



# WHOLE CENT HERNANDO

Law Enforcement | Public Safety | Transportation | Economic Development



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# **WHOLE CENT FOR HERNANDO SALES TAX REFERENDUM**



**ROADWAY/INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS**  
**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**  
**PUBLIC SAFETY CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS**  
**LAW ENFORCEMENT CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS**

\*Citizen Oversight Committee

# Education Campaign

- 14 Presentations given at HOA, Chamber meetings, social clubs, community centers, and political groups through the Speaker's Bureau
- 24 Community Events attended
- One Town Hall meeting conducted
- Website created [www.WholeCentHernando.com](http://www.WholeCentHernando.com)
- Educational Video and Flyers created
- Social media posts and YouTube Playlist

# BALLOT RESULTS

☆ **WHOLE CENT FOR HERNANDO LAW ENFORCEMENT, PUBLIC SAFETY, AND TRANSPORTATION (Vote For 1)**

Participating Precincts Reporting: 32 / 32

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Choice	Election Day	Early Votes	Vote By Mail	Total Votes	Percentage
<b>FOR the one-cent sales tax</b>	14,642	21,787	14,403	50,832	47.80%
<b>AGAINST the one-cent sales tax</b>	15,482	24,788	15,233	55,503	52.20%

# ROADWAY/INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS



	<b>Total Cost</b>
County Line Road	\$ 75,000,000
Barclay Widening	\$ 32,600,000
Sunshine Grove Road 4-Laning from Ken Austin Parkway to H	\$ 17,340,000
Kettering Road SR 50 to Power line road	\$ 33,700,000
Ayers   Culbreath   Hayman Intersection	\$ 3,150,000
Airport Roadway Improvements (Baker Study)	\$ 20,000,000
Cortez Oaks (50 to Star Rd)	\$ 5,000,000
Lockhart Road from SR-50 to Dashbach	\$ 23,000,000
Anderson Snow Road Widening	\$ 20,600,000
Improving Pickup/Drop-off Lanes for Schools	\$ 6,000,000
Roadway Improvements	
<b>Total for Transportation Projects</b>	<b>\$ 236,390,000</b>

**Provide Match for State and Federal Dollars to help build roadways**

# Roadway Options

## Revenue Sources

- Impact Fees
- Gas Tax
- Transportation Trust

## Options

County Line- Work with FDOT, and Pasco County to widen roadway.

All other Roads –

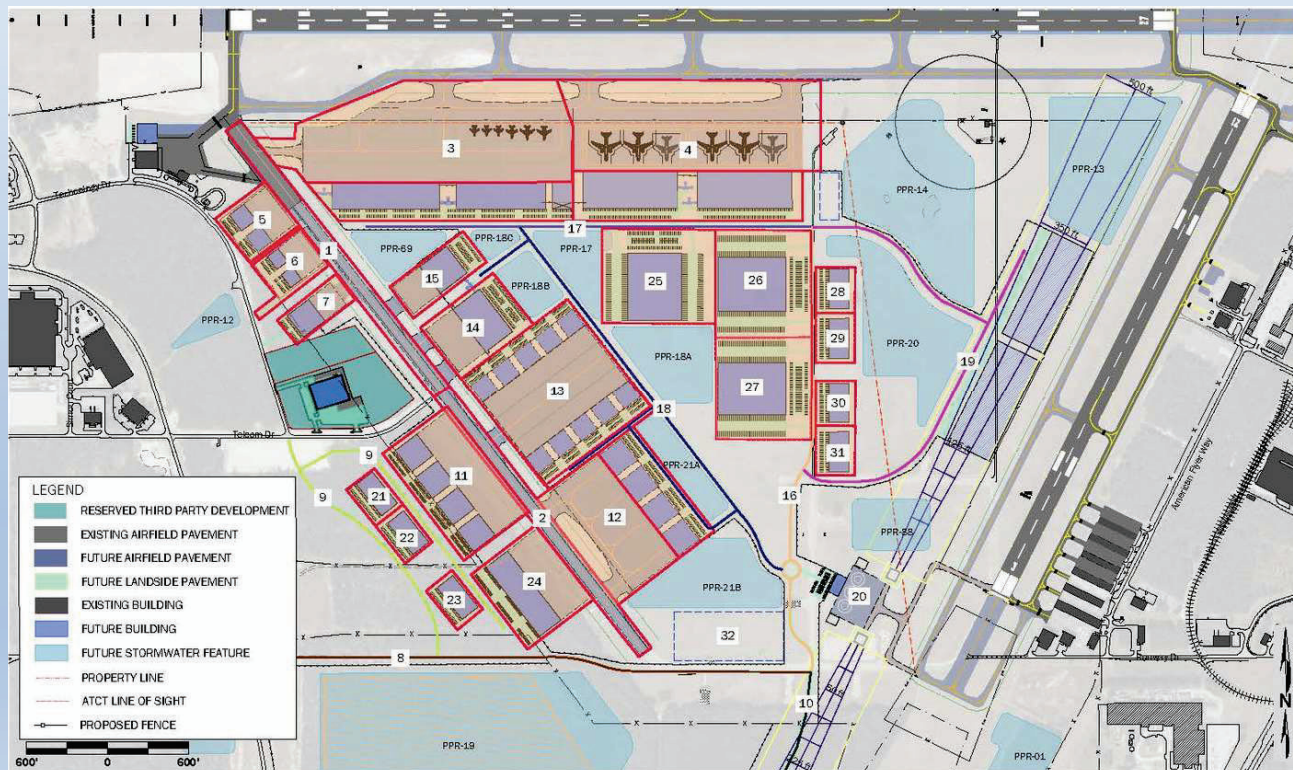
**Use Impact Fees, Gas Tax** as available to build intersection improvements. Not enough funding to widen significant roads.

**Borrow Funds to widen road(s).** Pay Debt service with impact fees. Use Gas tax or Transportation Trust if impact fees are not enough to cover debt service. This might involve reallocating gas tax revenue or increase of transportation trust millage.



# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

## Capital Projects Directly Related to Jobs Creating Economic Growth





Dr. Dennis Wilfong Center for Success



# Economic Development Options

## Revenue Sources

- Grants
- General Fund

## Options

**Infrastructure for properties to be ready for commercial expansion.** Fund with Grants as available, with match for grant from General Fund.

**Space Hub Business Incubator** – BOCC funded feasibility / program study (\$100,000) for Incubator. Complete feasibility study and apply for grants to build with match from General Fund.


**PILOF / PILOT-** Invest revenue from utilities department in Economic Development to create more opportunities for job growth. Investment from Utilities will create more customers for the Utility Department, and reduce the percentage of taxes paid from residential properties

**Community Investment MSTU** – Reinvest portion of additional revenue as county grows to create Commercial development opportunities. This will lessen the burden on residential properties long term and create opportunities for higher wages in County.



# Law Enforcement

## Future Capital Projects

- Public Safety Training Center
  - Sheriff Operations Center Expansion
  - Jail Complex Upgrades
    - Medical / Mental Health Facility Expansion
    - Youthful Offender Unit
    - Maintenance Building and Warehouse
    - Jail Renovation
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# Law Enforcement Options

## Revenue Sources

- Grants
- General Fund

## Options

**Driving Pad and Shooting Range:** Currently in design at Public Safety Training Center phase 1. Applying for legislative appropriation, with match from General Fund.


**Jail Improvements:** Suggest BOCC and staff review master plan, and prioritize first phase of improvements, based on what can be funded. Borrow Funds and pay debt with General Fund as revenue allows.

**Sheriff Office Expansion:** Review in the Capital Improvement Plan for future years budget to fund if revenue allows. Look for available alternative space options to rent or purchase as needs continue to increase.



# Public Safety

## Future Capital Projects

- Fire Logistics Warehouse
  - Future Fire Stations
  - Rebuild of old Fire Stations
  - Animal Shelter Expansion
  - Mosquito Control Building
  - Public Safety Training Center
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# Public Safety Options

## Revenue Sources

- Fire MSBU
- EMS MSTU
- Grants
- General Fund

## Options

**Fire Logistics Warehouse:** purchased with Funding from Fire MSBU / MSTU

**Future Fire Stations:** Fund in EMS MSTU / FIRE MSBU.

**Rebuild of Fire Station 9 and others in the future:** Delay until new stations built. Fund in MSBU/ MSTU

**Public Safety Training Center:** Phase 1 in design. Fund Fire portion in Fire MSBU / MSTU

**Animal Shelter Expansion:** Fund in General Fund. Priority to be completed with Interlocal Agreement with Sheriff Office

**Mosquito Control Building:** Delay project. Look for grant to be matched by general fund

# Alternate Funding Options



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- 2026 Referendum
- PILOF/PILOT
- Community Investment MSTU

## Community Investment MSTU

- MSTU suggested to be created with same restrictions as Local Government Infrastructure Surtax (F.S. 212.055(2)).
- MSTU would only fund: procurement , acquisition, planning, design, and construction of infrastructure projects selected by BOCC.
- MSTU funds would not be allowed to be used to fund operational expenses of infrastructure (personnel and utility costs).
- Community Investment MSTU is unable to fund all the needed projects but would be able to allow funding of priority projects without increasing overall tax rates.
- Need to be created before January 1, 2026, to be on the November 2026 Tax Notice if unincorporated area only. If includes entire county, must be completed by July 1, 2025.

## Community Investment MSTU

- As millage is reduced due to growth in the county, (County has reduced millage past 5 years), a portion of the excess revenue can be invested in the County to maintain and improve the quality of life.
- Funding of government services will be more transparent with separate millage for capital projects.
- Millage would be adjusted annually based on the debt service needed for the BOCC approved needed projects.



## Community Investment MSTU

Fiscal Year	valuation	GF millage	Reduction in millage	Annual Investment amount possible
2020	\$9,177,516,831	7.8912	-	
2021	\$9,974,192,003	7.6412	0.25	\$2,493,548.00
2022	\$10,754,376,118	7.4412	0.2	\$2,150,875.22
2023	\$12,778,647,818	6.9912	0.45	\$5,750,391.52
2024	\$14,856,133,930	6.6997	0.2915	\$4,330,563.04
2025	\$16,420,404,258	6.4497	0.25	\$4,105,101.06

As valuation in the County continues to increase, future Boards determine annually how much of millage reduction is re-invested in county infrastructure.

# Community Investment MSTU

Example for Fiscal Year 2026.

10% increase in valuation of county. Final Budget results in ability to lower GF millage by 0.25 mills.

	Fiscal Year	Valuation	GF millage	Millage Reduction	Community Investment MSTU	Annual Investment amount possible	Total Millage (GF and MSTU for Community Investment)
Current	2025	\$16,420,404,258	6.4497	0.25	0	\$0.00	6.4497
Next Year	2026	\$18,062,444,684	6.1997	0.1	0.15	\$2,709,366.70	6.3497

\$2.7 Million available from existing revenue to invest in County.