

CENT FOR SEMINOLE

100% to Roads and Schools

YOU HAVE AN IMPORTANT DECISION TO MAKE SEPTEMBER 4TH THAT WILL AFFECT THE QUALITY OF YOUR ROADS AND SCHOOLS FOR THE NEXT TEN YEARS... HERE'S SOME FACTS AND INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROGRAM.

For ten years, Seminole County has had a 7th cent Local Option Sales Tax in place that has funded an aggressive new road program. September 4th there will be a special election to allow you to decide whether to renew the Local Option One Cent Sales Tax.

Below you will find history and information about the Penny Tax program and how it will impact the County roads and schools in the next ten years.

HISTORY

In 1991, the voters of Seminole County approved the Local Option One Cent Sales Tax, which has provided over \$300 million dollars dedicated solely to transportation improvements. The passage of that referendum by the citizens not only avoided possible gridlock on roads such as Tuskawilla Road, Red Bug Lake Road and Lake Mary Boulevard, but also resulted in transportation improvements throughout the County.

ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2001, THE FIRST TEN YEARS OF THIS TAX WILL END AND IT WILL NO LONGER BE COLLECTED. HOWEVER, THE NEED FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO ROADS AND SCHOOLS CONTINUES TO EXIST.

SPECIAL ELECTION SEPTEMBER 4, 2001

On the day after Labor Day, Tuesday, September 4th, the voters of Seminole County will be asked to consider renewing the Local Option One Cent Sales Tax for 10 more years, beginning January 1, 2002. Revenue generated

from this Penny Tax would be used to address the two most important components to our quality of life as identified by a survey of the residents--Transportation and Education. Through a unique partnership between the seven Cities, the County and the School Board, the specific Road and School projects to be funded have been agreed upon, documented and presented for public review. The renewal of the Penny Tax for 10 more years will continue to maintain the high quality of life in Seminole County by funding these projects. Without voter approval to continue the Penny Tax, there will not be dedicated funding for needed road and school improvements.

WHO PAYS THE PENNY TAX

Everyone who purchases taxable goods and services in Seminole County will be contributing to funding Roads and Schools. To a family of four with an income of \$50,000 that would amount to approximately \$127.20 per year. However, the growing number of tourists and visitors who travel through our area and make purchases here will fund about 20% of the total estimated revenues. That will amount to over \$9 million dollars a year.

HOW DO YOU JOIN IN THE VOTE

The September 4th special election will only be held to approve this issue and consider several local city issues. To be eligible to vote, you will need to be registered by August 6, 2001. If you have questions regarding registering to vote, contact the Supervisor of Elections Office at 407-665-7700 or go online at www.semcoelections.org.

FACTS: IF THE ONE CENT SALES TAX HAD NOT BEEN APPROVED IN 1991...

- Lake Mary Blvd.'s level of service would be an "F" today instead of its current "B"
- Red Bug Lake Road's level of service would be an "F" today instead of its current "A"
- Tuskawilla Road would be an "E" today instead of its current "A"

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

A LIST OF PROPOSED PROJECTS WILL BE AVAILABLE ON THE SEMINOLE COUNTY WEBSITE:

WWW.CO.SEMINOLE.FL.US/ONECENT

Or, you may call the information/question line at 407 665-CENT (2368).

The Seminole County Government, the Cities, and the Seminole County School Board have provided this information flyer as a public service.

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PROJECTS FUNDED BY THE RENEWAL OF THE PENNY TAX

It is anticipated that \$534 million dollars in total revenue for roads and schools would be generated from the renewed Local Option One Cent Sales Tax over the next 10 years.

Approximately 20% of that, over \$9 million dollars a year, would come from tourists and visitors purchasing taxable goods and services in our County.

The plan outlined below was created by unanimous agreement between the seven Cities, the County and the School Board.

25%

for Schools

The addition of the 25% to other current funding will allow the School District to:

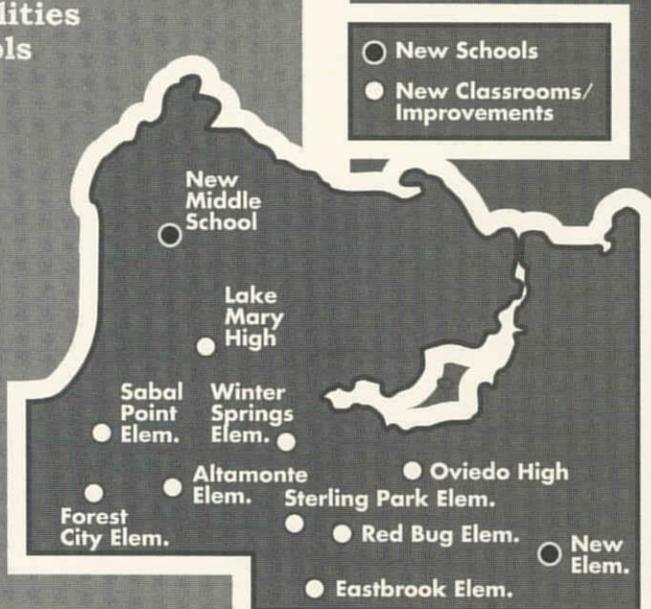
- Construct over 400 additional classrooms
- Upgrade and retrofit all of the 30+ year old facilities
- Create technology and activities facilities in High Schools
- Build new schools
- Phase out portable classrooms
- Impact over 30,000 students across the County

75%

for Transportation Projects

The 75% portion will be committed to Road and Transportation needs. This funding will build sidewalks (especially near schools), pedestrian overpasses and other safety projects, as well as needed roadway improvements:

- SR 415
- US 17-92
- SR 434
- SR 436/US 17-92 Intersection
- SR 436/Red Bug Lake Road Intersection
- SR 426
- CR 419
- Dean Road
- 4 Pedestrian overpasses
- 340+ miles of sidewalks
- 30+ other County roadway/safety projects
- 37+ City transportation projects



For more details specifically on Schools, you may also visit www.scps.k12.fl.us/facilities/index.cfm?fuseaction=TaxInfo

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