



Building a Better Pinellas

The Penny improves the day-to-day quality of life for those who live, work, play, and do business in Pinellas County by providing improved roads, bridges and trails, water quality and flood and sewer spill prevention, a safe, secure community, preservation of parks and our environment and other projects that enhance our local area.

Guiding Principles and Strategies for Penny IV Investments

- Using the Penny as a platform for partnership
- Preserve and extend the life of our existing assets, including those constructed using the first 30 years of the Penny
- Investing capital dollars to reduce long term operations and maintenance costs
- Address needs and gaps, especially as identified through the annual citizen survey
- Alignment with the strategic plan
- Public needs unmet by previous Penny
- Consider adaptations related to climate change, including sea level rise, in prioritization and design of projects
- Prioritize and implement projects that demonstrate our commitment to an age friendly community and enable related programming
- Highlight signature projects within a master plan, allowing for changing priorities based on community needs as well as leveraging grant and other revenue opportunities
- Adopt portfolio approach - prioritize projects that accomplish multiple public needs/priorities
- Countywide investments for jail and courts facilities and infrastructure supporting economic development and affordable/workforce housing

Penny IV Projection (2020-2030)

	Allocation	Estimate
Countywide Investments	11.3%	\$225M
Jail & Court Facilities (Annual Renewal & Replacement)	3.0%	\$ 60M
Infrastructure supporting Economic Development and Housing	8.3%	\$165M
Balance Split County/Municipalities	100.0%	\$1.8B
County	51.8%	\$915M
Municipalities	48.2%	\$853M
Total Estimated Revenue		\$2.0B

NOTE: * indicates infrastructure project aligned with countywide economic development capital project.

PENNY FOR PINELLAS 2020-2030 COUNTY CATEGORIES/PROJECTS

Allocation Estimate

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ROADS, BRIDGES & TRAILS 45% \$412M

Major County Roads

Road improvements, sidewalks, bicycle facilities, stormwater and wastewater improvements, intersection improvements for safety and traffic flow on major County roads that connect employment centers, cities and large areas throughout the county.

Starkey Road from East Bay Drive to Flamevine

* 62nd Avenue N. from 34th Street to 49th Street

* Forest Lakes Blvd. from SR580 to SR584

East Lake Road Expansion Tampa Road to Keystone Road

102nd Avenue from 113th Street to 137th Street

Local Roads

Road improvements, sidewalks, bicycle facilities, stormwater and wastewater improvements, intersection improvements for safety and traffic flow on local streets within neighborhoods and connecting neighborhoods to employment centers.

* 126th Avenue from 34th Street to US Highway 19

46th Avenue from 49th Street to 35th Street

* Anclote Road

Gulf Boulevard Improvements

Resurfacing, Restoration and Rehabilitation of Existing Roads

Projects primarily to preserve the existing pavement and perform minor drainage and safety improvements.

Belleair Road from US 19 to Keene Road

Paving of unpaved roads (MSTU Program)

22nd Avenue S. from 58th Street to 34th Street

Increase annual spending to improve conditions on existing roads.

Sidewalk Preservation and Improvement

Projects to install sidewalks where gaps currently exist and rehabilitate existing sidewalks to provide safe routes to neighborhoods, schools, and other locations.

Virginia Avenue from Keene Road to Hercules Avenue

Belcher Road 38th Avenue to 54th Avenue N.

Hercules Avenue from Sunset Point to Sherwood Street

Belleair Road from Fort Harrison to Lake Avenue

Intersection Improvement

Projects to improve the safety and traffic flow at intersections by alleviating bottle necks and enhancing the flow of traffic through the intersection.

Belcher Road/Gulf-to-Bay Blvd.

49th Street/58th Avenue N

Keystone Road/Fire Station

East Lake and Ridgemoor

Bay Pines and 95th Street

Bridge Rehabilitation and Replacement

Improvements to existing County bridges to enhance vehicular and pedestrian access with consideration for climate impacts.

San Martin Boulevard Bridge and Road

Westwinds Drive and Crosswinds Drive bridges

Oakwood Drive Bridge

Beckett Bridge

Dunedin Causeway Bridge

Trails

Improvements to the existing trail system and construction of new trails to extend interconnectivity to and between Fred E. Marquis Pinellas Trail, Duke Energy Trail, Tri-County Trail, and Coast-to-Coast Trail.

Fred E. Marquis Pinellas Trail Loop South Gap from Haines Bayshore to San Martin Bridge

Construction of community trails to enhance the County trail network - Joe's Creek Trail and other trail connections to parks

Resurfacing Fred E. Marquis Pinellas Trail segments due to pavement age and condition and drainage to address pooling water;

Refurbish trail bridges/overpasses

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WATER QUALITY, FLOOD AND SEWER SPILL PREVENTION	20%	\$183M
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Stormwater/Sanitary Sewer System Projects - Reduce Sanitary Sewer Overflows

Stormwater Projects to reduce the impacts of surface water inflow into the sanitary sewer system that causes sewer spills.

Specific projects being developed by Stormwater/Wastewater Task Force which include: Providing storage areas for stormwater that accumulates over the sewer system, conveying the stormwater away from the sewer system, and preventing stormwater from entering the sewer system.

Regional Stormwater Systems

- * In partnership with cities, develop regional stormwater facilities to reduce flooding and inflow into the sewer system, improve the quality of the water discharging into our Bays, lakes, and the Gulf, remove properties from the floodplain, and provide for economic development opportunities. Types of projects include neighborhood stormwater parks, converting paved areas to green infrastructure, and floodplain compensation areas.

Water Quality

Countywide water quality improvements to ensure our Bays, lakes, and the Gulf meet state standards to be fishable and swimmable, ranging from improvements to existing county stormwater treatment facilities to development of new storage areas to treat stormwater prior to discharging.

- * Joe's Creek Water Quality Improvements
 - Alligator Creek Water Quality Improvements
 - Roosevelt Creek Pond Improvements
- * Improving existing County-Owned Ponds to Improve Treatment Capacity
 - Long Branch Regional Stormwater Retention Facility and Channel Restoration
 - Spring Branch Floodplain Preservation and Habitat Improvement Area

Flood Prevention

Countywide flood control projects to reduce neighborhood flooding and replace aging pipes, structures, ditches and ponds. These projects range from addressing flooding by diverting the stormwater to storage areas to increasing the size of existing stormwater conveyance systems in an effort to move the stormwater out of major flooding areas.

- McKay Creek Watershed-wide Flood Reduction Projects
 - Starkey Channel 8 Drainage Improvements through Green Meadows and Twin Oaks
- * Pinebrook Canal / Cross Bayou Stormwater Management Improvements
 - Crystal Beach Comprehensive Drainage Improvements
 - Neighborhood Flood Reduction
 - Indian Rocks Road Drainage Improvements in Harbor Bluffs
 - Cherokee Drive (48th Ave. N.) Drainage Improvements Project
 - Brooker Creek Channel Improvements
 - Chenango Road and Sedeeva Drive
 - Ozona Area Drainage Improvements (Lagoon Drive, Tampa Road, Ridge Road, Lemon Street, Bay Street)
 - Wexford Leas Roadway
 - Cross Bayou Estates
 - Lealman Area
 - Road Flood Reduction
 - Florida Avenue (Tarpon Springs) Drainage Improvements
 - Drainage improvements along 62nd Street North and side streets

Erosion Control

Countywide creek and channel stabilization projects to protect properties from erosion. Projects range from minor creek bank stabilization to major reconstruction of channel sections.

- * Joe's Creek Channel Erosion Control
 - Curlew Creek Channel Improvements
 - Stevensons Creek Channel Reconstruction
 - Lower Bee Branch Channel Restoration and Flood Reduction

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SAFE, SECURE COMMUNITY	10%	\$91M
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Emergency Evacuation Shelters

Increasing countywide capacity for emergency shelters, including design or hardening of existing buildings, to house residents and visitors, special needs population and pets when mandatory evacuations become a lifesaving necessity due to storm surge hazards.

Emergency Communication Radio Towers

Replacing or improving radio towers countywide to ensure reliable communication among our public safety agencies, including more than 80 agencies and 10,000 system users, to maintain a resilient, redundant and interoperable radio network.

Public Safety Vehicles, Equipment & Facilities

Vehicles, facilities and vessels to support local law enforcement agencies, specifically the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office, in patrols of land, air and water, ensuring our residents and visitors remain safe.

Fire and EMS facilities, vehicles, vessels and other equipment to support personnel and maintain fast emergency response standards throughout our dependent, independent and municipal agency partners. This includes countywide teams dedicated to water rescue, technical rescue, and hazardous material spill response.

Animal Services Facility

The County facility for sheltering found pets and providing veterinarian and adoption services requires updating and expansion of service capabilities to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of the public and their pets.

PRESERVING PARKS & OUR ENVIRONMENT	7%	\$64M
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Renovation and replacement of such park structures as shelters, bathrooms, boardwalks, playgrounds, observation towers, boat ramps, docks, and sea walls

Replace aging utility infrastructure within parks and preserves to prevent sewer spills

Replace aging utility infrastructure including lift stations, water/sewer lines, fire hydrants, pump stations, and electrical supply lines to ensure safe and sanitary operation of park facilities and prevent sewer spills at various regional parks including Fort De Soto, Fred Howard, A.L. Anderson, Philippe, War Veterans, and Lake Seminole.

Paving of park roads and parking lots and replacing sidewalks

Paving of park roads, parking lots, and sidewalk replacement at regional parks and preserves including: Fort De Soto, A.L. Anderson, John Chesnut, Boca Ciega, War Veterans, Weedon Island and Sand Key.

Wall Springs Park Expansion

Create public access to north and central tracts of Wall Springs Park including trails, boardwalks, shelters, canoe/kayak launch, primitive camping, and interpretive signage.

Environmental Land Acquisition (target acquisition of 250 acres)

Taylor Homestead

Renovation and refurbishment of historic Taylor homestead to allow public use and education.

Ft. De Soto Visitor Center

Heritage Village

Visitor Center with archives/artifacts/document storage

Turner Bungalow renovation

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COMMUNITY VITALITY	18%	\$165M
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Community Centers, Libraries, Recreational Facilities

- East Lake Community Library Phase II Expansion
- Palm Harbor Recreation Center
- Lealman Community Recreational Center
- Tierra Verde Community Center
- Unincorporated Seminole Recreation Facilities
- High Point Recreation Facilities (in coordination with City of Largo)
- Partner Facilities Capital Projects - Capital Improvements to County-owned facilities operated by community partners. Examples include Palm Harbor Library, Ridgecrest YMCA, and Seminole Youth Sports fields.

Government Customer Service Facilities

- County Customer Service Centers - Build new, renovate existing or purchase customer service centers located in north, middle and south County locations to provide convenient, one-stop government transactional experiences for our residents, visitors, and businesses.
- Renewal and Replacement - Preserving/Extending Life of Facilities
- Audiovisual Technology Upgrades for improved citizen access to public meetings
- Technology Infrastructure

Community Projects

- * Lealman CRA / Innovation District - Complete Streets 54th Avenue Project
- * Community Redevelopment Stormwater Management (Joe's Creek Industrial Area)
- Palm Harbor Master Plan Projects
- Target Area Recreation

Housing (Countywide Investment)

- Land assembly for affordable housing via partners including Housing Finance Authority
- * Mixed use projects featuring workforce housing (suitable for families earning up to 120% of median income)
- * Partnerships to develop transitional housing for residents displaced from uninhabitable conditions and/or redevelopment projects.

Infrastructure supporting Economic Development (Countywide Investment)

Capital investment in approved and improved sites suitable for attracting and retaining businesses, both large and small, that retain and create jobs. Desired outcome is sites ready for employers to build to suit such that time to construction is minimized.

Includes programs to:

- Assemble land.
- Manage environmental testing and remediation.
- Demolition of aging and obsolete structures.
- Onsite and offsite infrastructure improvements (including storm water retention, sufficient fill to raise buildings above flood zones, access roads, water, sewer, power, gas, and potentially parking).
- Regulatory assistance.