

**PALM BEACH COUNTY
INFRASTRUCTURE SALES TAX TYPE 3 TRANSFER**

PROJECT:	North County District Park New Park Development	CATEGORY:	New Park Development
PROJECT NO.:	T199	DISTRICT NO.:	1
CONSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT:	Facilities Development & Operations	DEPT. TRANSFER #:	20-05
OPERATING DEPARTMENT:	Parks & Recreation		

A Type 3 Transfer authorizes a transfer to and from the IST Program Reserves and the inclusion of new projects to the Project Plan.

Summary of Transfer Details:

The North County District Park, New Park Development Project, is scheduled for \$5M in IST funding in FY 2027 as part of the 2016 Board approved IST Project Plan. After the original project plan was approved, the County entered into a Lease Agreement (R2018-0123) with the City of Palm Beach Gardens to construct and maintain the park property. As a result, IST funding is no longer needed for this project. However, \$5M in funding is needed for the planned Riverbend/Loxahatchee River Battlefield Park Interpretive Center located in Jupiter. The Riverbend/Loxahatchee River Battlefield Park Interpretive Center was on a list of projects during development of the IST Project Plan, but was later replaced and the funding reallocated to the North County District Park as the request of the District Commissioner prior to Board approval. At the time, it was not known that the City of Palm Beach Gardens would be leasing the property, funding its improvements and assuming responsibility for construction, operation and maintenance. As a result, the Parks & Recreation Department, at the direction of the current District Commissioner, proposes to redirect the project funds in their entirety to the Riverbend/Loxahatchee River Battlefield Park Interpretive Center in 2027 as previously intended.

This Type 3 transfer will: (check all that apply)
 Authorizes Transfer of Future Project Funds to New Project

FINANCIAL

Approved Project Budget for North County District Park	\$5,000,000
Amount to be Transferred to Riverbend/Loxahatchee River Battlefield Park	(\$5,000,000)
Project Budget for North County District Park after this Transfer:	\$0
Project Budget for Riverbend Interpretive Center (T200) after this Transfer:	\$5,000,000
Departmental Reserve before this Transfer:	\$128,360
Departmental Reserve after this Transfer:	\$128,360

SCHEDULE

Name of Approved Project:	North County District Park New Park Development
Approved Project Funding Year:	2027
Funding Year After this Transfer:	N/A
Name of NEW Project:	Riverbend/Loxahatchee River Battlefield Park Interpretive Center
Approved Project Funding Year:	N/A
Funding Year After this Transfer:	2027

PALM BEACH COUNTY
 Requested by Operating Dept.:
 By: *[Signature]*
 Title: Asst. Director, Parks & Recreation
 Date: 5/14/2020

Recommended by Jacobs Project Management:
 By: *[Signature]*
 Title: Project Manager
 Date: 5/19/2020

Recommended by OFMB:
 By: *[Signature]*
 Title: Asst. Finance Budget Director
 Date: 6/4/2020

PALM BEACH COUNTY
 Requested by Construction Dept.:
 By: *[Signature]*
 Title: Dir. F&O
 Date: 5/16/20

Recommended by Legal:
 By: *[Signature]*
 Title: Legal Supervisory, CAO
 Date: 6/3/2020

Recommended by IST Oversight Committee:
 By: *[Signature]*
 Title: Vice Chair
 Date: 6/4/20

Recommended by Administration:
 By: *[Signature]*
 Title: Assistant County Administrator
 Date: 6/4/2020

PALM BEACH COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

MB/MCB 7-0

Meeting Date: July 7, 2020

Consent Regular
 Ordinance Public Hearing

Department: Parks and Recreation

A P P R O V E D

Submitted By: Parks and Recreation Department

BY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
AT MEETING OF JUL 07 2020

Submitted For: Parks and Recreation Department

[Signature] D.C.
MINUTES & RECORDS SECTION

I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF

Motion and Title: Staff recommends motion to approve: an amendment to the Infrastructure Surtax (IST) Project Plan approved by the Board of County Commissioners on April 4, 2017 reallocating \$5 million to the Riverbend/Loxahatchee River Battlefield Park Interpretive Center.

Summary: In early 2016, staff submitted a final list of Infrastructure Sales Tax (IST) projects to the BCC for approval. Included on that list was the Riverbend /Loxahatchee River Battlefield Park Interpretive Center funded at \$5 million. On February 9, 2016, Commissioner Valeche requested that the \$5 million be reallocated to the North County District Park project indicating it was a higher priority within District 1. On March 16, 2016, the BCC approved the final list of IST projects, which included \$5 million for the North County District Park and would become available in 2027. Following the passage of the IST referendum in November 2016, the City of Palm Beach Gardens offered to construct and operate the North County District Park site in exchange for a long term lease of the 82 acre property. The lease was executed and the City of Palm Beach Gardens completed the first phase of the park in 2019. A contract was entered into with a not for profit organization to complete the construction of a multi-purpose indoor facility for phase two. City of Palm Beach Gardens officials have indicated that they have no expectation of utilizing the \$5 million appropriated to the North County District Park project. As a result, Commissioner Valeche recommended to the Board that the \$5 million be redirected to the Riverbend/Loxahatchee River Battlefield Park Interpretive Center as originally intended. This reallocation was unanimously approved by the Sales Tax Oversight Committee at their May 21, 2020 meeting. **This project is funded through the infrastructure sales tax. District 1 (AH)**

Background and Justification: On November 8, 2016, the voters of Palm Beach County approved a one-penny IST for collections beginning January 1, 2017, and continuing for the sooner of 10 years or \$2.7 billion in proceeds before September 1 of any year. Also included was the creation of an oversight committee to audit spending for compliance with approved projects. The proceeds from the IST finance the renewal and replacement of existing capital investments including roadway surfaces, bridges, drainage improvements, canals, park amenities, and government buildings, all of which were deferred during the last recession and remain outstanding, and projects to maintain levels of service. A detailed project list, Infrastructure Surtax Project Plan, with associated budget was prepared for the projects that are the subject of this item and approved by the Board on April 4, 2017.

The Riverbend/Loxahatchee River Battlefield Park Interpretive Center was on a list of projects during development of the IST Project Plan, but the funding was later reallocated to the North County District Park at the request of the District Commissioner. At the time, it was not known that the City of Palm Beach Gardens would be leasing the property from the County and subsequently constructing and operating the park.. As a result, the Parks & Recreation Department proposes to reallocate the project funds in their entirety to the Riverbend/Loxahatchee River Battlefield Park Interpretive Center in 2027 as previously intended.

The proposed amendment and budget transfer will have no net effect on the total IST Program budget.

Recommended by: *Eric Cole*
Department Director

6-10-20
Date

Approved by: *Miller*
Assistant County Administrator

6/16/2020
Date

