



# BETTER ROADS, MORE SIDEWALKS, AND CLEANER RIVERS.

VOTERS WILL BE ASKED  
TO DECIDE A HALF-CENT SALES TAX IN NOVEMBER



The half-cent increase would help improve roads, build more sidewalks and support water quality projects in unincorporated St. Lucie County, Port St. Lucie, Fort Pierce and St. Lucie Village. The increase will expire in 10 years.

## EVERY DOLLAR STAYS HERE

**About \$18.6 million will be raised annually** and every dollar will be used for projects in St. Lucie County, Port St. Lucie, Fort Pierce and St. Lucie Village.

## VISITORS WILL CONTRIBUTE

### 15 to 20%

That means everyone who uses our roads, sidewalks and rivers will help pay for them, **not just** residents and property owners. If these improvements were paid through property taxes, only local property owners would carry the burden.

## IT WON'T APPLY TO ALL PURCHASES

The half-cent sales tax will not apply to purchases of gas, groceries, or medicine. For automobile or boat purchases, the tax would only be applied to the first \$5,000 of the purchase.

## FOUR LAYERS OF PROTECTION

There will be local citizen oversight committee to ensure the money is spent as approved. On top of that, there are 4 layers of protection:

- The money can only be used for roads, sidewalks and water quality projects under the law.
- Local ordinances will clearly define where the money will go.
- Locally elected officials, not state and federal, will be making these decisions.
- Ultimately, a citizen oversight committee will ensure the spending is as approved.

