

10-Year Infrastructure Plan Fact Sheet

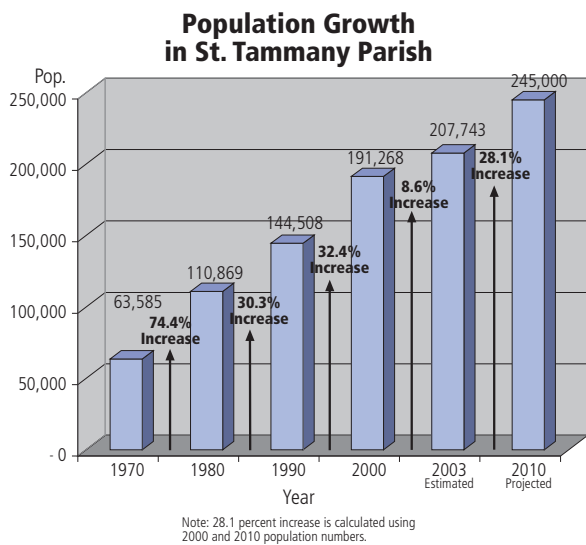
What is an Infrastructure Plan?

An infrastructure plan is a strategy for improving fundamental services in the unincorporated areas of the parish. This is a 10-year plan with four components:

1. Transportation improvements and road maintenance
2. Wastewater treatment master plan and implementation
3. Drainage improvements and maintenance
4. Quality of life improvements

Why do we need this plan?

The parish's growth puts great demands on everything from our roads to our schools and from sewage to drainage. St. Tammany's population has more than tripled since 1970. Our population has exceeded 30 percent in the past two decades. This rate is expected to continue through 2010 with a projected population of 245,000.



Who came up with this plan, and who is responsible for implementing it?

This plan was created and will be implemented by St. Tammany Parish President Kevin Davis and the St. Tammany Parish Council. It supports New Directions 2025, a group of St. Tammany's own community and business leaders who helped develop a comprehensive plan for growth and development in St. Tammany Parish.

My road was just paved. Why do we need road maintenance and improvements?

Just as mowing your lawn, washing your clothes or cleaning your house is an ongoing process, the parish must continue to maintain and increase its current level of road maintenance as well as improve local roads. The parish's number one, annual priority is to continue to overlay, upgrade, and reconstruct 1,411 miles of local roads. At a cost of \$609,000 to pave one mile of new two-lane asphalt road, road construction, paving and maintenance represent about 42 percent of the parish's annual budget.

Likewise, our major arteries, like Highways 190, 59, 21, 11, Airport Road, Gause and Fremaux, are already clogged. Our goal is to construct new and better feeder roads to connect these local roads, which includes new service roads, widening and extending existing roads, and improving interchanges. By doing so, St. Tammany's residents can more easily traverse the parish.

Why do we need a wastewater treatment master plan?

Right now, even though individuals and businesses without central wastewater treatment services use on-site sewage treatment plants, those individual plants discharge directly into our ditches. From there, sewage drains into our bayous and rivers and eventually drains into Lake Pontchartrain. As a result, we are polluting the parish's waterways. Beginning in 2008, the Environmental Protection Agency and the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality will begin to enforce stricter sewage discharge standards, causing on-site systems in urbanized areas to be considered "unauthorized discharges."

To meet these new requirements, stay compliant with state and federal regulators, and avoid incurring fines, we must plan now to fund the construction of five regional wastewater treatment plants that will lessen pollution.

Why do we need to improve drainage?

Continued growth changes the lay of the land. Trees are removed and replaced with structures. Areas that were

once flood-free now flood. Nearly 7,300 flood claims have been reported in 12 key areas throughout St. Tammany.

To thwart flooding, we need to build new detention ponds, improve existing ponds and improve existing channels. These regional drainage projects will help protect families and property from devastating flood waters.

How do roads, wastewater treatment and drainage, improve my quality of life?

Whether you live in north or south or east or west St. Tammany, we sustain or improve your quality of life by:

- reducing traffic congestion,
- making traveling throughout St. Tammany easier and quicker,
- aiding economic development efforts that bring jobs to St. Tammany,
- reducing flooding to protect lives and property; and
- reducing pollution to make our bayous safe in which to swim, fish and enjoy their beauty.

But that’s not all. The parish has and will continue to seek out other ways to:

- protect life and property,
- respond to the needs of its citizens,
- invest in our culture, recreation and tourism; and
- support business development.

Examples of these projects include the one-of-a-kind Maritime Training Institute, expansion of the St. Tammany Regional Airport, Tammany Trace Amphitheater, Lake Road Environmental Interpretive Trail and St. Tammany Parish Arts Center.

My big question is how much will this plan cost, and how are we going to pay for it?

Each year, the parish will prioritize projects within each component. The estimated cost for each component is:

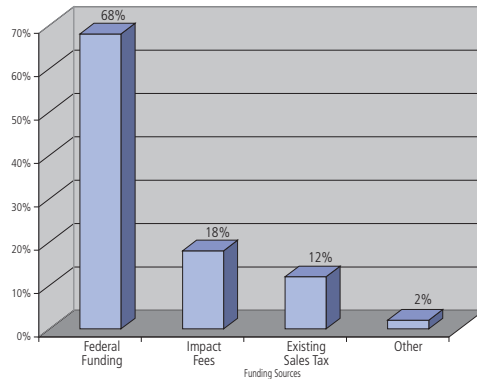
- Sewage = \$25 million/year,
- Drainage = \$23.7 million/year,
- Roads = \$68 million/year; and
- Quality of Life = \$1 million/year.

This plan will rely on existing revenue sources and grants for funding as shown in the right column.

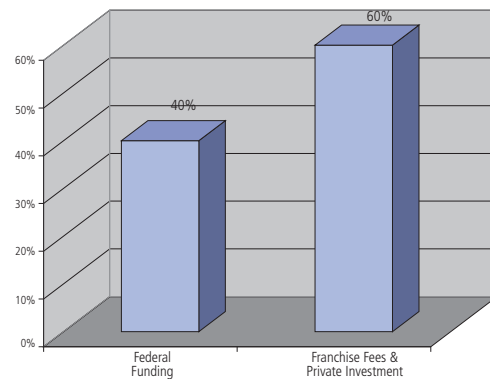
Can I attend meetings regarding this Infrastructure Plan?

Yes, Parish President Kevin Davis and your Parish Council person will schedule public meetings in your area to show you how this plan will benefit you.

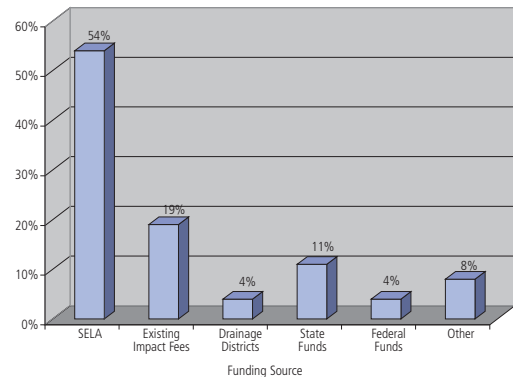
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Drainage = \$23.7 Million/Year



Quality of Life = \$1 Million/Year

