

Osceola spends \$280k on traffic study

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OSCEOLA COUNTY, Fla. (WOFL FOX 35) - The study aims to find out whether or not traffic impact fees, the taxes developers pay to build roads, should be raised or lowered. Commissioner John Quinones says it's time to take a fresh look at what Osceola County charges.

"The impact fee ordinance has not been recalculated, it has not been amended in many, many, many years."

Commissioner Quinones is hoping the fee study results in lower taxes.

"People are paying more impact fees, when valuations are actually going down, so we need to make sure what we are doing is reasonable and it's actually going to create incentives to move business into this area."

We went around asking the public if the money was worth it or wasted and Vicky Palomares was quick to answer.

"People don't have jobs, everyone is struggling, and they're just wasting money on things they don't need to be wasting. That's just my opinion."

Commissioner Quinones didn't answer the same question directly, but did say it might make more sense just to save the taxpayers the money and waive the fees entirely.

(Mike Synan)"Spending the 280k, worth it or wasted?"

(Commissioner John Quinones) "No, uh it's certainly something that we need to do."

The money will go to Tindale and Associates, the same firm that does these types of studies for the city of Orlando. Road impact fees are suspended through February as a way to try and jump start a stalled economy in Osceola.