

**LAKE COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**CAPITAL FACILITIES ADVISORY
COMMITTEE**

RECOMMENDATIONS

2013 through 2035



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FLORIDA

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RECOMMENDATIONS

The Capital Facilities Advisory Committee recommends the following:

Financial

1. AD VALOREM	2%	4%	6%	8%
	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16

- + To utilize ad valorem funding to maintain construction of the county road system. This will be accomplished without raising millage.
- + The proposed funding schedule is identified as:
 2012/13 @ 2% of property taxes, 2013/14 @ 4% of property taxes,
 2014/15 @ 6% of property taxes, 2015/16 @ 8% of property taxes and level at 8% thereafter

HISTORY:

This recommendation is loosely based on the 2008 Task Force report which recommended 8% of the General Fund allotted for road construction and maintenance.

2. REAUTHORIZATION OF THE 6¢ LOCAL OPTION GAS TAX	2¢	2¢	2¢
	2014	2015	2016

- + Lake County is in the process of structuring this funding source with the 14 municipalities with a mechanism to adjust the formula annually and transfer road jurisdiction between entities between now and 2016.

HISTORY:

Adoption of each 2 cents in 1984, 1985 and 1986 for a 30 year term each. The renewal in a similar fashion: 2 cents in 2014, 2 cents in 2015 and 2 cents in 2016.

3. ENACT THE 5¢ LOCAL OPTION GAS TAX	Vote Jan – June 2013
	Collect Jan 2014 – 2044

- + It can be used for capital improvement including road resurfacing
- + From reports from this Committee, having this tax does not reflect an increase of price at the pump
- + Staff has suggested utilization of this funding source for resurfacing instead of sales tax which is currently being used

HISTORY:

This tax has been available since 1993

4A. SALES TAX RENEWAL (1/6)

Vote 2016 Enact 2017

- + Renewal of an existing source, to continue to utilize 50% of Lake County portion for road construction
- + Current sales tax sunsets in 2017. Recommend renewal on ballot in 2016 for another 15 year term

HISTORY:

Sales Tax originally approved by voters in 1987 for a 15 year term to be used for landfill closure and to build the jail. It was shared 50% with the cities. The 2003 renewal split the funds 1/3 with School Board, 1/3 with cities and 1/3 to Lake County with the principal issues for schools and transportation.

4B. REINTRODUCE ROAD IMPACT FEES

Enact @ 53% Discount

- + Recommend discounting enough to equal the previous fee schedule
- + By enacting according to the June 2010 Duncan Associates report, residential rates will remain the same but there will be greater savings for commercial and industrial properties.

HISTORY:

Road impact fees were first utilized in 1985 in Lake County and have been re-evaluated 9 times since then. They were suspended March 2010 for one year and in January 2011 for an additional year.

4C. SALES TAX RENEWAL / RE-ALLOTTMENT (1/4)

Vote 2016 Enact 2017

- + Renewal of sales tax funding with a reallocation
- + Utilize this renewal between Lake County and the cities with a 50% split. Half of the Lake County portion will be used for road construction.

5. RE-ALLOCATION OF MSTU

\$2 million for Roads/Year

- + Utilize the share of the unincorporated MSTU for road maintenance and construction at a level of \$2 million a year
- + At the current property value, \$2 million would equal a millage rate of .2415

HISTORY:

The unincorporated MSTU was authorized in 1999 and was solely used for Stormwater. In 2007 through 2010 it was shared between Stormwater, Parks and Roads. The current 2011 distribution is 12% for Stormwater and 88% for the Parks program.

6. OTHER POSSIBLE REVENUE SOURCES TO CONSIDER

- + Make request to Legislative Delegation to enact a transportation fee as part of doc stamps. Each real estate transaction would provide a revenue stream. Every time a property is bought or sold, a fee would be paid for road purposes.
- + A surcharge on tires is recommended to help fund roads.

COPY OF RESOLUTION