

July 15, 2021  
Infrastructure Surtax  
Advisory Committee  
Meeting

The regular meeting of the Okaloosa County Infrastructure Surtax Advisory Committee was called to order at 10:00 A.M. in the Okaloosa County Administration Building, 1st Floor Training Center Room. Members present were Mr. Matthew Turpin, District 4 member (Chairman); Brig. Gen. (Ret) Robert Buhrow, District 2 member (Vice Chairman); Mr. Greg Gattis, District 1 member; and Mr. Jim Foreman, District 5 member. Also present were: Mr. John Hofstad, County Administrator; Ms. Faye Douglas, Office of Management & Budget Director; Mr. Ron Adamov, Clerk of Court's Chief Financial Officer; Mr. Nick Tomecek, Public Information Coordinator; Mr. Jason Autrey, Public Works Director; Mr. Steve Schmidt, Surtax Project Manager; and Mr. John Parisi, Surtax Project Coordinator.

Opening Remarks and Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

The meeting was opened by Mr. Turpin and Mr. Hofstad stated that the meeting had been properly noticed in accordance with section 286.011, Florida Statutes on 06-18-2021.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Mr. Foreman made a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes as written. It was seconded by Mr. Buhrow. Approved unanimously (4-0).

Public Comments

None.

Presentations

None.

Projects Update

A. Mr. Schmidt covered changes and summarized overall status to the Surtax Project Reconciliation Report since last meeting. Mr. Gaddis inquired about the impact of a certain gas station on the Redwood Avenue Sidewalks project, with Mr. Autrey explaining that this wasn't a concern due to previous coordination with them regarding items such as additional right of way. Mr. Schmidt also specified that the subject area wasn't included in the discussed bid. Mr. Turpin asked about the disparity between the percentage of funding spent versus the percentage of project completion on certain projects. Discussion ensued and it was explained that the percentages can

vary from project to project due to a wide variety of scope and complexity, with the funding percentage reflecting the current spending against approved funds and the completion percentage reflecting the progress toward project closeout.

B. Mr. Schmidt covered the annual funding projection.

C. Mr. Schmidt covered the SW Crestview Bypass Funding Summary and Mr. Autrey discussed the return of \$800,000.00 of their \$8,000,000.00 to the City of Crestview for their efforts beyond the County's East-West Connector project boundary. Mr. Buhrow inquired about the Wetland mitigation cost and Mr. Autrey confirmed that amount was covered in the County's cost. Mr. Turpin inquired if any Triumph reimbursements had been received and Mr. Schmidt explained that the request had been sent and some questions were being addressed, but the county hadn't yet received reimbursement.

#### Agenda Items and Discussion

A. Santa Rosa Boulevard pedestrian crossings funding-  
Mr. Schmidt requested to increase Surtax funding for Santa Rosa Boulevard Improvements, Project ST000024, in the amount of \$275,000 for the procurement and installation of Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon (RRFB) pedestrian crosswalk systems to enhance safety at seven upgraded beach park access crossings. Mr. Autrey discussed the high number of calls received concerning the lack of vehicles stopping for pedestrians at Santa Rosa Boulevard and the implementation of these RRFB systems to improve awareness over the current DOT crossing signs. Mr. Autrey also explained that these solar-powered resources are able to be removed undamaged and relocated in the future, if necessary. Mr. Turpin asked if the signs flash constantly and it was explained that the flashing lights are activated once the pedestrian presses the button on the sign assembly. Mr. Gaddis made a motion to recommend approval to allocate surtax funding of \$275,000. It was seconded by Mr. Buhrow. Approved unanimously.

#### Office of Management & Budget

Ms. Douglas stated that the state annual estimation of Okaloosa County Surtax funding is pending.

#### Clerk of Circuit Court & Comptroller

Mr. Adamov briefly discussed the Summary Financial Report.

#### Public Comments

None.

Schedule Next Meeting Date

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 9, 2021, 10:00 am, location TBD.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:37 A.M.

(These minutes were transcribed by John Parisi)