

PINELLAS COUNTY TRANSPORTATION TASK FORCE POLICY RECOMMENDATION SUMMARY

Funding Allocation Alternatives

The Task Force recommended Alternative B, (Transit 88%, Roads 8% and Sidewalks/Trails 4%) based on the results of individual polling. 72% of the Task Force members voted to support this Alternative, while the other 28% voted to support a fourth Alternative. Consensus reached on supporting Alternative B.

Referendum on a Transportation Surtax

Transportation Task Force is recommending that Pinellas County pursue a regional transportation surtax. The potential scope of the transportation improvements that could be completed with the revenue generated from this surtax, coupled with the fact that as much as 1/3 of the tax will be paid for by tourists, was deemed significant enough for the Task Force to recommend putting the decision before the voters.

Option A: Regional Tax, Coordinated by TBARTA

Option B: Regional Tax with Interlocal Agreement for Joint Venture

Option C: Pinellas County Tax, Coordinated with Other Counties

Option D: Pinellas County Tax

Referendum Scheduling and Other Matters:

Option A: Fall 2011

Option B: Spring 2012

Option C: Spring 2013

Option D: Fall 2013

PSTA Ad Valorem Tax

Option A: (Ad Valorem Decreased to 0.50 mils) The Task Force Members concluded that if a sales tax is pursued for transportation improvements (regional or just in Pinellas County), the PSTA ad valorem tax should be decreased to a rate of 0.5 mils.

Option B: (Ad Valorem Eliminated) The Task Force Members concluded that if a sales tax is pursued for transportation improvements (regional or just in Pinellas County), the PSTA ad valorem tax should be eliminated.

Local Option Gas Tax

The Task Force discussed recommending a \$0.05 increase to the Local Option Gas Tax be pursued by the Board of County Commissioners. This direction needs to be further defined as it relates to the recommendation by the Task Force of a Transit Surtax.