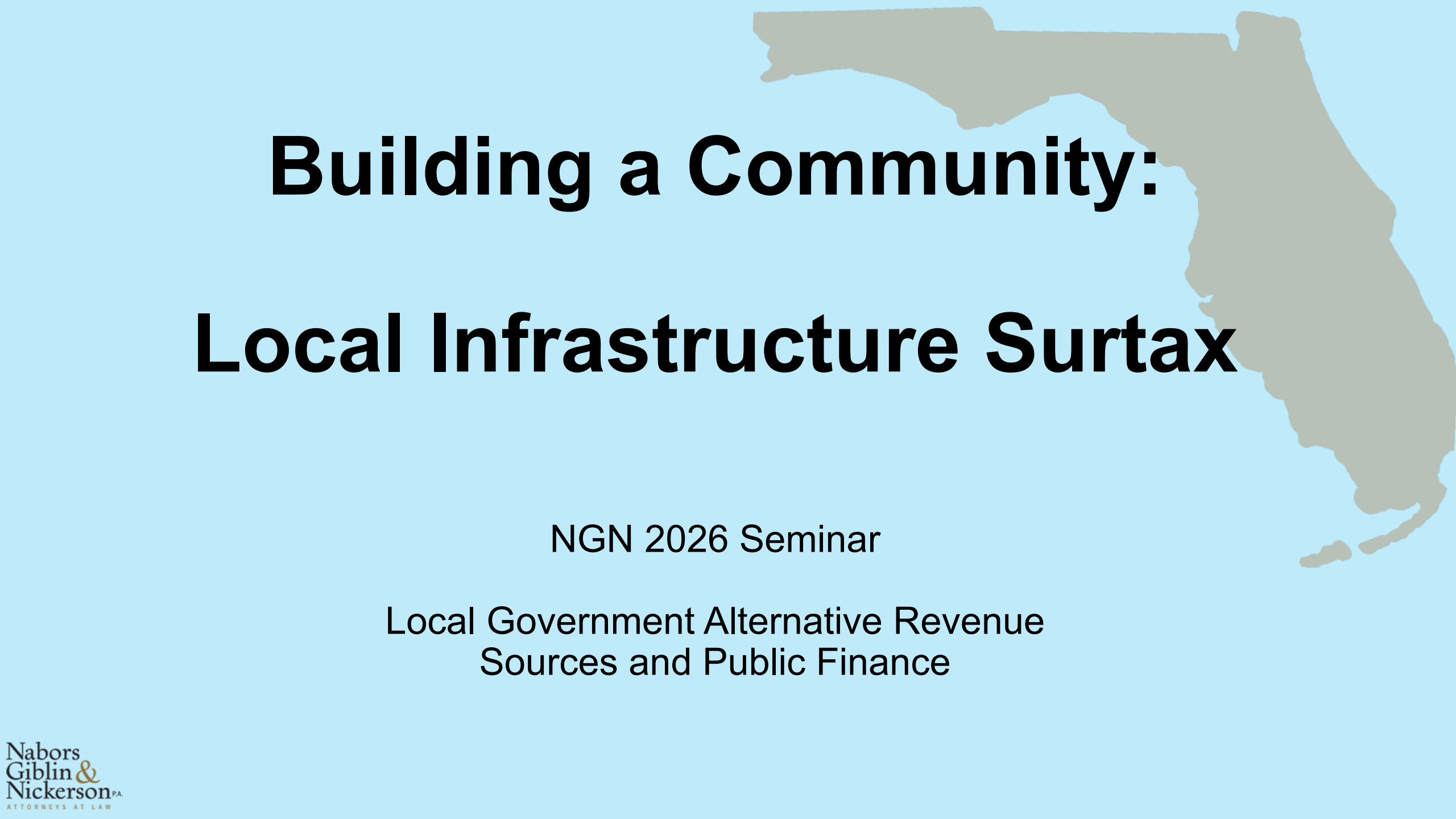




Building a Community: Local Infrastructure Surtax

NGN 2026 Seminar

Local Government Alternative Revenue
Sources and Public Finance

What is the Local Government Infrastructure Surtax?

- A voter-approved local option sales tax of 0.5% or 1.0% added to the state's 6% sales and use tax.
- Funds local capital improvements such as:
 - Roads
 - Public Safety Facilities & Equipment
 - Parks
 - Stormwater infrastructure
 - Land acquisition

Statutory Restrictions

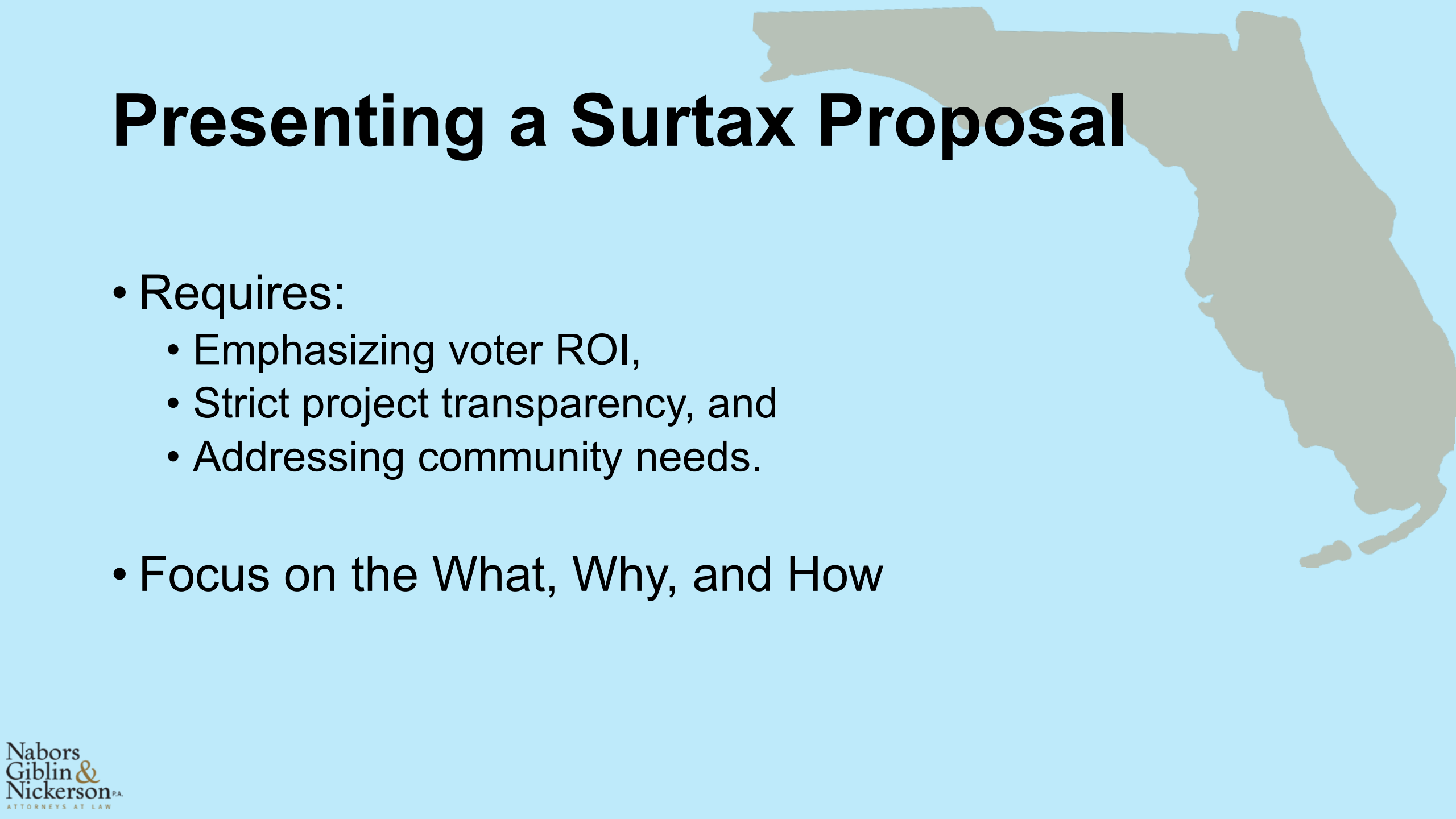
- Must only be used for fixed capital expenditures with a life expectancy of 5 or more years.
- Cannot be used for routine operational expenses of the built infrastructure.
- Are collected by the state and distributed locally between the county and municipalities based on interlocal agreement or statutory formulas.

Key Benefits

- Tourist Contribution
- Dedicated Funding for Capital Needs
- Grant Leveraging
- Shared Regional Growth
- Voter Control



Presenting a Surtax Proposal

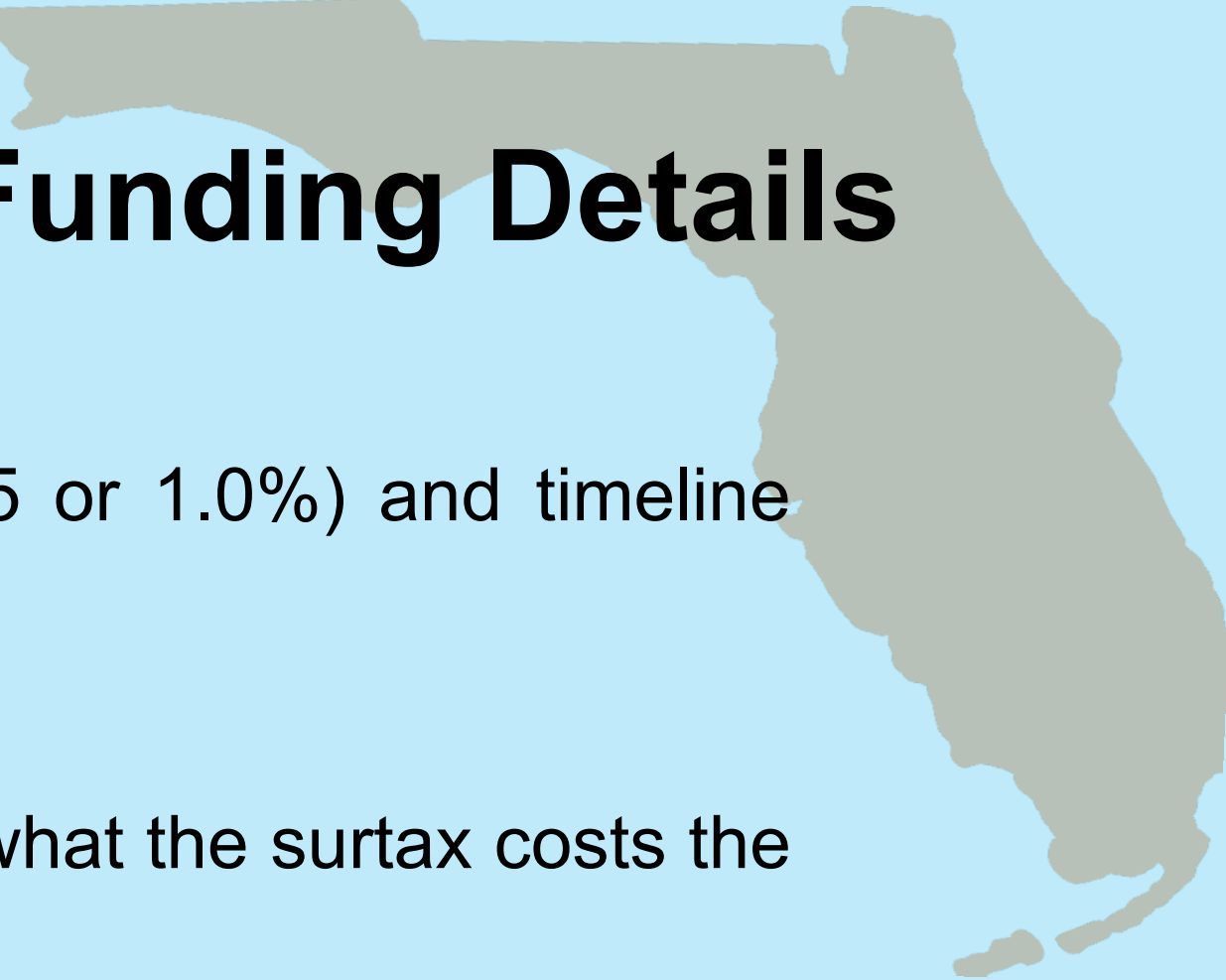


- Requires:
 - Emphasizing voter ROI,
 - Strict project transparency, and
 - Addressing community needs.
- Focus on the What, Why, and How

Introduction and the “Why”

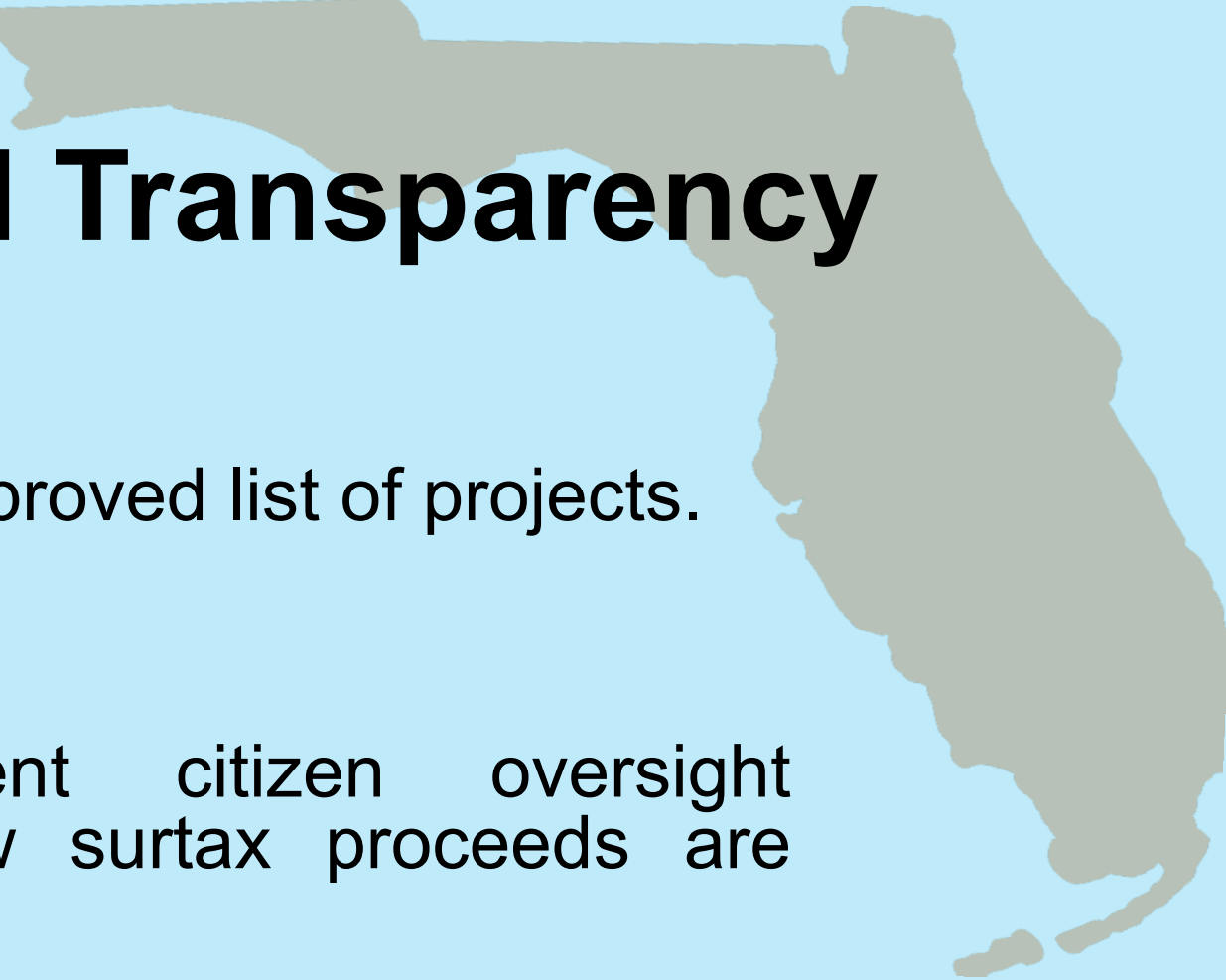
- Define the Problem
 - Aging Facilities
 - Infrastructure Backlogs
 - Growing Pains
- The Funding Gap
 - Existing revenues are insufficient
 - Use of visual aids on deferred maintenance backlogs
- Who Pays
 - Captures revenues from visitors and commuters

The Solution and Funding Details



- The Ask
 - Propose a specific rate (0.5 or 1.0%) and timeline (10 or 15 years)
- Example of Impact
 - Provide exact figures as to what the surtax costs the average household per year
- Revenue Allocation
 - State how money is split (x% for stormwater, y% for conservation).

Accountability and Transparency



- Project List
 - Present a specific, ballot-approved list of projects.
- Oversight Committee
 - Establish an independent citizen oversight committee to monitor how surtax proceeds are spent.
- Sunset Clause
 - Remind voters that the surtax sunsets on a specific date.

VOTER-APPROVED INFRASTRUCTURE SURTAX

**SURTAX MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 28, 2026**

10 A.M.

CRESTVIEW
COURTHOUSE



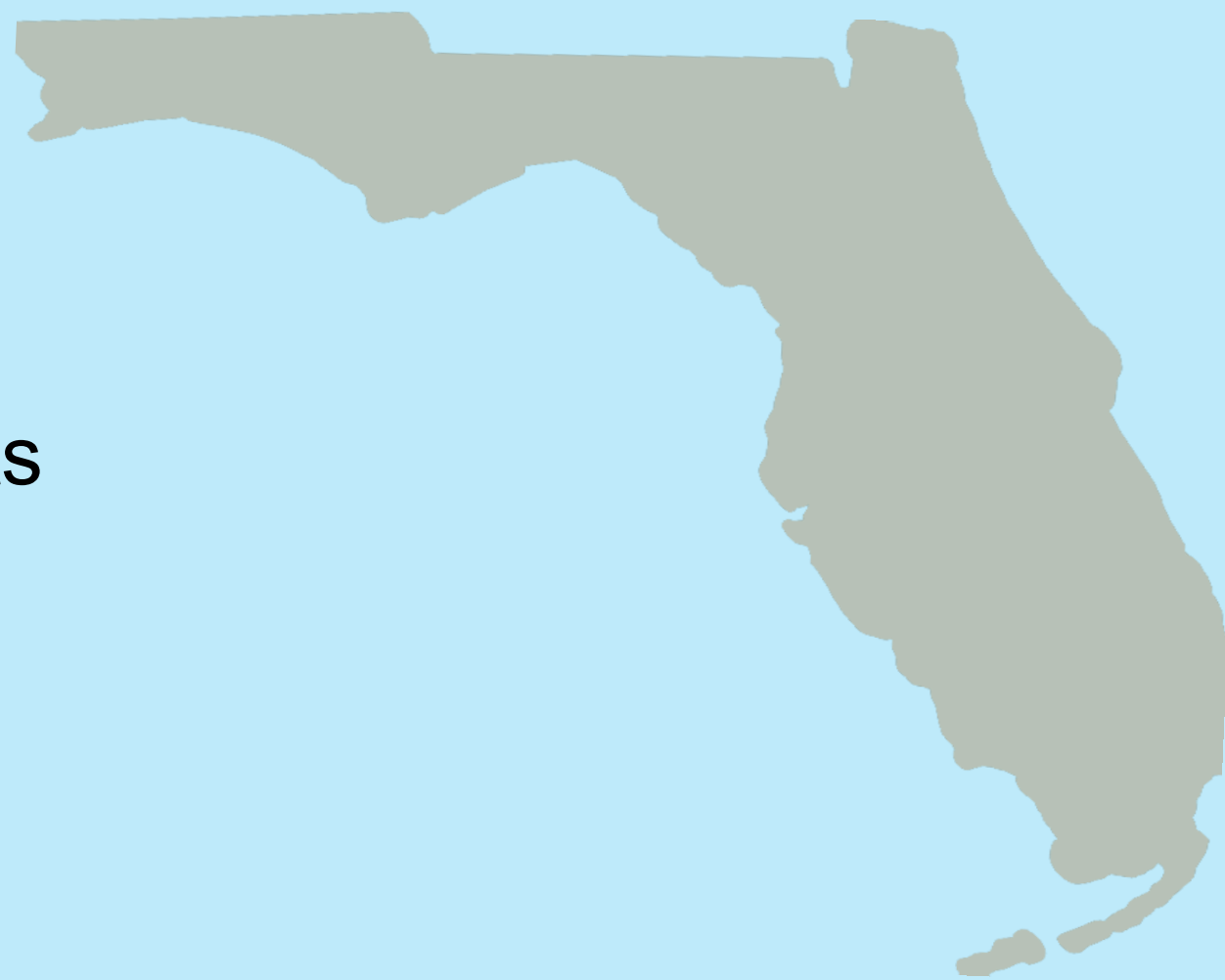
**INFRASTRUCTURE SURTAX
ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING**

MYOKALOOSA.COM



Ballot-Box Rules

- Ballot language requirements
- The 60-day Audit Rule
- General Election Timing



Surtax Public Campaign



DO'S	DON'TS
Stick to the facts	Use "Vote For" or "Support"
Show project list	Use public equipment for political gain
Explain the alternative	Create biased materials
Remain neutral	Pressure employees
Work off-the-clock	

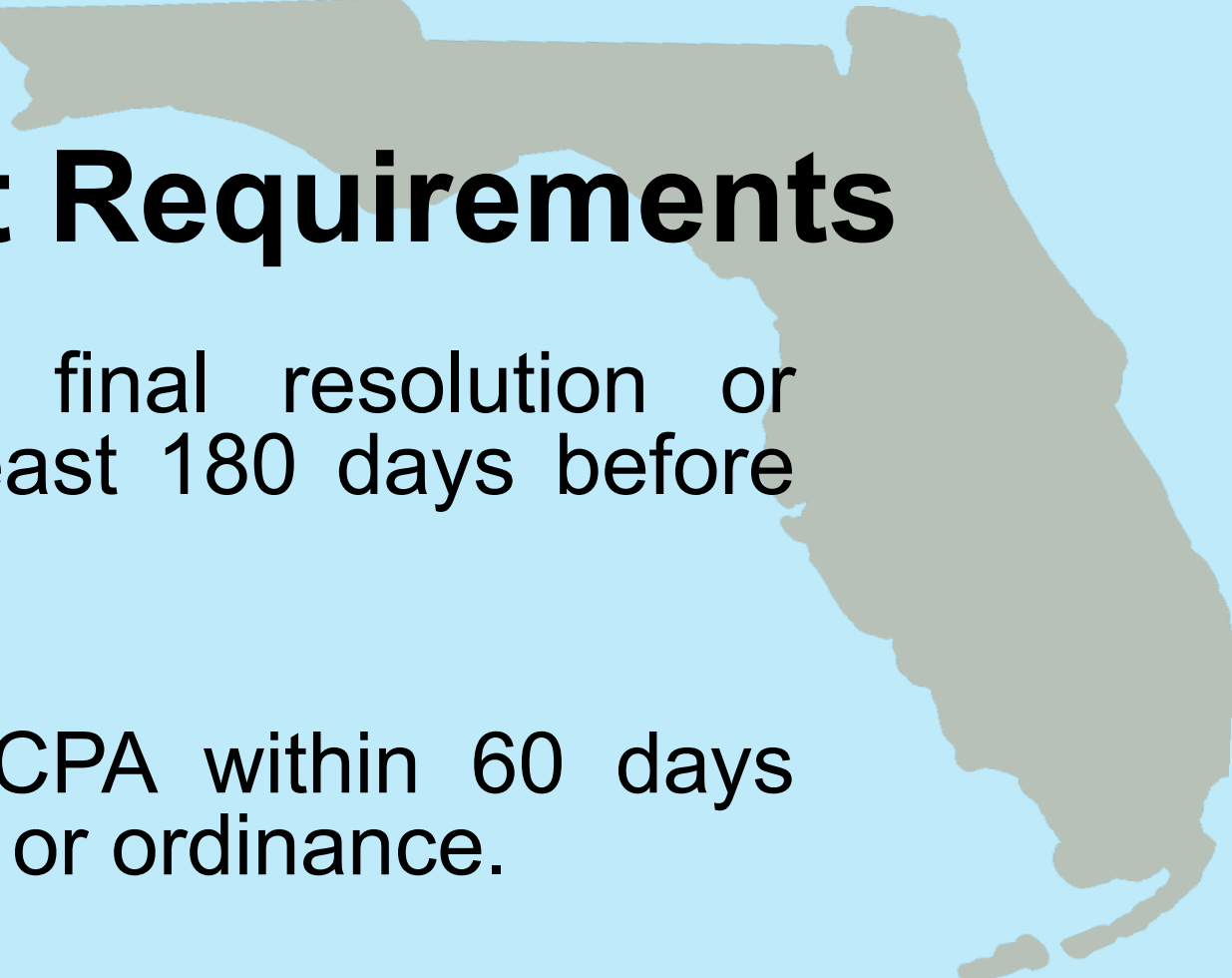
Surtax Private Campaign



DO'S	DON'TS
Form a legal entity	Co-mingle funds
Lead with the "Why"	Overpromise
Highlight out-of-town tax share	Ignore compliance
Keep it simple	



Performance Audit Requirements



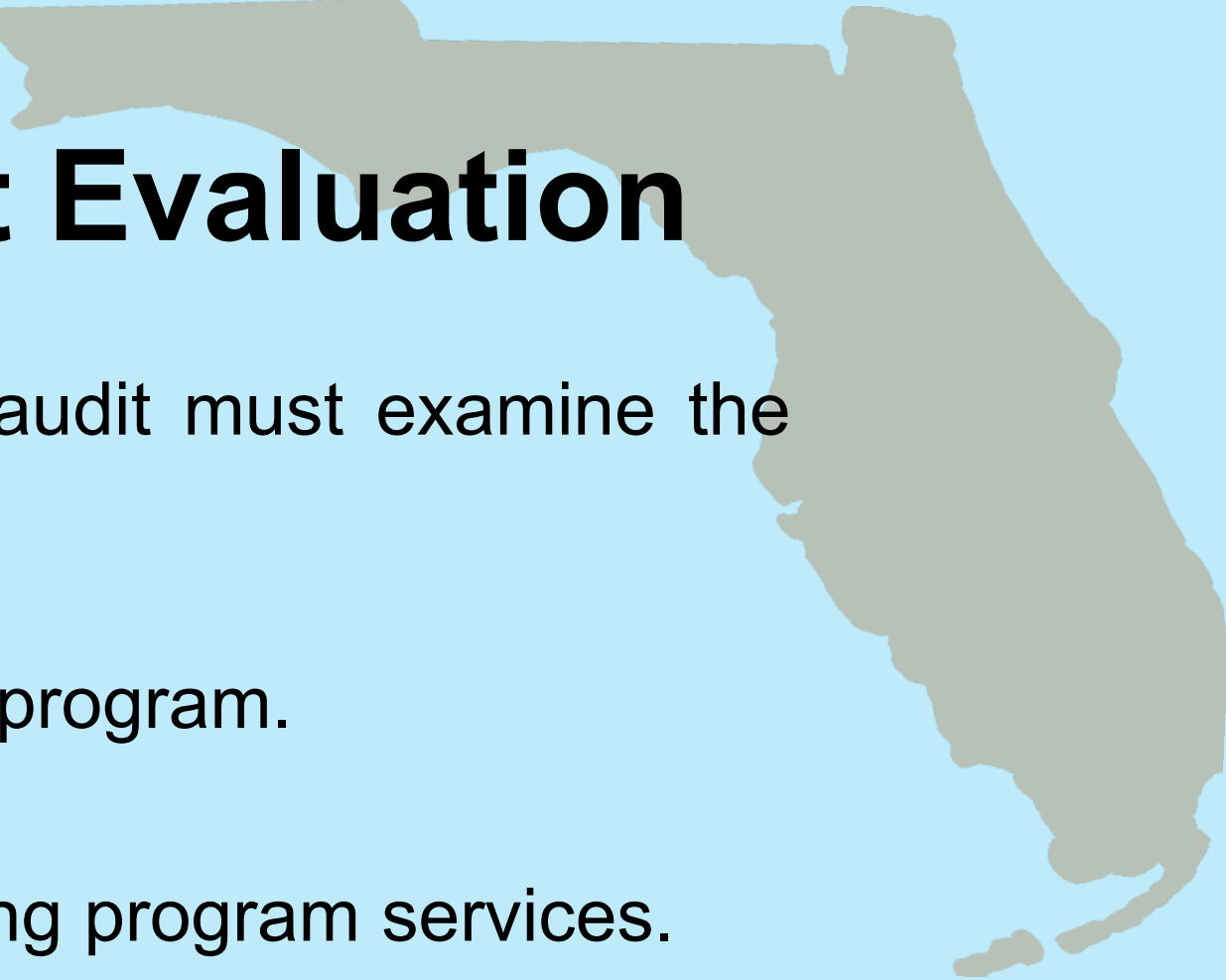
- County must provide the final resolution or ordinance to OPPAGA at least 180 days before the referendum is held.
- OPPAGA must procure a CPA within 60 days after receiving the resolution or ordinance.
- Performance audit must be completed and posted on the County's website at least 60 days before the referendum is held and remain posted for 2 years.

Key Components of a Performance Audit



- Statutory Compliance
- Performance Evaluation
- Financial Integrity
- Corrective Action

Performance Audit Evaluation



At a minimum, the performance audit must examine the following areas:

1. Economy and efficiency of the program.
2. Organizational structure.
3. Alternative methods of delivering program services.
4. Goals, objectives, and performance measures.
5. Accuracy of public information.
6. Compliance with applicable policies, rules, and laws.

Performance Audit Process

- Notification & Planning
- Testing Controls & Compliance
- Reviewing Expenditures
- Reporting Findings

CURRENTLY IN 2026

- Surtax has **raised more** than \$136 million.
- Those funds were leveraged using matching grants for a total of \$279 million. (Triumph Gulf Coast, multiple FDOT grants)
- About $\frac{1}{3}$ of surtax **revenue comes from tourists.**





SURTAX SUCCESS



IMPROVED INFRASTRUCTURE



VOTER APPROVED

QUESTIONS