority 3 Subtotal			\$ 257,033,200



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Introduction

On September 13, 2011, the Leon County Board of County Commissioners adopted the enacting resolution to establish the Leon County Sales Tax Committee (Committee) (Attachment #1). The existing one-cent infrastructure sales tax, levied for a 15-year period, expires on December 31, 2019. This revenue source generates approximately \$37.8 million annually and has been vital to developing many of the significant infrastructure projects throughout Leon County, such as Capital Circle and Cascades Park. Pursuant to an existing interlocal agreement, the County and City created the Blueprint 2000 Intergovernmental Agency (BP2000) to oversee the implementation of a specific project list, which utilized 80% of the proceeds; the balance (20%) is divided equally between the County and the City. The BP2000 Intergovernmental Agency consists of the entire County and City Commissions.

The County and City Commissions and community partners appointed 18 citizens to serve on this Committee. The enacting resolution states that the Committee “shall make final recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners and the City Commission in the form of a written report, workshop, or other means that shall include: (1) recommendations as to the timing of the infrastructure sales tax referendum, if any; and (2) a review that contains advisory feedback on the projects considered by the committee.” Both the County and City Commissions agreed to convene the Committee to address the continuation of the infrastructure tax beyond December 2019. The County and the City developed a list of projects for the Committee’s consideration, and recommended that the Committee consider allocating a portion of the sales tax proceeds for economic development purposes.

This document serves as the Leon County Sales Tax Committee’s final report and contains the following sections:

- A. The Leon County Sales Tax Committee
- B. Public Participation
- C. Length of the Infrastructure Surtax
- D. Allocation of the Infrastructure Surtax
 - 1. County and City Percentage Allocation
 - 2. Infrastructure Projects Allocation
 - 3. Economic Development Allocation
- E. Additional Funding Options
- F. Referendum Date
- G. Conclusion
- H. Appendix

A. The Leon County Sales Tax Committee

On September 13, 2011, the Leon County Board of County Commissioners adopted the enacting resolution (Resolution No. 11-58) to establish the Leon County Sales Tax Committee. The Committee is a group of 18 citizens appointed by the Leon County Board of County Commissioners and City of Tallahassee Commissioners representing a broad cross section of our community and includes representatives from the Greater Tallahassee Chamber of Commerce, Capital City Chamber of Commerce, Blueprint 2000 Citizen Advisory Committee, and the Economic and Environmental Consensus Committee. Pursuant to the resolution, the committee was to meet for a period of one year from the date of the resolution, which could be extended by the Board if additional time was requested. The Committee did request additional time to ensure a thorough and complete evaluation of all infrastructure and economic development projects. The Board granted the Committee's request and the Committee' completed its charge on January 30, 2014.

As with many Commission appointed boards, the members of this Committee were volunteers who dedicated their personal time over the past two years. The Committee was subject to Florida Sunshine Laws and comprised of the following representatives:

- Steve Evans, Chairman
- Curtis Richardson, Vice Chair
- Bill Berlow
- Laurie Hartsfield
- Christic Henry
- Terrence Hinson
- Henree Martin
- Will Messer
- Ed Murray
- Daniel Newman
- Tom O'Steen
- Bill Peebles
- Kim Rivers
- Todd Sperry
- Lamar Taylor
- Glenda Thornton
- Bill Tucker
- Kim Williams

The Committee held its first meeting in January 2012 and spent the first year gathering information on the Florida Statutes governing the local infrastructure sales tax, past sales tax projects, understanding the BP2000 governance structure, reviewing the Comprehensive Plan and Community Profile, and hearing County, City, BP2000, and public input on proposed projects. The Committee received testimonies from citizens, civic organizations, home-owner associations, consultants, Florida State University, Florida A&M University, and Tallahassee Community College. Throughout this process, a series of projects were identified and placed on the list for the Committee's consideration. During the second year, the Committee engaged in a thorough evaluation process of all the projects brought forth for its consideration. Attachment #2 contains the summary minutes from the Committee's meetings.

B. Public Participation

The Committee was committed to engaging the public during this process and reserved the first portion of each meeting to allow the community time to voice their comments, recommendations, or preferred projects for consideration. According to the enacting resolution, the Committee was required to host one open house to receive public input on the process. The Committee hosted its first open house on April 26, 2012 followed by a second one on November 15, 2012 to give the public the opportunity to provide their input and recommendations on the future projects for Committee consideration. Invitations were extended to Florida State University, Florida A&M University, Tallahassee Community College, Capital City Chamber, the Greater Tallahassee Chamber, all residents and neighborhood associations.

In addition, a website was maintained throughout the process in order to keep the public up to date on the Committee's progress. The website posted the Committee's meeting times and locations, agenda items, summary minutes, and project descriptions. The website also listed the names of the Committee members and a list of frequently asked questions. Please see <http://cms.leoncountyfl.gov/Home/LeonCountySalesTaxCommittee> for more information.

C. Length of the Infrastructure Surtax and Revenue Forecast

The Committee recommends that the sales tax be continued for a period of twenty years. A twenty year sales tax is estimated to provide \$756 million in revenue or \$37.8 million annually. All revenue and expenditures are in current dollars; as revenues increase it is also anticipated that expenditure costs will also increase.

D. Allocation of Infrastructure Surtax

The Committee recommends that the allocation of the infrastructure surtax be divided amongst the County, City, and BP2000. Consistent with the current sales tax extension, it is recommended that the County and City receive 20% (10% each) of the sales tax proceeds and that the remaining 80% should be allocated to BP2000. However, the Committee recommends that 68% of the BP2000 proceeds be dedicated to funding infrastructure needs and the remaining 12% for economic development.

This section reviews the Committee's recommendations as they pertain to the County/City revenue split, economic development, and infrastructure projects.

D1. County and City Percentage Allocation

The Committee unanimously agreed to recommend that 20% of the sales tax proceeds be allocated to the County and City (10% each) to use at their discretion on infrastructure projects including but not limited to transportation, stormwater, water quality, and recreation needs. This recommendation is consistent with the current allocation of infrastructure sales tax proceeds.

D2. Infrastructure Projects

Consistent with BP2000, the Committee agreed that the final recommended infrastructure projects must be holistic and have multiple benefits to the community. This approach to infrastructure planning results in projects that not only address transportation or flooding problems but also protect our natural resources and create amenities for the community to enjoy.

Prior to the start of the evaluation process, the Committee held a retreat to develop project themes and action statements which would be utilized to evaluate the list of projects. After considering the vision statements of the County, the City, the Comprehensive Plan, and BP2000, the Committee developed the following themes and action statements. These themes and action statements served as a guide throughout the Committee's project evaluation process.

Regional Mobility/Transportation: Projects that create an integrated regional multimodal network that considers air, mass transit, automobile, bike, and pedestrian transportation modes. This holistic transportation network provides the most options for moving people and goods economically, effectively, and safely while protecting the environment, promoting economic development, and maintaining a high quality of life with sustainable development patterns.

Sense of Community: Projects that create special urban places which foster a sense of community and inspire a creative class that builds relationships to solve local problems with local solutions in an inclusive environment.

Water Quality: Projects that protect our natural environment through sensitive land acquisitions and by providing the appropriate infrastructure.

Connectivity: Projects that link current amenities, neighborhoods, and/or multi-modal nodes through sidewalks, multi-use paths, bike lanes, transit, and roadway improvements.

Economic Vitality: Projects that encourage quality development/ redevelopment within our community that will promote the creation of new employment opportunities, sustain and enhance economic vitality, and promote the quality of life in our community.

Parks/Ecotourism: Projects that promote public recreation and eco-tourism while protecting and preserving the community's environment and natural resources.

Vertical Infrastructure: Projects that are fixed capital assets associated with the construction, reconstruction, or improved public facility with a life expectancy of five years or more in accordance with Florida Statute.

Gateways: Projects that develop distinct community entryways that showcase the character and beauty of Tallahassee and foster a unique sense of place.

The evaluation process began with a list of 73 projects and ended with 25 Tier I (first priority) and four Tier II (second priority) projects. Attachment #3 displays the recommended projects by theme. The final list of Tier I and Tier II represent the Committee's first and second priority projects. Tier III represents projects that are not recommended for sales tax funding. Table #1 on page 5 lists the Committee's final project recommendations. Listed in Appendix A is a detailed description of each project. In addition, attachment #4 chronologically lists the actions that the Committee took on each project.

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Table #1: Recommended Infrastructure Projects

Project #	Project Name	Totals
TIER I Projects		
1	Capital Circle Southwest	\$ 70,000,000
2	Westside Student Corridor Gateway	\$ 8,936,800
3,5	Airport Gateway: Springhill Road and Lake Bradford	\$ 58,698,138
4	Southside Gateway Enrichment	\$ 29,700,000
6	North Monroe Gateway	\$ 9,400,000
7	Build Bike Route System	\$ 15,000,000
8	County/City Independent Sidewalk Projects	\$ 50,000,000
10	Northwest Connector Corridor	\$ 53,184,800
14	Market District Activity Center Connectivity	\$ 9,400,000
15	Midtown Placemaking	\$ 22,000,000
17	College Avenue Placemaking	\$ 7,000,000
19	Florida A&M Entry Points	\$ 1,500,000
22	Monroe-Adams Corridor Placemaking	\$ 7,000,000
23	Orange/Meridian Placemaking	\$ 4,100,000
24	Beautification and Improvements to the Fairgrounds	\$ 12,000,000
26	Northeast Connector Corridor	\$ 36,300,000
27	Orange Avenue Widening from Adams Street to Springhill Road	\$ 33,100,000
28	Northeast Gateway: Welaunee Critical Area Plan Regional Infrastructure (Phase I Only until 2024)	\$ 47,300,000
29	StarMetro	\$ 7,550,000
9 & 37	Implement Greenways Master Plan	\$ 10,000,000
46A	Operating Costs for Parks Built with Sales Tax Funds (Past and Future): County @ 59%	\$ 12,000,000
46B	Operating Costs for Parks Built with Sales Tax Funds (Past and Future): City @ 41%	\$ 8,000,000
47	Desoto Winter Encampment	\$ 500,000
48	Northeast Park	\$ 10,000,000
49	Water Quality and Stormwater Funding: Projects 30, 36, & 38-45	\$ 85,000,000
Tier 1 Subtotal		\$ 607,669,738
TIER II Projects		
9 & 37	Implement Greenways Master Plan	\$ 10,000,000
11	Lake Lafayette and St. Marks Regional Linear Park	\$ 13,616,640
2	Westside Student Corridor Gateway	\$ 21,000,000
28	Northeast Gateway: Welaunee Critical Area Plan Regional Infrastructure (Phase II)	\$ 30,690,000
Tier 2 Subtotal		\$ 75,306,640

D3. Economic Development

During the February 1, 2013 Sales Tax Committee Retreat, the Committee approved the Imagine Tallahassee concept to create an action plan for economic development and tentatively agreed to allocate up to 15% for economic development. The Committee heard several proposals on economic development, but ultimately decided that it required a process separate from the infrastructure discussion. Consistent throughout the discussion was the need to develop a governance structure to serve as an advisory committee on economic development. This advisory committee was first proposed by County, City, and Economic Development Council and later recommended by Imagine Tallahassee Steering Committee.

Private funds were raised and professional consultants were hired to assist with the economic development recommendations for the Committee. The County and City approved the utilization of staff resources on February 12, 2013 and February 13, 2013, respectively. This private/public partnership then conducted a process that guided the development of recommendations for the economic development portion of the sales tax. The recommendations were presented to the Committee, which considered the proposals and made final recommendations to the County and City Commissions. The Imagine Tallahassee Steering Committee's final report can be found in Appendix B.

A 25-member Imagine Tallahassee Steering Committee (Steering Committee) was created to assist the consultants. The Steering Committee's role was to engage citizens, businesses, higher education, and governmental partners in a process that would help establish how the community envisions economic development. The Steering Committee was responsible for taking public input, creating a vision for economic development, and developing recommendations. The Steering Committee was subject to Florida Sunshine Laws and comprised of representatives from: the institutions of higher education, local government, the Greater Tallahassee Chamber, the Big Bend Minority Chamber, Capital City Chamber, Economic Development Council, the local hospitals, Leon County Schools, the Sales Tax Committee, and the Faith based and non-profit community. Imagine Tallahassee held open house events to allow the public the opportunity to provide input on the current economic climate and opportunities for economic development. The public input was used to create a vision statement and five strategic directions to guide economic development. The Steering Committee used its vision to begin developing economic development projects. On December 12, 2013, the Imagine Tallahassee Steering Committee presented its final recommendations to the Sales Tax Committee. Imagine Tallahassee recommended 10 economic development projects, which would utilize \$105,225,000 over 20 years, or 13.9% of the total estimated Sales Tax proceeds.

Additionally, the Steering Committee proposed an economic development governance structure to the Committee. Under the proposal, the BP2000 Intergovernmental Agency (IA) has final authority on use of the sales tax proceeds. Under the IA, an Economic Development Coordinating Committee would provide the IA with policy recommendations and reports on performance and accountability of the approved economic development projects. This advisory committee would provide oversight regarding the economic development projects and would include the following representatives:

- County Economic Development Director
- City Economic Development Director
- FSU Vice President of Research
- FAMU Vice President of Research

- CEO of Workforce Plus
- TCC Vice President, Economic and Workforce Development
- Executive Director, Leon County Research and Development Authority
- Executive Director, Economic Development Council

Sales Tax Committee’s Recommendations on Economic Development

Based on the Steering Committee’s final report, the Committee recommends that 12% of the sales tax proceeds be set aside for the purposes of funding economic development.

The Committee fully endorsed the governance structure and the creation of an advisory committee in charge of project oversight and recommendations. In addition, the Committee recommends the following quality control mechanisms be put in place related to economic development to ensure the accountability necessary to preserve the credibility of the Blueprint brand (Attachment #5):

1. Require all economic development projects and participating groups to maintain (for the life of the tax) detailed records of activities and expenditures.
2. Accounting transparency.
3. Periodic reports detailing the relevant success metrics of each funded project.
4. Full financial and compliance audits performed by nationally recognized independent auditing firms.
5. Allocate funding from the economic development portion to provide financial oversight and accountability.

In regards to the economic development projects, the Committee recommends the Madison Mile Convention District and the Regional Airport Growth and Development (Part I) be fully funded at the requested amount. The Committee recommends that the remaining funding be proportionally divided amongst the other projects – if these projects are deemed eligible for funding by the advisory committee and IA. Table #2 lists the final recommendations for the economic development projects. A comparison of the Committee and the Steering Committee’s recommendations can be found in Attachment #6. A detailed description of each of project can be found beginning on page 89 in Appendix B.

Table #2: Sales Tax Committee’s Economic Development Recommendations

Project Name	Project Cost
Madison Mile Convention District	\$ 20,000,000
Regional Airport Growth & Development (Part I)	\$ 5,500,000
Entrepreneurial Development Fund	\$ 12,270,931
Minority & Women Business Investment Fund	\$ 6,135,466
Technology & Innovation Incubators	\$ 8,180,621
Regional Airport Growth & Development (Part II)	\$ 7,771,590
Business Retention, Expansion & Attraction Fund	\$ 12,270,931
Economic Opportunity Rapid Response Fund	\$ 6,135,466
Quantum Leaps & Signature Festivals	\$ 4,090,310
South Monroe / Adams Corridor Catalyst	\$ 4,172,117
<i>Raising the Ship</i> Talent Development	\$ 4,192,568
Total:	\$ 90,720,000

E. Additional Funding Options

The Committee recommends that the County and the City continue to leverage the sales tax proceeds in order to pursue additional funding options such as matching grants, conservation easements, and state and federal resources.

F. Referendum Date

The Committee recommends the Leon County Board of County Commissioners place the referendum authorizing the continuation of the one-cent local government infrastructure surtax for 20 years on the November 2014 General Election ballot.

G. Conclusion

The Committee recommends the following:

- Authorize the continuation of the one-cent local government infrastructure surtax for a period of 20 years
- Conduct the referendum in November 2014
- Allocate 10% each to the County and City
- Recommend \$607,669,738 Tier I, first priority projects
- Recommend \$75,306,640 as Tier II, second priority projects
- For economic development:
 - Allocate 12% (\$90,720,000) in support of Imagine Tallahassee Steering Committee recommendations.
 - Develop an advisory committee to provide the IA with policy recommendations and provide reporting on performance and accountability.
 - Develop a series of quality control mechanisms to ensure accountability.

The Committee understands that there will be a limited amount of revenue, inclusive of potential future leveraging, available to support the final implementation of the proposed Tier I and Tier II projects and that current revenue estimates do not support the entire recommended list. The Committee endorses the Tier I and Tier II project lists as priority projects to be considered for funding if the continuation of the one-cent local government infrastructure surtax is approved by the citizens of Leon County.

H. Appendix

Appendix A

Infrastructure Project Descriptions

Appendix B

Imagine Tallahassee Steering Committee's Final Report

Attachments:

1. Enabling Resolution
2. Leon County Sales Tax Committee's Meeting Summary Minutes
3. Infrastructure Projects by Theme
4. Chronological List of the Leon County Sales Tax Committee's Actions on Infrastructure Projects
5. Quality Control Mechanisms for Economic Development Projects
6. Comparison Chart of the Leon County Sales Tax Committee and Imagine Tallahassee Steering Committee's Recommendations

Cristina Paredes - Re: Sales Tax Committee's DRAFT Report

From: Kim Rivers <kim@inkbridge.com>
To: "SteEva8@aol.com" <SteEva8@aol.com>
Date: Monday, January 27, 2014 2:15 PM
Subject: Re: Sales Tax Committee's DRAFT Report
CC: "hmartin@nettally.com" <hmartin@nettally.com>, "ParedesC@leoncountyfl.go..."

Thank you for distributing this in advance of the meeting. Since I will not be able to attend in person I would like the following to be added to the final report as I believe they are critical points related to the economic development percentage:

1. Please add the percentage of 12% as well as the percentage for each of the proposed projects for economic development on the summary project sheet.
2. Please include the statement that the committee recommends 12% for economic development and such percentage will remain constant regardless of fluctuations in revenue receipts from the sales tax. The committee took specific action on this and it is an important point.
3. Please add the notion that each of the recommended economic development projects has a champion organization to present it to the EDCC. There was also a conversation related to having a citizen advisory component to the economic development funds so that it truly mirrors the current blueprint process.

Please let me know if these additions can be added.

Thanks so much!

-Kim

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 27, 2014, at 12:22 PM, "SteEva8@aol.com" <SteEva8@aol.com> wrote:

Well said, Henri.

The only thing I'd add is "Amen"!

In a message dated 1/27/2014 11:24:15 A.M. Eastern Standard Time, hmartin@nettally.com writes:

As usual the County Staff is to be commended on this excellent report. I have not finished it but wanted to let everyone involved how much you were appreciated during this process.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 27, 2014, at 11:11 AM, "Cristina Paredes" <ParedesC@leoncountyfl.gov> wrote:

Good Morning -

Attached is a copy of the Committee's draft report as well as a list of all the Committee's actions taken on individual projects. Comments and edits as it

relates to the report will be discussed during the Committee's meeting this week.

As a reminder, the final Sales Tax Committee meeting will be held on **Thursday, January 30th at 4:00 p.m.** The meeting will be held in the First Floor Program Room of the Main Library.

Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you.

Cristina

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